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Serdar Isik is a Naval Architect and a Chartered Engineer. He holds a Bachelor of Science (BSc) degree with Honours in Naval Architecture and Shipbuilding and a Master of Business Administration (MBA) degree in Management. He joined Brookes Bell in January 2011 as an Associate and became a Partner in May 2017.

His main expertise is in ship classification, statutory regulations, casualties, surveys, ship structures and ship stability. This includes ship structural condition and hull damages, quality in ship design and construction. He has been involved in some high-profile cases and given evidence in arbitration.

Prior to joining Brookes Bell, Serdar worked for over 23 years for a leading ship classification society and for a flag administration. During this period he gained great experience in plan approval, surveys and audits for new buildings, ships in service, naval materials, statutory conventions, computations for tonnage and load lines, approvals of manuals (such as stability, cargo securing, SOPEP and navigation lights), rules development, ship damages, project management and general management.

Serdar started his career in ship classification working for Bureau Veritas in London and Newcastle, including plan approval of ship structures, naval architectural computations, surveys for ships in service and new buildings.

As the Assistant Manager of Bureau Veritas' Regional Marine Centre in Dubai he was responsible for key decisions on classification of ships, survey regimes and certification. He was also in charge of the Middle East Regional Tonnage and Load Line Office.

In Paris, Serdar worked in the Head Office of Bureau Veritas for 11.5 years. He was the Assistant Manager of Ships in Service Department, including managing internal quality procedures for classification surveyors. He developed and for 7 years managed the Damage and Repair Control Centre, which monitored the classed fleet of over 8000 ships, supported the survey network, ship owners on ship damages and repairs. He held the position of Principal Surveyor in Rule Development, mainly on ultra-large container ships (ULCS). He chaired the International Association of Classification Societies (IACS) Working Group on Bulk, Liquids, Gases and was the Project Manager of the IACS Project Team for the harmonization of the prescriptive aspects of the Common Structural Rules (CSR). He was responsible for the creation and management of the Maritime Labour Department, in preparation for the Maritime Labour Convention (MLC), 2006. He was a representative Member in the IACS Expert Group for MLC, 2006. He is qualified as an Official Trainer for MLC, 2006 by the International Labour Organisation (ILO).

Serdar was based in Grand Cayman for 3 years as a Marine Surveyor (Naval Architect) for the Cayman Islands Shipping Registry, a Category 1 Register under the Red Ensign Group. In addition to his duties for statutory certification, surveys and audits in accordance with national and international requirements, he was responsible for monitoring the work delegated to the recognised classification societies and for the effective implementation of the MCA "Code of Practice for the Safety of Large Commercial Sailing and Motor Vessels" (LY1) for mega yachts in the register.

Serdar has extensive knowledge on ship structures and stability, classification rules and statutory regulations. He has lectured extensively in naval architecture and ship structural damages.

Professional Status

Chartered Engineer, The Engineering Council

Academic Qualifications

Higher National Diploma (HND) in Naval Architecture and Shipbuilding, Southampton College of Higher Education (1984)

Bachelor of Science (BSc) with Honours in Naval Architecture and Shipbuilding, University of Newcastle upon Tyne (1986)

Master of Business Administration (MBA), Durham University Business School (2007)

Professional Qualifications

International Safety Management (ISM) Code Lead Auditor

ISO 9000 Lead Auditor

ILO official trainer for the Maritime Labour Convention (MLC), 2006

Membership of Professional Bodies

Fellow of the Royal Institution of Naval Architects, UK

Member of the Society of Naval Architects and Marine Engineers, USA

Employment History

May 2017-Present	Partner, Brookes Bell
2011- April 2017	Associate, Brookes Bell
2010	Manager, Maritime Labour Department, Bureau Veritas, Paris
2008-2009	Principal Surveyor, Development Department, Bureau Veritas, Paris
2000-2007	Manager, Damage and Repair Department, Bureau Veritas, Paris
1999-2000	Assistant Manager, Classification and Procedures Department (DPC), Bureau Veritas, Paris
1996-1999	Marine Surveyor (Naval Architect), Cayman Islands Shipping Registry, Grand Cayman, BWI
1995-1996	Assistant Manager, Middle East Regional Marine Centre, Bureau Veritas, Dubai, UAE
1991-1995	Surveyor, District Office and British Plan Approval Office, Bureau Veritas, Newcastle upon Tyne
1987-1991	Surveyor, British Central Office, Bureau Veritas, London

Additional Information

- Fluent in Turkish (mother tongue) and French
- Council Member, the Royal Institution of Naval Architects (RINA) London Branch (2012-)
- Council Member, RINA (2002-2008)
- Honorary Joint Secretary of the French Branch of RINA (2001-2010)
- Lectured at Brookes Bell's Sharp End course, Liverpool (2011)
- Visiting lecturer on ship structures, French National Merchant Marine College (ENMM), Le Havre, France (2006-2007)
- Visiting lecturer on Inclining Experiments, World Maritime University (WMU), Malmö, Sweden (2004)
- Completed "The International Ship and Port Facility Security (ISPS) Code" Lead Auditor course (2006)
- Completed "The Witness Familiarisation" Bond Solon course (2011)
- BOSIET qualification for UK and Norwegian offshore sectors (2014)

- Presentations at conferences:
 - "*Learning from Damages and Casualties – contribution from class*", Learning from Marine Incidents Conference, London (2006)
 - "*An overview of the more common failures encountered in different ship structures*", Analysing and Managing Structural Failures Seminar, London (2007 and 2009)
 - "*The challenges posed by the increase of shipbuilding in China on ship classification*", International Marine Claims Conference, Dublin (2011)
 - "*Hull Structural Damages*", RINA Joint Meeting with IMarEST, HCCM, NI, RIN and BACS on HQS Wellington, London (2015)
 - "*Buckling Failures in Ship Structures*", The Society of Naval Architects & Marine Engineers, Western Europe Section, London (2015)