



THE LAW SOCIETY  
OF SINGAPORE

# LEGAL ETHICS ROUNDTABLE 2007

Thursday, 28 June 2007, 5.15-8.00pm

Level 8 Viewing Gallery, Supreme Court Building

## About this Series

After the successful first run in 2005, the CPD Committee of the Law Society is pleased to present its second Roundtable Discussion on legal ethics and professional responsibility.

Join us for an engaging and interactive session which aims to:

1. Provide practitioners with updates on recent case law developments
2. Discuss the practical implications ensuing from recent judgments including include conflicts of interests, warrants to act, client care best practices and ethics for conveyancers
3. Provoke discussion on the role and relevance of ethical issues and challenges confronting the profession today.

The talk will include an interactive roundtable discussion involving the chair, speakers as well as a panel of practitioners practicing in corporate, conveyancing and civil litigation, followed by a Q&A session.

To maximise the collective learning experience of the group, participants are encouraged to come prepared with their own experiences to share and questions to ask.

## Seminar Outline

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| 5.15 – 5.30pm | Registration & Refreshments  |
| 5.30 – 5.40pm | Overview & Opening Remarks by Chairperson<br>- Mr. LP Thean  |
| 5.40 – 6.10pm | Case Law Update on Legal Ethics & Professional Responsibility<br>- Prof Tan Yock Lin   |
| 6.10 – 6.40pm | The Importance of Ethics & Professional Responsibility: A Practitioner's Perspective<br>- Mr. Michael Hwang SC   |
| 6.40 – 7.15pm | Practitioners' Roundtable Discussion moderated by Chairperson<br><u>Panellists:</u> Prof Tan Yock Lin, Mr. Michael Hwang SC<br><u>Additional Panellists:</u><br>Mr. Gregory Vijayendran – Partner, WongPartnership<br>Ms Stefanie Yuen – Joint Managing Director, TSMP Law Corporation |
| 7.15 – 7.30pm | Q&A Session  |
| 7.30 – 8.00pm | Networking Session   |

## About the Chairperson

### Mr. LP Thean – Consultant, KhattarWong

Mr. Thean has over 45 years of experience as a practising lawyer in both Malaysia and Singapore, and a Judge and Judge of Appeal of the Supreme Court of Singapore. He has practised as consultant, arbitrator or mediator in numerous matters which include: Building and Construction Law; Banking; Finance and Securities; Company and Commercial Law and Corporate Law.

The matters that Mr. Thean has presided over as Judge and Judge of Appeal have been reported in both the Malaysian Law Journal and Singapore Law Reports.

## About the Speakers

### Mr. Michael Hwang SC – Vice President, The Law Society of Singapore; Chairman, Ethics Committee, The Law Society of Singapore; Senior Counsel & Arbitrator, M/s Michael Hwang

Michael Hwang received his legal education (both undergraduate and post-graduate) at Oxford University. He then took up a teaching appointment at the Faculty of Law at the University of Sydney before returning to Singapore to commence private practice in 1968. In 1991 Mr. Hwang was appointed a Judicial Commissioner of the Supreme Court for a fixed term which expired at the end of 1992. During his term of office Mr. Hwang dealt with a full caseload across the whole range of civil litigation. 15 of his judgments are reported in the Singapore Law Reports and several of them have been referred to with approval by other courts and academic commentators. He returned to private practice at the beginning of 1993, as the Head of Litigation at the law firm of Allen & Gledhill, Singapore. In 1997 Mr. Hwang was appointed as one of the first twelve Senior Counsel of the Supreme Court of Singapore. He established his own specialist practice as Senior Counsel and Arbitrator at the beginning of 2003.

### Professor Tan Yock Lin – Professor of Law, Faculty of Law, National University of Singapore

Professor Tan (BSc (London), BA BCL Dip Econ Devt (Oxford)) is a professor of law with varied research interests in the conflict of laws, the law of evidence and equity and trusts. He has written books and articles on these subjects as well as a book on the legal profession, now in the second edition, and a loose-leaf work on Criminal Procedure. He is presently researching on commercial conflict of laws and takes a lively interest in law reform.

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**Venue:**  
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(Registrations will begin at 5.15pm)

**Fee:**  
**S\$ 42.00**  
(Law Society Members &  
employees of Singapore law practices)  
**S\$ 84.00** (others)  
(includes 5% GST, materials & refreshments)

## REGISTRATION FORM

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Date of Admission: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of years in Practice: \_\_\_\_\_

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Tel number: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
(A valid email address is required for confirmation of registration.)

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GIRO accounts with the Law Society)

**Cheque payments should be made payable to "The Law Society of Singapore" & arrive at our office  
with the completed registration form on or before the closing date, Thursday, 21 June 2007:**

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1. Registrations will be confirmed upon receipt of full payment accompanied by a duly completed registration form.
2. The Organisers reserve the right to refuse to register or admit any participant, and to cancel or postpone the course.
3. Substitute delegates are welcomed (e.g. member for member, non-member for non-member), subject to the Law Society Training Department being notified at least 2 working days before the course of the details of the substitute delegate.
4. The Organisers reserve the right to impose a cancellation fee in the event any registrant wishes to withdraw from the course after the registration closing date.
5. The Organisers will not entertain any request for a refund of fees. However a confirmed registrant who has paid in full the course fees but does not turn up for the course will be entitled to collect a set of the materials provided.

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