List of Supporting Members generally prepared to accept appointments as arbitrators:

We give below the annual updated list of such names of Supporting Members generally prepared to accept appointments as arbitrators:

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Marine Engineering Consultant specialising in Bunkering, has been involved in the Shipping Industry since 1985 in various capacities, with P&O Cruises, Deep Sea Seals and Hamworthy. Previous positions include Chief Executive of The International Bunker Industry Association (IBIA) from February 2009 until July 2011, after having been Secretary-General for seven and a half years. Whilst at IBIA gained wide exposure to international markets and consultative status at the International Maritime Organization (IMO) for IBIA. Involved in the process of the revision of MARPOL Annex VI from the outset, he was a member of the IMO Secretary General’s Scientific and Industry Expert Panel during 2007 as part of the revision process. Fellow of the Institute of Marine Engineering Science and Technology (FIMarEST).

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After training as a claims settler and claims broker at Lloyd’s, in 1974 joined first a Greek tanker operator as fleet insurance, claims and post fixture manager and then a Greek bulk carrier operator in the same position.

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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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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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Diverse background from private practice in leading City of London law firm and in Oslo (8 years), in-house as FDD Lawyer (7 years), then General Counsel at global ship operator (chartering, shipowning and financial trading, 12 years). Considerable involvement as both user and client in mediation, arbitration and court proceedings worldwide over many years.

Graduated in Economics from L.S.E, qualified Solicitor since 1991, member of the Norwegian Bar Association, and certified mediator. Member of BIMCO Documentary Committee since 2012.

English, based in Oslo since 1994, regularly visits the UK. Available for hearings in and outside of London and overseas. Fluent in Norwegian, good understanding of the Scandinavian languages.

Interested in making a contribution to London maritime arbitration and actively looking for appointments involving sale contracts, charterparties, bills of lading, MOAs, COAs, marine insurance cover, shipbuilding disputes, maritime operational and financial trading issues.

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Studied languages and then law at Cambridge University. After serving articles with Clifford-Turner & Co he qualified as a solicitor in 1974 and subsequently joined Holman, Fenwick & Willan, becoming a partner in 1978. He opened and ran HFW’s Paris office for over three years. In 1989 he set up Herbert Smith's Shipping and International Trade section and in 1999 joined Lawrence Graham as a partner. He joined the North of England P&I Club in 2003 and works in their FD&D department, concentrating mainly on disputes under charterparties/bills of lading, and under ship and offshore construction contracts and MOA’s.

During his 30 years in private practice, he was at all times involved with arbitrations under shipping and international sale of goods contracts. He has acted as arbitrator in various charterparty disputes and also in two major ICC arbitrations involving international sale disputes.

Has spoken at a number of international maritime or arbitration seminars on four continents and is the author of articles in journals such as Lloyd’s Maritime & Commercial Law Quarterly, Le Droit Maritime Français, etc.

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Shipping career began in 1986.

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.

Languages
English + German

Edmund Broadbent
Since joining chambers in 1981 Edmund Broadbent has gained extensive experience of advisory and advocacy work in commercial litigation and arbitration, as well as non-litigious advice and drafting in relation to commercial contracts and producing opinions on English law for use in other jurisdictions. He has appeared in leading cases in the House of Lords (Effort Shipping, DST v Shell, The Boucraa), the Court of Appeal (Cargill v CPN Tankers, Huyton v DIPASA) and the High Court (The Count, Insurance Company v Lloyd’s Syndicate). He has acted for clients in many arbitrations, variously held under the rules of the ICC, the LMAA, GAFTA and FOSFA, as well as representing clients in arbitration in Hong Kong. He has assisted Singapore solicitors and counsel with very substantial litigation in the High Court and Court of Appeal of Singapore. He is registered as a practitioner with rights of audience before the DIFC Courts.

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40 years in the marine industry. Sea service on crude, product & chemical tankers; general cargo and bulk carriers; container ships and offshore drilling vessels.
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Appearing as an expert witness since 1992, typically involving: - oil and chemical cargo contamination and off specification issues; bulk cargo liquefaction; TMSA; vetting; terminal operations; P&I and H&M surveying practices. Listed as an expert with the Baltic Exchange and the Academy of Experts. A CEDR accredited mediator and a panel arbitrator with FOSFA and KLRCA. A Liveryman of the Honourable Company of Master Mariners.

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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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Philip's career in P&I culminated in his role as a deputy director and claims team leader with responsibilities for P&I and FDD claims arising in Europe, parts of Scandinavia, Eastern Europe, the Indian sub-continent, the Middle East and Africa.

From 2008 to 2012 Philip was the claims and insurance manager for an international ship owning organisation based in Italy. Vessels included tankers, bulk carriers, offshore and inshore tugs and a fleet of semi-submersible barges.

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He became a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (FCIArb) in 2006 and a Chartered Arbitrator in 2008. Michael was accredited as a Mediator by CEDR in 2003 and has practised as a full time third party neutral since 2008.

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