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Helene is Partner & Master Mariner in the London shipping law firm of MFB Solicitors where her practice is predominantly of an Admiralty nature with the addition of technical dry shipping matters. Her maritime career commenced in 1991 as a dual cadet with Shell and she qualified as both a deck and engineering officer in 1995 before specialising as a deck officer and obtaining her Master Mariner certificate of competency. She spent 12 years at sea sailing globally on a wide variety of ships before coming ashore in 2003. Helene's journey ashore has seen her engaged in a vetting company and in an academic role before obtaining further qualifications and entering the legal sector.

In 2018, Helene became the first British qualified female Master Mariner/Solicitor to become a Partner in a Shipping Law Firm. She has been awarded the Victoria Drummond Award (2019) and Merchant Navy Medal (2020) for services to Women in Maritime and in particular for her work in mentoring of officers and executives with the shipping industry. In addition to her role as Honorary Secretary of the Maritime Professional Council, Helene is also a board member of WISTA UK, and Chairperson of the HCMM "Cadet Training Standards Review" Sub-committee which liaises with government and industry on Merchant Navy training in the UK.