**CAPTAIN SLIWA MICHAEL, FCIArb, FICS, Master Mariner**

 **Description of current status:**

Arbitrator, Mediator and Expert Witness. Independent Maritime Commercial, Insurance and claims Consultant. Aspiring Full member of the LMAA. Member of the Baltic Exchange. Panellist on the Baltic Exchange/LMAA mediation panel. Panellist on the Baltic Exchange Expert Witness panel.

**Qualification**

Master Mariner, Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (FCIArb), Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Shipbrokers (FICS), Accredited Mediator (CEDR),

**Career to date:**

12 years in the Merchant Navy as Deck Officer/Master with command experience.

Over 30 years Senior Executive in Ship Management with major London based Ship-owners and managers operating substantial diversified Fleets with a large number under the British flag. Director on the Board of a Major International Group P&I Club 1997 to 2017 and also on the Board of the UK Chamber of Shipping 2011-2015.

Extensive experience in commercial Operations/postfixtures, Marine Insurance and and in-house legal. Good knowledge of the Arbitration Acts, the LMAA terms, English Law relating to Contract, Tort, Marine Insurance, and Arbitration. Wide experience in Marine Underwriting and in placing H&M/War and P&I cover for one of the largest international diversified fleets.

Substantial Charterparty and Insurance claims handling experience including collisions, general & particular average, cargo damage, FFO, personal injury, Freight, Demurrage/Despatch, and speed claims. Direct responsibility for coordinating and overseeing major casualties and total losses including the MSC Napoli

Direct personal responsibility for overseeing a substantial number of Arbitrations, Mediations and High Court Actions. These included reported cases such as the Hector [●], Nizuru [●], Northgate [●], Kildare [●], and Vine [●].

Extensive claims negotiating experience including direct successful negotiations with Somali Pirates that led to the safe release of two hijacked British flag vessels together with their cargo and crew. This received wide coverage in the press and was the subject a front 4-page article in the Resolver Magazine of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (CIArb).

**Languages:**

English and Arabic – Fluent

**Arbitration Experience**

* Number of appointments received in the past 5 years: 30
* Number of References which have proceeded beyond appointment: 25
* Number of appointments settled before reaching final award: 15
* Number of Awards in which involved: 6
* Number of Awards drafted: 4

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