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LITIGATION CONFERENCE 2017

20 & 21 APRIL 2017

About the Conference

The Litigation Conference 2017 is proudly presented by the Civil Practice Committee of The Law Society of Singapore. The two-day Conference (20 & 21 April 2017) aims to bring together the judiciary, senior practitioners and industry experts across various jurisdictions to provide fresh insight on the latest developments in this area of practice.

The theme for Litigation Conference 2017 is **50 Years On – Thinking Forward**, in commemoration of the 50th Anniversary of The Law Society of Singapore. International, regional and Singapore speakers are invited to take part in various panel discussion sessions to exchange and share ideas and experiences on the changing landscape of litigation and what the future holds for litigation lawyers, both the young and the senior.

Some of the topics of the Conference include the following:

- The First Thing We Do, Let's Kill all the Lawyers
- Changing Landscape of Litigation – Litigation vs Arbitration vs Mediation
- Convergence (Harmonization of Asean Law/ Court Procedures)
- Modernisation of Law Firm Models and Impact on Litigation
- Third Party Funding - How Does it Work?
- Growing Pains: Challenges faced by the Young Lawyer (Litigators)
- Litigation – What's Next?

About the Organisers

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Programme outline

Day 1 – 20 April 2017 (Thursday)	
Time	Programme
8.20am – 9.00am	Registration
9.00am – 9.10am	Opening Remarks Ian Lim - Chairman, Civil Practice Committee, The Law Society of Singapore
9.10am – 9.30am	Welcome Address Gregory Vijayendran – President, The Law Society of Singapore
9.30am – 10.30am	Keynote Address Dr Michael Hwang. S.C – Chief Justice of the Dubai International Financial Centre Courts (non-resident); Sole Director, Michael Hwang Chambers LLC
10.30am – 11.00am	Tea Break
11.00am – 12.40pm	Session 1: The First Thing We Do, Let's Kill All the Lawyers Co-chairs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - M K Eusuff Ali - Partner, Tan Rajah & Cheah - Jason Lim - Partner, De Souza Lim & Goh LLP Panellists: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Harry Elias, S.C – Founder & Consultant, Harry Elias Partnership LLP - Giam Chin Toon, S.C – Managing Partner, Wee Swee Teow & Co - Dr Michael Hwang. S.C. – Chief Justice of the Dubai International Financial Centre Courts (non-resident); Sole Director, Michael Hwang Chambers LLC - Chelva Retnam Rajah S.C – Managing Partner, Tan Rajah & Cheah
12.40pm – 2.00pm	Lunch
2.00pm – 3.40pm	Session 2: Changing Landscape of Litigation – Litigation vs Arbitration vs Mediation Chair: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Lye Kah Cheong - Partner, Norton Rose Fulbright LLP Panellists: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Chew Kei Jin - Managing Director, Ascendant Legal LLC - Cameron Ford - Corporate Counsel, Rio Tinto - Aloysius Goh – Deputy Chief Executive Officer, Singapore International Mediation Centre - Paul Tan Beng Hwee - Partner, Rajah and Tann Singapore LLP - Laurence Wong – Senior Director, Business Development, Singapore International Commercial Court
3.40pm – 4.10pm	Tea Break
4.10pm – 5.50pm	Session 3: Convergence (Harmonization of Asean Law/ Court Procedures) Co-chairs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Samuel Chacko - Director, Legis Point LLC - Daniel Koh - Founding Partner, Eldan Law LLP Panellists: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Professor Anselmo Reyes S.C – International Judge, Singapore International Commercial Court - Professor Locknie Hsu – Professor, School of Law, Singapore Management University - Dr Colin Ong – Senior Partner, Dr Colin Ong Legal Services (Brunei); Counsel, Eldan Law LLP (Singapore); Associate member, St Philips Stone Chambers (London) - Joao Riberio – Head of UNCITRAL Regional Centre for Asia & the Pacific (Korea)
5.50pm	End of Day 1

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Day 2 – 21 April 2017 (Friday)	
Time	Programme
8.20am – 9.00am	Registration
9.00am – 9.30am	Opening Address
9.30am – 11.00am	<p>Session 4: Modernisation of Law Firm Models and Impact on Litigation</p> <p>Chair:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Felicia Tan - Director, Incisive Law LLC <p>Panellists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Eunice Chew – ASEAN General Counsel, Ernst & Young Solutions LLP - Andrew CL Ong - Partner, Rajah & Tann Singapore LLP - Michelle Woodworth - Partner, RHTLaw Taylor Wessing - Jeremy Tan – Director, Holborn Law
11.00am – 11.30am	Tea Break
11.30am – 1.00pm	<p>Session 5: Third Party Funding - How Does it Work?</p> <p>Co-Chairs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Lim Seng Siew - Director, OTP Law Corporation - Ashok Kumar - Director, Blackoak LLC <p>Panellists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Clive Bowman - Chief Executive – Australia and Asia, IMF Bentham Limited - Yasmin Mohammad - Senior Counsel, Vannin Capital - Wieger Wielinga - Managing Partner, Omni Bridgeway
1.00pm – 2.30pm	Lunch
2.30pm – 4.00pm	<p>Session 6: Growing Pains: Challenges Faced by the Young Lawyer (Litigator)</p> <p>Chair:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Richard Yeoh - Partner, David Lim & Partners LLP <p>Panellists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Honourable Justice Vinodh Coomaraswamy – Supreme Court of Singapore - Thio Shen Yi, S.C – Joint Managing Director, TSMP Law Corporation - Wendy Lin – Partner, WongPartnership LLP - Tham Lijing – Of Counsel, Ascendant Legal LLP
4.00pm – 4.30pm	Tea Break
4.30pm – 6.00pm	<p>Session 7: Litigation – What’s Next?</p> <p>Co-chairs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Celeste Ang - Principal, Baker & McKenzie.Wong & Leow - Ian Lim - Executive Director, TSMP Law Corporation <p>Panellists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Professor Leslie Chew, S.C - Dean, UniSIM Law School - Teh Hwee Hwee – Deputy Registrar, Supreme Court of Singapore - Gregory Vijayendran – President, The Law Society of Singapore; Partner, Rajah & Tann Singapore LLP - Yeong Zee Kin - Assistant Chief Executive (PDPC), Infocomm Media Development Authority and Deputy Commissioner, Personal Data Protection Commission (PDPC), Singapore
6.00pm – 6.10pm	<p>Closing Remarks</p> <p>Lawrence Teh - Chairman, Organising Committee (Litigation Conference 2017)</p>
6.30pm onwards	Networking Reception

