



Gard appoints head of London Defence team

28 January 2020 – Gard announced today that Marie Kelly has been appointed as Vice President, Defence and will head up the Defence team in London.

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Christen Guddal, Chief Claims Officer at Gard commented “We are very pleased that Marie is joining our market-leading Defence team. She has a wealth of experience from private practice across all kinds of shipping disputes – both wet and dry, that will be of enormous value to our Members and a significant additional resource for our dedicated Defence lawyers.”

Marie Kelly said: “Gard is a world class P&I Club with a tremendous global network and a singular focus on the maritime industries. I am delighted to be joining them to further develop the Defence offering and deliver the client service that is a vital part of the brand.”

Prior to joining Gard, Marie was a partner at Norton Rose Fulbright LLP in London since 2017, having led their litigation practice in Greece since 2005.

Gard’s Defence cover insures shipowners and charterers for legal and other costs incurred in establishing and defending claims arising out of the commercial operation of a ship or a Mobile Offshore Unit, where these risks are not covered by any other marine insurance such as P&I or Hull & Machinery.

Notes to Editors

1. Gard is a shipowner-controlled provider of P&I, marine and energy insurance products, with over 450 staff in 13 offices around the world.
2. The direct insurance entities within the Gard group; Gard P. & I. (Bermuda) Ltd, Assuranceforeningen Gard, Gard Marine & Energy Limited and Gard Marine & Energy Insurance (Europe) AS are rated ‘A+’ by Standard & Poor’s.

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