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Robert's extensive commercial shipping background ranges from founding a vessel chartering company and a brokerage firm and co-founding a ship owning company. Robert's experience relates to all aspects of commercial shipping including chartering vessels, sale and purchase and the operation/management of dry cargo vessels. Robert also has experience in the offshore shipping industry.

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2015 to date: working as arbitrator from Brick Court Chambers in all types of international commercial and investment disputes. Visiting Professor at King's College London and Queen Mary University of London, teaching commercial and arbitration law.

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As a junior, Lawrence Akka was shortlisted for Chambers and Partners IT Junior of the Year in 2009 and is consistently highly rated for IT work by the legal directories. He is the vice-chairman (civil) of the Bar Council IT Panel. Lawrence Akka accepts appointments to sit as arbitrator and has been appointed in both IT and shipping references. He has lectured widely in the IT and shipping fields. He is a member of the British Computer Society (MBCS), member of the Admiralty & Commercial Court Users Committee, the Commercial Bar Association, member of the Society for Computers and Law and a supporting member of the London Maritime Arbitrators' Association.

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Bill has been appointed as arbitrator in numerous commercial, international trade and maritime arbitrations, both ad hoc and institutional. He is a panel arbitrator with leading arbitral institutions, as well as being the Vice

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Rebecca is an arbitrator, arbitration counsel, dual-qualified English Barrister, Advocate & Solicitor (Malaysia), and a Certified Sanctions Specialist. She is a Visiting Lecturer of law at the University of Buckingham, England, teaching Arbitration, FINTECH and Company law. Rebecca is based in London and travels often between London and Singapore.

She specialises in maritime, commodities trading (not limited to oil & gas, international & domestic sale of goods and services), Sanctions, international trade, commercial and FINTECH in domestic and international commercial arbitration.

She is an associate member of Six Pump Court, Barristers' Chambers, London. Rebecca has a combination of about 27 years of work experience as initially Advocate & Solicitor then moved on to be the lead/head counsel in multinational companies in the business industries of maritime, oil & gas, international business trading & IT, and now a full-time arbitrator. Rebecca has a robust work background spanning both business industries and legal practice, bringing a very practical and hands-on blend of legal expertise and business acumen. She has a holistic understanding of business operations, commercial transactions, and legal frameworks. Rebecca is sought after by business organisations because she is a well-rounded law professional with a deep understanding of commercial imperatives.

Rebecca accepts appointments to sit as an arbitrator in international commercial arbitration disputes under all major institutional rules and in ad hoc proceedings.

She is a supporting member of the London Maritime Arbitrators Association (LMAA), a Freeman of the Worshipful Company of Arbitrators, a member of the London Shipping Law Centre (LSLC), and the Arbitral Women.

As Rebecca is a Certified Sanctions Specialist, she is often consulted and sought after for advice on complex sanctions matters relating to UK, USA, EU, UN, and Singapore sanctions authorities.

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Grace Asemota

Grace is admitted as a solicitor in England and is also admitted to the New York bar. She is based in London and practices as a partner of a leading maritime law firm. Grace has over 20 years' experience of acting as legal representative for clients within the international trade and commodities sector, as well as advising on a broad range of commercial and shipping disputes, spanning arbitration and litigation. Grace's practice covers both contentious and non-contentious matters, with a focus on the international trade and commodities and shipping sector. Grace routinely works for clients with trade and investment interests in Nigeria and Ghana, as well as the broader West African region.

Her expertise lies in international trade and commodity contracts (including trade finance contracts and payment instruments such as letters of credit and guarantees) and related disputes; shipping disputes relating to - ship and yacht sale and purchase, ship management contracts, charterparties, bills of lading; joint venture disputes and civil fraud claims.