Session Outline

Day 1 – 20 April 2017

Session 1: The First Thing We Do, Let's Kill All the Lawyers

This quote from Shakespeare's Henry VI, Part 2 is often understood as a reference to the evils of the legal profession. There is, however, a respectable counter view that Shakespeare was in fact trying to show that lawyers are the guardians of the rule of law who stand in the way of a fanatical mob. Those who want anarchy or a system of government based on something other than the rule of law would want to get rid of lawyers.

In Session 1, our very distinguished speakers will speak about how we as lawyers have a heavy responsibility to practise our craft in the very best traditions of the Bar so that the rule of law may be upheld. Each of them will share their personal journey in the law and how they tried to meet the ideals of practice in their day and what lessons their experiences hold for current practitioners as well as young lawyers who are just undertaking this journey. At a time when the business of law threatens to overshadow the core calling of the profession, this session hopes to illuminate and inspire our young litigators on how to stay true to the vision of the lawyer as a guardian of justice and the rule of law.

Session 2: Changing Landscape of Litigation – Litigation vs Arbitration vs Mediation

The resolution of civil and commercial disputes is no longer the sole province of national Courts. With developments in alternative dispute resolution methods such as arbitration and mediation, parties in dispute today are no longer limited to relying on the Courts to resolve their disputes.

In this session, various issues will be discussed, including:

- What trends can we expect in disputes distribution as between national Courts, arbitration, mediation and SICC
- When should litigation, arbitration or mediation be preferred?
- Who will be the likely winners and losers in this changing landscape

Session 3: Convergence (Harmonization of Asean Law/Court Procedures)

This session will look at the extent to which there has been harmonization amongst Asean jurisdictions on substantive law and Court procedures.

The panelists will also discuss what lies ahead on the road to harmonization; the challenges and roadblocks and what could be done to expedite the process.

Day 2 – 21 April 2017

Session 4: Modernisation of Law Firm Models and Impact on Litigation

With the increasingly successful development of Singapore as an international dispute resolution hub, law firms have enthusiastically developed, modernised, rebranded, re-connected and diversified their structures, models and services. Regionalisation is no longer a term alien to law firm management teams. Likewise, globalisation could be said to be the growing trend. Gone are the days when a litigant simply has to choose between a 'local' firm and an 'offshore' firm. Today, the term 'offshore' is somewhat passé. Mergers, joint ventures, formal law alliances, best friend networks, or simply pure expansion of the local firm into other jurisdictions are new models that have emerged. On top of that, law firms no longer provide just legal services. Neither are law firms the only providers of legal services. Against this changing landscape of legal service providers, what is the impact on litigation? Are there really more options for litigants? Will litigants benefit from reduced costs, quicker turnaround times, and more comprehensive services? Or will litigants be wary of the unknown? Have these modernised/modern law firms attracted more international cross-border transactional work and seen increased opportunities for litigation lawyers in Singapore? This interactive panel brings together representatives of various types of law firms to share their insights, experiences and targets for the future.

Session 5: Third Party Funding - How Does it Work?

In November 2016, a Bill was introduced in the Singapore Parliament to allow third party funding for international commercial arbitration. We already have the 2015 decision of *Re Vanguard Energy Pte Ltd* which clarified that properly structured third party funding arrangements are permissible in insolvency cases.

Does this mean that in the near future, a cash-strapped claimant can obtain proper redress against the well-resourced defendant? Can it level the playing field for parties? Is it suitable for all disputes?

A panel of third party funders will answer these questions and explain what advice lawyers should give their clients about third party funding. How should lawyers assess if a case is suitable for third party funding and how, if at all, the third party funder affects the relationship between the lawyer and the client.

Session 6: Growing Pains: Challenges Faced by the Young Lawyer (litigator)

The last few years have seen a significant increase in the number of young lawyers entering practice. The intense competition has added to the existing pressures and challenges faced by the young litigator. The panel which will consist of junior, middle and senior category litigators as well as members of the judiciary would discuss and share their thoughts on the various pressures and challenges faced by young litigators and how to deal with them. This will include issues such as whether a career in law is worth it and the career path of a litigator. The panel will also give their insights and tips on the expectations by senior lawyers (ie. the partner) and the Court for the young litigators to learn and adapt to litigation practice. This interactive session will attempt to address the burning questions that young litigators have but feel that they are not in a position to ask.

Session 7: Litigation – What's Next?

The concluding session brings together legal practitioners and representatives from various stakeholders in the legal ecosystem.

The panellists will share their insights and vision on the future of litigation in Singapore and beyond.

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Day 1 - Keynote Address



Dr Michael Hwang S.C. - Chief Justice of the Dubai International Financial Centre Courts (non-resident); Sole Director, Michael Hwang Chambers LLC

Michael was educated at undergraduate and postgraduate levels at Oxford University. He was called to the Singapore Bar in 1968, when he joined Allen & Gledhill. He became a partner in 1972 and retired from the firm at the end of 2002 after having served as Head of its Litigation and Arbitration Department for 10 years. Thereafter, he established his own boutique practice as Senior Counsel and International Arbitrator. In 2014, he was conferred the degree of Honorary Doctor of Laws from the University of Sydney.

