



London International Disputes Week

MARITIME ARBITRATION IN LONDON PRESENT AND FUTURE CHALLENGES IN A CHANGING WORLD

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ARE VIRTUAL HEARINGS THE FUTURE?

Ian Gaunt, Past President, LMAA

The LMAA is the world's leading maritime arbitration body. Its arbitrators handle over 1,700 new cases annually. Some 100 LMAA hearings take place annually. As is well known, in March 2020, the UK went into lockdown as a result of the dramatic increase in COVID cases. It is estimated that since April 2020, when the LMAA published its Guidelines on the Conduct of Virtual and Semi-Virtual Hearings, LMAA tribunals have conducted over 40 virtual hearings. It can be seen that despite the catastrophic consequences of the pandemic, it has not been necessary for LMAA tribunals to defer any significant number of hearings for more than a matter of weeks. With suitable preparation, competent hosting and appropriate directions from the tribunal, it has been clearly shown that remote hearings can provide the parties with an entirely satisfactory way to present their cases. Are virtual hearings the future? Can this help to advance the cause of Green Arbitration?

LONDON MARITIME ARBITRATION: WHAT'S NEW?

Karen Maxwell, Barrister, Twenty Essex

Since the publication of the fourth edition of London Maritime Arbitration in 2018, and despite the disruption arising from the global pandemic, the English courts have handed down over a hundred arbitration related decisions. These include significant decisions dealing with topics including challenges to awards, arbitration and third parties, conflict of laws, supportive remedies available from the court, and time-bars. Parallel procedural developments have affected hearings and evidence in arbitration. What have been the key changes, and is the time now right for the 1996 Act or CPR62 to be reviewed and updated?

WHAT LEGAL DEVELOPMENTS ARE EMERGING FROM ARBITRATING SHIPPING DISPUTES IN LONDON?

Nick Austin, Partner, Reed Smith

London maritime arbitration has always played host to disputes spanning the global shipping sector, from cargo claims to charterparty issues, shipbuilding contracts to sale and purchase agreements. But what do the disputes created by today's geo-political climate and the impact of the pandemic look like? And what key developments in maritime law is arbitrating disputes in London leading to?

CARGO MISDELIVERY CLAIMS - TO PAY OR NOT TO PAY?

Jean Koh, Partner, HFW

Cargo misdelivery claims have been around a long time and have always had the ability to cause significant losses when they involve high value cargo. In the aftermath of several high profile collapses of charterers and commodities traders over the past year or so, misdelivery claims are not only numerous but often have high stakes. Jean looks at the various stakeholders' competing interests in these claims and how they play out in dispute resolution.

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