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Simon is also the Honorary Secretary of London Maritime Arbitrators Association. In this capacity, he advises on and lectures about a wide range of issues which arise under the Arbitration Act 1996. He is a barrister with over thirty years experience of arbitrating and litigating shipping cases. He was counsel in a number of leading shipping or arbitration cases. He appeared as counsel in a number of wreck inquiries. He practiced from Quadrant Chambers and served as the deputy head of those chambers for a number of years. He is now a door tenant of those chambers.

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