Michael served as a Judicial Commissioner of the Supreme Court from 1991-1992, and was one of the first twelve Senior Counsel of the Supreme Court of Singapore in 1997. He now practises primarily as an International Arbitrator with a selective practice as Senior Counsel. Michael has written extensively on international arbitration and mediation. He is active in domestic and international arbitrations (under ICC, CIETAC, UNCITRAL, LCIA, ICSID, ICDR, HKIAC, DIAC, BANI, Swiss, SCC,CAS and SIAC Rules) and also acts as mediator, both locally and internationally. Michael was President of the Law Society of Singapore from 2008-2010, and currently serves as non-resident Chief Justice of the Dubai International Financial Centre Courts. He is also Singapore's Non-Resident Ambassador to Argentina, having previously served in a similar capacity to Switzerland.

Profiles of Chairpersons (in alpha order and plenary sessions)

Session 1: The First Thing We Do, Let's Kill All the Lawyers



M K Eusuff Ali – Partner (Litigation, Arbitration & Dispute Resolution), Tan Rajah & Cheah

Eusuff has been with Messrs Tan Rajah & Cheah since 1999. His main areas of practice are civil and commercial litigation and arbitration.

Eusuff has been a member of the Civil Practice Committee of the Law Society since 2006 and has actively participated in numerous consultations on policy initiatives and legislations concerning litigation practice.



Jason Lim - Partner, De Souza Lim & Goh LLP

Jason heads the litigation and dispute resolution group in De Souza Lim & Goh LLP. He obtained his LL.M degree in 1981 from University College London and was admitted to the Singapore bar in 1983. He has been actively involved in commercial litigation and arbitration work for over 30 years.

Session 2: Changing Landscape of Litigation – Litigation vs Arbitration vs Mediation



Lye Kah Cheong - Partner, Norton Rose Fulbright LLP

KC Lye is a dispute resolution lawyer based in Singapore.

He specialises in international arbitration and has been involved in a wide variety of contested matters in South East Asia. KC handles high-value disputes from a range of industry sectors, with a focus on energy disputes, aviation disputes and commercial fraud. Equally comfortable acting as counsel, or as solicitor, he has represented clients in arbitration and mediation proceedings in London, Hong Kong and Singapore.

KC is cited in the Asia Pacific Legal 500 as a leading individual for dispute resolution and publishes and lectures extensively on international arbitration and ADR.

A Solicitor in England & Wales, an Advocate & Solicitor in Singapore, KC is also a Fellow of the Singapore Institute of Arbitrators and he accepts appointments as arbitrator. He joined our Singapore office in 1999, after an earlier career at the Singapore bar.

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Session 3: Convergence (Harmonization of Asean Law/Court Procedures)



Daniel Koh – Founding Partner, Eldan Law LLP

Daniel is a founding partner of Eldan Law LLP. Prior to establishing the firm he was an equity partner in an established law practice with international reach. He was admitted as an Advocate and Solicitor of the Singapore Bar in 1994. He graduated from the University of Singapore in 1993 and also has a Masters of Law degree from Columbia University, where he graduated as a Harlan Fiske Stone Scholar for superior academic performance. Over the years, Daniel has developed an extensive broad-based practice in commercial disputes resolution and international arbitration. These matters include shareholders' and corporate disputes, construction disputes, as well as corporate insolvency work. He also has experience in intellectual property matters has been recommended in IP Profiles and has also been nominated in Asia IP Experts. He has been engaged as lead counsel in arbitrations administered by the SIAC and the ICC. Daniel is the co-chair of the Law Society's Continuing Professional Development Committee. He is also empanelled as an Associate Mediator with the Singapore Mediation Centre and an Adjudicator with the Kuala Lumpur Regional Centre for Arbitration.



Samuel Chacko – Director, Legis Point LLC

Samuel Chacko heads Legis Point LLC's Dispute Resolution Practice Group. His areas of practice include arbitration, banking, building contracts, commercial disputes, copyright infringement, defamation, debt recovery, employment contracts, international trade, judicial review, probate matters, land disputes and general civil litigation. He has appeared at all levels of the Singapore Court structure and has handled numerous cases which have been reported in the Singapore Law Reports. A number of these cases are now leading decisions in various areas of law.

Samuel was called to the English bar in 1992 and admitted as an Advocate and Solicitor of the Supreme Court of Singapore in 1994.

Samuel has an active international arbitration practice and has been lead counsel in a number of substantial international arbitrations involving complex cross-border legal and factual issues. He is a Chartered Arbitrator and a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators and the Singapore Institute of Arbitrators. He has also been appointed to the arbitration panels of the Singapore International Arbitration Centre, the Kuala Lumpur Regional Centre for Arbitration, the Singapore Institute of Arbitrators, the Asian Domain Name Dispute Resolution Centre and the Law Society of Singapore.

Samuel is the current Chairman of the Advocacy Committee and the Vice-Chairman of the ADR Committee of the Law Society.

Samuel's expertise in Dispute Resolution has also been recognized in numerous legal publications.

Session 4: Modernisation of Law Firm Models and Impact on Litigation



Felicia Tan - Director, Incisive Law LLC

Felicia specialises in local and cross-border litigation and arbitration. She regularly represents various financial institutions, companies and shareholders, statutory boards and academic institutions in various disputes at the Courts in Singapore, and in arbitration. She also deals with most of the major international arbitral institutions and rules including ICC, SIAC, and CIETAC and other rules.

Felicia acts on a full range of legal issues and high-level cases including but not limited to commercial disputes (including insolvency); shareholders' litigation (including oppression of shareholder, shareholders' disputes and breach of director's duties); contentious commodities-based advice; infrastructure, property and construction disputes; judicial review related advice; employment related advisory and representation; and regulatory and compliance issues.

Prior to her years of experience in the litigation department of a leading Singaporean commercial law firm, Felicia was in-house counsel at the Jurong Town Corporation. Given her experience, an element of Felicia's practice is also focused on providing non-contentious advice to clients in her various areas of practice, assisting with negotiations and developing dispute mitigation strategies.

