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Profile

Lianjun Li (M.Sc., LL.M., FCI Arb) has been a partner of Reed Smith Richards Butler since 2004. Lianjun is the head of the firm's shipping practice. He qualified as a solicitor in Hong Kong, England and Wales in 2002. He has extensive experience in shipping disputes (charterparty problems, ship purchase and sale disputes, bill of lading and cargo claims, P&I matters, ship casualties), international trade and commodity disputes, documentary credit issues, ship finance and sale and purchase, international commercial and shipping arbitration and in practical and legal aspects of doing business, negotiation and litigation in China.

He is a fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, a listed arbitrator of the Hong Kong International Arbitrator Centre, a Panel Arbitrator of the China International Economic Arbitration Commission (CIETAC), China Maritime Arbitration Commission (CMAC), Shanghai International Economic and Trade Arbitration Commission (Shanghai International Arbitration Centre), South China Economic and Trade Arbitration Commission (Shenzhen Court of International Arbitration), Wuhan, Qingdao Rizhao and Xiamen Arbitration Commissions. He is also a panel arbitrator at Kuala Lumpur Regional Centre for Arbitration, Singapore Chamber of Maritime Arbitration and Arbitration Centre Across the Straits. He is the visiting professor of Dalian Maritime University, Shanghai Maritime University, Jimei University and Korean University. He is also the member of Hong Kong Maritime and Port Board.

Lianjun studied and worked at Dalian Maritime University and Stockholm University before he came to work in Hong Kong in 1993. He was qualified as second officer for ocean going vessel and worked at seas over two years.

Education

- Dalian Maritime University, 1984, Bachelor of Society Degree
- Dalian Maritime University, 1989, Postgraduate in International Economic Law
- World Maritime University, 1990, Master of Science in Maritime Administration



- Stockholm University, 1993, Master of Comparative Laws
- The Manchester Metropolitan University, 1999, Postgraduate Diploma in Law (Common Professional Examination)
- University of Hong Kong, 2000, Postgraduate Certificate in Laws

Honours and Awards

Ranked as Band 1 in Shipping Litigation (China) by Chambers Asia-Pacific 2017

- Chambers Asia-Pacific 2017 states that “clients say that his advice is practical and helpful, and he has a strong commercial mind. In a highlight, he represented Top Gains Minerals Macao Commercial Offshore in a sales agreement dispute, successfully maintaining the client's Mareva injunction against TL Resources.”
- Chambers Asia-Pacific 2016 states that “He is applauded for his focus on client service and also receives particular acclaim for his Greater China practice. He recently represented China National Chartering in a case involving unsafe ports.”
- Chambers Asia-Pacific 2015 states that “Clients praise Li Lianjun for his "very constructive and helpful advice.” He is also admired as an "experienced, professional, dedicated and responsive" practitioner. He acts on a number of the firm's major matters and his recent highlights include advising China National Chartering on a USD190 million charter party dispute.”

Listed as a Leading Individual by Legal 500 Asia- Pacific 2017.

- Legal 500 Asia-Pacific 2017 states that “Lianjun Li is ‘one of the best maritime lawyers in Hong Kong’”
- Legal 500 Asia-Pacific 2016 states that Lianjun is ‘particularly good and able to explain complicated legal opinions to Chinese clients in Mandarin’;
- Legal 500 Asia-Pacific 2015 states that the team lead by Lianjun is an excellent team which provides professional and efficient service to P&I clubs, charterers, shipowners and shipbuilders.

Employment History

1984 – 1988	Dalian Maritime University, Dalian China
1991 – 1992	Maritime and Transportation Institution of Faculty of Law of Stockholm University, Stockholm, Sweden



1993 – 2002	Sinclair Roche and Temperley
2002 - 2008	Richards Butler Hong Kong
2008 - 2011	Richards Butler in Association with Reed Smith LLP
2011 to now	Reed Smith Richards Butler