Alongside her work in private practice, Grace has been appointed as sole arbitrator in trade and maritime arbitrations under ICC Rules. She is happy to accept appointments as sole arbitrator or as a member of a tribunal both in London and abroad. Grace is a member of both the ICC UK Banking Committee and the ICC UK Arbitration and ADR Committee, and a supporting member of the London Maritime Arbitrators' Association.

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Michael graduated from Oxford with a first in jurisprudence and a first on the BCL. He became a member of chambers in 1997 and took silk in 2011. The majority of his work falls within four main areas: general commercial litigation/arbitration; energy; shipping and ship/off-shore construction (including shipbuilding and ship sale disputes) and commodities; and insurance/reinsurance. He is recommended as a leading silk in the current editions of the Legal 500 and Chambers & Partners. He has appeared as counsel in numerous arbitrations in Singapore, is currently acting in arbitrations which are due to proceed to hearings in Singapore, Hong Kong and New York, and is always happy to travel outside England to represent clients.

Michael enjoys sitting as an arbitrator, either alone or as part of a panel. He is happy to accept appointments as an arbitrator both in London and abroad. From time to time, he acts as an expert on English law in foreign proceedings.

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Peter Ashford has been arbitrating for nearly 15 years. He has sat as sole arbitrator, party –nominee and presiding arbitrator. Peter is a solicitor, now an independent arbitrator, with a broad commercial disputes background, specialising in international commercial arbitration for most of the last 25 years. He has led litigation and arbitration groups in top law firms handling complex, high-value commercial disputes.

Peter has been described in the directories as a *'doyen of the arbitration world. At the top of the tree .'; a 'stellar player in the arbitration market'; 'one of the leading lights in arbitration' and a 'legal mastermind'*. He is the author of 3 books on arbitration as well as numerous articles and commentaries. He is president of the International Arbitration Club and founder and organiser of the London Pre-Moot for the Vis moot. He has particular experience in contract and commercial matters, commodities and trading.

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Philip Bacon is a seafarer turned shipbroker, in his fourth decade working for blue-chip shipowners and energy majors. He is an expert in mitigation issues arising from charterparty or incident disputes.

From initial naval and technical education and practice, he moved towards commercial practice and education as a Chartered Shipbroker. More recently he has complemented his experience in arbitration and expert work by qualifying as a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators through the pathway of international dispute resolution, plus the Institute's Diploma in Maritime Arbitration. Philip accepts appointments as sole arbitrator or as a member of a tribunal under LMAA terms.

Philip has worked across most continents and most sectors of shipping, for Wonsild, Shell, K-Line, Gearbulk (KG Jebsen), AM Nomikos, and Siem Shipping. A major interest has always been going beyond mere environmental compliance, to moving ahead of the decarbonisation curve in current and future fleet ownership and operation, on which he has consulted

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In his spare time, Philip shares shipping knowledge, usually through the Institute of Chartered Shipbrokers, and contributes to the community e.g., through the Baltic Exchange where he chairs the Membership Committee. He was Editor for the 2023 Edition of the ICS textbook for Dry Cargo, rewriting entire chapters.

MBA at the Cranfield School of Management; Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Shipbrokers; Member of the Baltic Exchange; Member of Expert Witness panel of the Baltic Exchange; Supporting Member of the London Maritime Arbitrators Association; Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators; Diploma in Maritime Arbitration through the CI Arb. Extensive long-term transcultural experience in Asia, Africa, South America and Europe.

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Dharshini is a ranked lawyer both in Legal 500 and Chambers and Partners and is fluent in English and German.

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Quentin, described in Chambers and Partners HNW directory as a “brilliant arbitrator”, is a commercial man, as well as a Solicitor and the CEO of his own law firm, Bargate Murray, based in Mayfair, London. Quentin has over 37 years’ experience in shipping and has very deep knowledge and experience of both “dry” shipping and commodities work and the specialist world of superyachts. As an experienced litigator and arbitration practitioner, resolving disputes quickly and efficiently is his objective, both as a party and as an arbitrator.

