Procedural aspects concerning Maritime Law

Abstract

Along this work we wish to highlight the main influence of Procedural Law in some aspects in our Maritime Law. Our point of view has been supported by new Maritime Navigation Act of 2014, when including the Title X ruling "Procedures Specialities in Maritime Navigation".

We are focusing on the Bill of Lading as an essential document in maritime shipping from a procedural point of view. It is particularly relevant the express recognition of its enforceable nature through the Spanish Maritime Navigation Act, giving to the bill of lading the consideration as an true extrajudicial enforceable title.

We will point out the main error of the spanish regulator in the new Maritime Navigation Act, when repeating the provided possibility in the Spanish Civil Procedure Act, of a direct procedure of execution grounded on a extrajudicial enforcement such as the bill of lading.

Finally, we would like to conclude the work studying the possible uses of Small Claim Procedure of the 812 article and followings of Spanish Civil Procedure Law, for the purpose of safeguarding credit, so as a short mention to other procedural figures expressly included in the Title IX of Maritime Navigation Law.