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**NEW DIRECTIONS IN MARITIME LAW: 1984.** Edited by David J. Sharpe and W. Wylie Spicer. Toronto, Canada: Carswell Co., Ltd., 1985, 254 pp.

This book is a collection of twelve papers that were given at the New Directions in Maritime Law 1984 Conference at Halifax, Nova Scotia. The authors of the papers represent a mixture of practitioners and legal scholars from Canada, England, and the United States.

Conflict of laws in maritime disputes was the primary issue addressed at the 1984 Conference. The first eight papers were devoted to this issue. They were placed into four categories. The first group, entitled "The Resolution of Conflict of Laws Issues in Maritime Claims: An Overview," examines the developments and resolutions in conflict of law problems in Canada and the United States. The second group is titled "The Resolution of Conflict of Laws Issues in Maritime Personal Injury and Death Claims." The first paper of this section examines maritime personal injury and death cases in the United States as it relates to conflict of laws and forum non conveniens. The second paper explores the same issues but as they relate to Canada. Specifically, the paper reviews the aftermath of the *Arctic Explorer* and *Ocean Ringer* sinkings. The two papers in the third group discuss the limitation of a shipowner's liability under U.S. law and Canadian law. The fourth section is entitled "The Resolution of Conflict of Laws Issues in Claims Involving Maritime Liens and Rights In Rem." The first paper looks at maritime liens and in rem rights in U.S. law. The second paper reviews choice-of-law issues in relation to maritime liens for the following countries: the United States, Canada, England and France.

The last four papers of the book do not deal with the conflict of laws problem. Two of the papers discuss the impact of technology on shipping documentation. The book then concludes with an examination of the role of governments in the provision of salvage services.