

Paula Bäckdén

Counsel | Member of the Swedish Bar Association

CV

PRACTICE AREAS

Maritime and Transport Law, Dispute Resolution, Insurance Law, International trade

Paula Bäckdén is a lawyer in Vinge's Shipping Team and Dispute Resolution Team. She is a doctor of maritime and transport law and has more than 20 years of practical and academic experience in maritime and transport law. She assists clients with contentious matters such as cargo and charter party disputes, collisions and other third party liability, as well as non-contentious matters, such as ship building contract, sale and purchase of vessels and charter parties. She is Sweden's average adjuster appointed by the Government and as such she settles disputes related to marine insurance. She has experience as adjunct judge in the court of appeal and teaches regularly at various universities. She has also been appointed as maritime law expert in two governmental inquiries and has acted as arbitrator in shipping related matters. Paula Bäckdén is the president of the Swedish Maritime Law Association and a member of the EXCO of the Comité Maritime International.



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MENTIONS

'Paula Bäckdén is recognised as one of the few expert shipping lawyers in Sweden. She is responsive and highly knowledgeable in her field.' Legal 500, 2025

Education

University of Oslo PhD 2017

University of Göteborg, LL.M. 2004

Experience

2018 – (current), Vinge

2011 – (current), the Swedish Average Adjuster (2011-2023
Assisting Average Adjuster), (Governmental
Appointment)

2017 – Court of Appeal for Western Sweden, adjunct
judge

2014 – 2017 Scandinavian Institute of Maritime Law,
University of Oslo, Doctoral Candidate

2009 – 2014 Department of Law, University of
Gothenburg

2006 – 2009, Mannheimer Swartling Law Firm,
Gothenburg, Associate /Advokat

2005 – 2006, Holland + Knight LLP, New York, Foreign
Lawyer / trainee

2004 – 2006, Borås District Court, Borås, District Court
Clerk

Other qualifications

2017-2018, Expert, Governmental Enquiry on Maritime Law (Dir. 2016:113)

2013-2014 Expert, Governmental Enquiry on Tonnage Tax, SOU 2015:4

2009-2012 Acting Head Teacher, Maritime and Transport Law, University of Gothenburg

2004-2009 External Teacher in Maritime and Transport Law, University of Gothenburg

Board of Directors assignment:

2021 - Executive Councillor, CMI

2013-2017 Member of the Board, Swedish Maritime Law Association (CMI)

2017 – (current), President of the Swedish Maritime Law Association (CMI)

2016-(current) Member of the Board, Kerstin Wik-Broström Foundation



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