

# [Webinar] Practice Well: BEHIND Beh - A Capital Trial and the Lawyer

30 June 2021, Wednesday (12.30pm – 1.30pm)

This programme will be conducted as a webinar.

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Category	Fees (Inclusive of 7% GST and course materials)
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## **About the Programme**

In 2016, Malaysian Beh Chew Boo ('Beh') was arrested in Singapore for allegedly trying to carry 499.97 grams of meth across the Causeway. He was sentenced to death in January 2020 by the High Court. In an unprecedented turn of events, the 38-year-old managed to escape the gallows when he was acquitted by the Court of Appeal in October 2020. In March this year, the Court of Appeal, dismissed a bid by prosecutors to proceed with the trial of four other non-capital charges against him. In a long and winding twist of events, Beh returned home to Malaysia a free man.

Lawyer Wong Siew Hong represented Beh throughout this ordeal. He said, "On the surface, Beh's case was ordinary and bog standard. If even the tiniest detail went wrong, the case would have sunk without a trace, ending with Beh meeting the hangman."

What impact did this case have on Siew Hong as a lawyer and as a person? Join us at this special one-hour webinar, facilitated by Peggy Yee, as Siew Hong reflects on the upheavals he experienced and his journey of self-discovery over the past 54 months.

# **Programme Outline**

Time	Programme
12.00pm – 12.30pm	Registrants to log on
12.30pm – 1.30pm	The Conversation: BEHIND Beh - A Capital Trial and the Lawyer Peggy Yee - Director, PY Legal LLC Wong Siew Hong – Partner, Eldan Law LLP
1.30pm	End

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## Speakers' Profile



Peggy Yee - Director, PY Legal LLC

Peggy started legal practice in 1988 and since then, participated in the circle of life as a legal practitioner doing all the politically correct and acceptable matters. In the new millennium, Peggy stepped out of her comfort zone to speak out for those who cannot speak for themselves and in particular, advance the cause of those with special needs. In that journey, she has come to appreciate even more fragility and resilience of the person under stress. Not everyone is in control of that balance, and she wants to do what she can to make a difference to those fighting to find and or maintain a balance. Whilst running her own legal practice specialising in family, community and criminal litigation, she runs to maintain a balance in the madness of the days. She still yearns to start on the stack of books waiting to be read.



#### Wong Siew Hong - Partner, Eldan Law LLP

Siew Hong was called to the Bar in 1988. Three years later, he heard the call of the wild to 'join the circus'. He became a private investigator, chasing pirates who made and sold fake products - not only in Singapore but all over Asia. It was the greatest time of his life. Sadly, he was urged to give it up and get a 'respectable job'. He returned to legal practice in 1993 and has been putting his nose to the grindstone. His work against the fake goods trade continues even today as he practices Intellectual Property when he can, specialising in product security and anticounterfeiting. It was a chance encounter with an elderly lady in the then Subordinate Courts in 1989 that ignited his passion to fight for the underdog, the disadvantaged and the disenfranchised. Besides the Beh Chew Boo case, Siew Hong has appeared in over 30 capital cases in the High Court and scored a few wins, including one where his client was acquitted of murder after a re-trial when it was discovered that the client's rare skin disease caused him to kill his friend. In his spare time, Siew Hong is an orchid enthusiast who has discovered a number of new orchid species, including one named after him, and is an internationallyaccredited orchid judge.

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