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## **In-Person Seminar**

Public CPD Point: 1
Practice Area: Others / Multi-Disciplinary
Training Level: Intermediate

## SCMA Perspectives Seminar: Tonnage Limitation: is English law different to Singapore law and how might this impact arbitrations?

There is <u>no registration fee</u> for this event. However, as there are only <u>80 seats</u> available, registration is on a <u>first come</u>, <u>first served basis</u>. Registrants will be notified if their registration is unsuccessful.

Date: 11 Jan 2023 (Wednesday)

Venue: Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore

460 Alexandra Road, #25-00, mTower

Singapore 119963

Time: 4.15PM-6.15PM

## About this seminar:

A shipowner who constitutes a limitation fund will always hope that this prevents any claimant from pursuing claims against other assets, but what happens when the claimant seeks to enforce in a state that applies a different limitation regime to the state in which the fund has been established?

In a 2003 decision, a Singapore Court granted an application for an anti-suit injunction restraining claimants from pursuing their claims in Belgium in circumstances where a limitation fund had been constituted in Singapore.

In a recent English judgment, the Admiralty Judge held that the approach taken in Singapore did not represent or reflect English law.

Wei Jian and Chris will consider both cases and whether they can be reconciled, as well as the impact that they may have on claims brought in arbitration.

4.15PM - 4.30PM	Registration
4.30PM - 5.30PM	"Tonnage Limitation: is English law different to Singapore law and how might this impact arbitrations?"  Mr. Christopher Smith KC & Mr. Wei Jian Chan
5.30PM - 5.40PM	Q&A
5.40PM - 6.15PM	Refreshments and Networking

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Mr. Christopher Smith KC

Chris Smith's practice covers all aspects of domestic and international commercial work, with particular emphasis on wet and dry shipping, professional negligence and related areas such as arbitration and marine and non-marine insurance and reinsurance.

Chris' practice involves advisory work, mediation, arbitration in England and Wales and other jurisdictions including Singapore, Hong Kong and South Africa, and litigation in the Supreme Court, Court of Appeal and all divisions of the High Court.

Chris is described by the leading legal directories as "Always superb. He has a razor-sharp mind," "an unflappable barrister who has a rigorous mind and a very good reputation."

Chris is one of the editors of *Scrutton* on *Charterparties and Bills of Lading*. As well as acting as Counsel, Chris also accepts appointments as arbitrator and is a member of the SCMA panel and a supporting member of the LMAA.



Mr. Wei Jian Chan

Wei Jian is very well-regarded as an advocate, having appeared as sole counsel before the English High Court and County Court. He has also appeared as an advocate in arbitration proceedings across a wide array of legal areas including a number of LMAA Arbitrations.

Wei Jian is a native speaker of both English and Mandarin Chinese. He has experience conducting hearings in both languages, including making oral submissions, cross-examining witnesses and drafting submissions.

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