ADJUDICATOR ACCREDITATION
(pursuant to the Building and Construction Security of Payment Act
(Cap 30B, Rev. Ed. 2006))

The Singapore Mediation Centre (SMC) invites applications from all those who would like to be accredited to the SMC Register of Adjudicators.

Professional Qualifications

An applicant must:

(i) In terms of working experience:-
   (a) hold or have held a senior position in any firm, company or professional body; and
   (b) have working experience of at least 15 years in, or relating to, the building and construction industry in Singapore;

(ii) Be qualified as follows:-
   (a) possess a degree or diploma in architecture, building studies, engineering, environmental studies, law, planning, real estate or urban design, or possess such other qualification as may be recognised by SMC; and
   (b) where the person is an architect, an engineer, or a lawyer, he is qualified to practise as such in Singapore;

And

(iii) Be of good character, not been convicted of any offence and must not be an undischarged bankrupt.

To be accredited, applicants will have to fulfil three parts:

Part A – Law Relating to Construction Contracts (unless exempted*)
   i) attend a course on Law Relating to Construction Contracts; and
   ii) pass an assessment on Law Relating to Construction Contracts.
Part B – Statutory Adjudication
i) attend a course on Statutory Adjudication; and
ii) pass an assessment on Statutory Adjudication.

Part C – Professional Interview
i) satisfy SMC of their suitability to be accredited to the SMC Register of Adjudicators through an interview and/or other requirements as set out by SMC.

NOTE: Appointment to the SMC Register of Adjudicators is at the sole discretion of the Singapore Mediation Centre.

Deadline for Applications
Applicants are to complete the “Application for Appointment as Adjudicator” and “Course Registration” forms. All completed forms must be received at the Singapore Mediation Centre by 12 pm, Monday, 6 July 2015.

Part A – Law Relating to Construction Contracts
Please refer to Annex A for more information on exemptions and the course syllabus.

The course on Law Relating to Construction Contracts will be scheduled as set out below.

Date: 13 July 2015
Time: 8:30am – 6:00pm
Venue: Supreme Court

The assessment on Law Relating to Construction Contracts will be scheduled as set out below.

Date: 27 July 2015
Time: 8:30am – 6:00pm (actual scheduled slot will be 3 hours)

*Exemptions are granted for candidates who hold one of the following qualifications:

(a) Persons who have been admitted to the roll of advocates and solicitors in Singapore;

(b) M.Sc. (Construction Law and Arbitration) degree from the National University of Singapore; or

(c) Such other qualification as SMC’s Construction Adjudicator Accreditation Committee may from time to time approve.
Venue: Supreme Court

**Part A – Law Relating to Construction Contracts**

Dates: 13 July 2015 (course) and 27 July 2015 (assessment)
Time: 8.30am – 6.00pm
Course fee: S$1,391 (inclusive of GST; fee is inclusive of assessment fee)
Venue: Supreme Court
Instructors: Mr Ian de Vaz and Mr Chia Chor Leong (Please refer to Annex B)

Only applicants who fulfil the requirements of Part A will be invited to attend Part B - Statutory Adjudication Course. The grade resulting from the assessment is final and cannot be appealed against.

**Part B – Statutory Adjudication**

Please refer to Annex C for more information on the course syllabus.

Dates: 2 – 4 September 2015 (course) and 11 September 2015 (assessment)
Time: 8.30am – 6.00pm
Course fee: S$3,531 (inclusive of GST; fee is inclusive of assessment fee)
Venue: To be announced

Only applicants who fulfil the requirements of Part B will be invited to apply for Part C - Professional Interview. The grade resulting from the assessment is final and cannot be appealed against.

**Part C – Professional Interview**

There will be an accreditation assessment which may involve an interview and/or other requirements as set out by SMC.

Dates: To be announced (upon successful completion of Part B)
Time: To be announced (upon successful completion of Part B)
Admin fee: S$267.50 (inclusive of GST)
Venue: To be announced (upon successful completion of Part B)

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**Enquiries**

For general enquiries regarding this invitation for appointment as adjudicator, please call 63324366 or email: enquiries@mediation.com.sg
Annex A

Part A – Law Relating to Construction Contracts

For the purposes of determining suitability of applicants to attend Part B - Statutory Adjudication Course pursuant to the appointment of Adjudicators under the Building and Construction Security of Payment Act (Cap 30B, Rev. Ed. 2006).

Introduction

Candidates applying for Part B - Statutory Adjudication Course and thereafter to be considered for appointment as an Adjudicator pursuant to the Building and Construction Security of Payment Act (Cap 30B, Rev. Ed. 2006). (“the Act”) are expected to possess a basic knowledge of the principles governing the law of construction contracts. While the level expected is not that of counsel or legal advisors, it is considered essential that a candidate should have a sufficient grasp of the subject to follow the arguments and submissions made in the course of adjudication proceedings. The course and examination is intended to determine the suitability of candidates for this purpose on the areas as set out in the syllabus.

Exemptions

Exemptions are granted for candidates who hold one of the following qualifications:

(a) Persons who have been admitted to the roll of advocates and solicitors in Singapore;

(b) M.Sc. (Construction Law and Arbitration) degree from the National University of Singapore; or

(c) Such other qualification as SMC’s Construction Adjudicator Accreditation Committee may from time to time approve.

