

# **Mr Robert Veal *LLB, LLM (Barrister)***

## **Lecturer in Law**



Robert is a Lecturer in Law at the University of Southampton. He is also a qualified barrister in England and Wales.

Robert is a double graduate of Southampton having undertaken the LL.B and LL.M in Maritime Law which is passed with distinction. He has also passed the Bar Professional Training Course (London).

Robert specialises in the legal issues pertaining to the use of marine autonomous systems. These include everything from smaller scale autonomous underwater vehicles (AUVs) to larger unmanned surface vehicles (USVs) as well as unmanned ships in excess of 500grt, with varying levels of autonomy.

His expertise spans both commercial and military applications of unmanned marine technology.

Robert is a member of the Comité Maritime International, International Working Group on Unmanned Ships and has represented the NGO at the IMO (MSC and LEG). He also advises the UK's Marine Autonomous Systems Regulatory Working Group (MASRWG).