

Introduction to PUBLIC POLICY IN INTERNATIONAL COMMERCIAL ARBITRATION

Tuesday, 4 July 2006, 3.00 to 6.00p.m.

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a very 'unruly horse'
according to Burrough J in
Richardson v. Mellish (1824)

About this Seminar

Public policy is a highly debated topic globally and in Singapore today. It is particularly pronounced in arbitration as it is one of the most popular grounds commonly used by parties to set aside Arbitration Awards in Singapore courts. But it remains a complex, academic and highly controversial subject. So far, there have been no successful attempts in the Singapore to set aside Awards on this ground, yet.

This introductory session will attempt to cover the basic principles and issues of public policy as well as case studies from overseas and locally. The session is expected to benefit general law practitioners interested in the subject of international arbitration or newly admitted solicitors & advocates.

Topics covered include:

1. What is "Public Policy"?
2. Comparative studies – public policy in Belgium, Germany, Switzerland and China
3. Distinction between domestic public policy and international public policy

4. Test for International public policy
5. Effect on Arbitration Agreement and Awards
6. Singapore's perspective and current trend
7. Final Report of the International Law Association on Public Policy as a Bar to Enforcement of International Arbitration Awards (2003)

Programme Outline

2.45–3.00p.m.	Registration & Refreshments
3.00–4.10p.m.	Part 1
4.10–4.30p.m.	Networking Break
4.30–6.00p.m.	Part 2

About the Speaker

Prof. Steve K. Ngo – Managing Director, ADLER Group

Professor Steve K. Ngo specialises in international arbitration and foreign & comparative law. Apart from teaching and research, he acts as consultant on arbitration laws as well as representing clients as arbitration attorney. Most recently he was appointed as co-arbitrator for a large international financial dispute case.

Steve is an advisory board member of the Western Australian Institute of Dispute Management (WAIDM) based at Murdoch University School of Law. Among others, he is a Fellow of the Hong Kong Institute of Arbitrators, Senior Fellow of the Australian Institute of Foreign & Comparative Law, member of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators and London Court of International Arbitration. Last December 2005, he was main speaker at the Sir Edward Youde Distinguished Memorial Lecture 2005/2006, talking about the future generation of young practitioners from China.

Venue: The Law Society of Singapore Conference Room, Level 2 Singapore 058673 (Registrations will begin at 2.45pm)	Fee: S\$ 105.00 (Law Society Members, SCCA Members & employees of Singapore law practices) S\$ 157.50 (others) (includes 5% GST, materials & refreshments)
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