Quentin has his own arbitration website at www.bargarb.co.uk and he is an enthusiastic supporter of mediation and ADR generally as well as arbitration. All maritime appointments are accepted on LMAA Terms.

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Bernadette Barker is a Chartered Architect, Chartered Arbitrator, and accredited Adjudicator with over 35 years of experience in the construction industry. She holds both the CI Arb Diploma in International Commercial Arbitration and the CI Arb Virtual Diploma in Maritime Arbitration.

In addition to her construction expertise, Bernadette has practical experience in shipping logistics, including the import of containers into Sri Lanka and working with clearing agents on a personal development project in Colombo.

She is a member of the CI Arb Presidential Panel of Arbitrators and also the CI Arb Presidential Panel of Adjudicators, as well as the CI Arb Commercial Rent Panel and the Pub Code Adjudicator's Panel. She is also listed on the arbitrator panels of the SCMA, HKIAC, the ICC UK Arbitrator and ADR Database, LCIA, CIC, and UKA.

Bernadette has completed over 64 documents-only arbitrations and has acted as adjudicator in more than 25 cases. She is a Practising Member of the Academy of Experts and regularly undertakes expert witness work in construction-related disputes, including building defects, cladding, external walls, and professional negligence. She is also a member of BEWA and The Baltic Exchange.

She is a Hunt ADR-accredited mediator and is actively engaged in the wider dispute resolution community. Bernadette is Vice Chair of the Adjudication Society, a Liveryman and Court Member of the Worshipful Company of Arbitrators, and is a member of Arbitral Women.

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Gordon is an experienced and accomplished arbitrator with a diverse skillset who has been serving in the role of Arbitrator, and as a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators since 2006. More recently he has completed the CI Arb's Diploma in International Maritime Arbitration.

Gordon is an active member of the ADR community, and he is listed on a number of local and international panels, including the European Commission lists of Arbitrators and Trade & Sustainable Development Experts for bilateral trade disputes with Third Countries, and the FIDIC President's Lists of Adjudicators and Mediators. He is also a member of the ICC Commission on Arbitration and ADR for the 2024-2027 mandate, and was previously a member of the ICC Task Force responsible for preparing the 2019 ICC Arbitration and ADR Commission Report on Resolving Climate Change Related Disputes through Arbitration and ADR.

Gordon has developed a diverse dispute avoidance and resolution practice, focused on the resolution of technically complex disputes. He provides a range of services, primarily acting as a neutral under a variety of private dispute resolution procedures, including arbitration, dispute boards, adjudication and conciliation.

Gordon's maritime experience includes port development, marine pipelines, and environmental assessments. Gordon is also a recreational sailor and has a personal interest in maritime affairs.

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Mr Baskaran is on the panel of several international arbitration centres and has been appointed as arbitrator in a variety of commercial disputes. Mr Baskaran is the author of *Arbitration in Malaysia: A Commentary on the Malaysian Arbitration Act* (Wolters Kluwer 2019). The reviews say 'This book is outstanding, and I would recommend it to all in the arbitration community' Dispute Board Federation, 'There can be little doubt that this work will become one of the leading texts on the subject...a solid first edition' Arbitration: The International Journal of Arbitration, Mediation and Dispute Management, and 'This book is both a valuable addition to the existing corpus of leading works on arbitration law and practice in Malaysia and an essential reference tool for arbitrators and practitioners alike' Asian Dispute Review. Mr Baskaran is a Regional Pathway Leader of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators and is a past Chair of the CI Arb Malaysia Branch (2017-19). Mr Baskaran has been recognized by Who's Who Legal as an Arbitration Future Leader since 2017 and is described as 'calm, collected and thorough' and 'sharp and able to come with innovative strategies in dealing with complex issues'. Mr Baskaran has also been included in the Legal 500 Arbitration Private Practice Powerlist 2022. Mr Baskaran is described 'as the best example of the new wave of Asian practitioners who offer great talent and fresh ideas' in Global Arbitration Review.