Course Syllabus

1. Tenders and Award of Contract
2. Redress for Breach of Contract
3. Variations
4. Payments and Certification
5. Time
Ian de Vaz (MR)

Ian de Vaz is a Partner in WongPartnership LLP where he has a diverse practice in construction and civil engineering work, spanning both front-end and dispute resolution matters.

Since 2013, Ian has been recognised as a leading Energy practitioner by Best Lawyers and in the Best Lawyers’ 2014-15 edition of Singapore Project Finance and Development, Ian was named "Lawyer of the Year". In IFLR1000 / Petroleum Economist: Energy and Infrastructure Guide 2014, Ian is listed as a leading lawyer in the areas of Disputes and Project development. He has also been recommended as a leading Projects & Energy practitioner in Chambers Global – The World’s Leading Lawyers for Business and for Projects & Energy and Construction work in Chambers Asia Pacific – Asia Pacific’s Leading Lawyers for Business, both of which identify Ian as "one of the leading figure[s]", an "engineering expert" and one whom interviewees have described as "meticulous, concise and helpfully insightful" and who “consistently deliver[s] good work". Ian is also praised for having "many years of solid experience" and one who gives "high-quality, practical advice" and "organises his team well" in the Chambers publications. In Asialaw Profiles – The Guide to Asia-Pacific’s Leading Law Firms 2011, Ian is recognised as one of the “distinguished names” in the Construction field. In The Legal 500: Asia Pacific – The Client's Guide to the Asia Pacific Legal Profession, Ian is commended for his “excellent reputation for EPC” and known to be "active in both contentious and non-contentious" Projects & Energy work. Outside the region, Ian is recommended in The Legal 500: Europe, Middle East & Africa 2014 for Construction work in the United Arab Emirates.

Ian is admitted to the Singapore Bar and to the Roll of Solicitors of England & Wales, having graduated from the National University of Singapore and obtained his Master of Laws degree from University College London. Ian has been trained at the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (London) to act as an adjudicator in construction industry disputes under the relevant UK legislation. He has also been admitted to the Register of Adjudicators for construction claims coming under Singapore’s Building and Construction Industry Security of Payment Act (Cap 30B).

Ian speaks regularly at local and overseas conferences on a range of construction law topics. Ian is also an Adjunct Associate Professor in the Faculty of Law at the National University of Singapore. He was the Firm’s lead contributor to the construction section in Singapore Precedents of Pleadings (2006 edition) and given special mention by the author, Mr Chow Kok Fong, for his contribution to Singapore’s leading textbook on construction law, Law and Practice of Construction Contracts (4th edition, 2012) and in Security of Payments and Construction Adjudications (2nd edition, 2013).
Chia Chor Leong (MR)

Chia Chor Leong is a lawyer who has been in legal practice for more than 34 years. He specializes in dispute resolution, and has represented clients in Singapore, Malaysia, Hong Kong, Chinese Taipei, Pakistan, Philippines, United Kingdom and the United States of America.

Chor Leong has acted as counsel in litigation and arbitration proceedings involving a broad spectrum of civil, commercial and corporate matters, but with special emphasis on disputes relating to building and construction contracts; development and infrastructure projects; civil engineering projects; and the provision of engineering and architectural services. He has also acted as counsel in disputes relating to the sale and purchase of goods, shares, assets and businesses; transfer and registration of shares; directors’ duties; joint ventures; technology transfer and licensing agreements; product distributorship agreements; manufacturing contracts; financial transactions; guarantees and performance bonds; corporate and individual insolvency; judicial management; schemes of arrangement; employment contracts; confidentiality and non-compete agreements; claims in respect of Central Provident funds; adverse possession and encroachment of land; management corporations; executors and administrators of personal estates; trusts; infringement of patent, trade mark and copyright; passing-off; and interpretation of documents.

In non-contentious work, Chor Leong has acted for clients in the structuring, negotiation and drafting of contracts relating to construction works, development projects, turnkey projects, design and build projects, civil engineering projects, and engineering and architectural services. He has also advised clients on venture-capital investments, sale and purchase of goods, shares and assets, joint ventures, technology transfer and licensing, franchises, product distribution and representation, contract manufacturing, and other commercial transactions. He has also conducted in-house investigations and inquiries for clients on contraventions by employees of codes of conduct or terms of employment and other housekeeping matters.

Chor Leong is a Legal Assessor appointed under the Medical Registration Act to advise disciplinary tribunals constituted under that Act. He is also a member of the Panel of Chairmen of Disciplinary Tribunals appointed under the Allied Health Professions Act.

Chor Leong is also an arbitrator, mainly in disputes relating to construction contracts. He is also an Associate Mediator with the Singapore Mediation Centre.

Chor Leong has acted as an Adjudicator under the Building and Construction Industry Security of Payment Act since 2006, and has over the years determined numerous adjudication applications under that Act.
Annex C

Part B – Statutory Adjudication

Course Syllabus

1. Objectives and Broad Scheme of the Security of Payment Act
2. Rights to Progress Payments
3. Payment Claims and Responses
4. Adjudication of Payment Claim Disputes
5. Enforcement of Payment of Adjudicated Amount
6. Conducting the Adjudication
7. Writing the Adjudication Determination