Felicia also enjoys volunteering with the Criminal Legal Aid Scheme and at various legal clinics such as the Community Legal Clinics and the Migrant Workers' Legal Clinic.

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Session 5: Third Party Funding - How Does it Work?



Lim Seng Siew – Director, OTP Law Corporation

Seng Siew is a lawyer with OTP Law Corporation with an interest in technology-related litigation; both the legal aspects of technology as well as the benefits that technology brings to the practice of litigation. He was involved in the development of the Singapore Judiciary's first Electronic Filing System and its successor, the E-Litigation System. In his many years of practice, Seng Siew has advised many stakeholders and users of technology of both their legal concerns and practical issues. He comfortably switches between the litigation, regulatory and transactional aspects of technology law. As a litigator, he has handled technology-related litigation and arbitration for both developers and users of technology. Having dealt with deal flows involving tech start-ups, his litigation experience also extends to shareholder disputes involving tech and other companies.



Ashok Kumar – Director, BlackOak LLC

Ashok Kumar has more than 20 years of experience in legal practice. His core practice area is in Corporate Restructuring and Insolvency and he leads this practice at BlackOak LLC handling both the contentious and non-contentious aspects of this practice. He acts for companies, creditors, financial institutions, banks and insolvency professionals, providing advice on solutions when companies are in a distress or near distress situation and has acted for parties in many high-profile deals such as Jurong Aromatics Corporation, Bilcare Singapore Pte Ltd, Bumi Resources, Vanguard Energy, and Suntech Power. Ashok successfully argued the first reported decision in Singapore approving a funded litigation in Re Vanguard Energy Pte Ltd; he also chaired the Sub Committee of the Singapore Academy of Law on Litigation Funding in Insolvency Cases. Ashok has been noted as a leading lawyer in numerous publications including Chambers Global, Chambers Asia, IFLR1000, Asia Pacific Legal 500, Who's Who Legal, PLC Which Lawyer Yearbook and Best Lawyers International, in this practice area. He sits on various committees and has released various publications related to his core practice area.

Session 6: Growing Pains: Challenges Faced by the Young Lawyer (Litigator)



Richard Yeoh – Partner, David Lim & Partners LLP

Richard is qualified to practice in Singapore and Malaysia. He is currently a Partner in the Corporate & Commercial Practice Group. Richard also heads the Intellectual Property and Technology department of the Firm.

Since 2001, Richard has practised in both the litigation and corporate and commercial departments of a notable commercial law firm in Malaysia as well as in Singapore. Richard's unique combination of experience in both practice areas stands him in good stead in assisting clients with commercially workable and enforceable legal solutions.

Richard has been actively involved in the areas of corporate finance, mergers and acquisitions, fund management, corporate restructuring, corporate insolvency and receivership, corporate advisory and corporate secretarial work as well as commercial transactions. Richard's main areas of expertise in litigation includes pre-emptive litigation, corporate and commercial litigation, litigation involving shareholders rights, disputes in relation to tort, contract and banking.

Session 7: Litigation – What's Next?



Celeste Ang – Principal, Wong & Leow LLC

Celeste Ang's practice encompasses corporate litigation and arbitration, both domestic and cross-border. She also has significant experience advising clients on compliance and regulatory issues in the context of cross-border investigations, and on a wide range of employment and employment-related issues.

Celeste has represented a broad range of multinational clients across various industries in domestic and international arbitrations administered under major institutional arbitral rules, and in court proceedings. She has also advised clients from various industries such as financial/financial services, energy, oil and gas, and medical devices, on compliance and regulatory issues and investigations. Additionally, she advises clients on a wide range of employment and employment-related issues, with a focus on contentious or potentially contentious issues including termination of employment, dismissal, retrenchment, breach of fiduciary duties and enforcement of restrictive covenants and confidentiality provisions. Celeste has represented employers on employment and employment-related disputes in the Singapore courts as well as in arbitrations and mediations.

Celeste is ranked by Chambers Asia Pacific in the areas of litigation and employment and by Chambers Global in the area of litigation. She is described as "very smart, very innovative - a good example of someone who thinks outside the box" and "very technically competent, very thorough and very responsive" by clients.



Ian Lim – Executive Director, TSMP Law Corporation

Ian is an Executive Director and team leader in TSMP Law Corporation's Dispute Resolution Department. His practice in civil litigation and international arbitration encompasses a wide range of corporate and commercial disputes and advisory work, and he is active in both trial and appellate advocacy in the Singapore Courts.

His practice also has a specific emphasis on all aspects of Singapore and cross-border employment & labour law, particularly on issues of restraint of trade, confidentiality, data protection, termination and industrial relations. Ian is the lead author for the Singapore chapters of annual international publications "The Employment Law Review" and "Getting the Deal Through – Labour & Employment", as well as the Employment Contracts chapter of 'Law Relating to Specific Contracts in Singapore, 2nd Ed.'

Ian serves as Chairman on the Civil Practice Committee of the Law Society of Singapore, and is an Ad-hoc Referee of the Small Claims Tribunal in the State Courts and a Fellow of the Singapore Institute of Arbitrators. He is also active in pro-bono and charitable work, with a focus on migrant worker welfare.

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List of Panellists (by plenary sessions)

Session 1: The First Thing We Do, Let's Kill All the Lawyers



Harry Elias, S.C – Founder & Consultant, Harry Elias Partnership LLP

Harry Elias is the founder of the Firm, which is one of the leading full-service law firms in Singapore. He now practises as a consultant in the Firm. With over 51 years of litigation experience, Elias is one of the most leading litigation Counsel in the Singapore Bar. He was in the pioneer batch of Senior Counsel who were appointed in 1997.

Elias has extensive experience in civil and commercial disputes, defamation, commercial crime and medical negligence.

Elias has consistently been identified as one of the world's leading lawyers, a leading individual in Singapore for dispute resolution work and has been described as a "consummate professional" in recognised legal directories such as Who's Who Legal, The Asia Pacific Legal 500, amongst others. He has also been described as "top lawyer", "a very senior member of the bar" and as "one of Singapore's foremost litigation lawyers".