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Divisional Director (Claims) in the London office of a major International Group P&I Club until 2022. Twenty-five years of experience in assisting Owners and Charterers with the full range of FD&D, P&I and Charterers' Liability to Hull (CLH) issues, including nearly ten years as a solicitor in private practice law firms in the City of London.

BIMCO Documentary Committee member 2015-2022. Also sat on the Drafting Sub-Committee responsible for BIMCO's suite of four LNG Fuel Clauses for Time Charterparties.

UK Chamber of Shipping Documentary Sub-Committee member 2015-2022.

International Group of P&I Clubs Production Operations and Specialist Craft Committee member 2016-2022. LNG Indemnities Working Group member 2016-2022, assessing whether LNG Terminal Conditions of Use (COU) were compatible with P&I cover.

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A committee member of Singapore Chamber of Maritime Arbitration (SCMA) from 2014-2015. Was also on the drafting committee of the NYPE 2015 and contributed to the speed and performance clause of that charter party.

Interested in all aspects of shipping disputes but as a consultant is now only involved with speed and performance disputes, recalculation of weather routing reports in reference to the warranted terms of the charter party, post voyage analysis, online adjudication if requested.

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Studied law at Oxford, studied for the Bar and after qualifying became a member of Sir Barry Sheen's chambers, then at 2 Essex Court (now Quadrant Chambers) one of the leading Admiralty sets.

She took Silk in 1988. She is a Deputy High Court judge in Admiralty, a Crown Court Recorder, a CEDR trained mediator, a supporting member of the LMAA, a Lloyd's Form Salvage Arbitration panellist and a member of a number of other arbitration and mediation groups including the Royal Aeronautical Society's arbitration scheme. Though maintaining her barrister's practice certificate, she is now concentrating on her practice as an arbitrator and mediator.

Her practice at the Admiralty Bar has involved the full range of “wet” and “dry” shipping work, including marine insurance, ship and luxury yacht construction, death and personal injury work arising out of accidents on board maritime structures, as well as general commercial and construction work and some aviation work. She is particularly able to deal with document-heavy cases and cases involving technical expertise. She has a working knowledge of French and some Italian.

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Throughout my 24 years in practise, I have focused on maritime and international trade disputes appearing in 100s of LMAA arbitrations and acting as counsel before tribunals comprising almost all of the fulltime members of the LMAA.

I have also been appointed as a party-appointed arbitrator in a number of LMAA arbitrations alongside Lindsay Gordon and Jon Elvey and as sole arbitrator. Further to such appointments I have written several arbitration awards in charterparty and bill of lading disputes.

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Oliver is a KC practising from Twenty Essex. He took silk in 2024 at only 11 years' call. Before taking silk, he was recognised for many years as a leading junior at the shipping, trade, and insurance bar. He regularly acts in, and appears before tribunals, in both arbitrations seated in London and around the world, particularly in Asia. He has appeared as an advocate in the Supreme Court, Court of Appeal, and the Commercial Court.

He has a broad commercial practice which particularly focuses on all areas of international trade, insurance (in particular war risks insurance), energy, jurisdiction, and dry-shipping disputes. Oliver's insurance work comprises both marine and non-marine work. He is the co-author of Miller's Marine War Risks (4th ed), the leading text on the insurance of commercial shipping against war risks.

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He began his career as a Navigating Officer in the Merchant Navy with Ellerman City Liners. Leaving in 1980, Mark pursued a short career as a professional yacht captain before joining Halsey Marine as a Yacht Sales and Charter Broker and subsequently served as Sales and Purchase Director.

