

Name: **HAKIRAT SINGH**

Domicile: Singapore Permanent Resident
Nationality: Malaysian

Professional Qualifications: Master Mariner (Singapore, Class 1)
Issued by the Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore, November 2000. (Renewed and remains valid)

Memberships: Fellow of The Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (FCI Arb)
Fellow of The Singapore Institute of Arbitrators (FSI Arb);
Chartered Member of The Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport (CMILT);
Full Member of the Singapore Maritime Arbitrators Association
Member of the Singapore Nautical Institute
Member of the Maritime Law Association of Singapore

Languages: Fluent English, Malay and Punjabi speaker

Education & Training:

2011 Bond Solon Cardiff University
Further education and training as an expert witness.

2004 National University of Singapore (Faculty of Law)
Graduate Certificate in International Arbitration (Inaugural course)
Subjects included Contracts, Torts & Evidence; Arbitration Law and Practice; and Drafting & Award Writing.

2001 to 2002 Cardiff University (Cardiff Law School)
LL.M – Maritime Law
Subjects included Admiralty Law and Practice (Distinction); Law of Carriage of Goods by Sea (Distinction); International Trade and Transportation Law; and Marine Insurance Law.

1998 Singapore Polytechnic
Advanced Diploma in Maritime Transportation

1991 to 1995 Singapore Polytechnic
Diploma in Nautical Studies, inclusive of sea-going service.

Obtained straight A's and a distinction in final year.

Work History:

Aug 2008 to present Marine Casualty Investigations Pte Ltd

Dec 2006 to present: Maritime Affairs Pte Ltd

Managing Director (for both the above named companies)

Provision of various marine related services to clients. Services include legal consultancy, arbitration, casualty investigation, marine consultancy, claims management and surveys.

Investigation of marine casualties involving witness interviews and collation of contemporaneous evidence. Prepares witness statements including analyses of facts and navigational data. Produces liability reports and advice concerning claims handling strategy for clients/insurers. Instructed in over 100 marine casualties.

Conducts negotiations with opposing interests on behalf of clients to settle apportionment of liability and claims following marine casualty investigations and collation of relevant evidence.

Intervention on board vessels as surveyor on behalf of P&I Clubs as well as hull and cargo insurers.

Advisor to vessel owners, insurers and their representatives in connection with strategies and management of claims and disputes.

Interventions on behalf of international underwriters covering freight forwarders, agents, occupiers' liability, movers' liability, ports and terminals.

Provision of expert witness testimony in legal proceedings.

Consultant and Casualty Investigator acting for the Hull Claims Management Service Team of W.K. Webster & Co. Ltd., London and W.K. Webster (International) Pte. Ltd., Singapore.

Consultant for C Solutions Limited.

2006 (Aug to Dec) PanAsian Marine Services Pte. Ltd., Singapore

General Manager

Responsibility for both the day-to-day operation of PanAsian in Singapore, together with the direction and superintendence of the PanAsian network of marine surveyors. Business development in Singapore, the Asia/Far East region and London/European market, including preparation of presentations. Updating and maintenance

of the PanAsian technical library. Casualty investigation and control. Provision of both assistance and direction with claims defence work.

Marine Consultant to Seasia P&I Services Pte. Ltd.

2006 (Jun to Jul) Sabbatical for two months (June and July 2006) to complete writing for contribution towards a legal publication by LexisNexis – A division of Reed Elsevier (Singapore) Pte. Ltd. (See details under ‘Publication’ section).

2004 to 2006 International Surveyors & Adjusters Pte. Ltd., Singapore

Manager, Transport Liability Claims (Asia Pacific).

Managed claims relating to insurance policies covering freight forwarders, agents, occupiers’ liability, movers’ liability, ports and terminals.

In-house Master Mariner for W.K. Webster (International) Pte. Ltd.

Investigation and assessment of shipping casualties, preparing witness statements, liability reports, etc.

2002 to 2004 Maritime Claims & Services Pte. Ltd., Singapore

Surveyor/ Claims Consultant to P&I Club Correspondents

Acted as an International Group P&I Club representative in various cases, including collisions, general average, cargo claims, hull and machinery, quantity disputes, alleged cargo contamination, loss of containers over board, investigations, etc.

Advised P&I Club Members on legal issues and the recommended course of action required to safe guard interests and carried out negotiations on their behalf.

Involved in adjustment and settlement of contract disputes and claims; drafting of contracts, claims releases for various shipping related activities.

