



## North's FD&D Team wins two awards at the Northern Law Awards

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North's in-house Freight Demurrage & Defence (FD&D) team has won two awards at this year's Northern Law Awards: "Team of the Year - Litigation and Dispute Resolution" and "Legal Department of the Year." The awards recognise outstanding work across a range of criteria, from legal expertise and client service excellence to project management skills and team working.

Katherine Birchall, North's Global Director (FD&D), said, "These awards are testament to the highly skilled and committed FD&D team we have at North and to the unparalleled support they provide for our ship owner and charterer members, helping them navigate many complex areas of shipping law and international trade. "

Paul Jennings, Chief Executive at North, said, "Congratulations to Katherine and her team for delivering so effectively on our FD&D service. North's core purpose is to ensure that our shipowner members and clients can trade with confidence and our FD&D team certainly delivers on our commitment to service across the globe. "

The Northern Law Awards celebrate the great wealth of legal talent and success within the North East. The awards ceremony took place at the Hilton NewcastleGateshead on Thursday 23 June 2022.

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### **Images:**

Members of North's FD&D Team at the awards ceremony on 23 June: Colin Murray, Jenny Smith, Chris Little, Feirin McConville, Dominika Cudak, Category Judge - Ammar Mirza CBE (Asian Business Connections - ABC), Katherine Birchall, Kate Richards, Alex Davison, Neil Jackson and Helen Barden.

### **About North P&I Club:**

North is a leading global marine insurer with over 160 years of history in the P&I industry. Our purpose today remains as it was at our inception in 1860; to enable our members and clients to trade with confidence.



Founded and headquartered in Newcastle, our reach stretches around the world. We have regional offices in Greece, China (Shanghai and Hong Kong), Japan, Australasia, Singapore, Ireland, and the USA, with 370 employees. Our product range includes P&I, War Risks, FD&D, and H&M across a wide range of customer segments. Through our Sunderland Marine brand, we also provide cover for fishing vessels, small craft, aquaculture risks and owners' fixed premium.

With over 250 million GT of owned and chartered tonnage, North is a leading member of the International Group of P&I Clubs (IG). The 13 IG clubs provide liability cover for approximately 90% of the world's ocean-going tonnage. As a member of the IG, North protects and promotes the interests of the international shipping industry.

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