

## Curriculum Vitae - Gareth David Thompson

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### QUALIFICATIONS

2009 – Present – Solicitor of England and Wales  
2025 - Society of Mediators Accredited Mediator  
Supporting Member of the London Maritime Arbitrators Association  
Member of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators  
Member of the London Court of International Arbitration  
Supporting Member of the Hong Kong Maritime Arbitration Group  
Member of the Baltic Exchange  
Member of the Society of Mediators  
2025 – Chartered Institute of Arbitrators Award Writing Course  
2005 – 2006 University of Northumbria - Legal Practice Course  
2005 - Legal internship, Library of Congress, Capitol Hill, Washington D.C., USA  
2002 – 2005 University of Ulster - LLB (Hons) Law with Government

### ARBITRATION & MEDIATION

#### **Maritime Dispute Resolution Ltd, Director, November 2025 to present**

**Arbitrator** - accepting appointments as a London maritime arbitrator for maritime and international trade disputes under LMAA Terms, CIArb Rules, LCIA Rules and ad hoc arbitrations under the Arbitration Act.

**Evaluator** - Accepting appointments as an evaluator for Early Neutral Evaluations of maritime disputes.

**Mediator** – Society of Mediators trained and accredited Mediator. Using decades of legal and insurance experience to assist parties reach amicable outcomes to maritime disputes as a neutral Mediator.

Acting as a Mediator in (i) traditional facilitative mediation; and (ii) early intervention mediation (EIM).

**Consultant** - providing consultancy services and guidance on maritime issues and transactions.

### LEGAL & INSURANCE EXPERIENCE

#### **MFB Solicitors, City of London, Partner – November 2023 to November 2025**

Handling a wide variety of high value and complex disputes in arbitration and the High Court for shipowners, charterers, commodities traders and insurers including:

- disputes involving tankers, bulk carriers, LNG carriers, containerships, off-shore vessels, barges;
- disputes under charterparties including for wrongful termination;
- disputes under shipbuilding contracts and ship sale and purchase agreements;
- advising on cargo claims, bills of lading, LOIs and disputes under commodities sale contracts;
- ICA claims;
- speed and performance disputes;
- participating in mediations including in person and early intervention mediations;
- resolving disputes by Early Neutral Evaluation;

- unsafe port disputes;
- general average incidents;
- casualties arising from liquefaction of cargo;
- demurrage and unpaid hire disputes;
- advising on sanctions and war risks issues;
- COVID-19 related disputes for loss of time and lost fixtures;
- frustration and force majeure disputes;
- crane damage claims;
- off-spec bunkers claims;
- disputes concerning contractual liens;
- ship arrests and obtaining security for claims and security for costs in litigation;
- disputes with insolvency issues and enforcement problems; and
- also handling disputes under the LMAA Small Claims Procedure and Intermediate Claims Procedure.

**BDM Law LLP, City of London, Managing Associate – September 2020 to November 2023**

Acting for shipowners, charterers, commodities traders, insurers and logistics service providers on complex disputes in arbitration, the High Court and the Admiralty Court including:

- charterparty disputes including claims for hire, speed and consumption, freight, deadfreight, wrongful termination of fixtures and disputes concerning bunkers;
- collision claims including a claim for £23m in the Admiralty Court which was heard in June 2022;
- general average claims;
- cargo claims, ICA claims, advising on bills of lading and issues concerning switching bills and LOIs;
- claims under commodities sale contracts;
- advising on sanctions and force majeure / frustration issues including for an alumina trading client concerning issues arising from the conflict in the Ukraine and the Australian export ban to Russia;
- offshore disputes including claims under SUPPLYTIME 2005 form charters;
- demurrage and hire claims;
- disputes under COAs;
- crane damage claims
- disputes for a bauxite mining company including under barging and transshipment agreements;
- disputes relating to customs fines amounting to USD 50m;
- disputes with an insolvency aspect and difficulties with enforcement;
- newbuilding ship purchase transactions including negotiating and drafting shipbuilding contracts;
- sale and purchase of bulk carriers and superyacht sale and purchase transactions;
- disputes involving the exercise of contractual liens;
- obtaining security for claims including freezing orders and security for costs in litigation; and
- participating in mediations including in person and early intervention mediations.

**MFB Solicitors, City of London, Solicitor – February 2015 to January 2020**

Acting for shipowners, charterers and their insurers on:

- all manner of charterparty disputes;
- cargo claims and issues concerning bills of lading;
- ICA claims and claims under LOIs;
- unpaid hire and demurrage claims;
- speed and performance disputes;
- general average claims;
- unsafe port claims;
- crane damage claims;

- off-spec bunker claims;
- sanctions advices including issues concerning force majeure clauses and frustration;
- ship arrests and obtaining security for claims and security for costs;
- obtaining anti-suit injunctions and freezing orders;
- using the New York Convention to enforce arbitration awards in other jurisdictions; and
- mediations including in person and early intervention mediations.

**Waterson Hicks, City of London, Solicitor - May 2013 to February 2015**

Working for shipowners, charterers and insurers on a broad range of matters including:

- advising on charterparty disputes and handling claims in arbitration and the High Court;
- a wide variety of cargo claims including ICA indemnity/contribution claims;
- resolving disputes by mediation;
- speed and performance claims;
- demurrage and unpaid hire claims;
- off-spec bunker claims;
- general average claims against cargo underwriters in the Commercial Court;
- crane damage disputes;
- ship sale and purchase transactions and newbuilding purchases;
- hull & machinery policy claims; and
- spending time working in the Greek office.

**Steamship Mutual Underwriting Association Ltd, City of London – January 2011 to May 2013**

Dealing with a broad range of claims under both P&I and FDD cover, which included:

- advising on charterparty disputes;
- advising on bills of lading and cargo claims;
- crew, personal injury and passenger related claims;
- pollution incidents including advising on relevant international regulations;
- casualties following engine breakdown;
- advising on various international conventions, sanctions and regulatory compliance;
- managing claims in litigation throughout many international jurisdictions;
- advising insureds on the terms of their insurance cover and managing the business relationship; and
- maintaining and monitoring accurate claim estimates for P&I and FDD matters.

**Gorman Hamilton, Newcastle upon Tyne, Solicitor - October 2009 - January 2011**

Handling insurance claims for both claimants and defendant insurers which included a potential fraudulent aspect to the case.

**Sintons LLP, Newcastle upon Tyne, Trainee Solicitor - September 2007 - September 2009**

Formal professional training as a solicitor following completion of LLB law degree.