Professional Affiliations

- Chartered Institute of Arbitrators – Fellow
- Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre – Listed Arbitrator
- London Maritime Arbitrators Association – Supporting Member and the member of the LMAA Supporting Members Liaison Committee (Asia Pacific)
- China International Economic Arbitration Commission - Panel Arbitrator
- China Maritime Arbitration Commission – Panel Arbitrator
- South China Economic and Trade Arbitration Commission (Shenzhen Court of International Arbitration) – Panel Arbitrator
- Shanghai International Economic and Trade Arbitration Commission (Shanghai International Arbitration Centre) – Panel Arbitrator
- Qingdao Arbitration Commission – Panel Arbitrator
- Xiamen Arbitration Commission – Panel Arbitrator
- Wuhan Arbitration Commission – Panel Arbitrator
- Rizhao Arbitration Commission – Panel Arbitrator
- Kuala Lumpur regional Centre for Arbitration – Panel Arbitrator
- Arbitration Centre Across the Straits – Panel Arbitrator
- Singapore Chambers of Maritime Arbitration
- China Maritime Law Association – Council Member / Director
- Dalian Maritime University – Visiting Professor



- Korea University – Visiting Professor
- Jimei University – Visiting Professor
- Shanghai Maritime University – Visiting Professor
- Hong Kong Maritime and Port Board – Member

Recent experiences

- LNG/Oil/Gas/Commercial transactions:
 - Reviewing, drafting, negotiating 25 years’ time charters and joint ventures contracts for LNG vessels;
 - Reviewing and advising clients on a 30 years oil supply contract;
 - Reviewing and advising clients on a 30 years gas supply contract;
 - Advising the clients on various shipping and commodities contracts and transactions
- MV Ocean Victory – Act for the Defendant in this landmark case on the issue of unsafe ports and safe port warranties (matter value USD190 million). The Defendant was successful at the Court of Appeal, and the judgment, which reversed the first instance judgment, was handed down in January 2015. The Plaintiff owners decided to appeal, and the Supreme Court of the United Kingdom upheld the decision of the Court of Appeal on 10 May 2017;
- MV Bulk Jupiter – Act for the time charterers of the bulk carrier “Bulk Jupiter” which was lost in the South China Sea on or about 2 January 2015 to deal with the charterparty dispute. This is a dispute concerning the alleged risks of liquefaction as regards the carriage of bauxite cargoes. This is also the first case relating to the sinking of vessel carrying bauxite cargoes;
- In Shagang South-Asia (Hong Kong) Trading Co. Ltd v Daewoo Logistics [2015] EWHC 194 (Comm), we represented Shagang South-Asia (Hong Kong) Trading Co. Ltd. and successfully challenged the jurisdiction of the sole arbitrator. The English Court has acknowledged Hong Kong’s position as a respected arbitration forum;
- MV Nasco Diamond – Represented the charterers of this vessel which loaded nickel ore, defending a claim (with the value of USD60 million);
- Drafting and advising on voyage charters / COA, time charter parties, ship management contracts, bareboat charters, shipbuilding contracts, sale and purchase of vessels;



- Advising and conducting shipping litigation on behalf of shipowners, charterers, P&I Clubs, insurers and cargo interests in Hong Kong and England;
- Advising the clients on cross-border shipping insolvency matters;
- Advising and conducting arbitrations in various jurisdictions including Hong Kong, England, PRC and Singapore

Publications

- *Maritime Law and Practice in China*, co-author, Informa Law, February 2017
- *The Chinese Shipping Industries Opens Up*, China Law & Practice, October 2015
- *Maritime Law and Practice in Hong Kong*, co-author for the chapters of Voyage Charter, Time Charter, Sweet & Maxwell (2015),
- *Taxing Times for International Shippers Operating in the PRC*, Reed Smith Client Alerts (2015)
- *High Court Rules on Inconsistency in Charterparty Arbitration Clause and Applicable Curial Law*, Hong Kong Lawyer, 2015 April
- *Recent Hong Kong Court Judgments on Ship Manager's Claims and Their Practical Implications, Current Issues in Hong Kong and International Maritime Law*, 2015, City University School of Law
- *The Effect of Iran Sanction on Shipping Industry*, Chinese Journal of Maritime Law, 2014 Vol.3
- *Reason of Challenging Arbitral Award and the Remedy after the Award setting Aside*, Chinese Journal of Maritime Law, 2013 Vol.4
- *Hong Kong Maritime Insurance Law Update*, The Asia Business Lawyer, 2013 Vol.12, The Korea University Legal Research Institute
- *Review on Hong Kong Ship Registration and Relevant Issues*, Review on the Law of Ship Finance 2013, 2013, Shanghai Pujiang Education Press,
- *Study on the Law of Hong Kong Freight Forwarding Agent*, Chinese Journal of Maritime Law, 2012 Vol.4
- *Study of the Pirates' effect on Marine Insurance Contract and Carriage of Goods*



