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Dear Friends and Colleagues

This seminar is organised in conjunction with the launch of Kok Fong's Third Edition of the Book, Security of Payments and Construction Adjudication, which establishes the Book as the leading text on the subject in Singapore.

It addresses the wealth of case law up to March 2022, including:-

- a) Grouteam Pte Ltd v UES Holdings Pte Ltd (2016)
- b) Comfort Management Pte Ltd v OGSP Engineering Pte Ltd (2018)
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It also examines new jurisprudential materials emanating from the UK, the eight Australian States (including New South Wales), Ireland, Malaysia and New Zealand. This new edition also considers the impact of the Building and Construction Industry Security of Payment (Amendment) Act in 2018 which alters significantly the ambit of the statutory regime.

We have assembled a panel of distinguished and prominent lawyers to speak on the changes to the Law in conjunction with the launch by our Guest-of-Honour – The Honourable Justice Belinda Ang under the auspices of the Society of Project Managers on 5<sup>th</sup> August 2022.

### Seminar Speakers

Book review by Mr. Paul Sandosham (Immediate Past Chair, Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, Singapore).

Keynote Speech by Guest Speaker, Yang Arif Dato' Mary Lim (Federal Court Judge, Malaysia)

Panel 1 discussion on **Adjudication – Battlefield Tactics** with panelists Mr Seah Choo Meng, Mr Kelvin Aw, Mr Christopher Chong and Mr Alasdair Snadden moderated by Miss Chow Wen Si and Miss Monisha Cheong.

Panel 2 discussion on **Getting the Adjudicator on your side** with panelists Mr Chia Chor Leong, Mr Christopher Chuah, and Mr Edwin Lee moderated by Miss Yvonne Foo.

At the end an intimate fireside chat and **Q&A : Ask the Author** with Mr Chow Kok Fong.

I sincerely urge you to attend this seminar and book launch. It's an event that must not be missed.

Yours Sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Seah", with a long, flowing horizontal line extending to the right.

Seah Choo Meng  
Past President  
Society of Project Managers

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**SEMINAR & BOOK LAUNCH OF THE**  
**"SECURITY OF PAYMENTS AND CONSTRUCTION ADJUDICATION, THIRD EDITION"**  
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## EVENT DETAILS

5 August 2022

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8.30AM – 2.00PM

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## PROGRAMME

Time	Event
8:30am to 9.00am	Registration
9.00am to 9.05am	Welcome Speech by President of SPM
9.05am to 9.20am	Official Book Launch & Speech by Guest of Honour <b><i>The Honourable Justice Belinda Ang</i></b> President and Judge of the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court, Singapore
9.20am to 9.30am	<u>Book Review</u> <i>Join us as Paul gives the very first review of the newly launched 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition of the "Security of Payments and Construction Adjudication".</i> <b>Mr Paul Sandosham</b> Partner, Clifford Chance Asia
9.30am to 9.40am	Remarks by <b>Mr Chow Kok Fong</b>

