

[Webinar] Managing Conflicts of Interest for Legal Practitioners and Law Practices



27 July 2021, Tuesday
2.30pm – 4.30pm



This programme is conducted as a live webinar.

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2.0

Practice Area:
**Ethics and
Professional
Responsibility**

Training Level:
General

About the Programme

All manner of conflicts of interest can pose a serious threat to a lawyer's ethical duties and professional obligations, and is a subject that can bedevil both litigators and transactional lawyers. The evolving nature of legal practice and lawyer-client relationships has also given rise to emerging issues that could potentially create new situations of conflicts of interest for the legal profession. How then should lawyers navigate the relevant rules and guidance and take the necessary steps to avoid conflicts of interest, or detect and address such conflicts, early on?

This webinar aims to give legal practitioners practical advice on how to handle conflicts of interest by:

- i) Providing a useful framework to analyse common situations arising in legal practice that can give rise to conflicts of interest;
- ii) Sharing best practices for detecting and handling potential conflicts of interest; and
- iii) Managing specific conflict issues that might arise in legal practice, including conflicts of interests specific to different practice areas.

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Programme Outline

Time	Programme
2.00pm – 2.30pm	Registrants to log on
2.30pm – 2.40pm	Opening Remarks Gregory Vijayendran, SC – President, The Law Society of Singapore; Partner, Rajah & Tann Singapore LLP
2.40pm – 3.10pm	Overall framework on how to analyse potential Conflicts of Interest Kenneth Lim – Chairperson, Advisory Committee, The Law Society of Singapore; Partner, Allen & Gledhill LLP
3.10pm – 3.40pm	Best practices for detecting potential Conflicts of Interest Lim Seng Siew – Vice Chairperson, Advisory Committee, The Law Society of Singapore; Director, OTP Law Corporation
3.40pm – 3.50pm	Break
3.50pm – 4.30pm	Panel Discussion <u>Moderator</u> Chia Huai Yuan – Partner, Dentons Rodyk & Davidson LLP <u>Panellists</u> Kenneth Lim – Chairperson, Advisory Committee, The Law Society of Singapore; Partner, Allen & Gledhill LLP Lim Seng Siew – Vice Chairperson, Advisory Committee, The Law Society of Singapore; Director, OTP Law Corporation Jennifer Chia – Partner (Head of Banking & Finance and Corporate Real Estate), TSMP Law Corporation Chan Leng Sun, SC – Senior Counsel and Chartered Arbitrator, Duxton Hill Chambers
4.30pm	End

Speakers' Profile



Gregory Vijayendran, SC – President, The Law Society of Singapore; Partner, Rajah & Tann Singapore LLP

Gregory presently serves as President of the Law Society and Vice President of the Singapore Academy of Law. Appointed Senior Counsel in 2019, he is presently practising in Rajah & Tann Singapore LLP in commercial litigation and dispute resolution.



Kenneth Lim – Chairperson, Advisory Committee, The Law Society of Singapore; Partner, Allen & Gledhill LLP

Kenneth is a partner in the Litigation & Dispute Resolution Department of Allen & Gledhill LLP. His main areas of practice are litigation, arbitration, and restructuring and insolvency. Kenneth is the Chairman of the Advisory Committee to the Professional Conduct Council established under the Legal Profession Act, and serves on the Law Society's Admissions Committee and Insolvency Practice Committee. He is the Subject Coordinator for Ethics & Professional Responsibility in the Preparatory Course leading to Part B of the Singapore Bar Examinations, and is a Principal Examiner for Ethics & Professional Responsibility in the Foreign Practitioner Examinations.



Lim Seng Siew – Vice Chairperson, Advisory Committee, The Law Society of Singapore; Director, OTP Law Corporation

Lim Seng Siew, Director of OTP Law Corporation, has over 30 years' practice experience in litigation and commercial transactions, concentrating mainly on data protection, cybersecurity and technology related matters. In addition to practice experience, the years when he was CEO of a technology start-up (2000-2003) and Senior Director of the Technology Cluster, Singapore Academy of Law (2008-2011) has also gained him practical experience managing technology projects as well as the daily operations of such entities. His combined experience translates to practical advice to clients who intend to start a new or run a technology business, manage their technology partners and/or develop technology projects. His litigation experience means that he had the ability to spot potential problem areas and suggest possible solutions. Seng Siew is part of the team that drafted the Law Society of Singapore's Cybersecurity Guide.