Contract, 2012 Eassy Collection of the Mainland, Taiwan, Hong Kong and Macau Conference on Maritime Law

- *Special Libility Rules: Marine Transportation*, Legal and Judicial Training Eassy Collection, 2011, Legal and Judicial Training Center
- *Comment on the Effect of Rotterdam Rules on the Arbitration under Carrige of Goods by Sea Contract*, 2010 Eassy Collection of The Mainland, Taiwan and Hong Kong Conference on Maritime Law
- *Whose act can cause the loss of shipowner's right to restrict its liability*, Study on Maritime Law Issues, 2008, Dalian Maritime University Press
- *Law and Practice of Ship Finance*, Eassy Collection of Conference of Maritime Law, 2008
- The International Comparative Legal Guide to: Commodities and Trade Law 2006, Chapter 7, published by Global Legal Group
- *Court's Role in Support of Arbitration Procedure – on Reform of Arbitration Law of the PRC*, Eassy Collection of the 5th International Conference on Mariitme Law , 2002 , China Maritime Law Asociation
- *One Country – Two System: A Comparison of Some Aspects of Maritime Procedure Law in People's Republic of China and Hong Kong*, International Maritime Law 2000 7(5)
- *The Maritime Code of the People's Republic of China*, Lloyd's Maritime and Commercial Quarterly, May 1993

Recent Speaking Engagements

- 12 December 2016, Shipping Seminar in Shanghai Maritime University, *The Law and Practice of Shipping Companies' Cross-border Insolvency*, Shanghai PRC
- 17 November 2016, Seminar in Pingan Insurance (Group) Company of China, Ltd., *The Latest Develoemtn of English Insurance Law and the Law and Practice of Foreign-related Maritime Claims*, Shanghai PRC
- 12 November 2016, 9th East Asia Maritime Law Forum, *A Review and Update on the Law and Practice of Carriage of Cargoes that may Liquefy* , Souel, Korea



- 18 October 2016, China P&I Seminar, *The Latest Development of Shipping Law and Practice*, Guiyang, PRC
- 15 October 2016, China Lawyer Maritime Law Training Session, *How to Act in the Foreign Maritime Litigation, Arbitration and P&I Club Cases*, Ningbo, PRC
- 28 June 2016, COSCO (Hong Kong) Insurance Broker Ltd. Seminar, *Introduction to the OW Bunker Case*, Shenzhen, PRC
- 25 June 2016, Conference of Zhejiang Lawyers Association, *The Law and Practice of Shipping Companies' Cross-border Insolvency*, Hangzhou PRC
- 13 May 2016, Shipping Seminar in Dalian Maritime University, *Current Issues in International Shipping and Trading Law*, Dalian
- 26 April 2016, Shipping Finance Law Conference, *The Rights and Remedies for the Owners when the Charterers Breached the Ship Finance Contracts*, Tianjin PRC
- 7 April 2016, 9th Annual Marine Money Hong Kong Ship Finance Forum, *“Belt and Road Initiative” and “China’s 13th Five Year Plan” and the Role of Hong Kong*, Hong Kong
- 27 November 2015, Legal Conference on “One Belt One Road” and PRC’s “GO Global” Strategy, *The Law and Practice of Shipping Disputes Resolution under “One Belt One Road” Policy*, Guangzhou PRC
- 13 October 2015, International Conference of Maritime Law 2015, *A Review of English Law on Towage and Comparison with Chinese Law*, Dalian PRC
- 8 October 2015, Hong Kong Shipping Seminar 2015, *Update on OW Issues*, Hong Kong
- 29 September 2015, Joint Mission Trip by the Hong Kong Shipowners Association (HKSOA) and Hong Kong Maritime Industry Council (MIC) to Athens, *Hong Kong’s Maritime Law and Arbitration Service*, Athens, Greece
- 10 September 2015, Qingdao Maritime Service Conference, *Hong Kong’s Maritime Law and Arbitration Services*, Qingdao PRC
- 11 May 2015, International Conference of Maritime Arbitration XIX 2015, *Recognition of the Incorporation of Arbitration Clauses into Bills of Lading under PRC law and its Practical Implications*, Hong Kong
- 6 May 2015, 6th Great China Arbitration Forum, *Hong Kong Arbitration Law Update*



and Its Implications on Mainland and Taiwan, Shanghai PRC

- 13 November 2014, Hong Kong Shipping Seminar 2014, *Latest Developments in Shipping Law*, Hong Kong