



Full-time independent arbitrator, CEDR accredited mediator

David is an arbitrator and mediator. For over thirty years, he practised as a solicitor with an international firm in the City of London, where he was described in the independent Chambers & Partners Guide as “extremely highly regarded”. David ceased practising as a solicitor in April 2011 and since then has been wholly independent. He now sits as a sole arbitrator or as a member of a tribunal on a range of commercial disputes, with a particular focus on maritime cases, including shipbuilding, and offshore energy contracts. He has experience of arbitrations under the terms of, among others, the ICC, the LCIA and the LMAA.

Professional areas of interest and involvement:

David was in private practice as a lawyer for over thirty years. He handled a range of commercial work, with a particular – but not exclusive – focus on the following areas. This experience is reflected in his work as an arbitrator.

Energy and construction

- » Offshore procurement, design, fabrication, engineering, construction, consultancy and decommissioning
- » The building, operation, repair and refit of ships and drilling units (including semi-submersible and jack-up rigs and drillships), FPSOs and vessels engaged in the processing, storage or carriage of LNG and other energy services, including renewables
- » Charterparties (including Supplytime), new building, drilling and offshore service contracts, including knock-for-knock indemnities
- » Accidents to offshore units
- » Coverage and claims under marine and energy insurance policies, including Builders’ Risks and CAR

Dry shipping

- » Shipbuilding and repair
- » Charterparties for conventional and specialised ships
- » All aspects of carriage of goods by sea
- » Marine insurance
- » Ship sale and purchase
- » Yachts

As a solicitor, David’s clients included:

- » Shipowners, charterers, P&I clubs, underwriters and cargo interests, yacht owners and insurers
- » Builders, buyers or insurers of conventional ships, cruise ships, military vessels (including frigates and submarines), drilling rigs, floating production units and other specialist vessels

- » Leading offshore drilling and other oil & gas service contractors and consultants, operators and other oil & gas companies
- » Employers, clients and consultants in the construction sector
- » His practice had a particular focus on Europe, the US Gulf, the Asia Pacific region (including Singapore, Malaysia, South Korea, Vietnam, Brunei, Indonesia and Japan) and the Middle East.

Mediation

David's approach towards mediation draws on both his experience as a solicitor in private practice, when he was involved in numerous mediations as a party representative, and his expertise as a business coach. Being both a CEDR-accredited mediator and a graduate of the Meyler Campbell Business Coach Programme (as accredited by the Solicitors Regulation Authority), he can use his coaching skills to assist in understanding the parties' positions and working with them to promote settlement

Memberships

- » London Maritime Arbitrators Association, Full Member, Appointed President in May 2021
- » Baltic Exchange, London: Member
- » The Oil & Gas Arbitration Club, London
- » The Energy Institute
- » LCIA European Users' Council, Member
- » The Worshipful Company of Arbitrators, Liveryman and Court Assistant
- » KCAB (Korean Commercial Arbitration Board) International: member of Panel of International Arbitrators.
- » International Bar Association member (Oil and Gas Law Committee, Maritime and Transport Law Committee, Arbitration Committee).

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