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Profession : Ship Surveyor, Marine Consultant and Maritime Arbitrator.

Academic & Professional Qualification(s) :

Graduate in Humanities- BA-Osmania University
Graduate in Law – LLB – Mangalore University
Post Graduate in Maritime Law – LLM – London Metropolitan University, UK.
Master Mariner - Certificate of Competency Master FG
Institute of Chartered Shipbrokers Qualifying Examination –ICS, London.

Professional Membership(s):

Fellow - Nautical Institute, London
Fellow _ Institute of Chartered Shipbrokers, London
Fellow – Society of Consulting Marine Engineers and Ship Surveyors, London
Fellow _ Company of Master Mariners of India, Mumbai
Fellow – Indian Council of Arbitration, New Delhi
Supporting Member – London Maritime Arbitrators Association (LMAA)
Member – London Court of International Arbitration(LCIA) -Asia Pacific Users Council.

Career & Professional Experience:

15 years sailing experience in ascending capacities from Cadet to Master on General Cargo, Containers, Ro Ro and Bulk carrier Vessels in worldwide trading between 1975 to 1990.

Since 1990 engaged in independent Marine Consultancy as Ship Surveyor and Flag State Inspector. Handled various types of Admiralty surveys like collision, salvage, grounding, fire, pollution, towage, CTL for P & I Associations, Hull, Machinery and Cargo Underwriters. Handled various loss prevention, Cargo and Voyage performance surveys. Conducted Condition Surveys including Sale and Purchase inspections. Carried out casualty investigations for Flag State Administration. Worked as Special Casualty Representative (SCR) in successful salvage operation.

Off shore industry experience includes safety inspections of FPSO's (8 in number) East Coast KG Basin and on Drill ships (2 in number) on West Coast (off Calicut) and East Coast (KG Basin) India on behalf of Bahamas Maritime Authority the Flag Administration.

As President of Kanara Chamber of Commerce and Industry Mangalore had wide exposure to trade related issues upto International Chamber of Commerce (ICC) level.

Was Trustee of New Mangalore Port Trust Board from 2007 to 2009 and served on various committees of the Port.

Former Director of Mangalore Special Economic Zone (MSEZ) 2007-08, the company related activities include promotion of Exports and Imports.

Former Independent Director of Mangalore Refinery and Petro Chemicals MRPL (2013-2014) a 15 Million MT / PA refinery.

Legal Knowledge relating to Shipping, Arbitration Practice and Procedure:

Holistic knowledge of Shipping, Port and Off-shore Industry. Expert witness from 1990.

Co-ordinating/assisting in legal handling and follow up of varied claims to logical conclusion for P & I Association/ Ship Owners/ Other Interests from 1990 till date.

Tribunal Member of a Towage Claim between Ship Owner and Tow Company (2013-14) – Adhoc Arbitration.

Sole Arbitrator of Southern Ocean Expedition on Redelivery of Vessel (2015-16) ICA Institutional Arbitration.

As former Independent Director-Mangalore Refinery and Petrochemicals Ltd, (MRPL), Mangalore guided the legal department in an International Arbitration at LCIA London which was settled by compromise mid way.

Member of the IMO Committee, Nautical Institute, London (2009 – 2012) and Vice Chairman (2012 – 2016) wherein an insight obtained as to working of IMO.

Publications:

- 1. Liquefaction of Iron Ore Fines with Case Studies - International Congress of Maritime Arbitrators, ICMA XVII- Hamburg 2009**
- 2. An Insight to Maritime Frauds- International Institute of Marine Surveyors (IIMS) Seminar – Dubai – 2009**
- 3. Seafaring in the coming decade – Nautical Institute / Company of Master Mariners of India / Global Met Seminar, New Delhi - 2011**
- 4. Constructive Total Loss (CTL) and Role of Administrator in Casualty Investigations- Salvage and Wreck Removal Seminar ICS East India Branch, Chennai – 2013**
- 5. Marine Spatial Planning (MSP) and Management of Oceans and Seas (MOS)– Conflicts and ADR- International Congress of Maritime Arbitrators, ICMA XIX -Hong Kong – 2015**
- 6. “Sub Sea Pollution from Offshore Industry and the Law” – Oil Spill India 2011 – Goa- 2011 (sponsored by 5 Ministries of Govt. of India and ONGC).**

From 1999 till date, several other papers have been presented at Shipping and Legal Seminars/Conferences in Mumbai, Kolkata, Kochi, Bangalore and Mangalore.