In 1989 Mark founded Cavendish White, a leading Yacht Brokerage Firm active in Sales, Purchase, Charter and Management, which he sold in 1999. Mark then followed a career in the yacht building sector, appointed as Sales Director of Benetti Shipyards, Italy in 2001 where he was responsible for sales of yachts from 30m to 65m+. www.benettiyachts.it

In 2006 Mark was a founding member of SYBAss, the Super Yacht Builders Association, the trade association for shipyards building yachts larger than 40m. The association is active in representing its members in matters covering statutory legislation, government lobbying, codes of practice, events, boat show lobbying, etc.

In 2008 Mark joined Heesen, a world leading shipyard based in the Netherlands, active in the 50m to 80m luxury motor yacht sector where he remained for 16 years until 2025. As Chief Commercial Officer, Mark was responsible for negotiating new construction Sale and Purchase Agreements as well as managing them and any disputes which occurred. www.heesenyachts.com

Mark is a keen yachtsman and has crossed the Atlantic, cruised and raced the Caribbean, East Coast USA and extensively in the English Channel and

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Mark is a Supporting Member of the London Maritime Arbitrators Association and is undertaking the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators Diploma in International Maritime Arbitration. He is particularly interested in appointments under LMAA terms concerning superyacht disputes in which he has accumulated a wealth of knowledge and experience over many years.

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Including LMAA references, from 2010 John has been appointed as sole, presiding, emergency or panel arbitrator, in over a hundred arbitrations. Appointments have originated from ICC National Committee, Chairman of SCMA, Presidents of SIAC Court of Arbitration, LCIA Court, and SIAC as appointing authority for ad hoc UNCITRAL arbitration, as well as appointments from parties, their counsel, and by already appointed arbitrators. These references were subject to English or Singapore law. When time allows John also acts as mediator on maritime and insurance related disputes, with six mediations concluded as of January 2024.

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A Solicitor of the Supreme Court of England and Wales and admitted to the Bar as an advocate in his native Italy, Mr. Forgiione is the former General Counsel of Scorpio Tankers Inc. (NYSE: STNG) and Scorpio Bulkers Inc. (NYSE: SALT) where he led the legal function since the companies' inception through their listing on the New York Stock Exchange and their subsequent aggressive expansion. In addition to his shipping expertise, Mr. Forgiione is well versed with the commodity supply chain and the legal

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Mr. Forgione handles all major aspects of dry shipping and international trade both from a contentious and non contentious stand point and has experience of arbitration involving disputes over a variety of charter party forms and terms, bunker and cargo quantity / quality issues as well as ship sale and purchase transactions. In addition, Mr. Forgione has significant experience in international corporate and commercial transactions such as equity investments, incorporated/unincorporated joint ventures (including shareholders disputes), assets and business acquisitions/disposals as well as mergers & acquisitions.

Mr. Forgione was a Tutor in International Trade Law and Admiralty Law at University College London (U.K.) and more recently a Visiting Lecturer in International Trade Law at King's College (U.K.). He has a Master Degree in Maritime Law from the University of Southampton (U.K.) and a Law Degree from the University of Genoa (Italy).

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Russell has practised as a contentious dry shipping and superyacht lawyer since qualifying as a solicitor in 1984. Albeit retired (as of May 2023) from the partnership at Hill Dickinson LLP, he continues to run a busy practice there as a consultant. During the course of his career, he has been instructed in countless LMAA arbitrations and would now be very pleased to accept appointments as arbitrator. He is particularly interested in appointments concerning superyacht disputes in which he has accumulated a wealth of knowledge and experience over many years dealing with claims – including several subject to LMAA terms and procedures – relating principally to construction, refit and sale and purchase contracts, charterparties and commission issues but extending to various other aspects of this niche area of legal business.

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Two of her several arbitrator appointments concerned matters in the maritime industry, as follows:

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Sean is a Liveryman of the Worshipful Company of Arbitrators of the City of London.

