

Edward Kuznetsov is a maritime lawyer and arbitrator based in Riga, Latvia, with more than 30 years of experience in international maritime law, shipping and dispute resolution.

He is the CEO and Partner of Marine Legal Bureau, a boutique law firm specialising exclusively in maritime and transport law. His practice focuses on maritime arbitration, charterparty disputes, cargo claims, marine insurance, P&I matters, ship arrest and enforcement of maritime claims.

Mr Kuznetsov has been regularly appointed as arbitrator since 2011 and acts both as arbitrator and counsel in maritime disputes. He has extensive experience in international arbitration proceedings conducted under LMAA Terms and other institutional and ad hoc frameworks, including ICC and GMAA arbitrations.

Prior to establishing Marine Legal Bureau, Mr Kuznetsov held senior legal and commercial positions within the maritime industry. He served as Head of Legal Department for Lloyd's agents and P&I correspondents in Latvia and also worked as commercial manager and in-house lawyer for a shipping company operating a fleet of river-sea vessels. These positions provided him with substantial practical experience in ship operations, chartering, marine insurance, claims handling and commercial shipping management.

Mr Kuznetsov's experience covers a broad spectrum of maritime and commercial disputes, including charterparty disputes, cargo claims, marine insurance and P&I matters, ship arrest and release, ship finance, ship sale and purchase disputes, shipbuilding and repair disputes, as well as international trade and enforcement-related matters.

Mr Kuznetsov is a Member (MCI Arb) of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators and holds a Diploma in International Maritime Arbitration. He is a Supporting Member of the London Maritime Arbitrators Association (LMAA) and is associated with a number of international arbitration institutions and maritime arbitration initiatives.

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