

About this Seminar

Gambling has always been part and parcel of many societies, and balancing the social impact of gambling against its economic benefits is a key feature of the legal and public policy in many jurisdictions.

Internationally, the proliferation of casinos and casino-style gambling cannot be ignored. With Singapore embracing Integrated Resorts as a key driver of her tourism industry, gambling has been thrust into the local limelight in the past 2 years with much discussion generated regarding economic gains versus social mores. As Singapore moves from ubiquitous Toto and 4D counters and Big Sweep tickets to increasingly diverse forms of gaming, and as she makes concerted moves to attract the international gaming dollar as an economic proposition, the legal challenges continue to evolve.

The Singapore Academy of Law and the Law Society of Singapore are proud to present this seminar that discusses the legal aspects of a very current topic including relevant legislation and case-law, as well as takes a broader perspective of industry trends and developments, including the impact and implications of new gambling platforms, channels and models of collaboration. The seminar will conclude with a panel discussion on the challenges of cross-border enforcement and opportunities for the legal profession.

Programme Outline

2.00 – 2.15 p.m.	<i>Registration & Refreshments</i>
2.15 – 2.30 p.m.	Introduction and Overview by Chairperson <i>Emeritus Professor Peter Ellinger</i>
2.30 – 3.30 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview of gambling scene in Singapore, forms of permitted gambling, legal position in other countries generally • Outline of legal regime regulating conduct of gambling activities in Singapore • Recent legal developments in the regulation of cross-border gambling <i>Mr. Lau Kok Keng - Partner, M/s Rajah & Tann</i>
3.30 – 4.00 p.m.	The Casino Control Act 2006, and legal aspects of the IR project <i>Mr. Yap Wai Ming - Director, Stamford Law Corporation</i>
4.00 – 4.20 p.m.	<i>Networking Break</i>
4.20 – 4.50 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Developments in gambling platforms and channels ▪ Cross border electronic gambling and offshore gambling licensing ▪ Development in the USA with the passing of the Safe Port Act ▪ How domestic laws have adapted to regulate new gambling opportunities <i>Mr. Yap Wai Ming - Director, Stamford Law Corporation</i>
4.50 – 5.30 p.m.	International trends, developments & opportunities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Current market trends for poker and other products ▪ Where the market is and maybe heading ▪ How the Betfair online exchange system works as compared with the traditional online bookmakers ▪ Betfair's model of cooperation and partnership with governments and licensing bodies <i>Mr. Steve Ives - Managing Director, Betfair Games</i>
5.30 – 6.00 p.m.	Panel Discussion moderated by Chairperson: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Enforcement issues arising from gambling ▪ The future of gambling, and work opportunities for lawyers
6.00 – 6.15 p.m.	<i>Question & Answer Session</i>

About the Speakers (in speaking order)

Mr. Lau Kok Keng – Partner, M/s Rajah & Tann

Lau Kok Keng has been in practice in Singapore since 1990. He undertakes a broad range of work including advising on the intellectual property protection, commercialisation and enforcement issues, handling contentious and non-contentious technology law matters, and representing clients in the media, gambling (on-shore and offshore), sports, entertainment and telecommunications industries. He has written many articles and authored various books, the most recent of which are the chapter on "Managing intellectual Property Issues in E-Commerce" in the Sweet & Maxwell publication, *Intellectual Property Law & Strategy* (2006) and the article titled "Entertainment & Gambling: A Changing Landscape" published in the September 2006 issue of the Law Gazette. He has also spoken at various conferences and seminars on gaming, and has been cited as a leading lawyer in the fields of IT and Communications by publications such as *Asian Legal Business' Legal Who's Who*, *PLC Global Counsel 3000* and *PLC Which Lawyer? Yearbook*.

Mr. Yap Wai Ming – Director, Stamford Law Corporation

Yap Wai Ming was admitted to the Singapore bar in 1987 and Malaysian bar in 1993 after graduating with from the National University of Singapore law faculty. His main area of practice is on mergers and acquisitions, equity and debt capital markets, gaming & leisure. He has undertaken many listings in Malaysia and Singapore including the two successful casino listings in Singapore. He is ranked as one of the Asia Leading Lawyers for mergers and acquisitions by Asia law & Practice, a Euromoney Institutional Investor Company and has been advising on gaming issues in Singapore and the region. Wai Ming is the author of the Malaysian chapter on "International Securities Law" published by the Center for International Legal Studies, Austria and "Civil



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Litigation" chapter for the *Mergers and Acquisitions in China*, published by Thomson Sweet & Maxwell. He is also a member of the International Masters of Gaming Law founded in the USA, an international grouping of gaming law practitioners.

Mr. Steve Ives – Managing Director, Betfair Games

Steve Ives is Managing Director of Betfair Games and as such has responsibility for looking after Betfair's poker business, the exchange games portfolio and other gaming products. Steve has been in the egaming industry since joining Betfair in 2002 and before that had a background in investment banking, strategy consulting and media businesses in Asia. He has an economics degree from Cambridge University in the UK and an MBA from Insead business school in France.

About the Chairperson

Emeritus Professor Peter Ellinger – Law Faculty, National University of Singapore

Professor Peter Ellinger is a Professor Emeritus of the National University of Singapore and a Consultant of Messrs Rajah & Tann, Advocates & Solicitors of Singapore. Previously, he held chairs of law at the Victoria University of Wellington (NZ) and at Monash University, Melbourne, Australia. From the beginning of his career, Professor Ellinger has specialised in commercial law with particular emphasis on banking law. He has published a number of books on the subject, including *Modern Banking Law* (published by OUP) and chapters in *Benjamin's Sale of Goods* and in *Chitty on Contracts* and many articles in academically as well as in practically orientated periodicals. He has lectured on many subjects in the field of banking law (both domestic and international) at universities and in seminars conducted for bankers and lawyers in most commercial and financial centres.

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