

JAMES CLANCHY
ARBITRATOR

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Arbitrator since April 2016, full-time since April 2022 – >200 appointments; > 70 awards

Associate Member of Six Pump Court chambers, London – since November 2019

Full Member of the London Maritime Arbitrators Association (LMAA) – former Hon Secretary

Member of the Baltic Exchange

Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (FCIArb) – former Hon Secretary, London Branch

Former Registrar and DDG of the London Court of International Arbitration (LCIA) (2008-2012)

Solicitor (E&W), admitted 1990 (non-practising since 2019); Avocat au Barreau de Paris, 1994 – 2008

Co-editor (arbitration), Lloyd’s Maritime Law Newsletter – since July 2022

Shipping, international trade, commodities, energy, cruise and travel – industry knowledge

Africa –inc. Algeria, Tunisia, Libya, Nigeria, Senegal, Mali, Côte d’Ivoire, Cameroon, Malawi, South Africa

EXPERTISE

More than 35 years’ experience of handling disputes arising from international commerce, including financial and insurance aspects, as solicitor, claim assessor and arbitrator, for companies, sole traders, joint ventures, banks, insurers, funders, claim consultants and brokers, in arbitration, mediation and court.

Shipping

As arbitrator:

- > 180 appointments as sole arbitrator, co-arbitrator and Chair in LMAA ad hoc arbitrations under the LMAA Terms, Intermediate Claims Procedure (ICP), and Small Claims Procedure (SCP)
- 2 appointments as sole arbitrator by Danish Institute of Arbitration (DIA), Copenhagen seat
- Appointed by SIAC in 15 ad hoc arbitrations seated in Singapore: charterparties, English law
- Party appointment (from Singapore) in SCMA arbitration seated in London: charterparty, English law

References have included disputes under time and voyage charterparties, contracts of affreightment (CoAs), bills of lading, memoranda of agreement (MoAs) for second-hand vessels, container leases, bunker supply contracts, cruise crew employment contracts. Claims have included hire and freight, off-hire, demurrage, bunker quantities on redelivery, bunker quality, hull cleaning, stevedore damage, additional war risk insurance, deviation, speed and performance, cargo claims, cruise crew claims. Disputes have extended to wind turbine blades transportation, offshore support, tugs, superyachts, livestock carriers, chemical tankers.

As solicitor, acted for shipowners, charterers, P&I and Defence Clubs, ship managers, cargo insurers, banks, port agents, shipbrokers, shipyards, yacht owners, crew and cruise operators in ad hoc arbitration (LMAA), LCIA, Commercial Court and Court of Appeal in London, Chambre Arbitrale Maritime de Paris.

Visited vessels (containers, general cargo, reefer, cruise, superyacht), took evidence and/or attended court in Rotterdam, Antwerp, Paris, Le Havre, Rouen, Nantes, Marseille, Naples, Valletta, Algiers, Tunis, Istanbul

Collaborated with and supervised lawyers on behalf of clients and their insurers in French courts, Belgium, Netherlands, Germany, Malta, Spain, Cyprus, Algeria, Tunisia, Nigeria, Ghana, Liberia, Bénin, South Africa, UAE, China, Hong Kong, Singapore, Malaysia, South Korea, Thailand, Pakistan, India, Canada, USA

Lecturer on charterparties on Southampton University Institute of Maritime Law Short Course since 2023

Commodities, energy

As arbitrator, disputes under sale and purchase contracts:

- *Metals: sole arbitrator in a DIFC-LCIA arbitration, Dubai seat, UAE governing law; co-arbitrator in LMAA Terms arbitration, London seat, English law; sole arbitrator in LMAA SCP arbitration*
- *Coal: presiding arbitrator in 3 LCIA arbitrations, London seat, English law (two appointments by LCIA Court, one by co-arbitrators); co-arbitrator in LMAA Terms arbitration, London seat, English law; sole arbitrator (appointed by LMAA President) in LMAA Fast and Low Cost Arbitration (FALCA) Rules arbitration, London seat, English law*
- *Palm oil: presiding arbitrator (nominated by co-arbitrators) in an SIAC arbitration seated in Singapore, English law*
- *Cement: sole arbitrator (appointed by SIAC President) in an SIAC arbitration seated in Singapore, English law; interim arbitrator in a DIA arbitration seated in Paris, French law*
- *Grain: sole arbitrator appointed by LCAM – components for a grain silo; London seat, English law*

As solicitor, acted for producers, traders, shipowners, charterers and cargo insurers in LCIA, Gafta, FOSFA, RSA, LMAA arbitrations, mediations and court in relation to sale and purchase, production sharing, carriage and insurance of crude oil, steel, scrap metal, cement, rice, corn, wheat, soya beans, palm oil, sugar. Substantial experience in the sale and carriage of rice and corn to North and West Africa from e.g. India, Vietnam, Thailand, Ukraine, acting for traders, brokers, charterers and underwriters in numerous disputes relating to quality and condition, moisture damage, dangerous cargoes, rejection of goods, delay.

