

[Webinar] Directors' Responsibilities and Climate Change under Singapore Law



14 April 2021, Wednesday (1.00pm – 2.00pm)

This programme will be conducted as a webinar.

Registration Fees

Category	Fees (Inclusive of 7% GST and course materials)
Law Society Member	\$53.50 Free*
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1.0

Practice Area:
**Others/Multi-
disciplinary**

Training Level:
General

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About the Programme

The Commonwealth Climate and Law Initiative (CCLI) will be launching a legal opinion on directors' responsibilities and climate change under Singaporean law at this webinar. A panel of legal and business experts will discuss the legal opinion drafted by a team of independent counsel led by Jeffrey Chan Wah Teck, SC. The virtual event is jointly organised with the National University of Singapore EW Barker Center for Law & Business and The Law Society of Singapore.

Programme Outline

Time (SGT)	Programme
12.30pm – 1.00pm	Registrants to log on
1.00pm – 1.05pm	Welcome and housekeeping Ellie Mulholland – Director, Commonwealth Climate and Law Initiative (CCLI)
1.05pm – 1.13pm	Climate Change as a Financial Issue in Singapore: The investor perspective Dilhan Pillay Sandrasegara – Executive Director & CEO, Temasek International
1.13pm - 1.21pm	Recent Developments in Climate Policy and Climate Risk in Singapore Dr Michael Hwang, SC - Sole Director, Michael Hwang Chambers LLC
1.21pm – 1.30pm	Directors' Duties in Singapore Dr Ernest Lim – Associate Professor, NUS Faculty of Law
1.30pm – 1.45pm	Key Findings of New Legal Opinion on Directors' Responsibilities and Climate Change under Singapore Law Jeffrey Chan Wah Teck, SC – Senior Director, TSMP Law Corporation
1.45pm – 1.50pm	The Hutley Opinion on Climate Change and Directors' Duties: An Australian perspective Sarah Barker - Partner & Head of Climate Risk Governance, MinterEllison
1.50pm – 2.00pm	Q&A
2.00pm	End

Speakers' Profile (in order of appearance)



Ellie Mulholland – Director, Commonwealth Climate and Law Initiative (CCLI)

Chairing the panel is Ellie Mulholland, the London-based Director of the non-profit Commonwealth Climate and Law Initiative and a Senior Associate in the climate risk governance team of commercial law firm MinterEllison. Ellie sits on the steering committee of The Chancery Lane Project, a pro bono collaboration among the legal profession to re-wire contracts and laws to tackle climate change. She is also on the management team of the Oxford University Sustainable Law Programme and is a member of the Technical Working Group for the Climate Disclosure Standards Board.



Dilhan Pillay Sandrasegara – Executive Director & CEO, Temasek International

Dilhan Pillay Sandrasegara joined Temasek in September 2010. Prior to Temasek, Dilhan was the Managing Partner of WongPartnership LLP. He has over 20 years of legal experience, mainly focusing on mergers and acquisitions, corporate governance and corporate law. Dilhan has held various leadership appointments in Temasek, including Head of the Investment, Portfolio Management, and Enterprise Development Groups. He also led market teams covering Singapore, the US and Americas.



Dr Michael Hwang, SC - Sole Director, Michael Hwang Chambers LLC

Dr Michael Hwang SC currently practices as an international arbitrator and mediator based in Singapore with a selective practice as Senior Counsel of the Supreme Court of Singapore. He served as the Chief Justice of the Dubai International Financial Centre (DIFC) Courts from 2010 - 2018. Michael's other past appointments include: Judicial Commissioner of the Supreme Court of Singapore; Singapore's Non-Resident Ambassador to Switzerland and Argentina; President of the Law Society of Singapore; Commissioner of the United Nations Compensation Commission; Vice Chairman of the ICC International Court of Arbitration; Vice President of the International Council of Commercial Arbitration (ICCA); Visiting and later Adjunct Professor of the National University of Singapore. He was educated at undergraduate and postgraduate levels at Oxford University, where he won a college scholarship by open competitive examination. He has been conferred an Honorary LLD by the University of Sydney.



Dr Ernest Lim – Associate Professor, NUS Faculty of Law

Dr. Ernest Lim is an Associate Professor at NUS Law. He obtained his D.Phil. and B.C.L. from Oxford, LL.M. from Harvard and LL.B. from NUS. An award-winning scholar, he has published widely on comparative corporate law and governance as well as private law. His books include *A Case for Shareholders' Fiduciary Duties in Common Law Asia* (2019) and *Sustainability and Corporate Mechanisms in Asia* (2020), both of which are published by Cambridge University Press. His third book is on comparative social enterprise. He is leading an international project on AI, the forthcoming output of which is *The Cambridge Handbook of Private Law and Artificial Intelligence*. He has been elected to the Robert S Campbell Visiting Fellowship at Magdalen College, Oxford. Prior to joining academia, he worked in the New York and Hong Kong offices of Davis Polk & Wardwell where he specialised in global capital market transactions.



Jeffrey Chan Wah Teck, SC – Senior Director, TSMP Law Corporation

Jeffrey Chan Wah Teck, S.C was awarded the President's Scholarship to read law at the then University of Singapore where he emerged as the Gold Medallist of his class. He joined the Singapore Legal Service where he remained for the next 46 years and held a number of senior positions including Chief of Staff and Deputy Solicitor-General. He was the first Legal Service Officer to be awarded a post-graduate scholarship for an LL.M which he obtained from Harvard University. He also completed the Advanced Management Programme at Wharton Business School. During the course of his long career, he was involved in a wide range of work, including appearing for the Government in numerous civil and criminal cases, as well as in matters concerning the Legal Profession. A large part of his work involved international matters where he was Singapore's Chief Negotiator for a number of international treaties and led the Singapore Delegations to various United Nations, ASEAN and Commonwealth meetings. Significantly, he was Chairman of the United Commission on International Trade Law and chaired a number of its Working Groups. He was also the Singapore Member of the ASEAN High-Level Legal Experts Group. Additionally, he was a member of the Bioethics Advisory Committee, President of the Singapore Medico-Legal Society and Vice-Chairman of Singapore Red Cross. He was appointed Senior Counsel in 2008. He is presently a Senior Director of TSMP Law Corporation as well as an Adjunct Professor in the Law Faculty of the National University of Singapore. He is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, a Fellow of the Singapore Institute of Arbitrators, and a Principal Mediator of the Singapore Mediation Centre.



Sarah Barker - Partner & Head of Climate Risk Governance, MinterEllison

Sarah Barker leads the climate and sustainability risk governance team in the Asia-Pacific's largest commercial law firm, MinterEllison, and is a director of one of Australia's largest superannuation funds, the Victorian state government's \$30 billion Emergency Services & State Super. She has more than two decades' experience as a corporate lawyer, and is regarded as one of the world's foremost experts on climate change governance, finance and liability risks. Sarah's leadership in the field of climate change-related risk and liability is internationally recognised, and has been called upon by institutions from the Bank of England to the United Nations PRI. She teaches as part of the Cambridge University's Institute for Sustainability Leadership, is an academic visitor at the Smith School of Enterprise and the Environment at Oxford University and a trustee of the Commonwealth Climate and Law Initiative, and a member of the Steering Committee of the Australian Sustainable Finance Initiative.

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