



ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION
“THE EXPERT FACING CROSS-EXAMINATION”

Thursday, 3 June 2021, 5.00pm – 6.40pm

Synopsis

Expert witnesses are masters of their own field of expertise. When giving evidence, tribunals often give considerable leeway to expert witnesses, deferring to their expertise. In an adversarial system which is part of the common law system as well as in international arbitrations, the real challenge for the Expert Witness, however, is when he or she is cross-examined. The challenge to the less prepared and the less professional, can be daunting. The type of cross-examination which the expert witness will face in any dispute resolution proceeding may be described as a ‘destructive cross-examination’ – the cross-examiner seeks to undermine the expert’s evidence in order to advance his or her client’s case. This Roundtable features experts who have faced such cross-examination and also an aspiring expert who will share her concerns as an aspiring expert witness. Additionally, a Senior Counsel will share his thoughts on the cross-examination of experts.

Experts, and all those who are involved in the business of dispute resolution where expert testimony is frequently required, should attend this Roundtable.

Programme

5.00 – 5.05	Opening and Brief Remarks about Cross-examination Prof Leslie Chew SC - President, Asia Pacific Institute of Experts; Dean, School of Law at the Singapore University of Social Sciences; Senior Consultant, RHT Law Asia LLP, Singapore
5.05 – 5.55	Roundtable Topics: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Preparation for Cross• In the Box• Other Pointers• Preparing for the First Appointment (Concerns and Challenges) Moderator: Prof Leslie Chew SC Presentation by Experts: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ms. Kim Chua - Metallurgist, Brookes Bell LLP• Mr. Jonathan Ellis - Managing Director, Secretariat International• Ar. Catherine Loke - Partner, Lander Loke Architects; Adjunct Associate Professor, National University of Singapore; Council Member, Singapore Institute of Architects• Dr. Tan Teng Hooi - Assoc Prof and the Head of the Building and Project Management Programme, School of Science and Technology, Singapore University of Social Sciences• Mr. Gregory Vijayendran SC – Partner, Dispute Resolution, Rajah & Tan LLP; President, Law Society of Singapore
5.55 – 6.35	Roundtable Discussion and Q&A Session moderated by Prof. Leslie Chew SC
6.35 – 6.40	Closing Remarks

About the Moderator/Panel of Experts



Prof. Leslie Chew SC - President, Asia Pacific Institute of Experts; Dean, School of Law at the Singapore University of Social Sciences; Senior Consultant, RHT Law Asia LLP, Singapore

Prof. Leslie Chew SC is the founding and current Dean of the School of Law at the Singapore University of Social Sciences. He has practiced law in one form or another for over 4 decades. He was appointed Senior Counsel in 2000. In 2007 he was appointed a judge in the State Courts where he remained until his retirement in 2014. At the State Courts he was the Senior District Judge leading the Civil Justice Division. He retired from the judiciary in 2014. Upon his retirement from the Singapore Legal Service, he returned to law practice. Currently, he is a Senior Consultant at RHT Law Asia LLP. He has an active practice as an arbitrator in International Commercial Arbitrations.



Ms. Kim Chua - Metallurgist, Brookes Bell LLP

Kim Chua is a chartered engineer with the Engineering Council. She is API 580 certified and holds a Master of Engineering degree with First Class Honours in Chemical and Materials Engineering. She joined Brookes Bell as an in-house metallurgist in 2018. She has 14 years of industrial experience in a rolling mill within the product development team, and several accredited laboratories, specialising in testing of steels, aluminium alloys and corrosion resistant alloys. During her time at Brookes Bell, she has carried out joint sampling, investigation, testing and provided opinions of damaged wire ropes, structures, propeller blades, turbine blades and engine components. Using NDT metallurgical replication technique, she has taken in-situ replica samples of fracture surfaces and cylinder liners to preserve evidence of damaged components in the events that these components were not available for destructive testing at a laboratory.



Mr. Jonathan Ellis – Managing Director, Secretariat, Singapore

Jonathan Ellis is a Managing Director with Secretariat and is based in Singapore. He has had broad forensics, litigation and arbitration experience over the past 15 years. He specialises in the quantification of damages and valuations, in particular in dispute contexts. He has testified on many occasions, in both court and arbitration, undertaken expert determinations and has been engaged as a tribunal appointed expert. Since 2017 he has been recognised among the leading arbitration expert witnesses worldwide by Who’s Who Legal and was classified as “Global Elite Thought Leader” for 2020 and 2021.



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Ar. Catherine Loke - Partner, Lander Loke Architects; Adjunct Associate Professor, National University of Singapore; Council Member, Singapore Institute of Architects

Catherine obtained her B.Arch (Hons) from the University of Melbourne in 1992. She has been a Registered Architect since 1998 and partner in Lander Loke Architects since 1999. Being a hands-on practitioner, Catherine has over the years acquired in-depth skills from design and documentation to contract administration and code compliance, and the use of technology to enable better delivery. Catherine has served on the Council of the Singapore Institute of Architects (SIA) since 2012 and as First Vice-President for Council Years 2018/2019 and 2019/2020. She has served as Chief Examiner for the Board of Architects from 2014 to 2017. She regularly speaks on practice and building contract matters at SIA and other professional associations, and is currently Adjunct Associate Professor at NUS, teaching architectural practice. Her firsthand experience in practice, education, professional development and regulation has enabled her to serve as expert witness in adjudication, arbitration and litigation, on a wide range of disputes over payment, defects, delays, boundary encroachment and

compliance with regulatory requirements. In recognition of her contribution to the industry, she was awarded the Women of the Built Environment Award at the RICS Awards 2020 Southeast Asia.



Dr. Tan Teng Hooi – Associate Professor and the Head of the Building and Project Management Programme, School of Science and Technology, Singapore University of Social Sciences

Dr. Tan Teng Hooi is presently an Associate Professor and the Head of the Building and Project Management Programme, School of Science and Technology, Singapore University of Social Sciences (SUSS). He is a Chartered Engineer and Professional Engineer, a Fellow of the Institution of Civil Engineers (UK) and the Institution of Engineers Singapore (IES). In his forty years of engineering career, he has worked in the academia where he lectures, conducts research, provides consultancy in civil and structural engineering and in the industry as a practitioner. He has also served in many technical committees on standards in SPRING Singapore relating to the construction industry and has served as an Expert Witness in several cases in Singapore.



Mr. Gregory Vijayendran SC - Partner, Dispute Resolution, Rajah & Tan LLP; President, Law Society of Singapore

Gregory's present practice encompasses a specialization in banking and corporate insolvency as well as litigation, arbitration and mediation of commercial disputes and chancery matters. He is also a recognized expert in charities governance and has given expert witness testimony for overseas court proceedings. Gregory graduated from the National University of Singapore in 1992, was admitted to the Singapore Bar in 1993 and joined Rajah & Tan LLP after being in practice in two other leading law firms for 15 years (jointly heading the Banking and Insolvency Litigation Practice group of another leading law firm). Gregory was appointed Senior Counsel in 2019. Gregory presently serves as President of the Law Society and Vice President of the Singapore Academy of Law. He has also been appointed as a Fellow of the Insolvency Practitioners Association of Singapore and the Singapore Institute of Arbitrators.

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