Giam Chin Toon, S.C – Managing Partner, Wee Swee Teow & Co

Giam Chin Toon SC is the Managing Partner of Wee Swee Teow & Co. He has over 40 years of experience in law practice. He acted as Counsel in numerous major cases in court proceedings and before arbitral tribunals. He specialises in property, building construction, and commercial disputes.

Giam was among the first group of lawyers to be appointed Senior Counsel in 1997.

Giam is a former President of the Law Society of Singapore. He has previously served as Chairman of the Criminal Legal Aid Scheme, Chairman of the Inquiry Panel of the Law Society and Chairman of the Rules & Etiquette Committee of the Law Society.



Dr Michael Hwang S.C - Chief Justice of the Dubai International Financial Centre Courts (non-resident); Sole Director, Michael Hwang Chambers LLC

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Chelva Retnam Rajah S.C – Managing Partner, Tan Rajah & Cheah

Chelva is part of the firm's dispute resolution team having developed a distinguished practice in both litigation and arbitration, particularly in substantial commercial disputes, property-related matters and insolvency. He was the President of the Law Society of Singapore from 1990 to 1992 and was appointed a Senior Counsel on 10 January 1998. He is on the panel of Accredited Arbitrators, Singapore International Arbitration Centre.

Session 2: Changing Landscape of Litigation – Litigation vs Arbitration vs Mediation



Chew Kei-Jin – Managing Director, Ascendant Legal LLC

Chew Kei-Jin has broad experience in litigation, arbitration and dispute resolution. Kei-Jin's principal areas of practice are commercial law, company law, insolvency, landlord and tenant law, employment law, contract-related issues and general litigation. In the area of contract related general litigation and arbitration, Kei-Jin's experience includes multi-jurisdictional claims relating to matters ranging from infrastructure projects to the exploration of energy resources, and from the supply of commodities to the supply of telecommunications equipment.



Cameron Ford - Corporate Counsel, Rio Tinto

Cameron is corporate counsel with Rio Tinto in Singapore practising in commercial law and disputes, having been in Singapore for six years. He has been a partner in a law firm and a barrister at the independent Bar in Australia, practising in commercial and administrative dispute resolution. He later became Head of Dispute Resolution for four States for National Australia Bank and then counsel for Downer Group in Australia and Singapore on a large SIAC construction arbitration. When that ended he became acting Head of Legal for Rio Tinto in Mongolia for 6 months before returning to Rio Tinto in Singapore.

Cameron is a mediator, arbitrator and a Security of Payment adjudicator in Australia, having written over a dozen determinations. He is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, a Fellow of the Singapore Institute of Arbitrators, a Fellow of the Australian Centre for International Commercial Arbitration and is on the arbitrator panels of SIAC, KLRAC and Beijing Arbitration Commission. He obtained his LLB from the University of Queensland, LLM from the University of Melbourne and a Graduate Certificate in International Arbitration from NUS.



Aloysius Goh – Deputy Chief Executive Officer, Singapore International Mediation Centre

Mr Goh is an International Mediation Institute Certified Mediator and has resolved several high value transnational disputes. He has pioneered mediation schemes for youth and healthcare in Singapore and has received awards from the Singapore Mediation Centre and State Courts for his mediation service. Mr Goh formerly worked as General Counsel and Company Secretary to a state university and several public healthcare institutes. He holds a Bachelors and Masters of Law from the National University of Singapore and Masters of Education (Educational leadership) from Boston College.



Paul Tan – Partner, Rajah & Tann Singapore LLP

Paul is called to the Singapore and English bars and is registered to appear before the DIFC courts. He enjoys a broad-based commercial and international law disputes practice, in which he is regularly instructed as lead counsel before international tribunals, the Singapore International Commercial Court and the Singapore Court of Appeal. He is recommended by Legal 500 and Chambers & Partners as "exceptionally bright" and "as good as anybody I'd worked with in Singapore." He was named "Disputes Star of the Year" for Singapore by Asialaw in 2016, and features in Who's Who Legal: Arbitration - Future Leaders (2017). He is also co-authoring the next edition of Mustill & Boyd's treatise on commercial and investment arbitration.

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Laurence Wong - Senior Director, Business Development, Singapore International Commercial Court

Laurence's key focus is to develop the awareness and engagement of the Singapore International Commercial Court (SICC) with its various stakeholders. His responsibilities include establishing the SICC as part of the trio of effective and efficient 'appropriate dispute resolution' avenues for transnational commercial disputes (litigation, arbitration and mediation) that Singapore can offer, especially for Asia and the Pacific Rim. Laurence is a regular speaker at local and regional conferences on the SICC as a trusted neutral venue for adjudicating transnational commercial disputes, and has hosted many governmental, judicial and business delegations to the Court as a result of its growing reputation.

Laurence comes with a deep background in financial services, particularly in strategic development, marketing and distribution. He has held key positions with multinationals both in Singapore as well as the South-East Asian region. His last position prior to SICC was CEO of a major life insurer in Vietnam, where he spent almost three years establishing its operations in that rapidly-developing country.

Laurence is a graduate of the National University of Singapore, and holds a Chartered Life Underwriter designation from The American College in Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania.

Session 3: Convergence (Harmonization of Asean Law/ Court Procedures)



Professor Anselmo Reyes, SC – International Judge, Singapore International Commercial Court

Anselmo Reyes has been Professor of Legal Practice at Hong Kong University since October 2012. Before that, he was a judge of the Hong Kong High Court from 2003-12, when he was in charge of the Construction and Arbitration List (2004-8) and the Commercial and Admiralty Lists (2008-12). He was called to the Hong Kong Bar in 1986, taking silk in 2001.

In April 2013, he became Representative of the Asia-Pacific Regional Office of the Hague Conference on Private International Law. He became an International Judge of the Singapore International Commercial Court in January 2015 and an Overseas Bencher of the Inner Temple in October 2015.



