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"Ten Questions Not To Ask In Cross Examination In Contractual Disputes"

Date : 10 September 2009 (Thursday)
Time : 6.30pm to 8.30pm
Venue : Marina Mandarin Singapore
6 Raffles Boulevard
Marina Square
Singapore 039594
Charges : SI Arb, LawSoc and SCL members – S\$100
Full-time students – S\$80
Others – S\$120
Total CPD Points : 2 Points

Programme:

6.00pm – 6.30pm Registrations & Refreshments
6.30pm – 6.45pm Opening Address by Chairperson
Mr. Raja Bose, Partner & Head of International Arbitration, K & L Gates LLP
6.45pm – 8.00pm "Ten Questions Not To Ask In Cross Examination In Contractual Disputes"
Mr. Michael Hwang S.C., PBM, Chartered Arbitrator
8.00pm – 8.30pm Question & Answer Session

About the Seminar:

Senior Counsel and Chartered Arbitrator Michael Hwang will identify 10 questions that an arbitration Counsel should take pains to avoid in cross-examination, in common law cases concerning contractual interpretation. Drawing on his longstanding experience, as Counsel and Arbitrator in many cases, the speaker will draw on rules of contractual interpretation to show why, as a matter of relevance and effectiveness, some questions are best left unasked, and other questions prioritized given the limited time available for cross-examination in arbitration.

About the Speaker:

Michael Hwang S.C., PBM, is a practising lawyer, and received his legal education (both undergraduate and post-graduate) at Oxford University where he was a College Scholar and Prizewinner. He then took up a teaching appointment at the Faculty of Law at the University of Sydney before returning to Singapore to commence private practice in 1968. In 1991 Mr Hwang was appointed a Judicial Commissioner of the Supreme Court for a fixed term which expired at the end of 1992. He returned to private practice at the beginning of 1993, where he was a Senior Partner and Executive Committee Member at the law firm of Allen & Gledhill (Singapore's largest law firm), until his retirement from the firm at the end of 2002. He now practises as a Barrister and Chartered Arbitrator in his own practice of Michael Hwang S.C. In 1997 Mr Hwang was appointed as one of the first twelve Senior Counsel of the Supreme Court of Singapore. Mr Hwang is also a practising arbitrator and mediator, and has conducted several arbitrations and mediations, both in Singapore and overseas. He is listed on the panels of 16 national arbitration institutions and has taught and written extensively on arbitration.

He has had a number of international appointments:

- Commissioner, United Nations Compensation Commission at Geneva
- Member, Permanent Court of Arbitration at the Hague
- Vice Chairman, ICC International Court of Arbitration at Paris
- Vice President, International Council of Commercial Arbitration (an NGO recognized by the United Nations)
- Council Member, International Council of Arbitration for Sports at Lausanne

For many years, Mr Hwang has been closely associated with the Law Faculty at the National University of Singapore, both as a part time teacher and examiner. He currently serves as an Adjunct Professor at that University as well as a member of

the Advisory Board to the Faculty of Law of Singapore Management University. He is the President of The Law Society of Singapore, and a Senate Member of the Singapore Academy of Law. He is also a member of the Board of Legal Education (a statutory board). He has served as a director of various public and private companies and is currently a director of two publicly listed companies, The Straits Trading Company Limited and Macquarie MEAG Prime Reit. He is also Chairman of the Singapore Dance Theatre Limited and was formerly Chairman of Lasalle College of the Arts (both non-profit public companies). He has served as Chairman of the Samaritans of Singapore and is a former director of PSA Corporation Ltd (the Port of Singapore Authority). He is a Governor of the Tower Club, as well as a Fellow of the Singapore Institute of Directors. In 2000 he was awarded the Pingat Bakti Masyarakat (PBM) by the government of Singapore for services to the Singapore Dance Theatre. In 2003 he was appointed Singapore's Non-Resident Ambassador to Switzerland. In 2005, he was appointed as Deputy Chief Justice of the Dubai International Financial Centre.

About the Chairperson:

Raja Bose, is 42 years old and a dual qualified lawyer in Singapore and the UK who has 16 years experience in commercial litigation, alternative arbitration and other forms of alternative dispute resolution. He has practised in both London and Singapore and is presently head of international arbitration for Asia at K&L Gates LLP, a global law firm with over 2,000 lawyers practising from 33 offices in 3 continents. He specializes in energy, offshore oil & gas engineering, shipping and international trade disputes. He has acted as lead counsel in trials before the Supreme Court of Singapore and in international arbitrations in Singapore, Hong Kong, Vietnam, Indonesia, India, China and London on a wide range of corporate commercial disputes. He is a member of the Singapore Institute of Arbitrators and on the panel of arbitrators of the Singapore International Arbitration Centre. He is listed as a Leading Individual in the field of international arbitration in the 2009 edition of Asia Legal 500.

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