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Has been employed in the Maritime Industry his whole working career with more than 16 years of practical seagoing experience, his extensive knowledge of Dry Cargo operations was obtained while employed by one of the United Kingdom's most respected Shipowners. He served on a variety of vessel types, particularly General Cargo (including heavy lift vessels), Bulk Carriers and Container Vessels. He served in the North Sea and other locations internationally on Offshore Support Vessels (OSVs), Towing, Anchor Handling and Pipe Carriers. His degree specialized in Marine Operations and included courses covering Business and Maritime Law for the Shipmaster, Maritime Economics, Sea Transport Practices, and Maritime Safety at Liverpool Maritime College. Since graduating he has been continuously employed within the Marine Industry gaining valuable across the board knowledge.

During the past thirty five (35) plus years as Marine Consultant and Marine Surveyor, he has become experienced in other areas of the maritime industry, including Dredging Operations, Crude Oil Carriers, Chemical Tankers, etc. and has been retained in numerous legal proceedings, including, but not limited to, expert testimony in dredging, collision/allision cases, personal injuries, steel and general cargoes and safety practices and procedures on board vessels, to name a few. When managing 3D Marine Belize, Ltd., Captain Scruton was responsible for overseeing training of vessel's crews in vessel handling, maneuvering, towing, pushing of both tank and deck barges, and in line handling. In addition, he was Captain of the company vessels for interim periods during on site attendances in Belize.

He has been appointed by Cypriot Government to carry out Safety Administration surveys. Additionally, he has extensive experience with a variety of Pleasure Craft including Sail and Power Yachts, Ski Boats and Personal Water Craft (PWC). He has been appointed as an Expert in a variety of legal cases concerning personal injuries whilst using Personal Water Craft. He is a certified Boaters Education Instructor by The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. He also served on the Board of Governors of The Downtown Club at the Met and the Board of Directors of the Houston Squash Racquets Association. He also serves as an Arbitrator in Maritime disputes. Additionally, he has served on the Board of Directors, including Past President, of the Houston Maritime Arbitrators Association (HMAA).

Professional Qualifications

Certificate of Competency as Master Mariner (Unlimited, Foreign Going) issued by Department of Transport (UK)

Qualified as Lead Assessor by International Register of Certificated Auditors

Academic Qualifications

Bachelor of Science Degree in Nautical Studies (Commendation) – 1978

Qualified as Lead Assessor by International Register of Certificated Auditors

Professional Associations

Chartered Institute of Transport (MCIT)

Nautical Institute (NI)

Houston Maritime Arbitrators Association (HMAA)

Houston Mariners Club (HMC)

Royal Yachting Association

Previous Employment History

3D MARINE USA, INC. - Chief Executive Officer (CEO) / Marine Consultant and Surveyor

3D MARINE Belize, Ltd. - President / Owners / Operators / Interim Captain of Push/Workboats/Tank Barges

3D MARINE USA, INC. - Vice President / Marine Consultant and Surveyor/ Quality Auditor

STANTON MARINE USA, INC. - Vice President / Marine Consultant and Marine Surveyor

STANTON MARINE Ltd. (UK) - Marine Surveyor / Sales and Marketing Manager

UNITED STATES LINES (UK) - Account Manager - Sales/Pre-Shipment Audits

ZAPATA MARINE SERVICE (UK) - Chief Officer/Master (including vessel's Safety Officer) - Offshore Supply, Towing & Anchor Handling Vessels

OCEAN TRANSPORT AND TRADING LTD., (UK) - All Ranks from Apprentice (Cadet) up to Chief Officer (including vessel's Safety Officer) on Various Vessel Types

Sea-Going Employment

ZAPATA MARINE SERVICE (UK) - Chief Officer/Master (including vessel's Safety Officer) - Offshore Supply, Towing & Anchor Handling Vessels

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Admiralty Cases / Legal Testimony

Capt. David Scruton has been retained for numerous litigation matters as a testifying or consulting expert. Capt. Scruton has been regularly qualified at trial as an expert for Marine Operations, Safety, Navigation, and other maritime industry issues, within Local, State, and United States Federal Courts.

For a current list of cases testified, please contact our office.