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[Webinar] Navigating the New Rules of Court 2021: What Practitioners Need to Know



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Practice Area:
Civil Procedure

Training Level:
General

Session 1	19 August 2021, Thursday	5.00 pm – 6.30 pm
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Session 4	10 September 2021, Friday	5.00 pm – 6.30 pm
Session 5	17 September 2021, Friday	5.00 pm – 6.30 pm
Session 6	24 September 2021, Friday	5.00 pm – 6.30 pm

This programme will be conducted as a webinar.

About the Programme

Note to members: This webinar series will primarily focus on the operational aspects of the new Rules of Court and the key changes to the current regime, based on publicly available information. It is intended to help practitioners with the transition to the new regime ahead of the proposed changes which are slated to be operationalised by end 2021. It should not be taken as a confirmation or endorsement by the Law Society that all the proposed changes will come into force, as this is subject to the legislation that is expected to be introduced in Parliament later this year.

With the conclusion of the public consultation on the Civil Justice Reform proposals, the Ministry of Law announced on 11 June 2021 that the new Rules of Court is expected to be operationalised by end 2021. Legislative amendments to support the new Rules will also be introduced in Parliament later this year.

The Law Society will be organising a 6-part series of weekly webinar sessions, led by the Law Society's Civil Practice Committee, to help legal practitioners navigate the new Rules and identify the most important changes to the current civil procedure regime. These webinars will discuss the operational aspects of the new Rules and how they might apply in practice. The contents of the webinar will also reacquaint legal practitioners with current civil procedure and practice in anticipation of these changes.

The series will conclude with a moderated Q&A session featuring speakers from the earlier webinar sessions. This will be an opportunity for practitioners to ask questions and seek clarification on how the new Rules might affect their practice moving forward, within the comfort of peers and fellow advocates who will also be navigating the new Rules with you.

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Session 1 – Chapters 1 – 4 (Overview)

Time	Programme
4.30pm – 5.00pm	Registrants to log on
5.00pm – 6.10pm	Chapters 1 – 4 (Overview) Siraj Omar, SC – Director, Dispute Resolution, Drew & Napier LLC Rakesh Kirpalani – Director, Dispute Resolution & Information Technology; Chief Technology Officer, Drew & Napier LLC
6.10pm – 6.30pm	Question & Answer
6.30pm	End

Speakers' Profile

Siraj Omar, SC – Director, Dispute Resolution, Drew & Napier LLC



Siraj specializes in complex, high-value commercial litigation and international arbitration. He has an active trial and appellate practice in the Singapore Courts and in international arbitrations. His key clients include government authorities, MNCs and high net worth individuals.

He also sits as an arbitrator and as a mediator and currently also serves as Deputy Commissioner of the Government Procurement Adjudication Tribunal and as a civilian panel member on the Military Court of Appeal. He is also a member of the Specialist Mediator Panel (Singapore) of the Singapore International Mediation Centre (SIMC).

He sits on the Board of Directors and the Board Executive Committee of the Singapore International Arbitration Centre (SIAC), and holds Fellowships at the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (CIArb), the Singapore Institute of Arbitrators (SIArb) and the Singapore Academy of Law.

Siraj is recognized in all the leading legal directories, including Chambers Asia-Pacific, The Asia-Pacific Legal 500 and Benchmark Litigation Asia-Pacific.

He was appointed Senior Counsel in 2019.

Rakesh Kirpalani – Director, Dispute Resolution & Information Technology; Chief Technology Officer, Drew & Napier LLC



Rakesh has an active practice in complex commercial dispute resolution, including litigation and arbitration and is engaged in appellate and trial advocacy at all levels of the Singapore Courts.

He is also the Chief Technology Officer of Drew & Napier LLC and advises on risk management and disputes concerning technology, electronic evidence, employment, compliance with technology-related regulatory issues and cybersecurity. He has extensive skills and knowledge in the information technology field and manages the interface between legal and technological issues for clients, regulators, judges and arbitrators. He has a varied clientele from all over the world.

