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Profession

1. In house lawyer in the **Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG)** Business Unit of ENGIE - Paris La Défense

Legal management of:

- the **fleet of LNG carriers** (up to 20 LNG carriers simultaneously) (ENGIE being **owner** and/or **charterer**):
 - **Negotiation/drafting** of contracts linked to the orders of new LNG carriers : Ship Building Contracts, Demise and Time Charter Parties, Loan Agreement and all the ancillary contracts linked to the financing of LNG Carriers, Joint Venture Agreements with partners in the ownership of LNG carriers;
 - **Negotiation/drafting** of contracts of sales of LNG carriers;
 - **Negotiation/drafting** of contracts of decommissioning of LNG carriers;
 - **Negotiation/drafting** of contracts of Time Charter Parties (hundred);
 - **Negotiation/drafting** of all the ancillary contracts: Agency, repairs, insurance ... etc.
 - **Management of litigation** linked to the above :
 - Disputes (French Courts) for **late deliveries** under **Ship Building Contracts** (dozens million USD/€ at stake);
 - Disputes (French Courts) for **hidden defects** under **Ship Building Contracts** (dozens million USD/€ at stake);
 - Disputes (ICC/LMAA) for **non-performance guarantees** under **Time Charter Parties** (dozens million USD/€ at stake);
 - Dispute (LMAA) for **non-taken of delivery** under a **Sale contract**.
- the **LNG sales and purchases portfolio**:
 - **Negotiation/drafting** of new long-term and mid-term LNG Sale and Purchase Agreements (as Buyer and/or seller) and/or renegotiation of the contracts;
 - **Negotiation/drafting** of the **Price Revision** amendments under the long term LNG Sale and Purchase Agreements and/or renegotiation of the contracts after price revision negotiations;



- **Negotiation/drafting** of the Master LNG Spot Sale and Purchase Agreement (as Buyer or seller) (dozens) and their associated LNG spot sales (hundreds);
 - **Management of the legal risks** all the LNG sales performed in the framework of different contracts chains;
 - **Management of the litigation** linked to the above :
 - Arbitrations (ICC each time) linked to Price Revisions (between dozens million USD/€ at stake and a billion USD/€)
 - Management of disputes linked to hundreds of LNG spot sales.
- of LNG projects:
- **pure maritime projects: Negotiation/drafting of the Ship Building Contracts, Demise and Time Charter Parties** linked to the **order of a LNG Bunkering carrier**, to the order of the **biggest LNG regasification carrier**, to the order of regular LNG carriers;
 - **LNG liquefaction plants projects: Negotiation/drafting of the pre-Front End Engineering and Design Contracts (pre-FEED), Engineering Procurement and Construction Contracts (EPC);**
- of the **contracts of access to European LNG regasification terminals** (UK, Belgium and France)
- of ENGIE's stockholdings in **foreign LNG liquefying & regasification plants** (Egypt and India)

2. **Arbitrator** listed in the **Arbitral Maritime Chamber of Paris** – since 2011

President of several Arbitration Tribunals having settled **shipping disputes**.

Education

- Master 2 in shipping law;
- Paris Bar;

Past professional Experience

- **Lawyer** in the law firm **BOULOY GRELLET & GODIN** - Paris - August 2004 to September 2007

Advice and management of disputes (**200 permanent ongoing files**), including pleadings (**200 approx**), before French, foreign and arbitration courts, in insurance, carriage of goods and passengers by sea, arrest of ships, charter-parties, assistance and salvage, collision, hull and machinery (e.g. fire), general average, maritime pollution (« *Erika* » case), shipbuilding, industrial risks, freight forwarding, customs, contractual and extra-contractual (tort) liabilities, under French, international and foreign law, enforcement procedures.

- **Lawyer** in the law firm **RICHARDS BUTLER** (now **REED SMITH**) - Paris – February 2002 to August 2004

Advice and management of disputes, including pleadings, before French, foreign and arbitration courts, carriage of goods by sea, charter-parties, assistance and salvage, collision, arrest of ships, shipbuilding, international sale of goods, freight forwarding, contractual and extra-contractual (tort) liabilities, under French, international and foreign law, enforcement procedures.