Second-party auditor for bulk carrier vetting for RightShip, Australia.

Acted for various P&I Clubs, Shipowners, Charterers, Underwriters and Lawyers.

Surveyor in interventions involving a wide spectrum of matters on behalf of P&I Clubs and their members.

1991– 2002 Neptune Shipmanagement Services (Pte.) Ltd. (NOL). Singapore

Commenced seagoing service onboard NOL container ships in international trade. Transferred to NOL subsidiary American Eagle

Tankers and served as deck officer in the U.S. oil trade onboard Aframax (100,000 DWT) tankers to the rank of Chief Officer. Was on a fast track to command prior to leaving to undertake university studies.

Presentations: *“The “Century Dawn” and Ships Attempting to Cross Traffic Separation Schemes”*

At the 4th ADVOC Maritime Seminar, Singapore, organized by the Advoc Network of International Maritime Law Firms (November 2016)

“A Fusion of Principles and Rules: Expedited Arbitral Determination of Collision Claims and its Potential Application in Cases involving Ships Crossing the Singapore Straits”

At the 19th International Congress of Maritime Arbitrators at Hong Kong, 11th to 15th May 2015

“The “Century Dawn” and Ships Attempting to Cross Traffic Separation Schemes”

At the Inaugural Maritime Safety Forum 2014, Singapore, organized by the Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore (November 2014)

“Enforcement of Maritime Claims, Ship Arrests and Casualty Investigations”

At the Myanmar International Maritime Forum, Yangon, organized by the Department of Marine Administration, Myanmar Maritime University & JTJB International Lawyers (July 2013)

“The Magic of Legal Privilege: now you see it, now you don’t” presented on behalf of Seasia P&I Services, Singapore.

At the 2006 Asian Marine Insurance and Surveying Forum, Mumbai; organized by Asia Conferences Ltd. (October 2006)

“The Institute Hull Clauses”

At Maritime Risk, Insurance & Claims Conference organized by Centre for Management Technology, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia (September 2005).

“Claims Management Overview”.

At Maritime Risk, Insurance & Claims Conference organized by Centre for Management Technology, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia (September 2005).

“Claims Case Study”

Addressing various departments of a port.

At Westport, Port Klang, Malaysia; organized by Allianz Marine & Aviation (UK) Ltd. (April 2005).

Publication: Contributor to *Halsbury’s Laws of Singapore 2006 Ed., Shipping Volume 17(2)*.

Chapter 5: Masters, Officers and Crew; Chapter 6: Safety and Health; and Chapter 7: Pilotage and Towage.

Main Contributor to *Halsbury's Laws* of Singapore 2011 Ed., Shipping Volume 17(3).

Re-issue of chapters from 2006 Ed. and contribution of a new chapter on 'Navigation'.

Dissertation: "The Starsin: Contemplating the Identity of the Contractual Carrier."

Arbitration: Panel Arbitrator of The Singapore Institute of Arbitrators.

Chairman of Tribunal, in a charterparty dispute under LMAA 2012 Terms and the English Arbitration Act 1996 (January 2017).

Party Representative in an SIAC Arbitration involving a dispute on whether a contract had been formed in relation to leasing of space onboard a Floating Storage and Offloading (FSO) vessel. (November 2016).

Admitted to attend ICC Masterclass for Arbitrators, conducted by the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC), Institute of World Business Law (Jan 2014).

Sat as Sole Arbitrator in a representation dispute conducted under the Rules of Arbitration of the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC).

Sat as Sole Arbitrator in a charterparty dispute involving reduced insurance compensation resulting from alleged acts or omissions of the parties concerned.

Appointed as Arbitrator by cargo interests in a matter where international entities were involved in a dispute over bill of lading losses.

Appointed as Dispute Resolution Consultant, Advisor and Representative to various clients in connection with their arbitration proceedings.

Appointed as expert witness in an arbitration conducted under London Maritime Arbitrators Association (LMAA) Rules.

Primary witness of fact in connection with Lloyd's Salvage arbitration in a dispute on salvage remuneration arising from a Lloyd's Open Form (LOF) salvage contract.

Honorary Secretary, Singapore Maritime Arbitrators Association.

Auditing: Completed auditor training for ISO9001:2000 Quality Management Systems incorporating the International Safety Management (ISM) Code for the Safe Operation of Ships and Pollution Prevention (2004).