He is recommended in leading legal publications such as Legal 500 Asia-Pacific, Benchmark Litigation Asia-Pacific, and Global Arbitration Review. He has been described as a “fantastic litigator” in the realm of technology and intellectual property who offers “commercial-minded, practical legal solutions” with a “keen understanding of clients’ business needs and challenges.” He provides “thorough analysis and balanced judgment on novel issues, including useful comparisons with legal reform efforts in other common law jurisdictions.”

Rakesh also teaches advocacy and coaches moot teams at the NUS Law Faculty on a voluntary basis.

Session 2 – Chapters 5 – 8 (Discovery)

Time	Programme
4.30pm – 5.00pm	Registrants to log on
5.00pm – 6.10pm	Chapters 5 – 8 (Discovery) Kuah Boon Theng, SC – Managing Director, Legal Clinic LLC Aurill Kam – Director, Legal Clinic LLC
6.10pm – 6.30pm	Question & Answer
6.30pm	End

Speaker's Profile



Kuah Boon Theng, SC – Managing Director, Legal Clinic LLC

Boon Theng is the Managing Director of Legal Clinic LLC. Appointed Senior Counsel in January 2018, she has 30 years of experience in litigation and is a domain specialist in medical and healthcare law. She holds a Masters' Degree in Medical Ethics and Law from the University of London (King's College Centre for Medical Law and Ethics).

Boon Theng started her practice in 1991 and established Legal Clinic LLC in 2003. Her experience spans the full spectrum of legal work in the healthcare field, from serving on ethics committees to advising healthcare institutions, professional bodies and representing them in mediation and legal proceedings. She is an adjunct lecturer in medical law and ethics with various tertiary institutions in Singapore. She has been recognized for her volunteer work on the National Cancer Centre Hospital Medifund Committee and also as Honorary Legal Advisor to the Singapore Medical Association. She is currently also Honorary Legal Advisor to the Academy of Medicine.

Aurill Kam – Director, Legal Clinic LLC



Aurill Kam is a Director at LEGAL CLINIC LLC. She is a senior litigator who has acted in a wide range of civil commercial and public law disputes, having argued numerous significant questions of law, both at first instance and appellate stages. She has also represented regulatory agencies, as well as corporates in investigations and regulatory proceedings.

Aurill started her litigation career with Rajah & Tann in 1992 and headed its Banking & Financial Services Litigation Practice in 1999. She was headhunted to join the Monetary Authority of Singapore (MAS) in 2002 as MAS' first Director of Enforcement. In this capacity, Aurill was responsible for securities market enforcement and personally worked on many of MAS' early high-profile enforcement cases. Aurill returned to Rajah & Tann in 2007 to establish and co-lead its Appeals & Issues Practice. From 2012 - 2017, she spent a second stint in public service as Deputy Chief Counsel (Litigation) at the Attorney-General's Chambers where she advised on a diverse range of public law matters and represented the Government and public agencies in Court proceedings. Aurill returned to private practice in 2018.

Aurill is a member of the Singapore Rules of Court Working Party and also served as a member of the Civil Justice Commission appointed by the Supreme Court of Singapore. She is a Board Member of PUB, Singapore's National Water Agency, a Civilian Panel Member of the Military Court of Appeal and a Member of the Appeal Advisory Panel of the Monetary Authority of Singapore. Aurill is also a Fellow of the Singapore Institute of Arbitrators and an Adjudicator with the Financial Industry Disputes Resolution Centre Ltd (FIDReC). She volunteers with both the Legal Aid Bureau and Law Society Pro Bono Services.

Session 3 – Chapters 9 – 12 (Evidence)

Time	Programme
4.30pm – 5.00pm	Registrants to log on
5.00pm – 6.10pm	Chapters 9 – 12 (Evidence) Daniel Koh – Founding Partner, Eldan Law LLP Amy Tan – Director, Drew & Napier LLC
6.10pm – 6.30pm	Question & Answer
6.30pm	End

Speakers' Profile



Daniel Koh – Founding Partner, Eldan Law LLP

Daniel Koh is a founding partner of Eldan Law LLP, a full service law firm established in 2010.

