

JIM HARRISON

Jim Harrison was the Legal Director to the Lloyd's Register Group for over 20 years and has worked as an in-house lawyer for 34 years - firstly with the U.S. engineering company, Brown & Root, Inc., and then for Lloyd's Register of Shipping, worldwide. Jim has worked in a number of legal fields including commercial law, maritime law, employment law, competition law, public international law and in multi-party litigation in many jurisdictions including the U.S., Canada, Australia, Hong Kong, the Middle East, mainland Europe and the UK. Jim is a Solicitor of the Supreme Court of England & Wales and he is a founder member of the London Shipping Law Centre. He is also a member of the City of London Law Society and Solicitors' Company. He is the Deputy Chairman of the Board of Governors of IMLI and he is the Chairman of IMLI's Finance & Personnel Sub-Committee. He has also been the longest-serving Chairman of the International Association of Classification Societies' Legal Experts Group. He also lectures on legal subjects at Southampton University's School of Maritime Law and Newcastle University's School of Marine Engineering.

Jim has helped to defend Lloyd's Register in a significant number of high value and high profile legal cases and public inquiries including before appellate and supreme courts in different jurisdictions on different continents, including before a U.S. Congressional Investigation in Washington, D.C. These cases and public inquiries have involved large ships that have sunk with all crew members and cargo, a cruise ship that was set on fire and resulted in 159 deaths, jumbo-ised ships that have broken in two, the Piper Alpha and Deepwater Horizon oil rig blow-outs, fires and fatalities, explosions in oil refineries, various catastrophic crane and other lifting appliance failures, train failures and numerous yacht litigations. This has necessitated finding, choosing, instructing, managing and working closely with some of the best litigators in the world, including top Queen's Counsel and other expert advocates, insurers and expert witnesses.