Locknie Hsu – Professor, School of Law, Singapore Management University

Locknie Hsu is a Professor of Law and former Associate Dean at the School of Law, Singapore Management University. She received her legal training from the National University of Singapore and Harvard University and is a member of the Singapore Bar.

Locknie specializes in international trade and investment law, dispute settlement, ASEAN integration issues, trade and public health, and sovereign wealth funds. Besides teaching, Locknie has had stints with government agencies and the ICC International Court of Arbitration. In 2001, she was seconded to Singapore's Ministry of Trade & Industry for a year as Legal Consultant to participate in trade negotiations on behalf of the Singapore Government. She was appointed the first Academic Coordinator of the WTO's Regional Trade Policy Course for Asia-Pacific Countries held in Singapore in 2007. Locknie has conducted training on dispute settlement and trade law and policy for government officials, as well as undertaken consulting work from institutions such as the World Bank. In 2015, Locknie was appointed an amicus curiae by the Singapore Court of Appeal in an investment arbitration case.

In the ASEAN Law Association, she is Chair of the Trade and Investment Group, a member of the Legal Harmonization Working Group and a member of the Singapore National Committee's Executive Council. In the International Law Association, she is a co-rapporteur of the International Law Association's Committee on Sustainable Development and the Green Economy in International Trade Law and a member of the FTA Study Group. Locknie is also a member of the Advisory Panel of the Vietnam Chamber of Commerce in Singapore.

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Dr. Colin Ong - Senior Partner, Dr Colin Ong Legal Services (Brunei); Counsel, Eldan Law LLP (Singapore); Associate member, St Philips Stone Chambers (London)

Dr. Colin Ong is a member of the Brunei, English and Singapore Bars. He has acted as arbitrator or as counsel in many commercial and investment arbitrations under most major rules of arbitration governed under Civil and Common Law. His arbitrations generally involve cases concerning banking and finance, construction and infrastructure projects, insurance, mining and minerals disputes, energy disputes (coal mining and supply disputes, production sharing contracts, electricity generation and supply, gas contracts; oil exploration joint ventures; solar and wind), information technology, shipping, telecoms, technology transfer, and general commercial trade related matters.

He is a Chartered Arbitrator and a Master of the Bench of the Inner Temple. President, Arbitration Association Brunei Darussalam; Advisory Board, BANI (Indonesia); Board, Cambodia National Commercial Arbitration Centre; Vice President, Appointments Council, Thailand Arbitration Center (THAC) and Advisor to China-ASEAN Legal Research Centre.



João Ribeiro - Head of UNCITRAL's Regional Centre for Asia and the Pacific

João Ribeiro is a Legal Officer of the International Trade Law Division (ITLD) of the United Nations Office of Legal Affairs, which functions as the substantive secretariat for the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL). He is the second Head of the UNCITRAL Regional Centre for Asia and the Pacific (RCAP), established in 2012. Since he joined the UNCITRAL secretariat in 2013 as Head of RCAP, he has been actively promoting UNCITRAL standards, providing technical assistance to States and coordinating with international and regional organizations active in trade law reform projects. During his career he was Head of International Affairs of the Ministry of Justice of Portugal, Deputy Secretary General of the Conferences of Ministers of Justice both of the Iberian-American countries and of the Portuguese Speaking countries, member of the Portuguese National Commission for Human Rights and member of the Portuguese Permanent Bilateral Cooperation Commissions with the USA and Macau.

Session 4: Modernisation of Law Firm Models and Impact on Litigation



Eunice Chew – ASEAN General Counsel, Ernst & Young

Eunice Chew started her career as a disputes lawyer in Allen & Gledhill LLP. She joined EY in 2013 and was appointed the ASEAN General Counsel in July 2014 where she has responsibility over legal matters in 14 jurisdictions, which include Singapore, Malaysia, Indonesia, Philippines, Thailand and Vietnam. In her current role, she advises on regulatory issues impacting business strategy and in respect of this Conference's topic "Modernisation of law firm models and impact on litigation", has advised on the membership of law firms into the EY global network.

Eunice graduated from the National University of Singapore. In 2011, she attended the NYU-NUS Dual LL.M program where she received the NYU@NUS Deans' Award and graduated with an LL.M in Global Business and Finance from New York University and an LL.M in Intellectual Property and Technology from the National University of Singapore. She is also a member of the Singapore Institute of Arbitrators.



Andrew C L Ong - Equity Partner, Integrated Regulatory, Rajah & Tann Singapore; Head, Regional Coordination, Rajah & Tann Asia

Andrew CL Ong set up the Firm's Integrated Regulatory Practice. He has been in active practice for over 30 years in the area of Regulatory Law, Corporate, Commercial and Business Law and has specialised in Telecommunications, Media Law and Competition. Andrew travels extensively in the Asean region and has helped to oversee Rajah & Tann Asia's planning and operational needs from its inception. Today the Rajah & Tann Asia network has approximately 650 fee earners in 10 countries across Asia spanning 12 offices in Singapore, Bangkok, Ho Chi Minh City, Hanoi, Jakarta, Kuala Lumpur, Manila, Phnom Penh, Shanghai, Surabaya, Vientiane and Yangon. He has also held the position of the Firm's Ombudsman since 2010.

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Jeremy Tan – Director, Holborn Law

Jeremy is an international technology lawyer with a focus on the technology, media and telecommunications sector. He specialises in technology and telecommunications including technology sourcing, outsourcing, FinTech, communications and data protection. He regularly advises clients in a wide range of sectors, including the financial services and telecommunications sectors. Jeremy has extensive experience in large scale multi-jurisdictional outsourcing arrangements, services arrangements, commercial transactions and technology tenders with particular expertise in advising on the legal, regulatory and commercial issues arising in the Digital space and in specific fields such as payments, the internet of things, cybersecurity and cloud computing.

