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# **DISPUTE RESOLUTION IN INDIA**

**Wednesday, 24 August 2005, 5.00-7.30pm**

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## **About this Evening Seminar**

India plays a strategic role in the economic policies of Singapore and the region. With the signing of the Comprehensive Economic Cooperation Agreement between Singapore and India and its role in possibly paving the way for an India-ASEAN Free Trade Agreement, there are growing opportunities in South Asia for both local and regional businesses. With these opportunities come the unavoidable concerns with the effectiveness of dispute resolution and management in India.

For professional advisers involved in various aspects of deal negotiation and structuring and legal risk management, this Seminar provides an insight into the dispute resolution processes available in India. Topics covered include:

1. An overview of the Indian Court Structure
2. Addressing frequently asked questions:
  - a. Delay
  - b. Influence
  - c. Recovery of costs
3. Examining recent developments in Indian arbitration:
  - a. extent of ad hoc vs institutional arbitrations
  - b. the general attitude to arbitration awards
  - c. procedure to set aside awards
  - d. a review of the Arbitration & Conciliation Act 1996
  - e. the level of judicial intervention
  - f. relevance of seat of arbitration
  - g. pros & cons of a non-Indian seat of arbitration
  - h. proposed 2003 amendments to 1996 Act
  - i. setting up of SIAC-CIDC Dispute Resolution Centre in New Delhi

### **Who Should Attend**

- Lawyers who practise international arbitration law
- Arbitrators
- In-house counsel who manage disputes for their organisations

## **Program Outline**

<b>5.00-5.30pm</b>	<b>Registrations &amp; Refreshments</b>
<b>5.30-5.40pm</b>	<b>Opening Remarks by Chairperson</b>
	<i>Mr. Basil Vareldzis – SI Arb Honorary Treasurer and Chair of its Construction Arbitration Group</i>
<b>5.40-7.00pm</b>	<b>Dispute Resolution In India</b>
	<i>Mr. Mohan Pillay – Partner and Head of India Practice, Wong Partnership</i>
<b>7.00-7.15pm</b>	<b>Question &amp; Answer Session</b>
<b>7.15-7.30 pm</b>	<b>Refreshments &amp; Networking</b>

## **About the Speaker**

### **Mr. Mohan Pillay – Partner, M/s Wong Partnership**

Mohan is a Partner at Wong Partnership, where he heads the Firm's India Practice. In addition to an active practice, Mohan teaches building contracts, construction law and international arbitration at the National University of Singapore where he is an Adjunct Associate Professor at the Faculty of Law.

Mohan is increasingly involved in advising several groups of Singapore corporates keen on participating in India's tremendous growth opportunities. He has also been invited to speak on Singapore dispute resolution in conferences in New Delhi, Mumbai and Bangalore. Most recently he has been working with the Singapore International Arbitration Centre on its collaboration with the Construction Industry Development Council of India to develop and set up dispute resolution systems in India for the construction industry.

Mohan is also the General Editor of **"Doing Business in India"** a 500 page hardcover book recently published by Sweet & Maxwell.



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**About the Chairperson**

**Mr. Basil Vareldzis – SIArb Honorary Treasurer and Chair of its Construction Arbitration Group**

Basil Vareldzis is the Honorary Treasurer of the Singapore Institute of Arbitrators. He graduated with Honours from Imperial College of Science and Technology – London University – in both Electrical and Civil Engineering. Basil has worked in the Construction and Industry on major Civil Engineering and Building Projects both in the United Kingdom, the Middle East, and Singapore. He is an Associate of the Chartered Institute of Insurers by Examination, and a Fellow of both the Chartered and Singapore Institute of Arbitrators. In 1996, Basil joined China Construction in Singapore first as a Director of Projects, and later as a Director and General Manager. In 2003, he set up his own office, Vesco Construction Services, whereby he offers project management and claims consultancy services, and is available for appointment as Arbitrator and Expert Witness in Delay Claims.

<b>Venue</b> <b>The Executives' Club</b> 65 Chulia Street #33-01 OCBC Centre (West Lobby) (Registrations will begin at 5.00 pm)	<b>Fee:</b> <b>S\$ 63.00</b> (Members of SIArb, SICCI, SCCA, SBF, Law Society & employees of Singapore law practices) <b>S\$ 94.50</b> (non-Members) (includes 5% GST, materials & refreshments)
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Name (Dr/Mr/Mrs/Miss/Mdm): \_\_\_\_\_

Name and Address of Law Firm/Law Corporation/Organisation: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Position in Law Firm/Law Corporation/Organisation: \_\_\_\_\_

AAS No: \_\_\_\_\_ NPM No: \_\_\_\_\_ NRIC/Passport No: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Cheque payments should be made payable to **"The Law Society of Singapore"** & arrive at our office with your completed registration form before the closing date, **Tuesday, 17 August 2005:**

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**Programme Category: Professional Practice**  
**Level: Introductory-Intermediate**

**Practice Area: Category 4 (Dispute Resolution)**  
**CPD Hours: 1 hour 45 mins**