Chia Huai Yuan – Partner, Dentons Rodyk & Davidson LLP

Huai Yuan is a Partner with Dentons Rodyk & Davidson LLP's Litigation & Dispute Resolution practice group. He has represented clients in all levels of court and in arbitration proceedings, and his main practice areas are in commercial disputes, insolvency, medical negligence, insurance, and employment. His practice also includes acting for clients with regard to white collar / financial crimes and fraud matters, and investigations on behalf of companies.

After graduating from NUS Faculty of Law with First Class Honours, he first worked as a Deputy Public Prosecutor / State Counsel with the Attorney-General's Chambers, and later as a Justices' Law Clerk with the Supreme Court. He has taught Company Law in NUS as a Teaching Fellow, and was appointed *amicus curiae* by the Supreme Court to assist it on a matter, and his submissions were commended for assisting the Court in reaching its decision and helping to establish a new framework in the area of law concerned. He is also a contributor to a treatise on Corporate Law and Governance in Singapore.



Chan Leng Sun, SC – Senior Counsel and Chartered Arbitrator, Duxton Hill Chambers

Leng Sun is a Senior Counsel of the Supreme Court of Singapore. He is the Deputy Chairman of the Singapore International Arbitration Centre and the SGX Appeals Committee. He is a member of the ICC Commission on Arbitration and ADR and the Advisory Panel of the Singapore Maritime Foundation. Leng Sun is qualified in Malaysia, Singapore and England. He frequently acts as lead counsel and arbitrator in a broad range of commercial areas. Leng Sun is a Chartered Arbitrator and a Specialist Mediator of the Singapore International Mediation Centre. He is the Immediate Past President of the Singapore Institute of Arbitrators (SI Arb) and the former Global Head of Arbitration of an international law firm. He is the author of the book *Singapore Law on Arbitral Awards* and Co- Editor of *Conflict of Laws in Arbitration*.

Leng Sun is recognized among the top lawyers worldwide by legal directories, such as "Who's Who Thought Leaders – Litigation 2021", "Who's Who Legal - Arbitration 2021" and Acritas Stars 2021. He is described by WWL as being "among the very best disputes lawyers in the world" and lauded as one of ALB Asia's Super 50 Dispute Lawyers, which reported him to be "spectacular, with exceptional knowledge and depth of insight".



Jennifer Chia – Partner (Head of Banking & Finance and Corporate Real Estate), TSMP Law Corporation

A veteran in corporate transactional work, Jennifer Chia specialises in banking and finance, and corporate real estate as a partner at TSMP Law Corporation, where she started as an associate 20 years ago.

She has since built a formidable practice that encompasses as her clients global banks, top financial institutions, multinational corporates, property developers, property funds and high-net-worth individuals, a diverse group united by a single thread: they all value how she embraces their problems as her own.

Jennifer is recognised by renowned publications such as The Legal 500 Asia Pacific, Chambers Global and Asia Pacific, Asialaw Leading Lawyers and IFLR1000, in which she was named Highly Regarded Lawyer since 2019.

In her varied transactional practice, Jennifer has seen the legal industry transform over the last two decades. Changes in the nature of legal practice and lawyer-client relationships have created new situations of conflicts for practitioners. The increased pressure of immediate response (with the advent of the Internet), pressure on billings, and clients' need for a one-stop law firm have increasingly placed lawyers in a position that requires them to be even more acutely aware of their ethical duties and professional obligations.

Outside of legal work – and acting as “work mummy mentor” to her associates – Jennifer dedicates time to the board of iC2 PrepHouse, which teaches life skills to low-sight individuals, particularly children. She also volunteers as company secretary to Boys' Town, which provides residential care, street outreach, fostering, and community and school-based programmes for families, youth and children from disadvantaged backgrounds.

In this webinar, Jennifer hopes to share her experience she learnt through two decades of legal practice on detecting, avoiding and managing conflicts of interest.

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