Prior to joining Holborn, Jeremy was a senior member in the Singapore office of one of the largest global law firms where he was a founding member of the Singapore technology, media and telecommunications team.

Jeremy has been recognised in Legal 500 Asia Pacific 2015 as a “go-to lawyer’ for multi-jurisdictional matters, such as technology procurement”, in Chambers Asia Pacific 2015 for being “very responsive and flexible, and providing a quick turnaround time,” as well as being “able to eloquently give advice” and named as Singapore’s 40 most influential lawyers aged 40 and under in 2015 by the Singapore Business Review.



Michelle Woodworth - Partner (Litigation and Dispute Resolution), RHTLaw Taylor Wessing LLP

Michelle Woodworth is a Partner in RHTLaw Taylor Wessing’s Litigation and Dispute Resolution Practice, having been admitted to the Bar of England & Wales (Middle Temple), the Supreme Court of Singapore (Advocate & Solicitor), the Supreme Court of NSW, Australia (Legal Practitioner) and the High Court of Australia (Solicitor & Barrister).

Michelle served as a District Judge in the Family & Juvenile Justice Division of the Subordinate Courts of Singapore (now the Family Justice Courts) before joining the Law Society of Singapore, as Director and Head of their Representation and Law Reform Department. She authored a chapter on custody, care and control and access of children in the 1st addition of “The Art of Family Lawyering” and edited the book’s 2nd edition.

Michelle tutors Family Law at the Preparatory Course Leading to Part B of the Singapore Bar Examinations and Co-Chairs the Law Society’s Family Law Practice Committee. She continues her work with dedication as an Advocate, Mediator (IMI and SIMI Certified), Collaborative Family Practitioner and Court-Appointed Child Representative.

Session 5: Third Party Funding - How Does it Work?



Clive Bowman – Chief Executive – Australia and Asia, IMF Bentham Limited

Clive is Chief Executive – Australia and Asia and is responsible for overseeing IMF's case management activity in that region. He is head of IMF's case selection committee and Investment Manager's committee.

He has extensive experience in litigation and litigation funding, with a particular focus on insolvency and large scale multi-party litigation.

Clive began his career in 1990 in a large law firm in Sydney, and then moved to a city firm in London, where he continued as a litigation lawyer. He became involved in litigation funding in 1997 and has been instrumental in the formation and development of IMF Bentham Limited as a leading litigation funder internationally.



Yasmin Mohammad - Senior Counsel, Vannin Capital

Yasmin is a franco-iranian lawyer admitted to the New York bar and specialised in public international law, private international law and international arbitration. Yasmin currently advises clients based in Europe, Asia and the MENA region on the benefits and options that third party dispute resolution funding can provide to their practice or business.

A Paris I University Sorbonne graduate (Master 1 of international law et Master 2 of private international law) and of NYU Law School (LLM International Legal Studies), Yasmin has advised both private and institutional or sovereign clients in Paris and Dubai as counsel in the context of international arbitration proceedings.

She has regularly opined on questions regarding conflict of laws, conflict of jurisdiction and sovereign immunity issues. She acted as counsel under various rules including ICC, LCIA, UNCITRAL, ICSID and CEPANI across numerous jurisdictions. She has particular expertise in disputes involving telecommunications, food and beverages, and oil and gas industries based in Europe, China or the Middle East.

Yasmin is a regular speaker at industry conferences and contributes to leading publications and journals on the subjects of international arbitration, commercial disputes and third party dispute resolution financing.



Wieger Wielinga - Managing Partner, Omni Bridgeway

Wieger Wielinga is Managing Partner of Omni Bridgeway.

Wieger began his career in 1992 as an attorney at Loeff Claey's Verbeke (now Allen & Overy), where he specialized in litigation and insolvency matters. He has extensive litigation and debt restructuring experience, including as court appointed receiver and advisor to the World Bank, the International Finance Corporation and international banks. He served in the Royal Dutch Army as an officer with the military intelligence service, where he received intensive Russian language training.

Mr Wielinga is a Dutch national. He holds an MBA from INSEAD, Fontainebleau, France, a Masters in Law from Leiden University and a post doctorate degree in Insolvency Law from the University of Nijmegen.

Session 6: Growing Pains: Challenges Faced by the Young Lawyer (Litigator)



The Honourable Justice Vinodh Coomaraswamy - Supreme Court of Singapore

Justice Vinodh Coomaraswamy was appointed a Judicial Commissioner of the High Court of Singapore in 2012 and a Judge of the High Court in 2013. On the Bench, he concentrates on domestic and cross-border insolvency, arbitration and complex commercial disputes.



Thio Shen Yi, S.C. – Joint Managing Director, TSMP Law Corporation

Shen Yi read law at St John's College, Cambridge University, graduating in 1991. He subsequently topped the English Bar Examinations, and was called to the Singapore bar in 1993. Since then, he has practiced exclusively in dispute resolution, primarily as counsel, and occasionally as arbitrator. He was appointed Senior Counsel in 2008 at the young age of 40. He was elected a Master Bencher of the Middle Temple in 2016.



Wendy Lin – Partner, WongPartnership LLP

Wendy is a commercial litigator who specialises in high-value, multi-jurisdictional, and complex disputes. Her active practice covers a wide array of commercial and corporate, cross-border trade and investment, fraud, shipping, and insolvency disputes.

Wendy regularly appears as counsel before the High Court and Court of Appeal, as well as in arbitrations conducted under various arbitral rules, including the SIAC, ICC, UNCITRAL, HKIAC, ICSID and LMAA rules. She is also actively involved in arbitration-related court proceedings, the most recent of which includes securing a rare setting-aside by the Singapore Courts of a substantial arbitral award.

Wendy has been appointed as Young Amicus Curiae by the Supreme Court, and was also recently praised for being “very analytical in her approach” and having “an excellent grasp of the law” by The Legal 500: Asia Pacific.



Tham Lijing – Of Counsel, Ascendant Legal LLC

Lijing is a dispute resolution lawyer based in Singapore. He is a litigator and regularly acts as instructed counsel. He has particular expertise in cases that involve novel, difficult legal issues or complicated facts.

