

# Arbitrators

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## Christopher Smith QC

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Chris Smith has a broad based commercial practice covering all aspects of domestic and international commercial work, with particular emphasis on wet and dry shipping, professional liability and related areas such as marine and non marine insurance and reinsurance. Chris' practice involves advisory work, mediation, arbitration in England and Wales and abroad, and litigation in the Supreme Court, Court of Appeal and all divisions of the High Court. Chris also has extensive experience of acting as co Counsel in disputes involving litigation or arbitration in more than one jurisdiction. Chris is a CEDR accredited mediator and accepts appointments as arbitrator (both as sole and as part of a three person tribunal) on LMAA, SCMA and other terms.

Legal directories refer to Chris as being '*... highly recommended for shipping disputes*'.

### Practice

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- Arbitration as Counsel and as Arbitrator
- Commercial Litigation
- Injunctions & Arrests
- Insurance & Reinsurance
- International Trade & Transport
- Mediation as Counsel and Mediator
- Professional Liability
- Shipping & Admiralty

## Arbitration

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As Counsel Chris has extensive experience of arbitration both in England and Wales and in other jurisdictions including Singapore, Hong Kong, Korea, South Africa, Dubai and Norway. He has been involved in numerous cases that have been referred to arbitration, and also in many cases involving points of arbitration practice and procedure and disputes relating to jurisdiction.

Chris also accepts appointments to act as arbitrator (both as sole arbitrator and as a member of a panel of three) and his experience includes dealing with costs issues and disputes as to jurisdiction as well as substantive claims. His appointments include:

- Sole arbitrator in various charterparty disputes on LMAA terms.
- Party appointed arbitrator in voyage, time and bareboat charterparty disputes on LMAA and SCMA terms.
- Party appointed arbitrator (on LMAA terms) in sale and purchase disputes.
- Party appointed arbitrator (on SCMA and LMAA terms) in claims under charterparty and sale and purchase guarantees.
- Party appointed arbitrator (on LMAA terms) in a ship construction dispute.
- Party appointed arbitrator (on SCMA terms) in a dispute concerning brokerage.
- Party arbitrator (on LMAA terms) in superyacht disputes concerning purchase, management and chartering.
- Sole arbitrator (on ad hoc terms) in a yacht collision claim.
- Sole arbitrator (on ad hoc terms) in a dispute concerning the refitting of a classic sailing yacht.

## Career

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2009	Queens Counsel
1989	Call: Inner Temple

## Education

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1988	Duke of Edinburgh Scholarship
1987	LLB (First Class Hons), Southampton University

## Languages

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- French (working knowledge)
- German (working knowledge)

## Publications

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- LOF 90 and the New Salvage Convention  
(LLP, 1991, with Gerald Darling QC)
- Seafarer's Rights  
(Contributor) (OUP 2005)
- Scrutton on Charterparties and Bills of Lading  
(Co-Editor) (Thomson Sweet and Maxwell 2015)

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