



THE LAW SOCIETY  
OF SINGAPORE

# FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS IN A WRITTEN CONSTITUTION

Wednesday, 31 October 2007, 5.30-7.00pm

## About this Seminar

The Law Society is pleased to present a talk by leading administrative and public law practitioner, The Honourable Michael Beloff QC.

Chaired by our President Philip Jeyaretnam SC, this talk will deal with issues that include:

1. the pros and cons of having fundamental rights in a written constitution as distinct from as a matter of common law;
2. the approach the judiciary (and public authorities) should take to enforcement or recognition of such rights, especially the concept of balance;
3. how human rights instruments should be construed; and
4. the utility of comparative jurisprudence in this arena.

5.15-5.30pm	Registration & Refreshments
5.30-5.40pm	<b>Chairperson's Opening Remarks</b>
	<i>Mr. Philip Jeyaretnam SC – President, the Law Society of Singapore; Partner, Rodyk &amp; Davidson LLP</i>
5.40-6.30pm	<b>Fundamental Rights in a Written Constitution</b>
	<i>The Honourable Michael J Beloff Q.C.</i>
6.30-7.00pm	Panel Discussion / Question & Answer Session

## About the Speaker

### ***The Honourable Michael J Beloff Q.C. – Blackstone Chambers***

The Honourable Michael J Beloff QC, President of Trinity College, Oxford 1996-2006, is an FRSA, FICPD, Academician of the Academy of Learned Societies for the Social Sciences. He is an Honorary Fellow of the Institute of Advanced Legal Studies, an Honorary Fellow of Trinity College, Oxford and has an honorary doctorate from Farleigh Dickinson University (USA). He is a visiting Professor of Law at Buckingham University.

He was called to the Bar by Gray's Inn in November 1967 (Gerald Moody Scholar, Atkin Scholar), became a Queen's Counsel in 1981, a Recorder of the Crown Court from 1984-95, a Master of the Bench of Gray's Inn in 1988 (Vice-Treasurer elect in 2006), a Deputy High Court Judge from 1989-96 (designated to sit in the Crown Office list), Senior Ordinary Judge of the Court Of Appeal of Jersey and Guernsey from 2005 (Judge of the Court of Appeal of Jersey and Guernsey from 1995) and a Member of the Court of Arbitration for Sport ("CAS") from 1996. He was on the CAS ad hoc panel for dispute resolution during the Olympic Games at Atlanta in 1996, at Sydney 2000, at Athens in 2004 and the Commonwealth Games in Kuala Lumpur in 1999, Manchester in 2002, and Melbourne in 2006. He was also on a special Arbitral panel for the FIFA World Cup in 2002, on a CAS ad hoc panel for the FIFA World Cup in 2006 and the disciplinary panel for the Cricket World Cup 2007. He has been President of the Interception of Communications Tribunal (now the Regulation of Investigatory Policies) (Guernsey) since 2005, Chairman of the Interception of Communications Tribunal (now the Regulation of Investigatory Policies) (Jersey) since 2004 and Deputy Chairman of the Information Commission (National Security) U.K. since 2000. He was the first Chairman of the Administrative Law Bar Association from 1986-9 and is now a Vice-President and Emeritus Chairman. He was joint head of Chambers at 4-5 Gray's Inn Square from 1992-2000, before moving back in 2000 to Blackstone Chambers, his original set (then 2 Hare Court).

More than 400 of the cases in which he was counsel have been reported in various Law Reports. He has appeared more than 40 times in the House of Lords, ten times in the Privy Council, ten times in the European Court of Justice, eight times in the European Court of Human Rights, and in Courts in Hong Kong, Bermuda, Kuala Lumpur, Kuching, Gibraltar, Singapore, Trinidad, Brunei and Belfast; he has also been instructed by lawyers from the USA, Scotland, Bangladesh, Sarawak, India, Sabah, Malawi, Greece, New Zealand and France. He has appeared in three major public inquiries: Crown Agents (1979-81); the Brixton riots (1981) and the Sentosa cable car disaster (Singapore) (1983). His clients have included various departments of State, foreign governments, major national and international corporations, public authorities, sports bodies and clubs, trade unions, pressure groups, and prominent politicians, writers, and sportsmen (Olympic and world champions) etc. He is Foreign Consultant to the Law Counsel, Dacca, Bangladesh. He has appeared in several international arbitrations (in London, Brussels, Geneva and Monte Carlo), and sat himself as a commercial arbitrator under the auspices of the ICC, LCIA, and Geneva Chamber of Commerce as well as an ad hoc arbitrator. He has given expert evidence on English law and practice for the purpose of proceedings in various states in the USA, in the Irish Republic, in the Republic of South Africa, France and Switzerland. He has carried out inquiries for Oxford University into alleged plagiarism, for two television companies, Channel 4 and Carlton, into the making of two controversial broadcasts, and for the Rugby Football Union into alleged racism. He has been identified in various legal publications at one time or another as a leading figure in the fields of public, local government, commercial, defamation, insurance, arbitration, civil liberties, agricultural, EU, sport, human rights, environmental, education, immigration and employment law.

## About the Chairperson

### ***Mr. Philip Jeyaretnam SC – President, the Law Society of Singapore; Partner, Rodyk & Davidson LLP***

Philip Jeyaretnam, Senior Counsel, is a partner in the law firm of Rodyk & Davidson LLP. His areas of practice include commercial litigation, international arbitration and trade and investment law. He particularly enjoys matters with a cross-border element, when different legal systems and cultures have to be understood. He is President of the Law Society of Singapore.

#### **The Law Society's vMCPD Scheme**

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**Training Level: Update**

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<b>Venue:</b> The Law Society of Singapore Conference Room, Level 2 Singapore 058673  (Registrations will begin at 5.15pm)	<b>Fee:</b> <b>S\$ 58.85</b> (Law Society Members, SCCA Members & employees of Singapore law practices)  <b>S\$ 80.25 (others)</b> (includes 7% GST, materials & refreshments)
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Cheque payments should be made payable to "**The Law Society of Singapore**" & arrive at our office with the completed registration form on or before the closing date, **Wednesday, 24 October 2007**:

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1. Registrations will be confirmed upon receipt of full payment accompanied by a duly completed registration form.
2. The Organisers reserve the right to refuse to register or admit any participant, and to cancel or postpone the course.
3. Equivalent substitute delegates are welcomed (e.g. member for member, non-member for non-member), subject to the Organisers being notified at least 2 working days before the course of the details of the substitute delegate
4. The Organisers reserve the right to impose a cancellation fee in the event any registrant wishes to withdraw from the course after the registration closing date.
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