



THE LAW SOCIETY
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Preventing & Negotiating Shareholder & Partnership Disputes: An Integrated Approach

Friday, 13 January 2006, 3.00pm to 6.00pm

Workshop Objectives

A staggering 55% of alliances and 78% of mergers and acquisitions fall apart within three years of conception. How do you ensure you or your client are in the "winning" minority? Most alliances fail not because of poor drafting of contractual terms or because due diligence was performed with insufficient diligence, but rather because the alliance partners did not understand their own or their partners' true interests and expectations.

Whether you are a lawyer, corporate counsel, shareholder, company director or partner in a firm, this 2-part Workshop helps you understand why the art of the deal is more analogous to matchmaking than to the art of war.

The Path of Prevention: Negotiating Alliances that Last

This Part focuses on the pre-contractual phase of alliance management.

We explore the weaknesses of a "rights-based" approach" to alliances, vs an integrated "Three "I"" approach: Identify – Inform – Include.

The Road to Resolution: Negotiating Alliance Disputes

In this Part, we explore how to manage a troubled alliance, so that you not only resolve the dispute at hand and get back to the business of making money, but possibly create a firmer foundation for the alliance in the future. Dr. Billings-Yun will share her proprietary "GRASP Method" which is loosely based on the Harvard Negotiation Method but designed specifically for the Asian context.

Who Should Attend

Lawyers, corporate counsel, company directors, shareholders, investors, partners and anyone interested in better management of alliances, shareholder and partnership relationships.

Programme Outline

- 2.30 – 3.00p.m.: Registration & Refreshments
- 3.00 – 4.15p.m.: Workshop (Part 1) – The Path of Prevention: Negotiating Alliances that Last
- 4.15 – 4.30p.m.: Networking Break
- 4.30 – 5.45p.m.: Workshop (Part 2) – The Road to Resolution: Negotiating Alliance Disputes
- 5.45 – 6.00 p.m.: Q&A

About the Workshop Leader

Dr. Melanie Billings-Yun (Ph.D Harvard, MSc London School of Economics) is founder and senior partner at **Global Resolutions**, Singapore's first negotiation consulting firm, providing negotiation strategies, assistance and training as well as mediation and conflict resolution services to business, government and individual clients in the Asia-Pacific region. Formerly a lecturer and research director at Harvard's Kennedy School of Government, Dr. Billings-Yun has consulted on numerous multimillion dollar joint ventures between Asian and Western companies. Her list of over 50 corporate and government clients includes Unocal, 3M, ABB, P&G, L'Oréal, Samsung, Hyundai, the Law Society of Singapore, the Bank of Korea, the Korea High-Speed Rail Commission and the Insurance Association of Thailand. She has also advised the President and leading government officials in South Korea.

Venue:
The Law Society of Singapore
Conference Room
39 South Bridge Road Singapore 058673
(Registrations will begin at 2.30pm)

Fee:
S\$ 84.00 (Members of Law Society, SID and SCCA, and employees of law practices)
S\$ 105.00 (Others)
(includes 5% GST, materials & refreshments)

REGISTRATION FORM

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Level: Introductory-Immediate

Practice Area: Category 1 (Corporate/Commercial)

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