**Admiralty:** 1. A court that exercises jurisdiction over all maritime contracts, torts, injuries, or offenses. 2. The system of jurisprudence that has grown out of the practice of admiralty courts. 3. Narrowly, the rules governing contract, tort, and workers'-compensation claims arising out of commerce on or over navigable water.

**Maritime law:** The body of law governing marine commerce and navigation, the carriage at sea of persons and property, and marine affairs in general; the rules governing contract, tort, and workers'-compensation claims or relating to commerce on or over water. -- Also termed admiralty, admiralty law, sea law.

**Law of the sea:** The body of international law governing how countries use and control the sea and its resources.