

Captain Milind J Karkhanis, Maritime Arbitrator

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Career:

More than 45 years of experience in the maritime industry and has expertise in shipping rules and regulations e.g., SOLAS, MARPOL, STCW, Load Line, MLC 2006, etc. Well versed on how these should be interpreted and practically applied with regards to its compliance in relation to the operational and technical aspects of running the ships. Closely monitors the advice contained in the publications and circulars issued by the IMO, Flag State Administrations, PNI Clubs and the Classification Societies.

Over 25 years of experience in marine claims and in constructing robust responses on wet and dry disputes such as, collision, grounding, ship handling, technical operational management, safe port, loss prevention matters, Bills of lading, Charter Party, COA, ship building, ship sale and purchase contracts and salvage.

Started sea career in 1978 and sailed for 15 years progressing from Cadet to Master on a variety of ships such as Tankers, OBO, Bulk Carriers, Container and Geared Cargo ships. In 1993, moved ashore and since then have worked in senior management roles in Mumbai and Hong Kong, primarily dealing with ship management, operations, and training matters. In 2004, moved to London and worked for Videotel, a leading maritime training provider till 2017. At Videotel, monitored latest regulations introduced by the IMO and other regulatory bodies and accordingly developed training programmes related to the ship's safety, operation, technical and other loss prevention matters. In 2017, moved to Dubai to set up a marine consultancy company and now frequently travel between London and Dubai.

Available for appointments as an arbitrator as the real **“COMMERCIAL MAN” who practically understands the nuances and seizes the strengths of a maritime dispute and brings the necessary balance to the Tribunal to make, issue and publish a cogent award. To date none of my awards have faced any challenges from either party.**

Education and qualifications:

- Master Mariner, U.K.
- Master's Degree in Arbitration and Dispute Resolution, City University, Hong Kong.
- CEDR Qualified Mediator

Memberships:

- LMAA Aspiring Full Member (Listed: <https://lmaa.london/details/user/milind.karkhanis/?back-to=2395>)
- Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrator (Listed: <https://www.ciarb.org/membership/member-directory/member-profile?id=81502>)
- Member of The Baltic Exchange
- FOSFA Member and Arbitrator
- GAFTA Member
- Singapore Chamber of Maritime Arbitration (SCMA) (Listed: <https://www.scma.org.sg/arbitrator/198>)
- Dubai International Arbitration Centre (DIAC Panel Arbitrator)
- The Institute of Chartered Shipbrokers (Fellow)

Recent arbitration experience: as of 13 February 2024

- Appointments received: Twenty-four (24)
- References which have proceeded beyond appointment: Twelve (12)
- Awards issued: Seven (9): 8 LMAA and 1 SCMA