



THE LAW SOCIETY  
OF SINGAPORE

# "CONSTRUCTION LAW UPDATE 2007"

Wednesday, 25 April 2007, 3.00-6.00pm  
FTSE ROOM, CAPITAL TOWER

## About this Seminar

This Seminar aims to provide legal and construction industry professionals and in-house counsel working in the Singapore construction industry with an update and review of the recent case law developments, with a special focus on professional negligence issues.

The Case Law Updates section will examine a number of important 2006 Singapore decisions involving or impacting on the construction industry including:

- Jet Holdings v Cooper Cameron [2006] 3 SLR 769 (CA)  
Contractual duties implied by law (not fact) and contributory negligence in a contractual framework
- Panwah Steel v Koh Bros. [2006] 4 SLR 571 (CA)  
Impact of "project-specific" contracts on liability for non-delivery of agreed quantities of material
- Econ Piling v Aviva [2006] 4 SLR 501 (CA)
  - Distinction and consequence of "on demand" and "default" performance bond
  - Effect of expiry of limitation period on restraining call on default performance bond
  - Significance of S.O. certification of contractor's default under contract for performance bond call
- Sunny Metal v Ng Khim Ming [2006] SGHC 222 (HG)  
Liability of Design and Build Contractor's Architect to Employer
- Spandek Engineering v DSTA [2006] SGHC 229 (HG)  
Liability of S.O. under PSSCOC standard form to main contractor to properly certify payments due under the contract

Then, in the session on "Professional Negligence Issues in the Construction Industry" the speaker will provide a comprehensive update of developments in this area including:

- Joint and several liability
- Economic loss and defective buildings
- Claims by contractors in tort against consultants
- Independent contractors
- Standard of care
- Duty to warn

## Seminar Outline

2.45-3.00pm	<i>Registration &amp; Refreshments</i>
3.00-3.10pm	Overview & Opening Remarks by Chairperson - Mr. Naresh Mahtani
3.10-4.10pm	<b>Case Law Updates</b> - Mr. Mohan Pillay
4.10-4.30pm	<i>Break</i>
4.30-5.30pm	<b>Professional Negligence Issues in the Construction Industry</b> - Mr. George Tan
5.30-6.00pm	<i>Panel Discussion/ Q&amp;A Session moderated by Seminar Chair</i>

## About the Speakers

### **Mr. George Tan - Director, TSMP Law Corporation, Singapore**

George Tan LLB (Hons), FSIArb, FCIArb is a director of TSMP Law Corporation specialising in Building and Construction Law. He is the author and co-author of the following books on construction – *Building and Construction Title of Halsbury Laws of Singapore and Construction Law in Singapore and Malaysia*. Each year, he also co-authored an annual review of Building and Construction Law for the Singapore Academy of Law.

He has been involved as counsel and arbitrator in SIAC, SIA, ICC and UNCITRAL arbitrations. He is a member of Dispute and Compensation Resolution Panel, National Electricity Market of Singapore and is now on SMC's register of adjudicators. He is also an adjunct Associate Professor for the joint King's College-NUS MSc Programme in Construction Law and Arbitration.

### **Mr. Mohan Pillay - Managing Partner, MPillay; Adj. Assoc. Prof., Faculty of Law, Nat. Univ. of Singapore; Visiting Professor, Centre of Construction Law & Management, King's College London**

Consistently identified as a leading Asian and Singapore lawyer in construction and arbitration, Mohan has 20 years experience appearing before both Singapore Courts and arbitration tribunals. He has represented clients in complex disputes involving building construction, civil engineering, power and incineration plants, and oil and gas production facilities, in various jurisdictions and under ICC, UNCITRAL, SIAC and other arbitration rules.

Mohan is a Panel Arbitrator of the SIAC, Singapore Institute of Arbitrators and the Kuala Lumpur Regional Centre for Arbitration. He is also a Principal Mediator with Singapore Mediation Centre and a Fellow of the Singapore and Chartered Institute of Arbitrators. He is an accredited Adjudicator under the Building & Construction Industry Security of Payment Act 2004. He has acted as Adjudicator, Arbitrator and Mediator.

Mohan has recently been appointed Consultant to Pinsent Masons, which ranks in the top 15 of UK law firms and the top 100 of law firms globally in term of size. He is the managing partner of the Singapore legal firm, "MPillay".

In addition to an active practice, Mohan is also an Adjunct Associate Professor at the Faculty of Law, National University of Singapore, and a Visiting Professor at the Centre of Construction Law & Management, King's College London, University of London.

## About the Chairperson

### **Mr. Naresh Mahtani (FSIArb, FCIArb)**

Naresh has been in legal practice for the past 25 years in commercial litigation, construction projects and dispute resolution. He is currently Chairman of the Society for Construction Law and a Council Member of the Singapore Institute of Arbitrators. He is a member of several dispute resolution panels, including the Regional Panel of the Singapore International Arbitration Centre, Asia-Pacific Regional Grouping (APRAG) Panel of Arbitrators; Disputes & Compensation Resolution Panel of Singapore Wholesale Electricity Market, Adjudication Panel of the Financial Industry Disputes Resolution Panel; as well as an Accredited Adjudicator at the Singapore Mediation Centre. He is currently a consultant at Alban Tay Mahtani & de Silva (ATMD), a firm which he co-founded, and is engaged as an advisor in construction projects and in dispute resolution as arbitrator and counsel in Singapore and the region.



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Venue:

**FTSE Room**  
**Capital Tower, Level 9**  
**168 Robinson Road Singapore 068912**

(Registrations will begin at 2.45pm)

Fee:

**S\$ 105.00** (Members of Law Society & SCCA & employees of Singapore law practices)

**S\$ 126.00** (Members of SCL Singapore)

**S\$ 168.00** (others)  
(includes 5% GST, materials & refreshments)

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