Lecturer on Gafta training courses 2004-2007 in Tripoli (Libya), Madrid, Cambridge, London

Financing and insurance

As arbitrator:

- *Appointed 12 times by CI Arb as sole arbitrator under Business Arbitration Scheme: loan agreement*

As solicitor, handled debt collection and mortgage claims for banks, disputes between traders relating to letters of credit and on demand guarantees, claims against insurers for trade disruption, legal expenses coverage, cargo loss and damage, pursued subrogated claims and defended cases for liability insurers.

As Registrar of the LCIA, administered arbitrations arising from loan agreements, guarantees, ISDA Master Agreements. As case assessor for ATE insurers, reviewed claims against banks by small businesses, notably in relation to interest rate swaps; advised on ATE policies and waterfall agreements.

Arbitration Law, Procedure and Regulation

As solicitor, in Commercial Court in London, obtained and challenged anti suit injunctions for breaches of London arbitration clauses; Arbitration Act 1996, s44 applications for preservation of evidence; ss67 and 68 challenges to arbitration awards; in France, obtained *saisies conservatoires* as security for arbitration claims.

As LCIA Registrar in 2008-2012 (in the wake of the global financial crisis), oversaw the administration of more than 1000 arbitrations under LCIA and UNCITRAL Rules, including appointments of tribunals, challenges to arbitrators, determination of arbitration costs; while in post and afterwards, contributed to review of the LCIA Rules 1998 and consultations with V V Veeder QC, chair of LCIA rules revisions committee.

Member of ICCA-Queen Mary Task Force on Third-Party Funding in International Arbitration, 2016-2018, *The ICCA Reports No. 4*, April 2018

Books

Co-author of *A Commentary on the LCIA Arbitration Rules 2014* – Sweet & Maxwell 2015

Chapter on LMAA Small Claims Procedure in *Expedited International Arbitration* – Wolters Kluwer, 2024

Articles

Navigating the Waters of Third Party Funding in Arbitration, *Arbitration*, 82, No.3, Aug 2016, pp222-232

Rigorous steps short of champerty, New Law Journal, Vol 167 7738, 17 March 2017

Conflicting Perceptions of Ethics in International Arbitration, with Cherine Foty, Arbitration, 85, No. 2, May 2019, pp185-202

Ad hoc Arbitration and its Enemies, Arbitration, 86, No. 4, December 2020, pp536-551

University lectures and professional training courses

- Leicester University LLM arbitration course: classes on institutional and maritime arbitration since 2018
- London Summer Arbitration School (Arbitration Lab): class on maritime arbitration since 2022
- CIArb International Maritime Arbitration Diploma course (virtual): classes on institutional arbitration, LMAA procedure, commencement of an arbitration, since 2020
- Africa Arbitration Academy (in London): class on maritime arbitration 2021, 2022, 2023
- Institute of International Shipping and Trade Law, Swansea University, 20th International Colloquium, September 2025, 'Transport Law in the Digital Age': paper on 'Digitalisation and Arbitration'

Moots

- Willem C Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot: arbitrator online (2021, 2022) and in Vienna (2023, 2024, 2025, 2026) general rounds to last 32; London Pre-Moot arbitrator since 2018
- International Maritime Law Arbitration Moot (IMLAM): arbitrator in Rotterdam (2019), online (2022), Swansea (2023, 2024)

Speaking engagements

In person UK, France, Hungary (2009), Poland (2010), Ghana (2010), Russia (2011), Norway (2011), Croatia (2015), Denmark (2017), Turkey (2017), Slovenia (2018), Portugal (2018), Ukraine (2018), USA (2019), Brazil (2020), Greece (2022, 2025), Dubai (2023), Cameroon (2024), Switzerland (2025), Singapore (2026)

ICMA (International Congress of Maritime Arbitrators):