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- CICES Contract & Dispute Resolution Panel

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Adam joined the standard P&I Club in 1985 as a legal executive and thereafter worked as Legal Manager of Average Adjusters WM Elmslie for a period of 5 years. In 1996 he set up Regent Legal & Consultancy Services a maritime legal consultancy. Adam acts for a wide portfolio of ship owner and charterer clients based principally in Korea, Singapore and Egypt and their F D & D underwriters. In addition, he provides commercial and shipping advice to the aviation fuel arm of one of the principal oil majors. He has wide experience of most types of dry shipping disputes with particular emphasis on charter party disputes. A significant part of his work relates to chemical tankers.

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Sir Peter Gross

Sir Peter Gross (formerly The Rt Hon Lord Justice Peter Gross) retired from the Court of Appeal and joined Twenty Essex as a full-time arbitrator in October 2019.

He was appointed Lead Judge for International Relations in January 2018. He has undertaken many judicial visits abroad, including Jamaica, Guyana, Kazakhstan, Pakistan, Bahrain, Qatar, Iraq, Argentina, USA, Jordan, Brunei, Singapore and Uzbekistan since 2003.

Sir Peter was appointed to the Court of Appeal in 2010 and was appointed Deputy Senior Presiding Judge for England and Wales in October 2011, thereafter becoming Senior Presiding Judge for England and Wales from January 2013 to December 2015. He chaired the City University Institute of Law Advisory Board (2003-2005) and was Master of Moots of Gray's Inn (2004-2006). He is a Master of the Bench at Gray's Inn and was an elected member of the Management Committee (2016-2018), serving as Chairman of the Management Committee for 2018.

Appointed a Judge of the Queen's Bench Division in 2001, he was designated a Judge of the Commercial Court in 2002 and was Judge in Charge of the Commercial Court from 2009 to 2010. Lord Justice Gross was a Presiding Judge of the South-Eastern Circuit (2005 – 2008). He was designated a Judge of the Special Immigration Appeals Commission in 2009 and was Chairman of the Standing Committee on Judicial Security (2009 – 2011).

Sir Peter sat as a Recorder from 1995 until 2001 and chaired the London Common Law & Commercial Bar Association from 1995 until 1997. He also chaired the Bar Education & Training Committee (1998 – 2000) and the Bar International Relations Committee (2001).

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Doğan has extensive knowledge and experience in contentious and non-contentious shipping matters, as well as in mergers & acquisitions, construction and investment law disputes, both in arbitration and litigation. Doğan has been admitted to the lists of arbitrators of various reputable arbitral institutions, most notably to the lists of the Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre (HKIAC) and Dubai International Arbitration Centre (DIAC). Doğan was recognised as a "key lawyer" in Legal 500's UK 2023 and 2024 rankings for international arbitration, and also recognised (three times consecutively) in "Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch in the United Kingdom" (2023, 2024 and 2025) for commercial dispute resolution.

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He has experience of a wide variety of shipping disputes, including a number of claims arising from fires and explosions on board vessels, claims arising in the context of the purchase of vessels (including newbuilds), and numerous charterparty disputes. He also has experience of civil fraud claims, including shipping disputes involving allegations of dishonesty, and insolvency.

Rupert has a first class degree in Physics and Philosophy from the University of Oxford. He subsequently studied for the GDL at City University, where he was awarded a distinction. Before coming to the Bar, he spent a number of years working in investment banking in the City.

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Christopher Hancock KC was educated at Trinity College Cambridge and Harvard Law School. He was called to the Bar in 1983, became a tenant at what was then 3 Essex Court (now 20 Essex Street) in 1985, and took silk in 2000. He was appointed as a Recorder in 2004, and a deputy high court judge in 2008.