His practice covers a broad range of areas including contractual disputes, torts, trusts, criminal law, and international arbitration. He has acted for foreign government agencies, global corporations, international banks, local companies, and individuals. He has an enduring interest in commercial matters that involve public law or policy issues.

Lijing graduated from the University of Oxford. He represented Oxford in the Phillip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition and was United Kingdom champion. Upon graduation, Lijing was appointed a Justices' Law Clerk and an Assistant Registrar of the Supreme Court of Singapore.

An Advocate & Solicitor in Singapore, Lijing is closely involved in matters relating to litigation practice. His appointments include being a member of the Rules of Court Working Party, and the Law Society's Civil Practice and Criminal Practice Committees.

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Session 7: Litigation – What's Next?



Professor Leslie Chew S.C - Dean, UniSIM Law School

Leslie Chew is a Senior Counsel who practices primarily at the Commercial Bar. From time to time he does however act for clients in commercial crime or white collar cases. He began his professional career in the Singapore Legal Service and was a DPP and State Counsel with the Ministry of Defence, where he prosecuted drug offences and military offences. He was a lawyer in KhattarWong for 20 years and was a joint Managing Partner from 1999 to 2006. He has practiced for over 27 years at the Bar. He was appointed Senior Counsel in 2000.

In 2007 he rejoined the Singapore Legal Service and was appointed a District Judge. He subsequently held office as a Senior District Judge overseeing the Civil Justice Division of the State Courts (then the Subordinate Courts) until he retired from the Singapore Legal Service in March of 2014. Upon retiring from the Singapore Legal Service, he returned to private practice, re-joining his previous firm of KhattarWong LLP, where he continues to practice as a Consultant.

In 2015 he was appointed Professor at SIM University to be the founding Dean of the University's new School of Law, Singapore's third law school.

In the course of his career as a lawyer of over 27 years in private practice and 10 years in the public service, Leslie has had a wide practice covering most areas of commercial law including international arbitration. He is a Fellow of the Singapore Institute of Arbitrators and the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators. He is also the lecturer and examiner for the 'Law and Practice of Arbitration in Singapore' elective, in Part B of the Bar Examinations. He also sits on various governmental committees including the Institution Disciplinary Advisory Committee which advises the Commissioner of Prisons on punishment of prison inmates.



Teh Hwee Hwee – Deputy Registrar, Supreme Court of Singapore

Ms Teh Hwee Hwee holds concurrent appointments as Divisional Registrar of the Court of Appeal, Divisional Registrar of the Singapore International Commercial Court ("SICC"), Deputy Registrar of the Supreme Court and District Judge.

Ms Teh is a member of the core team that worked on the establishment of the SICC, and continues to play a key role in its development as a commercial court of choice. She also served as the first Executive Director of the Singapore Mediation Centre and was involved in the formation of the Asian Mediation Association to provide a collaborative platform for building conflict management capabilities in fast growing Asian economies.

She has co-authored several books, including Laurence Boule and Teh Hwee Hwee, *Mediation – Principles Process Practice* (Butterworths Asia, 2000), and Joel Lee and Teh Hwee Hwee (eds), *An Asian Perspective on Mediation* (Academy Publishing, 2009).

Ms Teh received her Bachelor of Laws degree at the National University of Singapore and her Master of Laws degree at Harvard Law School. She has been admitted as an Advocate and Solicitor of the Supreme Court of Singapore and an Attorney and Counsellor-at-Law of the State Bar of New York. She was conferred the Public Administration Medal in 2012.



**Gregory Vijayendran – President, The Law Society of Singapore;
Partner, Rajah & Tann Singapore LLP**

Gregory presently serves as President of the Law Society of Singapore. He graduated from the National University of Singapore and was one of the main speakers in the university's moot team in 1992 that emerged world runners-up at the 1992 Jessup International Law Moot Competition in Washington D.C.

Gregory has been a long standing Advocacy Trainer with the Law Society since 1999 and from 2013 onwards, was appointed as a Moderator of the Advocacy Trainer cadres. He regularly serves with other passionate advocacy trainers to train lawyers on oral and written advocacy. To that end, he was part of the Teaching Faculty in the Singapore Academy of Law Advanced Advocacy Program in 2014 as well as the Law Society Litigation Conference trainer team in 2014 and 2016. Last year, he also lectured at the Law Society Written Advocacy programme and trained lawyers at the Trial Advocacy Workshop and for the Part B Examinations. He was privileged to train Malaysian lawyers in advocacy at the Borneo Advocacy Workshop in 2015.

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Yeong Zee Kin - Assistant Chief Executive (PDPC), Infocomm Media Development Authority and Deputy Commissioner, Personal Data Protection Commission (PDPC), Singapore

Yeong Zee Kin is a Technology, Media and Telecommunications (TMT) lawyer. Prior to taking up his present appointment as Assistant Chief Executive (Personal Data Protection Commission) of the Infocomm Media Development Authority, and Deputy Commissioner of the Personal Data Protection Commission, he was Senior State Counsel and Director of Technology Law in the Civil Division of the Attorney-General's Chambers and held a concurrent appointment as Senior Director (Special Projects) in the Legal Services department of the Ministry of Communications and Information. He was also legal advisor to the Smart Nation Programme Office and the Cyber Security Agency.

Before this, he was Senior Assistant Registrar and CIO cum CDO of the Supreme Court of Singapore. During his time in the Supreme Court, his administrative responsibilities included (at various times) the management of its registry, statistics unit and CISD. He managed the Supreme Court's Shipping, Intellectual Property, Information Technology and Employment lists. He developed specialised procedures for managing IP cases, eventually collating them and issuing the Supreme Court IP Court Guide. He continues to be engaged in procedural law reform as a member of the Ministry of Law's IP Dispute Resolution Framework Review Committee and the Supreme Court's Civil Justice Commission.

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