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**Chartered Institute of Arbitrators - London Branch  
Joint Seminar with the LMAA**

**“CURRENT ISSUES in MARITIME ARBITRATION”**

**Rt Hon. Lord Justice Tomlinson, Ian Gaunt, Elizabeth Birch and Clare Kempkens**

**Chaired by Hew R Dundas**

***Hosted by Ince & Co LLP, International House, 1 St Katharine's Way, London E1W 1UN***

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The LMAA and CI Arb have been working closely together since the LMAA was founded in 1960 and LMAA Presidents John Chesterman, Cedric Barclay, Clifford Clark and Bruce Harris have also presided over or chaired the CI Arb. This is the latest in a series of joint CI Arb LMAA Seminars and we are very pleased to have such a distinguished panel of speakers to examine current issues in maritime arbitration.

At the March 2006 Seminar in this series, we said “Maritime arbitration is presently in a highly dynamic period, both in London and elsewhere. London's significant contribution to that dynamism, and the quality of London maritime arbitration, is internationally accepted.” Does that remain the case ? What alternatives are there ? Is maritime arbitration adapting to changing times ?

The CI Arb London Branch and the LMAA are pleased to announce this timeous Seminar where the speakers will address the topic from their differing perspectives:

- ◆ A Judicial Perspective – Rt Hon. Lord Justice Tomlinson
- ◆ An Arbitrator's Perspective - Ian Gaunt (Maritime Arbitrator and Hon.Sec LMAA)
- ◆ A Law Firm Perspective – Clare Kempkens (Partner Ince & Co LLP)
- ◆ A Mediator's Perspective – Elizabeth Birch, Arbitrator & Mediator (3 Verulam Buildings)

Rt Hon Lord Justice Tomlinson was appointed as such in July 2010. He was called to the Bar in 1974 and became QC in 1988, a Recorder in 1995, a Deputy High Court Judge in 1996 and a Judge (in the Commercial Court) 2000. While at the Bar, Sir Stephen was a Supporting Member of the LMAA and frequently sat as an arbitrator.

Ian Gaunt is Hon. Sec. LMAA and is a full-time practising maritime arbitrator. Until 2008 he was senior Vice President of Carnival Corporation plc, the world's leading cruise ship operator, and responsible for the implementation of the group's extensive ship construction programme. Before that he was a partner in Sinclair Roche & Temperley for some 20 years specialising in shipbuilding contracts, sale and purchase and ship finance. He will address issues relating to the current role of the LMAA, appeals from LMAA awards, costs of LMAA arbitration [and the relations between the LMAA and its supporting members].

Clare Kempkens is a partner in Ince & Co in London. She focuses on energy and offshore matters, and during her career has been involved in a number of large disputes with a heavy technical content. These include claims concerning the design, engineering and construction of a variety of offshore units, as well as a series of onshore drilling and engineering issues. She will speak on “Enforcing Agreements to Arbitrate”.

Elizabeth Birch was a member of the Commercial Bar in London 1980-2003, giving up advocacy in 2003 to practise full time as arbitrator and mediator. She is a Full Member of the LMAA and a Panel Member of the SCMA, and also sits in ICC, LCIA, AAA/ICDR and CPR cases. Elizabeth has been mediating maritime disputes since 1996 and is a Distinguished Fellow of the International Academy of Mediators (IAM) in California. She will speak on mediation in the context of shipping disputes.

The format for the evening will be these four presentations, each lasting approx. 18 minutes, followed by debate from the floor; in particular, it is intended that this be debate as opposed to conventional questions.

The Seminar will be chaired by Hew R Dundas, Chairman CI Arb London Branch, Past President CI Arb (2007), Supporting Member LMAA and Panel Mediator at the Baltic Exchange.

Ince & Co is renowned for its first class arbitration practice. Its international reputation has been built because it advises on and conducts arbitrations in the shipping, insurance & reinsurance, trade and commodities, investment, construction, engineering, telecommunications and energy sectors. More than 80 of its partners and 150 associates specialise in contentious matters. Ince & Co knows, and is well known to, many of the most highly regarded commercial arbitrators worldwide.

Following the Seminar, Ince & Co LLP will kindly host a Reception for the speakers and all attendees.

There will be no charge to attend this meeting but since interest in this Seminar is expected to be substantial, attendees **MUST** register in advance with the Administrator CI Arb London Branch by e-mailing [elinor@thevirtualpartnership.co.uk](mailto:elinor@thevirtualpartnership.co.uk)