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Alan Smaridge is a chemistry graduate and a Chartered Chemist. Alan worked initially as an analytical development chemist for a cosmetics & soap manufacturer before switching to the petroleum industry in 1982. He started out in this field as a laboratory chemist for an oil inspection company, analysing an extensive range of petroleum products and chemicals, later becoming a chemist inspector, gaining a wide knowledge of sampling, inspection and measurement procedures both in the U.K. and overseas.

Alan worked as an independent chemist surveyor & consultant for more than 20 years before joining Brookes Bell as a partner in 2009 where he continues to apply his experience to disputes involving a diverse range of commodities carried by road, rail and sea, including crude oil, numerous petroleum products and petrochemicals through to sophisticated pharmaceuticals.

Alan has set-up and participated in numerous joint analysis investigations and is experienced in conducting field surveys aboard tankers, at refineries and storage installations worldwide. He has particular experience of bunker quality disputes and the chemistry of bunker fuel, and has served on several Institute of Petroleum technical panels.

Alan is an experienced expert witness and has prepared many reports and technical papers for use in arbitrations and High Court proceedings.

### **Academic Qualifications**

B.Sc. Joint Hons. in Applied Science, University of Wales Institute of Science & Technology, Cardiff. Main subjects Pure & Applied Chemistry.

## **Membership of Professional Bodies**

Member of the Royal Society of Chemistry (since 1981).  
Chartered Chemist Status (MRSC CCHEM).

## **Professional Appointments**

Served on the following Institute of Petroleum test method standardization committees:-  
ST-B-4 Panel on flammability.  
ST-B-10 Panel on general tests (fuels & light distillates).

## **Particular Scientific and Consultancy Expertise**

The investigation of quality disputes and shortage claims involving petroleum, chemical, LPG and vegetable oil cargoes. Investigative surveys on vessels, at shore installations and refineries on a worldwide basis, on behalf of cargo underwriters, P&I Clubs, oil companies, oil traders and shipowners. Testimony at arbitration and litigation proceedings.

## **Surveying and Consultancy Employment**

2009-present	Partner, Brookes Bell.
1993-2009	Independent Chemist Surveyor & Consultant retained by Minton, Treharne & Davies Ltd.
1988-1992	Independent Chemist Surveyor & Consultant retained by T.J. Gunner & Sons Ltd.
1986-1988	T.J. Gunner & Sons Ltd. - Chemist/Surveyor

## **Analytical Chemist and Inspector Employment**

1985-1986	Inspectorate Ltd. - Senior Inspector/Chemist in the Oil Division
1982-1985	Watson Gray (Analysts) Ltd. - Chemist/Inspector
1978-1982	Yardley Manufacturing Ltd. - Analytical Development