- ICMA XX, Copenhagen, September 2017: 'Regulation of arbitration: where it comes from, who it is for and its impact on maritime arbitrators'
- ICMA XXI, Rio de Janeiro, March 2020: 'Ad hoc arbitration and its enemies' (published in CIArb journal)
- ICMA XXII, Dubai, November 2023: 'The law of the arbitration agreement: a non-issue'
- ICMA XXIII, Singapore, March 2026: 'Arbitral institutions and conflicts of interest'

Presentations by video link at conferences and seminars in Nigeria (2022, 2024, 2025), Cameroon (2023, 2025, 2026), USA (2024), Malaysia (2024), China (2025), Hong Kong (2025), Spain (2025)

Podcasts

The Arbitration Station, Season 6 Episode 3, November 2021: The Maritime Arbitration

Worshipful Company of Arbitrators, 18 September 2024: Reform of the Arbitration Act 1996

Memberships:

- London Maritime Arbitrators Association (LMAA) (Full Member; former Hon Secretary)
- London Court of International Arbitration (LCIA) (European Users' Council; former Registrar & DDG)
- Singapore Chamber of Maritime Arbitration (SCMA) (Arbitrators Panel)
- Singapore International Arbitration Centre (SIAC) (Main Panel of Arbitrators)
- Dubai International Arbitration Centre (DIAC) (Arbitrator List)
- Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (CIArb) (Fellow; former Hon. Secretary, London Branch)
- pinqDR arbitrators panel
- International Chamber of Commerce (ICC) UK (Arbitrators Database)
- Worshipful Company of Arbitrators (Liveryman) (Court Assistant; former Chair, Education Committee)
- Baltic Exchange
- Grain and Feed Trade Association (Gafsa) (individual member)
- Commodities Arbitration Club
- Energy Arbitration Club
- LexisNexis UK Arbitration Consulting Editorial Board
- Law Society Arbitration Working Group

CAREER SUMMARY

- Apr 2016 - :** **ARBITRATOR IN INDEPENDENT PRACTICE**, London
Full-time arbitrator from April 2022
Associate Member (Arbitrator), Six Pump Court Chambers (since November 2019)
LMAA Full Member (2025), **Honorary Secretary** (September 2021 to September 2022)
Honorary Secretary, CIArb London Branch (May 2020 to May 2021)
Co-editor (London arbitration), *Lloyd's Maritime Law Newsletter* (since July 2022)
- 2016 – 2022** **LEXISNEXIS (BUTTERWORTHS LTD)**, London
Professional Support Lawyer, Lexis@PSL Arbitration (part time)
Content provider/legal writer for online practical guidance service on arbitration
- 2015 – 2016:** **STEPHENSON HARWOOD LLP**, Solicitors, London
Senior Associate, International Arbitration Group
Interim role providing senior level assistance in major LCIA oil and gas arbitrations
- 2012 – 2014:** **THOMAS MILLER & CO LTD**, London
Senior Legal Advisor, Thomas Miller Legal (ATE Insurance and Third-Party Funding)
Assessing and managing claims, including commercial and investment arbitrations
- 2008 – 2012:** **LONDON COURT OF INTERNATIONAL ARBITRATION (LCIA)**, London
Registrar and Deputy Director General
Heading up the casework secretariat and assisting with business development
- 1994 – 2008:** **HOLMAN FENWICK WILLAN**, Solicitors, London
Senior Associate, Trade & Energy Group
Commercial dispute resolution with focus on shipping, energy, commodities, cruise and travel
- 1988 - 1994:** **WITHERS**, Solicitors, London and Paris
Trainee and Assistant Solicitor (litigation and arbitration)
After qualifying into litigation in London, moved to Paris in 1991, focussing on shipping and commercial dispute resolution, including London and Paris arbitration, and training as avocat
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EDUCATION / QUALIFICATIONS:

- 2015 **Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, London**
Admitted as a Fellow (FCIArb), November 2015
- 1991-93 **Ecole de Formation du Barreau, Paris**
Stage Conseil Juridique (French bar training course)
Admitted to the Paris Bar (*Avocat à la Cour*), Sep 1994 (withdrew from roll in 2008)
- 1990 **Solicitor (England and Wales)**, admitted November 1990 (non-practising since 2019)
- 1986-88 **City of London Polytechnic**
Law Society Final Examination
Common Professional Examination
- 1982-86 **St Anne's College, University of Oxford**
BA and MA, Classics and Modern Languages (French)

Languages:

- English (native)
- French (fluent, including commercial, legal, maritime)