

KARINA ALBERS FCIArb SHIPPING, COMMODITIES, DERIVATIVES & MARKET STRUCTURE EXPERT

Internationally recognised chartering, commodities and derivatives market expert with extensive experience across OTC and exchange-traded markets spanning shipping, energy, fertiliser, agriculture, carbon, coal, and industrial commodities. Specialist in the interaction between physical commodity markets, OTC derivatives, brokerage, pricing mechanisms, logistics, and regulatory frameworks across global supply chains. Extensive practical experience across the full commodity market ecosystem, including physical trading, derivatives brokerage, electronic trading platforms, market structure, pricing frameworks, and commercial risk management. Experienced advisor, consultant, and expert witness on complex commodity trading, brokerage, and derivatives disputes, with particular expertise in illiquid and developing markets characterised by fragmented liquidity, bilateral OTC structures, and episodic market dislocations.

Karina Albers is an accredited Expert at the Federal Court of New York and has acted as an expert in leading cases in London, New York and Singapore. She is also a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, a Member of the Baltic Exchange, the GMAA and the Expert Witness Institute.

MARKET EXPERTISE

1. Charter Markets
2. OTC Derivative Trading & Brokerage
3. Commodity & Derivatives Markets
4. Freight and Commodity Market Structure & Pricing
5. Electronic Trading Platforms
6. Physical Commodity Logistics & Freight
7. Commercial Risk Management
8. Trading & Brokerage Disputes

EXPERIENCE

2009-present day Consultant, Expert & Arbitrator

2011 Consultant to BALTEX (electronic derivative trading platform)

2011 Cleartrade Exchange (electronic derivative trading platform)

2006-2008 Managing Director Chartering and Sale & Purchase Ernst Russ GmbH & Co KG, Hamburg, Germany

Nov 2002-2005 Special Projects Manager, Derivative and Chartering Manager for Yara Belgium S.A.

1999-Aug 2002 Derivative Account Manager Ifchor S.A., Lausanne, Switzerland

May 97–Dec 98 Derivative Account Manager Howe Robinson and Co. Ltd, London

Feb 95-Apr 97 Account Manager J.E. Hyde & Co. Ltd., Shipbrokers, London

Feb 93-Jan 95 Trainee Shipbroker with Davies & Newman and Tramp Oil in London

PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS & RECOGNITION

- Member of the Baltic Exchange since 1993
- Accredited Expert: LMAA, LCIA, Federal Courts of New York, Singapore & Hong Kong (150+ cases)
- Independent International Arbitrator (100+ appointments)
- Fellow & Past Chair, Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (London Branch)
- Vice-Chair, Energy Arbitration Club
- NGO Representative at UNCITRAL

QUALIFICATIONS

2024 Yale accredited Principled and Persuasive Negotiator
2023 Panel Member of UNUM Transport Arbitration & Mediation
2019 Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators
2018 Panel-Member of the Singapore Chamber of Maritime Arbitrators
2015 Accredited international Mediator (Manousso Mediation Training Houston)
2015 Aspiring Full Member of the LMAA & Practicing Arbitrator
2014 Post-graduate law degree with the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators
1997-1998 SFA registered under GNI Ltd.
1997 Qualified as SFA Futures & Options Trader in London, UK
1990-1992 Shipping Degree, Shipping College, Hamburg