



Marine, Scientific and Technical
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Paul Cavagan is a Master Mariner. He joined Brookes Bell in July, 2002 and became an Associate in 2006 and a Partner in 2008.

Prior to joining Brookes Bell, Paul was 14 years at sea, serving on various ship types including clean product tankers, various sizes of crude oil/dirty products tankers up to VLCC size, and LNG carriers. He joined Brooks Bell after serving as Chief Officer within the B.P. Shipping fleet of oil tankers trading worldwide.

His main area of specialist activity is with regard to the safe carriage of various types of crude oil and petroleum products, and a range of nautical matters, including navigation, seamanship, ship handling and port operations including single point and multibuoy berth mooring experience.

Paul has provided expert reports for, and given expert evidence in, both court and arbitration proceedings in the UK.

Professional Qualifications

Master Mariner - Foreign Going

Academic Qualifications

HND Nautical Science

Surveying Employment

May, 2008 Partner, Brookes Bell

2006-2008 Associate, Brookes Bell

2002-2006 Staff Surveyor, Brookes Bell

Sea-Going Employment

1997-2002 B.P. Shipping - Chief Officer

Whilst in the rank of Chief Officer, he was involved in the dry-docking of 4 vessels, at ship repair yards in Singapore, Dubai and Portugal. Duties included the writing of repair specifications, and working with Classification Society Surveyors on all aspects of the vessel's statutory certification. Paul has been involved in the carriage of various types of oil cargo, including those containing high concentrations of hydrogen sulphide, heated and high pour point crude oils, and fuel oils.

1993-1997 B.P. Shipping - Third Officer and Second Officer

Served on product and crude oil tankers and also LNG carriers. Attained Dangerous Cargo Endorsements for Oil and Liquefied Gases. Involved in the dry-docking of oil and LNG tankers.

1989-1993 B.P. Shipping - Deck Cadet

On completion of A-levels, he commenced a cadetship, serving on clean products tankers and crude oil tankers up to VLCC size.

Particular Surveying and Consultancy Experience

Vessel performance disputes.

- Tanker performance/pumping disputes.
- Petroleum and chemical cargo contamination and loss investigations.
- Tanker fire investigations, safety procedures, etc.
- Cargo tank cleanliness disputes.
- Cargo oil tank coating condition inspections.
- Wreck removal.
- Various types of vessel structural damage and repair, including major grounding damage.
- Safe port/berth investigations.
- Anchor dragging and damage to sea-bed installations.
- Condition surveys of various vessel types.
- Damage to, and repair of, cargo hatch covers.
- Damage to various port installations and structures.
- Pre-purchase surveys.

On-/off-hire and bunker surveys.
Personal injury investigations.
Disputes regarding loss of or maintenance of oil major approval.

Damage to and/or loss of:

Various types of vegetable/edible oil.
Various types of steel cargoes.
Containers and containerised goods.
Various types of bulk and break-bulk cargoes.