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After a military career reaching the rank of Major as a British Army Infantry Officer, Christopher has over 25 years in the adventure travel industry. Leading and organising commercial treks and expeditions from the Himalaya to the Antarctic and has acted on behalf of the Ministry of Defence and travel clients in dispute with commercial expedition and travel companies from Everest to Cotopaxi and South Georgia.

Drawing on experience as a Trainer for the Royal Life Saving Society UK (RLSS UK), the leading provider of water safety and drowning prevention education, Christopher has trained expedition leaders and advised professionally on water margin safety issues regards rivers, coastlines, DOfE and worldwide expeditions.

A commercially-endorsed RYA Yachtmaster Ocean Skipper, he is actively involved in international commercial yacht delivery and can expertly comment on all aspects of crew and yacht safety issues at sea worldwide.

Expert Witness

Cases involved to date include:

- Acting for a client in dispute with a commercial climbing expedition on Everest regards cold injury and medical evacuation.
- Acting on behalf of the Ministry of Defence in dispute with the family of a deceased military instructor in the mountains regards route choice and snow conditions.
- Acting on behalf of a client in dispute with a travel company on a commercial trekking expedition on Cotopaxi regards medical evacuation and injury.
- Acting on behalf of a client on a commercial expedition ship in dispute with an international travel company regards an accident and safety issues while on the Shackleton crossing on South Georgia.

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