

Dr Aleka Sheppard

Professional status

- Attorney at law (Advocate- Athens Bar) (retired)
- Solicitor, England & Wales (retired)
- Commercial and maritime Arbitrator
- Accredited Mediator (SPC/RCL, ADRg, CIARrb, iPSC)

Positions

Currently:

- Practising as an Arbitrator and Mediator since 2006/07
 - Full member of the LMAA; Chartered arbitrator;
 - Being appointed as a sole arbitrator, as a member of arbitration panels, and as Chairman, in many and varied commercial and maritime disputes.
- Founder and Chairman of the London Shipping Law Centre – a Forum for Shipping, Commercial Law, and Dispute Resolution.

Formerly:

- Claims executive with marine insurance brokers and the Britannia P & I Club;
- Solicitor in the City of London with HFW;
- Professor of Maritime Law at University College London (UCL);
- Risk management advisor in marine risk and loss prevention.

Areas of Expertise

I have practised as a solicitor, academic, and arbitrator for over 40 years.

As a solicitor, I was involved in a fascinating variety of maritime claims in litigation and arbitration. As a teacher, I taught all maritime law subjects: (Admiralty law, marine insurance, and carriage of goods by sea).

As an arbitrator, I have been appointed in many references since 2007, involving issues of:

- Construction of contracts; jurisdictional issues;
- Charter party contracts encompassing all areas from contract formation to termination and damages;
- Bills of lading, sale of goods, international trade, commodities, contracts;
- Insurance contracts, and disputes between P & I clubs and their members;
- Sale & Purchase of ships, memoranda of agreement (MOA);
- Management agreements, ISM disputes, shares and partnership disputes;
- Shipbuilding, including offshore construction disputes, and other commercial contracts.

Memberships

- Full Member of the LMAA;
- Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (CIArb);
- Member of: the LCIA, the CIArb, the Baltic Exchange, the BMLA, Bimco.

Authorships

- Book “Modern Maritime Law and Risk Management” (3rd edn. 2013) Informa law;

- Chapters in other books (in the subjects of Marine Insurance and of Shipbuilding);
- Published many academic articles and papers for conferences covering a variety of Maritime Law issues, jurisdictional issues, Arbitration, Arbitration Ethics, and Mediation.

Public Functions

- Speak at conferences, Chair or moderate events in London and abroad;
- Lead the events, seminars, debates of the London Shipping Law Centre;
- Chair the CMI International Working Group on wrongful arrest of ships;
- Mentor young professionals.

Qualifications

- LLB (1st Class Hons- Athens University)
- LLB English law (City polytechnic - as it then was)
- LLM (University College London (UCL)
- Ph.D (King's College London (KCL)
- Dip.I.A (CI Arb) – Domestic & International Commercial Arbitration
- Mediation accreditation (SPC/Regent's College London, ADRg, CIARrb).

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