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History of Admiralty Jurisdiction

- ▶ Separate Courts
- ▶ High Court of Admiralty established in England around 1360.
- ▶ Special considerations in Admiralty:
 - ▶ Claims are international in nature.
 - ▶ Unique perils to ships, cargo, and seamen.

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History of Admiralty Jurisdiction

- ▶ Silver Oar of Admiralty
 - ▶ Type of English ceremonial mace.
 - ▶ Icon of governmental power.
 - ▶ Placed on or near the bench of the admiralty court.
 - ▶ Also used historically to warn against pirating.
 - ▶ Shaped like an oar to signify man's efforts to conquer the sea before sailing vessels made it easier.

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