

BEN GOSS BA (Hons) FICS FCIArb

A Commercial Shipping Professional: LMAA Arbitrator, Mediator & Chartered Shipbroker



Summary

- Chartered Shipbroker, LMAA Arbitrator & CEDR Accredited/IMI Qualified Mediator with 25 years' commercial shipping experience
- 22 years with AP Moller-Maersk and Maersk Broker in Greece, USA, Denmark, and UK. Managing Director of Maersk Broker UK Ltd 2013-2019
- Experienced in:
 - Carriage of goods
 - Chartering of bulkers, tankers and OSVs
 - Sale & purchase of second-hand vessels
 - Contracting of newbuilds
 - Ship finance and leasing

Qualifications & Memberships

- LMAA Full Member
- Baltic Exchange Member (since 2000)
- Fellow Institute of Chartered Shipbrokers (FICS)
- Fellow Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (FCIArb)
- CEDR Accredited, IMI Qualified Mediator
- Dispute Resolution Board Foundation (DRBF) Member
- Liveryman, Worshipful Company of Shipwrights
- Alumnus of the Maersk (MISE) graduate program
- BA (Hons) Business & Law

Background

Ben Goss is an international maritime arbitrator with a commercial background in shipping. Ben has accepted over 100 arbitration appointments since 2018 and is a Full Member of the LMAA.

A Chartered Shipbroker, Ben has over 25 years of experience in chartering bulk carriers, tankers, and offshore support vessels; the carriage of goods; the sale & purchase of second-hand vessels; the contracting of newbuilds; ship finance and leasing.

With a BA (Hons) in Business & Law, Ben is educated in all aspects of English law, including contract law and the sale of goods. Instead of Law School, Ben opted for a career in the commercial world of international shipping and spent 22 years from 1997 to 2019 as a shipbroker with AP Moller-Maersk and Maersk Broker in the UK, USA, Greece and Denmark. Ben was Head of Tankers/S&P/Newbuilds at Maersk Broker K/S, Denmark, from 2009 to 2013 and Managing Director of Maersk Broker UK from 2013 to 2019. From 2019 to 2021, Ben provided consultancy services to RMK Maritime, a company that provides capital raising and financial advisory services exclusively to the maritime industry, before becoming a full-time arbitrator in 2021.

Ben accepts appointments in disputes arising from all maritimerelated contracts, including charter parties, bills of lading, contracts of affreightment, sale & purchase, and ship-building contracts. Ben is familiar with the standard contract forms, including MYBA and the NYPE Inter-Club Agreement.

Ben is equally happy as sole arbitrator or as part of a tribunal of two or three and is adept at chairing hearings both remotely and in person. Ben strives to ensure that awards are issued within the timeframe specified in the LMAA Terms.

In addition to arbitration, Ben has an active interest in dispute avoidance through active management and negotiation: Ben is a CEDR Accredited, IMI Qualified Mediator and a Dispute Resolution Board Foundation member.



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