Daniel was admitted as an Advocate and Solicitor of the Singapore Bar in 1994. He graduated from the National University of Singapore in 1993 and also has a Masters of Law degree from Columbia University, where he graduated as a Harlan Fiske Stone Scholar for superior academic performance. Daniel is a chartered arbitrator, is also empanelled as a mediator with the Singapore Mediation Centre, as well as an adjudicator with the AIADR of Malaysia. He is also an elected Council member and Executive Committee member of the Law Society of Singapore. He has recently been appointed as a Board member of the Singapore Institute of Legal Education. Over the years, Daniel has developed an extensive broad-based practice in commercial disputes resolution and IPR enforcement. Daniel has been recommended in Asialaw Profiles and IP Profiles.

Daniel has been lead counsel in many cases and arbitrations administered by the SIAC and the ICC, and heard at the High Court and Court of Appeal of Singapore.

He has also taught students at the National University of Singapore and conducted training in advocacy and court for lawyers and barristers in Singapore, Malaysia, Brunei, Hong Kong, Australia, Scotland and also at the National Institute of Trial Advocacy in the USA.

He is the General Editor and lead author of *The Law and Practice of Injunctions and Search Orders in Singapore*, published by Sweet and Maxwell.

Amy Tan – Director, Drew & Napier LLC



Amy handles a wide range of litigation and international commercial arbitration matters.

She has acted for clients from Indonesia, China, Vietnam, Hong Kong, the US, Europe as well as Singapore, in a variety of sectors, including healthcare, construction, coal, commodities, banking and finance, shipping, hospitality, food and beverage and telecommunications.

The disputes handled by Amy relate to a wide spectrum of issues arising from joint venture agreements, shareholder agreements, breach of fiduciary duties, licensing agreements, construction contracts, contracts for the sale of goods, tenancy agreements, employment agreements, trusts, and bankruptcy and restructuring.

Amy has acted for clients at all levels of the Singapore Courts, in arbitrations under the Singapore International Arbitration Centre, the International Chamber of Commerce, and *ad hoc* arbitrations.

Amy represented the National University of Singapore in the Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot in 2011.

Amy was appointed as an Assessor under the Panel of Assessors for COVID-19 Temporary Relief and sits on the Simplified Insolvency Programme Volunteer Panel.

Amy teaches civil procedure and advocacy to future lawyers as part of the bar course, and sits on the Civil Practice Committee, Advocacy Committee and Women in Practice Committee of the Law Society, as well as the trial advocacy course at NUS and continues to be part of the NUS Law Alumni Mentor Programme.

Session 4 – Chapters 13 – 15 (Appeals)

Time	Programme
4.30pm – 5.00pm	Registrants to log on
5.00pm – 6.10pm	Chapters 13 – 15 (Appeals) Celeste Ang - Principal, Baker & McKenzie.Wong & Leow Mahesh Rai – Director, Drew & Napier LLC
6.10pm – 6.30pm	Question & Answer
6.30pm	End

Speaker's Profile

Celeste Ang - Principal, Baker & McKenzie.Wong & Leow



Celeste Ang's practice encompasses corporate litigation and arbitration, both domestic and cross-border. Celeste has represented a broad range of multinational clients across various industries in domestic and international arbitrations administered under major institutional arbitral rules, and in court proceedings. She also has significant experience advising clients on compliance and regulatory issues in the context of cross-border investigations, and on a wide range of employment and employment-related issues, with a focus on contentious or potentially contentious issues including termination of employment, dismissal, retrenchment, breach of fiduciary duties and enforcement of restrictive covenants and confidentiality provisions. Celeste has represented employers on employment and employment-related disputes in the Singapore courts as well as in arbitrations and mediations. Celeste is ranked by Chambers Asia Pacific and Legal500 in the area of employment and listed as a recognised practitioners in Chambers Global in the area of litigation. She is described as "very smart, very innovative - a good example of someone who thinks outside the box" and "very technically competent, very thorough and very responsive" by clients.

Mahesh Rai – Director, Drew & Napier LLC



Mahesh Rai is Director, Dispute Resolution, at Drew & Napier LLC . He acts as counsel in complex civil and commercial litigation, and international arbitrations under various rules including ICC, SIAC, LCIA, UNCITRAL and VIAC. Mahesh has expertise in construction, projects, energy, infrastructure, technology, telecommunications, oil & gas, transport, and commodities disputes.

