



## **GERARD HOPKINS**

### **Current status**

Full-time independent arbitrator

### **Qualifications**

Law Degree (LLB), Leicester University (1984 – 1987)

Bar Finals (passed with honours), Inns of Court School of Law (1988 – 1989)

Qualified as Solicitor (1992)

Member of Baltic Exchange

### **Employment**

Sinclair Roche & Temperley, London (1989 –1997)

MFB Solicitors, London (1997 – 2022)

### **Arbitration**

September 2022 - appointed Honorary Secretary of the LMAA

Full time arbitrator since September 2022

### **Specialisms**

Shipping and trading related disputes. Represented shipowners and charterers and their insurers, shipbrokers and also international trading companies in London arbitrations, English Courts and mediations. Cases have included:

- unsafe port disputes (including the Ocean Victory)
- charterparty terminations
- unpaid hires and demurrages
- large cargo claims in China
- main engine breakdown disputes with related cargo & charter liabilities
- crane damage claims
- off-spec bunkers claims
- MOA disputes
- shipbuilding contracts for buyers & yards
- large oil cargo contamination claims
- LOI related problems
- unpaid commissions & broking issues
- trading disputes relating to quality & non-performance

**Arbitration Experience**

Appointments as sole arbitrator, tribunal member and tribunal chair under LMAA, LCIA Rules as well as ad hoc arbitrations in London.

- Number of appointments received since September 2022: 100
- Number of references which have proceeded beyond appointment: 81
- Number of Awards in which involved: 5
- Number of Awards drafted: 5

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