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Academic & Professional Qualification(s) :

LLB (First Class Hons) Southampton University
Barrister of the Inner Temple

Professional Membership(s):

Member of SCMA Panel of Arbitrators; Supporting Member of the LMAA; Member of the EMAC Panels of Arbitrators and Mediators; Member of the Baltic Exchange; Member of CIArb; CEDR Accredited Mediator; Member of Commercial Bar Association

Career & Professional Experience:

Called to the bar in 1989. In full time practice since 1990. Took silk in 2009.

Legal Knowledge relating to Shipping, Arbitration Practice and Procedure:

Barrister and arbitrator with over 30 year's experience of wet and dry shipping and arbitration practice and procedure.

Appeared in many leading cases on shipping and arbitration law and in numerous confidential arbitrations.

In depth knowledge relating to salvage, collisions, towage and general average. Extensive experience of ship building disputes and all types of charterparty and bill of lading disputes including safe port and berth disputes, off hire disputes and disputes arising from the carriage of dangerous cargoes. Thorough understanding of all aspects of arbitration practice and procedure. Particular interest in yachting disputes including construction disputes and charter disputes under MYBA (or similar) terms.

Publications:

One of the Editors of "Scrutton on Charterparties and Bills of Lading"

Former contributor to Atkins Court Forms vol. 3 – Admiralty

Co-Author "LOF 90 and the New Salvage Convention" – Lloyds of London Press 1991

Contributor to "Seafarers' Rights" OUP