

*We don't believe in law as usual  
For us, law is inspiring...*

## *Our story*

A number of years ago, we decided that we could change the way legal services are delivered. That we could do them better. At gunnercooke, we believe the potential of our clients and our people rests with our ability to free the law and make it work as it should. Today, we attract passionate lawyers and advise with authority: every gunnercooke lawyer has a minimum 10,000 hours practising experience.

Flexibility, transparency and freedom guide everything we do. Flexibility for our people to work how they want. Transparency of cost for our clients because we removed time recordings and billable hours. Freedom for our people and clients to achieve their personal and professional aspirations.

We work with clients that believe tradition is there to be tested, not obeyed. Working together, we help them seek opportunities and push the boundaries of what's possible.

Providing a suite of corporate and commercial legal services, gunnercooke is one of the UK's fastest-growing challenger brands. Proud of what we have achieved, committed to doing more.



## *Clive Thorp*

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### **Overview**

#### **What he's best at:**

Clive celebrates 40 years this year as a shipping solicitor in the City of London advising on all aspects of the shipping industry from time and voyage charters to bills of lading, Marine insurance, letters of credit, sale and purchase contracts, new and second hand shipbuilding contracts and agency disputes. He lectures for Lloyd's Maritime Academy and is an enthusiastic promoter of London arbitration and the Commercial Court.

He has expertise in commodity disputes, such as GAFTA, FOSFA and RSA, and lectures on damages for Lloyds Maritime Academy in relation to Time Charters. He sat on the Law Society's Committee on the 1996 Arbitration Act.

Clive has many years' experience of seize and search orders and freezing orders wherever there is a substantial risk that a debtor will hide his assets. He was instrumental in changing the law on the privilege against self-incrimination.

**Who he works for:**

- Ship owners
- P & I and Defence Clubs
- Charterers
- Shippers
- Receivers and anyone involved in any way in international trade

**Testimonials**

"Plainly Clive loves the law and his enthusiasm for it is infectious and overt. He has a very positive and 'can-do' approach to every aspect of his case management. He is a pragmatist which invariably assures that the client's interests are best served. I have been extremely impressed by his litigation techniques and his ability to separate the wheat from the chaff – in my opinion an important aspect of litigation where there can be a tendency to pursue red herrings that benefit the law firm but not the client." - Graham Ball, FCA Chief Executive, The New Victoria Foundation

"The 'legendary' Clive Thorp remains a key figure; he is a valuable source of sage advice." - Chambers Global: The World's Leading Lawyers. The Client's Guide - United Kingdom for Shipping.

**Recent Publications:**

- The Achilleas - the measure of damages

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**Experience highlights**

- Member of the Law Society's Committee on the 1996 Arbitration Act.
- Many reported cases in the House of Lords (now the Supreme Court), the Court of Appeal and the Commercial Court, and innumerable LMAA arbitrations.