Mahesh commands praise for being "a first-rate litigator", "an excellent disputes lawyer and a master strategist with a deserved reputation for solving complex issues" and a lawyer who "is quick on his feet, pays attention to detail and is clear and concise in his explanations". The Legal 500 recommends Mahesh for Dispute Resolution, International Arbitration, Projects & Energy, White-Collar Crime and Construction (2021). He won the Young Lawyer of the Year Award at the Asian Legal Business (ALB) SE Asia Law Awards 2019. He is ranked as a Future Leader in Arbitration by Who's Who Legal in 2021 and 2020.

Session 5 – Chapter 16 – Annex 1 (Wrap Up)

Time	Programme
4.30pm – 5.00pm	Registrants to log on
5.00pm – 6.10pm	Chapter 16 – Annex 1 (Wrap Up) Paul Seah – Senior Partner, Tan Kok Quan Partnership Evangeline Oh – Senior Associate, Allen & Gledhill LLP
6.10pm – 6.30pm	Question & Answer
6.30pm	End

Speaker's Profile

Paul Seah – Senior Partner, Tan Kok Quan Partnership



The recipient of *Asialaw Asia-Pacific Dispute Resolution Awards'* Disputes Star of the Year 2017 award and numerous other awards, Paul has acted as lead counsel in some of the country's most important and high-profile cases in recent years, a few of which have garnered international awards. Key highlights include the City Harvest Church matter which is one of the highest-profile and longest running white-collar crime trials in Singapore's history, and the *Bouvier, Yves Charles Edgar and anor v Accent Delight International and anors* [2015] SGCA 45 matter which involved the purchase of numerous renowned masterpieces amounting to US\$1 billion. Two landmark Singapore Court of Appeal judgments were released on the latter matter – one reshaping the law on worldwide freezing injunctions, and the other on *forum non conveniens*. Paul also writes on a wide variety of dispute resolution related topics and has contributed to important Singapore publications for litigators. Additionally, Paul has a speciality in insolvency and restructuring work, and has advised on a number of well-publicised insolvencies.

Evangeline Oh – Senior Associate, Allen & Gledhill LLP



Evangeline's practice focuses on commercial litigation and white-collar crime. She regularly acts for multinational corporations, Singapore-listed companies and real estate investment trusts. She has acted in complex shareholder disputes involving cross-border investments. Evangeline regularly advises companies on compliance with Singapore's anti-bribery and anti-money laundering laws and regulations.

Evangeline's experience with white-collar crime and regulation includes advising a Singapore-based commodities trading group on production orders made by the Singapore Court in aid of foreign criminal matters under Singapore's Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters Act. She has also represented one of the world's largest banks on an alleged breach of the Singapore Code on Take-overs and Mergers by its Singapore branch. Evangeline provides pro bono representation to accused persons under the Law Society of Singapore's Criminal Legal Aid Scheme (CLAS), and has been assigned as Junior Assisting Counsel by the Legal Assistance Scheme for Capital Offences (LASCO).

Session 6 – Ask All of Your Burning Questions!

Time	Programme
4.30pm – 5.00pm	Registrants to log on
5.00pm – 6.10pm	Burning Questions Siraj Omar, SC – Director, Dispute Resolution, Drew & Napier LLC Rakesh Kirpalani – Director, Dispute Resolution & Information Technology; Chief Technology Officer, Drew & Napier LLC Kuah Boon Theng, SC – Managing Director, Legal Clinic LLC Aurill Kam – Director, Legal Clinic LLC Daniel Koh – Founding Partner, Eldan Law LLP Amy Tan – Director, Drew & Napier LLC Celeste Ang - Principal, Baker & McKenzie Wong & Leow Mahesh Rai – Director, Drew & Napier LLC Melissa Mak – Partner, Allen & Gledhill LLP Paul Seah – Senior Partner, Tan Kok Quan Partnership
6.10pm – 6.30pm	Question & Answer
6.30pm	End

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