

## **Bio Note**

### **Mr. Norman A. Martinez**

Mr. Norman Martinez read law at the National Autonomous University of Honduras (UNAH) where in 1995 he was granted recognition for academic excellence. He has been lecturing in international law and maritime law for the past 10 years.

Mr. Martinez began his academic career as an assistant lecturer in History of Political Thought and International Organizations at the UNAH. In 1997, he was engaged by the Honduran General Directorate of the Merchant Marine where he occupied different posts, including Legal Adviser to the Ship Registry Department, Head of the Port Captaincies Department, and Head of the Department of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping of Seafarers.

In 1998 he obtained a Master's Degree with distinction at the IMO International Maritime Law Institute, where his research on the Delimitation of Maritime Boundaries was awarded the Secretary-General's Prize for Best Dissertation. He then joined the Institute's Faculty in 1999, where he has been lecturing since.

Mr. Martinez has acted as an international maritime law consultant since 2000 in which capacity he directed cases and mediations in Malta, Italy, France, and the United Kingdom. He has presented several papers at international courses and conferences and he has drafted legislation for governments in several areas of maritime law. In 2005 Mr. Martinez was admitted as an Advocate to the Honduran Bar Association.