



[WEBINAR] Balancing Accused's Rights with Complainant's Rights in Sexual Assault Trials

16 October 2020, Friday 2.30pm – 4.45pm This programme is conducted as a live webinar.





About the Programme

This programme will be focused on skills building for defence counsel on the cross examination of sexual assault survivors and laying the ground for ethical practice. Knowledge on sexual assault myths will be embedded as part of the skills training. Participants will be encouraged to attend further talks/trainings on sexual violence.

Programme Outline

Time	Activity
2.30pm – 2.45pm	Sharing by a Psychiatrist
	Dr Christopher Cheok - Senior Consultant, Department of Forensic Psychiatry, Institute of Mental Health
2.45pm – 3.30pm	Live Demo of Cross Examination
	Lim Xiu Xuan - Case Manager, Sexual Assault Care Centre, Association of Women for Action and Research Adrian Wee - Director, Characterist LLC Ramesh Tiwary – Sole Proprietor, Ramesh Tiwary Advocate & Solicitor
3.30pm – 3.45pm	Break
3.45pm – 4.45pm	Panel Discussion Moderator Chenthil Kumarasingam – Partner, Withers KhattarWong LLP Panellists
	Dr Christopher Cheok - Senior Consultant, Department of Forensic Psychiatry, Institute of Mental Health Lim Xiu Xuan - Case Manager, Sexual Assault Care Centre, Association of Women for Action and Research Adrian Wee - Director, Characterist LLC Ramesh Tiwary – Sole Proprietor, Ramesh Tiwary Advocate & Solicitor
4.45pm	End

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Speakers' Profile



Dr Christopher Cheok - Senior Consultant, Department of Forensic Psychiatry, Institute of Mental Health

Dr Christopher Cheok is a senior consultant psychiatrist with the Department of Forensic Psychiatry, Institute of Mental Health. He was formerly the Clinical Director of the National Addictions Management Service and Head of Psychological Medicine Khoo Teck Puat Hospital. He is a visiting consultant to the Singapore Armed Forces and a member of the medical board of the Civil Aviation Authority of Singapore. During his career with the Singapore Armed Forces, Dr Christopher Cheok has been the Commanding Officer of Medical Classification Centre, the Deputy Commander of the Military Medicine Institute and the Head of the Psychological Care Centre. He has served in peacekeeping missions in East Timor and in humanitarian relief missions during the Asian Tsunami. He has published 3 books on mental health and 20 research papers in peer-reviewed journals.



Lim Xiu Xuan – Case Manager, Sexual Assault Care Centre, Association of Women for Action and Research

Lim Xiu Xuan is a case manager with AWARE's Sexual Assault Care Centre which supports sexual assault survivors in their journey of recovery. She also coordinates and manages the Aim for Zero campaign which promotes zero tolerance towards sexual violence. She has conducted workshops with social sector professionals and the wider community to equip them with knowledge and tools to respond to disclosures by sexual assault survivors



Adrian Wee - Director, Characterist LLC

Adrian is a director at Characterist LLC where he heads the Criminal Defence and Advocacy practice group. His areas of practice include commercial and securities offences as well as corruption and fraud. Adrian also advises corporations on audit, compliance, disclosure and employment issues arising as a result of police investigations.

Adrian has also acted in a number of cases involving capital offences as well as cases involving sexual or violent offences.



Ramesh Tiwary - Sole Proprietor, Ramesh Tiwary Advocate & Solicitor

Ramesh is the sole proprietor of Ramesh Tiwary, which commenced operations in 2006. Ramesh Tiwary has been practicing at the criminal bar since 1990. He has also been an advocacy trainer with the Law Society for many years now and an active volunteer on the Supreme Court's Legal Assistance Scheme for Capital Offences (LASCO) panel.



Chenthil Kumarasingam - Partner, Withers KhattarWong LLP

Chenthil handles complex commercial disputes across a wide range of industries, including the banking, financial services, mining and aviation sectors. He acts in matters relating to investment and joint venture disputes, company and shareholder disputes, banking and securities claims, insolvency, commercial fraud, employment, professional disciplinary matters and white collar criminal matters.

Chenthil has appeared as lead counsel in both the Singapore Court of Appeal and High Court, as well as in domestic and international arbitrations.

Apart from his commercial law practice, Chenthil is an accredited Associate Mediator of the Singapore Mediation Centre and volunteers with the Law Society of Singapore's Criminal Legal Aid Scheme (CLAS) and the Legal Assistance Scheme for Capital Offences (LASCO).

Outside practice, Chenthil serves on the Advocacy and Criminal Practice Committees of the Law Society of Singapore. He is a senior Advocacy trainer with the Law Society, and has trained advocates both locally and overseas.

Registration

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