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Summary

As ever, things are changing and I am in a new phase, teaching maritime and international trade law mostly now within the shipping and trade sector and have moved a little further away from the "pure academic" world. I continue in my efforts to bring the law to the traders and the trade practice to the lawyers.

I am consultant course leader with Warsash Maritime Academy (Solent University) for the (brilliant!) Postgraduate Diploma in International Trade & Maritime Law (by distance learning), and am also course leader for the BSc in Shipping, Trade & Transport at HST Hamburg (validated by London Metropolitan University), a course which lies at the heart of the shipping and trade industry in Hamburg. As ever, I continue to be involved with the Institute of Chartered Shipbrokers, and teach for the Institute's London Shipping School, both on the law courses for the Institute's qualifying examinations, and also on bespoke legal training courses offered by the School.

In addition, I am visiting lecturer at Cass Business School (City University) and (newly with) Westminster University Law School. Before going into academia, I qualified as a barrister and worked in P&I.

I am experienced in teaching maritime and international trade law to those in the industry and I have particular expertise in teaching those coming to law as a discrete subject. As anyone who has been on a law course with me will attest, I am happily delighted by the policy vagaries of English common law and adept at enabling those coming to the law from the trade to understand how the law "works", and how English law meets the needs of a frequently commercially volatile market.

I have been speaking regularly at both trade and academic seminars for some 20 years, and speak at and chair training events and seminars organised by the commercial organisations. I also undertake bespoke inhouse training programmes.

Experience

London Metropolitan University
Principal Lecturer in Maritime and International Trade Law
September 1997 - February 2014 (16 years 6 months)
London

- * Teaching at postgraduate and professional level
- * Supervision of dissertation and PhD students
- * Director of the Law Faculty's Postgraduate Diploma in Maritime Law by distance learning
- * Acting as judge in Faculty and national mooting competitions

Education

1982/84 The University of Buckingham
Bachelor of Laws (LLB)

1985/86 Inns of Court School of Law
BVC Finals

1993/95 The London School of Economics
LLM in International Commercial Law