



Marine, Scientific and Technical
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John Gibson is a chartered engineer with a Combined First Class Certificate of Competency and the additional academic qualifications of an M.Eng degree, with Distinction, in Mechanical and Manufacturing Engineering and a First Class B.Eng (Hons) degree in Mechanical and Marine Engineering. He joined Brookes Bell in 1996, became an associate in 1999, and has been a partner since May, 2001.

His main area of surveying experience is with regard to damage to hull, machinery and shore installations. He has also been involved in matters relating to ship stability and structural failure, and has provided advice on a range of marine engineering-related matters. He has extensive knowledge with regard to LNG and LPG vessels, including their containment, pumping and associated equipment. Also, he has experience of re-activation, lay-up, drydocking and gas trials of LNG vessels.

His second area of specialist activity is with condition surveys of vessels, particularly tankers and gas/chemical vessels, and he was, prior to joining Brookes Bell, involved in vetting ships for use by oil majors.

He has also undertaken investigation and provided advice on a range of matters, including collisions, fires, strandings, salvage and contractual disputes. John has also reported on fatal and non-fatal fires on vessels and is a member of the Institution of Fire Engineers.

He has prepared technical reports for, and has given evidence as an expert witness in, arbitrations and at court hearings, both for the UK and Europe.

Before becoming a marine surveyor, John Gibson was at sea for twenty years, serving on a wide variety of vessel types, including bulk carriers, general cargo liners, and oil and gas tankers from 20,000 to 200,000 tonnes deadweight, in all ranks from cadet to senior second engineer. He has more than ten years' experience on LNG and LPG carriers, both as second engineer, and also sailing as cargo engineer, where he was responsible for the containment, pumping and associated equipment.

Professional Qualifications

First Class Certificate of Competency (Steam and Motor).

Academic Qualifications

Bachelor of Engineering degree with First Class Honours in Mechanical and Marine Engineering.

Master of Engineering degree in Mechanical and Manufacturing Engineering, with Distinction.

Professional Status and Membership of Professional Bodies

Chartered Engineer.

Member of the European Federation of National Engineering Associations.

Member of the Institute of Marine Engineering, Science and Technology.

Member of the Society of Consulting Marine Engineers and Ship Surveyors.

Member of the Institution of Fire Engineers.

Surveying and Consultancy Employment

May 2001-present Partner, Brookes Bell.

1999-2001 Associate, Brookes Bell.

1996-1999 Staff Surveyor, Brookes Bell.

Sea-Going Employment

- 1986-1996 Shell Marine Personnel (IOM) Ltd. Second engineer officer on various types of tankers, both turbine and motor, and on gas carriers. Seconded to Shell International Marine Ltd. as ship assessor during this period.
- 1979-1986 Shell Tankers (UK) Ltd. - fifth to third engineer officer.
- 1975-1979 Thos. & Jas. Harrisons Ltd. - engineer cadet officer.

Particular Surveying and Consultancy Experience

Cargo contamination investigations.
Collisions - damage assessment and speed/angle of blow.
Condition surveys.
Damage to harbour installations.
Engine damage failure investigations.
Engine room fire investigations.
Groundings.
High-speed ferry investigations.
LNG/LPG machinery failures/disputes.
New building disputes.
Reefer plant failure investigations.
Sale and purchase MOA disputes.
Stability investigations.
Towing disputes.
Wreck removal and salvage investigations.