

SUMMARY

A maritime arbitrator with extensive experience in all fields of shipmanagement. Lecturer at the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators and Centre Européen de Coopération Juridique. Lecturer and examiner at the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators. Honorary professor of the Nikola Vapzarov Bulgarian Naval Academy.

32 years in dry shipping. Career from chartering broker's assistant in a small shipping company to managing director and shareholder of a shipmanagement company managing fifty-three vessels, employing over a hundred people in three different countries, executing over 450 charter-parties/year, carrying over 1.6 M tons of cargo/year and turnover exceeding \$ 33 M/year.

Experience in handling total loss, wreck removal, general average, collisions, grounding, marine pollution, loss of life, personal injury, illnesses etc.

Experience as party representative and arbitrator in more than hundred London maritime arbitrations, one commercial arbitration in Geneva and one in Moscow. Disputes handled ranging between laytime and demurrage, deadfreight, damages for detention, time charter speed and fuel consumption warranties, ice navigation, enforcement of personal guarantees, time charter damages, debt claims, wrongful arrest etc.

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EXPERIENCE

2011 –

VMNDT. Shipbroker. Maritime Consultant. Arbitrator

1999 – 2011

VMNDT. Managing director responsible for the management of dry cargo vessels (17 vessels in 1999, 53 vessels in 2003, 30 vessels in 2011)

1998 – 1999

Istanbul office of Kama Shipping Co Ltd. Managing director. Manager of Chartering and Operations departments

1996 – 1998

Kama Malta Shipping Ltd. Valletta, Malta. Manager chartering and operations

1992 – 1996

Bels Shipping Ltd. Varna, Bulgaria. Shipbroker, ship agent, ships' operator

EDUCATION

2015 - 2017

The University of Law, Guildford. Graduate diploma in law

Courses taken

- Legal method

- Public law

- Law of torts

- Law of contract

- Ethics and professional legal practice

- European law

- Criminal law

- Land law

- Equity and Trusts

- Research work on Alternative Dispute

- Resolution

2014 – 2015

The Worshipful Company of Arbitrators. Pupilage

1997 – 2013

The Chartered Institute of Arbitrators. Courses taken:

2011 – 2013 Fellowship courses:

Contract law, Law of Torts, Law of Evidence

Law and Practice of arbitration

Deciding Procedural Matters and Drafting Procedural Documents

Writing Arbitration Awards

1999 Membership course

1998 Associate membership course

1993 – 1995

The Institute of Chartered Shipbrokers. Courses taken:

Shipping practice

Economics of sea transport

Dry cargo chartering

Tanker chartering (exam with distinction)

International through transport management

Shipping law

Law of carriage of goods by sea. (exempted)

Introduction to shipping. (exempted)

1987 – 1992

Nikola Vaptzarov Bulgarian Naval Academy. Merchant Marine Department.

Navigation Faculty.

QUALIFICATIONS

Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators

Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Shipbrokers

Watchkeeping officer for ocean-going vessels

Marine engineer

LANGUAGES

Bulgarian - Native
English – Fluent
Russian – Fluent
Turkish – Basic
German – Basic

PAST EXPERIENCE

Chartering and operation of ships. Drafting charter-parties, shipmanagement agreements, ship sale and purchase agreements, ship repair agreements etc. Insurance negotiations, arrangements and claims handling (H&M and P&I. Emergencies and risk management. Ship repairs, planned and emergency ones. Upgrading of ships. Ship supply. Bunkering of ships. Ship surveying. Drafting survey/damage reports. ISM auditing of companies and ships. Drafting ISM audit reports. Investigation of marine casualties. Ship sale and purchase. Registration of ships. Incorporation of companies. Working with vessels' flag administrations and port state control authorities, classification societies and trade unions. Legal research. Drafting applications and submissions for arbitrations. Drafting procedural orders and arbitration awards.

80 LMAA appointments (February 2024)

MEMBERSHIP

London Maritime Arbitrators Association – aspiring full member
German Maritime Arbitrators Association
Worshipful Company of Arbitrators - freeman
Chartered Institute of Arbitrators - Fellow
Institute of Chartered Shipbrokers - Fellow
BIMCO
Turkish Shipbrokers Association