He has appeared before Courts at all levels, including the High Court, Court of Appeal, House of Lords and Privy Council. He is a CEDR accredited mediator and a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators. He is the former Chairman of COMBAR, having been vice chairman between 2007 and 2009, and is a member of the BMLA (having sat on its Carriage of

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Colleen Hanley is a barrister and arbitrator at Twenty Essex Chambers, London from where she has practised exclusively in shipping, commodities and general commercial law disputes since 2003. She is consistently recognised by the legal directories as a leading junior counsel for her expertise in both shipping and commodities disputes and earlier in her career, Colleen was named by The Times as a “Future Star of the Bar”. Colleen has acted as counsel in hundreds of LMAA charterparty, shipbuilding, performance, energy and off-shore disputes. Since 2016 she has accepted arbitral appointments and has acted as both sole and co-arbitrator under the LMAA rules. She also accepts appointments on the LMAA Small Claims Procedure terms (SCP) and regularly produces SCP awards. In addition to her LMAA arbitral practice Colleen has acted as an arbitrator (including twice as chair) in over 20 LCIA, ICC and ad-hoc arbitration references.

Colleen graduated with a double first in Jurisprudence from Oxford University (placed second in the Oxford law year), an LLM from the European University Institute, Florence and a Certificate in German Law from the University of Munich (LMU). In addition to being a native English speaker, Colleen speaks excellent German, very good French, and basic Italian. She is called to the Bar of Ireland and has full rights of audience before the Astana Financial Services Centre Court, Kazakhstan.

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Throughout a 44 year career in law, Graham has specialised in maritime law, including ship sale and purchase shipbuilding and marine insurance, plus international trade and has conducted more LMAA arbitrations than he cares to remember, as well as working on cases in the LCIA and ICC and conducting arbitrations in Hong Kong and Singapore, as well as ad hoc arbitrations.

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Matthew specialises in Admiralty, maritime, and international trade law. His experience includes the arrest of ships, bills of lading, charterparties, salvage, policies of marine insurance, P&I club rules, and ship collisions and groundings. He has also worked on matters involving the international sale of goods (f.o.b., c.i.f., and c&f) under the applicable Sale of Goods Acts and the Convention for the International Sale of Goods.

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Glenn is ranked in the Chambers High Net Worth Guide as leading superyacht lawyer globally, and as the only Dutch law qualified lawyer. He was also recommended in the Legal 500 EMEA Guide 2023 for Dispute Resolution: Arbitration. Glenn authors the module on the seat of arbitration in Kluwer Arbitration's Practical Insights modules. In addition, he authored among others the chapter on the Netherlands in the Thomson Reuters Practical Law Enforcement of Judgments and Arbitral Awards Global Guide, and he edited the chapter on the Netherlands in the Digest of Commercial Laws of the World. In 2023, Glenn founded Netherlands-based boutique law firm Hoek.legal.

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Jeff also has considerable experience on the “other side” of the arbitration table, having regularly acted as legal advisor to arbitration tribunals at The Sugar Association of London and The Refined Sugar Association since 1993.

Jeff retired from Hill Dickinson in April 2026 to become a full-time arbitrator and will be very pleased to accept appointments in his niche areas of expertise.

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- Over 33 years’ experience in the commercial side of the oil industry involved with pricing, trading, shipping and hedging including as an oil trader, oil broker, oil pricing journalist and consultant.
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- Justice of the Peace since 1995 Chairman since 2002

- Successfully completed Fast Track to Fellowship of Chartered Institute of Arbitrators and currently undertaking Award Writing course at CI Arb
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Dr. Zhang is a Senior Engineer (Associate Professor) of shipbuilding and offshore engineering, a supporting member of the London Institute of Arbitrators (LMAA), an arbitrator of the China Maritime Arbitration Commission(CMAC), and a senior member of the Chinese Society of Naval Architecture. At the same time, he obtained the qualification certificate of arbitrator training jointly organized by the Law School of Tsinghua University and Beijing Arbitration Commission(BAC), the training qualification certificate of maritime law (theory and practice) jointly organized by the University of the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences and the Maritime Arbitration Center of Shenzhen International Arbitration Court, and the graduation certificate of the minor of environmental law and sustainable development jointly organized by Tongji University and the United Nations Environment Programme.

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