The Role of Expert Witnesses

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Speakers
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  Rajah & Tann Singapore LLP
- Dr Liew Kian Heng,
  Principal Consultant,
  Liew STRATEGiCS and LIEW CONSULTANTS

Program:
1.30pm  Registration
2.00pm  Opening Remarks by Chairman
  - Lee Keng Seng
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  The Role of Expert Witness
  - Soh Lip San, Head, Construction and Projects
  Rajah & Tann Singapore LLP
3.30pm  Tea Break cum Networking
4.00pm  (Continues) The Role of Expert Witness
  - Dr Liew Kian Heng, Principal Consultant,
  LIEW STRATEGiCS and LIEW CONSULTANTS
5.00pm  Questions & Answers Session
  Panelist : Lee Keng Seng
  : Soh Lip San
  : Dr Liew Kian Heng

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WHY YOU SHOULD ATTEND:
Disputes are common and often complex in the building and construction industry. More professionals are intricately involved in disputes and resolving disputes. There are many issues and facets needed to be considered. This session aims to provide an understanding of the key issues associated with engaging an expert witness. The speakers will endeavour to provide a hands-on real-life sharing session as well as case studies. This seminar is useful for anyone keen to understand the nature and ambit of expert witness evidence as well as for professionals interested in expert witness work.

BRIEF SYNOPSIS OF TOPICS COVERED:
As the dispute unfolds, expert witnesses may be engaged. The speakers will discuss the following:

1. WHEN SHOULD YOU INVOLVE AN EXPERT?
2. WHO IS AN EXPERT?
3. EXPERT WITNESS- Services, Roles and Responsibilities. Be mindful of all the assurances, independence and impartiality
4. EXPERT INVESTIGATIONS, EXAMPLE:
   - PRE-CON SURVEY - How useful is this?
   - INSTRUMENTATION - What and when should this be installed?
   - VISUAL INSPECTION REPORT - Making the first report
   - SPECIALIST TESTING REPORT - Where visual inspection is limited
   - DISPUTES AND NEGOTIATIONS - Technical considerations
5. WHAT IS THE EVIDENCE AVAILABLE? EG: Importance of keeping good records
6. DRAFTING THE EXPERT EVIDENCE REPORT
7. MEETINGS OF EXPERTS AND THE HEARING

The speakers will conclude with a panel discussion and Q&A session.

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- Certificate in Building Contract Law (5th Intake); commencing date: 3 October 2016

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Lee Keng Seng is a Director (Quantity Surveying) at Surbana Jurong Consultant Pte Ltd and a member of Singapore Institute of Surveyors and Valuers. He holds a Bachelor of Science (Building), NUS, Graduate Diploma in Business Administration, SIM and also a Master degree in Construction Economics and Management from University College London, United Kingdom.

As a practitioner, Keng Seng has over 25 years experience, in various roles and capacities for developers, consultants and contractor, in the areas of cost and contracts management for development and construction projects of different types, size and complexities. He led and supervises QS teams in the provision of multi-disciplinary design and QS consultancy services. In addition, he has also undertaken and responsible for various roles in feasibility studies, design management, procurement management, project management and facilities management for projects of different nature and scale.

Keng Seng has also worked on overseas project where he had stints in India and Vietnam and currently involves in Myanmar and Indonesia.

Speakers

Mr Soh Lip San

Mr Soh Lip San is the head of the Construction & Projects Practice Group at Rajah & Tann Singapore LLP. Lip San has significant experience resolving disputes in arbitration, litigation in court as well as other forms of alternative dispute resolution. He has been involved in disputes governed by Singapore law as well as various systems of law (whether under common law or civil code). He is a Fellow of the Singapore Institute of Arbitrators and is an accredited adjudicator. Lip San’s practice has been consistently ranked Tier 1 and he has been recognised as a leading construction lawyer in Chambers as well as The International Who's Who of Construction Lawyers.

Dr Liew Kian Heng

Dr Liew KH is the principal consultant of LIEW STRATEGICS and LIEW CONSULTANTS. He has 33 years of academic, research, professional engineering and management consultancy experience. He has lectured in higher institutions of learning on engineering and regularly speaks for professional bodies in seminars.

He is an associate lecturer with the Singapore Institute of Management for the RMIT Bachelor of Science (Construction Management) degree and lectures on Project Administration and Management; Construction Marketing; Planning; Construction Safety; Industry Environment and Construction Specialisation courses till today.

Dr Liew also serves in NUS, Institute of Engineering Leadership (IEL) mentoring startups consisting of groups of PhD and other undergraduate students in hands-on real-life entrepreneurship researches and developments.

He is a Professional Engineer (Civil), a Registered Inspector (Architecture) and regularly sits in the Interview Panel for Professional Engineer. He is an Adjudicator and also acts as Expert Witness in building construction disputes and claims on landmark cases. He has worked with many law firms such as Eldan Law, Wong Partnership, Allen & Gledhill, Lee & Lee, Rajah & Tann, Drew& Napier, Kattar Wong & Partners, Kevin Chia & Partners etc.

Dr Liew also holds a joint patent with the Japanese inventor partner on super vacuum dewatering technologies called Super Well Point which is a breakthrough for geotechnical soil stabilisation/consolidation useful for ground settlement in reclamation developments.
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