

## AN AFTERNOON WITH FURMSTON:

### Furmston's Thoughts on the Development of Contract Law in Singapore

Thursday, 29 September 2005, 3.00-6.00pm

#### About this Seminar

Historically the Singapore law of contract was the same as the English law. It is now clear that this is no longer true. The two laws may be and often are the same but they are not necessarily the same. In addition contract law is in a constant state of development in both jurisdictions as it is in Australia, Canada and New Zealand.

Spend the afternoon with a leading authority on contract, **Professor Michael Furmston** (of *Cheshire, Fifoot & Furmston on Contract* fame) as he shares his thoughts on recent developments in Singapore contract law.

This seminar will discuss some interesting recent cases which highlight these developments with particular reference to:

- mistake (*Chwee Kin Keong v Digilandmall.com Pte Ltd* [2004] 2 SLR 594; *Tribune Investment Trust Inc. v Soosan Trading Co. Ltd* [2000] 3 SLR 405);
- undue influence (*Bank of East Asia Ltd v Mody Sonal M & Ors* [2004] 4 SLR 113); and
- unconscionability and good faith and problems in relation to contractual interpretation (*MCST Plan No. 1933 v Liang Huat Aluminium Ltd* [2001] 3 SLR 253).

#### Programme Outline

3.00 - 3.30 p.m.	Registration & Refreshments
3.30 - 3.40 p.m.	Chairperson's Opening Remarks
3.40 - 4.30 p.m.	Talk by Furmston (Part 1)
4.30 - 4.50 p.m.	Networking Break
4.50 - 5.30 p.m.	Talk by Furmston (Part 2)
5.30 - 6.00 p.m.	Q&A/ Discussion Session

#### Who Should Attend

- All lawyers
- Legal officers, in-house counsel
- Law academics
- Law students
- Anyone interested in the developments of contract law in Singapore

#### About the Speaker

##### Professor Michael Furmston

Michael Furmston was Professor of Law at the University of Bristol from 1978 to 1998 and was Dean of the Law Faculty from 1980-1984 and 1995-1998 and Pro Vice Chancellor of the University from 1986-1989. Before 1978 he taught in Birmingham and Belfast and was a Fellow of Lincoln College, Oxford from 1964-1978. He is now Emeritus Professor and Senior Research Fellow at the University of Bristol and is a Visiting Professor at the Universities of Cardiff, Sydney and Melbourne. He was a Visiting Professor at NUS in 1987 and 1999. He has been the editor for the last 30 years of *Cheshire, Fifoot & Furmston on Contract* (currently 14th edition 2001) and is the General Editor of the new major textbook *Butterworths Law of Contract* (2nd edition 2003). He is also the joint author of *Beale, Bishop & Furmston: Cases and Materials on Contract* and has also written books in the fields of Sale of Goods and Construction Law. He is the editor of the *Construction Law Reports*.

#### The Chairperson

##### Dr Anne Magdaline Netto

Dr Netto (LLB, MSc, PhD,) is currently practicing as a lawyer and arbitrator. She is an adjunct lecturer with the Singapore Management University. She has wide ranging experience both in the academia and commercial litigation. Dr Netto was the first Programme Director, KCL-NUS MSc (Construction Law & Arbitration). She was the first Singaporean to obtain the MSc in Construction Law & Arbitration at King's College London. Dr Netto has authored several articles on construction law in Singapore and the UK which have been published in leading journals. She is the lead author of Singapore Building Control Handbook (2003).

<b>Venue:</b> <b>The Law Society of Singapore</b> <b>Conference Room, Level 2</b> <b>Singapore 058673</b> (Registrations will begin at 3.00pm)	<b>Fee:</b> <b>S\$ 60.00</b> (Law Society Members, SCCA Members, NUS law students & employees of Singapore law practices) <b>S\$ 84.00 (others)</b> (includes 5% GST, materials & refreshments)
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