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Career Profile Outline

Master Mariner and maritime consultant with over 48 years of international industry experience across seagoing command, ship management, regulatory compliance, maritime training, marine claims, casualty investigations, and dispute resolution.

Former Master with 15 years of seagoing service and more than 28 years of shore-based experience handling complex shipping claims and disputes involving collisions, groundings, charter parties, bills of lading, shipbuilding contracts, salvage, and vessel operations.

Widely experienced in the practical application of SOLAS, MARPOL, STCW, Load Line Conventions, and MLC 2006, and in providing expert advice, technical assessments, and dispute support to shipowners, insurers, law firms, and maritime stakeholders worldwide. Founder of a Dubai-based marine consultancy, serving clients across the Middle East, Europe, and Asia. Continues to work internationally, with regular engagement across the Middle East, Europe, and Asia. Frequently travels between London and Dubai

Additional Arbitrator Profile Statement

Available for appointment as an arbitrator combining deep commercial acumen with extensive maritime operational experience. Recognised for the ability to understand the nuances of complex maritime disputes, assess the merits of competing positions, and contribute practical industry knowledge to the tribunal in producing clear, cogent, well-reasoned and enforceable arbitral awards.

To date none of my awards have faced any challenge from any party.

Following publication of awards as the sole arbitrator, in separate matters, solicitors from mainstream shipping law firms acting for the parties, commented:

- *“Thank you for your attention and diligence in accepting the appointment, handling the reference and publishing the award.”*
- *“On behalf of the Owners, we thank you for your considered and clear Award.”*

Education and qualifications

- Master Mariner, U.K.
- Master’s Degree in Arbitration and Dispute Resolution, City University, Hong Kong.
- CEDR Qualified Mediator

Memberships

- LMAA Aspiring Full Member (Listed: <https://lmaa.london/details/user/milind.karkhanis/?back-to=2395>)
- Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrator (Listed: <https://www.ciarb.org/membership/member-directory/member-profile?id=81502>)
- Member of The Baltic Exchange
- FOSFA Member and Arbitrator (Listed <https://www.fosfa.org/arbitration/arbitrators/directory-of-arbitrators/>)
- GAFTA Member
- Singapore Chamber of Maritime Arbitration (SCMA) (Listed: <https://www.scma.org.sg/arbitrator/198>)
- Dubai International Arbitration Centre (DIAC Panel Arbitrator)
- The Institute of Chartered Shipbrokers (Fellow)

Recent arbitration experience as of 31st May 2026

- Appointments received: Thirty-five (35)
- References which have proceeded beyond appointment: Twenty-nine (29)
- Awards issued: Twelve (12): 10 LMAA (**8 as Sole Arbitrator**); 1 SCMA and 1 FOSFA