

For real case I know it from childhood, but for the complex case it is little bit fun:  
Today I did the proof which works for both cases.

CBH claims that

$$\langle f, f \rangle \langle g, g \rangle = \|f\|^2 \|g\|^2 \geq |\langle f, g \rangle|^2$$

Consider the following polynomial on  $z = x + iy$ :

$$P(z) = \|f\|^2 \|zf + g\|^2 = \langle f, f \rangle \langle zf + g, zf + g \rangle$$

It is not negative hence we have

$$\begin{aligned} 0 \leq P(z) &= \|f\|^2 \|zf + g\|^2 = \|f\|^2 \langle zf + g, zf + g \rangle = \\ &= \|f\|^2 \langle \langle f, f \rangle z \bar{z} + z \langle f, g \rangle + \langle g, f \rangle \bar{z} + \langle g, g \rangle \rangle = \|f\|^2 (\|f\|^2 |z|^2 + z \langle f, g \rangle + \langle g, f \rangle \bar{z} + \|g\|^2) = \\ &\quad \langle \|f\|^2 z + \langle g, f \rangle, \|f\|^2 z + \langle g, f \rangle \rangle + \|f\|^2 \|g\|^2 - |\langle f, g \rangle|^2. \end{aligned} \quad (*)$$

This implies that

$$\|f\|^2 \|g\|^2 \geq |\langle f, g \rangle|^2, \quad (**)$$

and

$$\|f\|^2 \|g\|^2 = |\langle f, g \rangle|^2 \Leftrightarrow f \|g\| = \langle f, g \rangle \frac{f}{\|f\|}.$$

Indeed if  $f = 0$ , then this is obvious. Suppose that  $f \neq 0$ . and choose  $z = -\frac{\langle f, g \rangle}{\|f\|^2}$ . Then the inequality (\*) implies that

$$P(z) \Big|_{z=-\frac{\langle f, g \rangle}{\|f\|^2}} = \langle \|f\|^2 z + \langle g, f \rangle, \|f\|^2 z + \langle g, f \rangle \rangle \Big|_{z=-\frac{\langle f, g \rangle}{\|f\|^2}} + \|f\|^2 \|g\|^2 - |\langle f, g \rangle|^2 = \|f\|^2 \|g\|^2 - |\langle f, g \rangle|^2$$