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### Practice

Arbitration as Counsel and as Arbitrator  
Commercial Litigation  
Injunctions & Arrests  
Insurance & Reinsurance  
International Trade & Transport  
Mediation as Counsel and as Mediator  
Professional Negligence  
Shipping & Admiralty

As Counsel Chris Smith has a broad based commercial practice covering all aspects of domestic and international commercial work, with particular emphasis on wet and dry shipping, professional negligence and related areas such as marine and non marine insurance and reinsurance. Chris' practice involves advisory work, mediation, litigation in the Court of Appeal and all divisions of the High Court, and arbitration both in England and Wales and abroad including Hong Kong, Korea, Singapore and Dubai. Chris also accepts appointments as an arbitrator (both as sole and as part of a three person tribunal) and is a CEDR Accredited Mediator.

### Career

1989 Call: Inner Temple  
2009 Silk

<b>Education</b>	1987 LLB (First Class Hons), Southampton University
<b>Awards</b>	1988 Duke of Edinburgh Scholarship
<b>Languages</b>	French (working knowledge), German (working knowledge)
<b>Member</b>	Chartered Institute of Arbitrators Commercial Bar Association (COMBAR) London Common Law and Commercial Bar Association London Maritime Arbitrators Association (Supporting Member) CEDR Exchange London Court of International Arbitration The Baltic Exchange Emirates Maritime Arbitration Centre (Arbitrators Panel and Mediators Panel)
<b>Publications</b>	<u><i>LOF 90 and the New Salvage Convention</i></u> (LLP, 1991, with Gerald Darling QC)  <u><i>Seafarer's Rights</i></u> (Contributor) (OUP 2005)  <u><i>Scrutton on Charterparties and Bills of Lading</i></u> (Co-Editor) (Thomson Sweet and Maxwell 2015)

## Specific Areas

### Mediation

Many of the cases in which Chris acts as Counsel are referred to mediation and he has extensive experience of acting as counsel at mediations. He is also regularly involved in advising parties preparing for mediation, even when not instructed to attend the actual mediation.

Chris is a CDER accredited mediator and accepts appointments to act as sole mediator and also as joint mediator.

His mediation experience includes:

- sole mediator in a dispute concerning the refitting of a sailing yacht
- assistant mediator in a dispute between the trustees of a charitable trust
- joint mediator in a dispute arising under a distribution agreement
- assistant mediator in an employment dispute
- assistant mediator in a professional negligence dispute.
- sole mediator in a dispute concerning income from a sporting event

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