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Academic & Professional Qualification(s) :

Accredited Mediator, Norwegian Bar Association (2017)
Solicitor England and Wales (1991)
B.Sc. Economics & International Relations, L.S.E.(1986)

Professional Membership(s):

Aspiring Full Member London Maritime Arbitrators Association (LMAA)
Singapore Chamber of Maritime Arbitrators (SCMA)
Emirates Maritime Arbitration Centre (EMAC)
Member of Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (MCI Arb)
London Court of International Arbitration (LCIA)

Career & Professional Experience:

2018 -	Arbitrator and Mediator
2016 - 18	Consultant
2005 - 16	In-house lawyer (General Counsel) at Western Bulk, a leading global ship operator (chartering, ship-owning and financial trading), offices in Oslo & Singapore
1997 - 2004	Senior Lawyer, FDD, SKULD Oslo
1994 - 1996	English Lawyer at Evensen & Co law firm, Oslo
1989 -1993	Solicitor at Ince & Co, London

Legal Knowledge relating to Shipping, Arbitration Practice and Procedure:

Considerable involvement as practitioner, user and client in mediation, arbitration and court proceedings worldwide over 30 years. Member of BIMCO Documentary Committee 2012-18.

Extensive cross-border legal, commercial and maritime operational experience on a wide range of shipping, trade, and insurance matters. Hands-on understanding of trade and corporate finance, derivative and physical trading, and cross-border insolvency issues.

Commercial understanding and operational knowledge of all forms of maritime contracts (carriage of goods, charterparties, COAs and international trade), insurance cover, commodities, shipbuilding, ship sale & purchase, ship management and agency, maritime operational and financial trading issues.

Over 75 arbitration appointments in London, of which over 38 have gone beyond appointment. Appointed as sole arbitrator (9), on panels and as Chair, experienced in writing awards. Hands-on experience of mediating shipping and insurance disputes