Time	Event
9.40am to 9.55am	Keynote Speech by Guest Speaker <b>Yang Arif Dato' Mary Lim</b> Federal Court Judge, Malaysia
9.55am to 10.15am	Coffee Break
10.15am to 11.15am	<p>Panel 1: Adjudication – Battlefield Tactics</p> <p><i>“Ambush”, “collateral attack”, “bombard” ... Adjudication can sometimes be taken as the start of a war between claimants and respondents, so it is no surprise that terminology often found in a major general’s war handbook is also routinely found in adjudication claims and adjudication responses. In this panel, speakers will discuss useful tactics to strategically navigate and maximise chances of success on the adjudication ‘battlefield’. What preparatory work should you undertake before a dispute arises? How can you avoid overstating your case? What factors should you consider when selecting your legal representative? How can the adjudication process be used to facilitate an amicable settlement? The battle-hardened speakers of this panel have all the answers...</i></p> <p>Moderators: <b>Ms Chow Wen Si &amp; Ms Monisha Cheong</b></p> <p>Panelists:</p> <p><b>Mr Seah Choo Meng</b> Chairman, ThreeSixty Cost Management &amp; ThreeSixty Contract Advisory</p> <p><b>Mr Kelvin Aw</b> Partner, CMS Singapore</p> <p><b>Mr Christopher Chong</b> Head of Construction &amp; Engineering and Director, Dispute Resolution, Drew &amp; Napier LLC</p> <p><b>Mr Alasdair Snadden</b> Partner, Accuracy</p>
11.15am to 12.15pm	<p>Panel 2: Getting the Adjudicator on your side</p> <p><i>Armed only with the parties’ submissions, the learned Mr Adjudicator is given the task of meting out “rough” justice to the parties within a very short timeline stipulated under the SOP Act. How could parties best assist the adjudicator? What are common pet peeves of adjudicators that should be avoided? All these and more will be revealed as this panel shares valuable insight on an adjudicator’s psyche and how you will be able to get the adjudicator on your side.</i></p> <p>Moderator: <b>Ms Yvonne Foo</b></p> <p>Panelists:</p> <p><b>Mr Chia Chor Leong</b> Breakpoint LLC</p> <p><b>Mr Christopher Chuah</b> Partner, Infrastructure, Construction &amp; Engineering, International Arbitration, WongPartnership LLP</p>

Time	Event
	<p><b>Mr Edwin Lee</b> Founding Partner, Eldan Law LLP</p>
12.15pm to 12.30pm	<p>Q&amp;A: Ask the Author <b>Mr Chow Kok Fong</b></p> <p><i>An intimate fireside chat with the author himself. Hear how Mr Chow started on the first "Security of Payments and Construction Adjudication" book (now used by the industry as a textbook on the subject), and what (or who) motivated him to write this latest Edition. Come prepared with your burning questions on anything SOP-related.</i></p>
12.30pm to 2.00pm	Lunch

## SPEAKER PROFILES

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**Chow Kok Fong**

Founding President

Society of Project Managers

Author

Security of Payments and  
Construction Adjudication,  
Third Edition

**Mr Chow Kok Fong** is a Chartered Arbitrator and currently practises as a mediator, arbitrator and adjudicator. He was previously CEO of Changi Airports International and of the Construction Industry Development Board and has held many other senior appointments with several large real estate and construction companies. He is Founder President of the Society of Project Managers, past Chairman of the Society of Construction Law and currently, chairs the Construction Adjudicators Accreditation Committee. Among his 19 books are the two-volume work Law and Practice of Construction Contracts (up to 5th edition 2018); Security of Payments and Construction Adjudication (up to 3rd edition 2022) and the volume on Building and Construction Law in Halsbury's Laws of Singapore (2019). He has been referred to by the Chief Justice as the "doyen of Singapore construction law and the foremost authority on this topic". On 1 November 2013, he was awarded the quinquennial Singapore Academy of Law Award 2013 for contributions in promoting and advancing the development of Singapore law. In 2018, he was conferred a Singapore National Day Award for services to the Singapore Academy of Law.



**Bernard Ho**

President

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**Mr Bernard Ho** is the Managing Director at SIPM Consultants Pte Ltd, and the current President of Society of Project Managers. He also holds multiple posts including being a Member of the Construction Industry Joint Committee, Member of iBuildSG Tripartite Committee and Committee Member, Member of Workplace Safety & Health Council (Construction & Landscape) Committee and Member of Singapore Business Federation Built Environment Sector IC Committee. His project expertise is in project management, project development, IT and special complex projects. His market sector experience includes healthcare, offices, residential, hospitality, entertainment, sports and leisure, industrial, mixed development and petrochemical projects. In addition, Bernard has vast experience in resolving numerous project dispute cases and many years of global and regional project management experience.



**Seah Choo Meng**

Chairman

Threesixty Cost  
Management & Threesixty  
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**Mr Seah Choo Meng** joined the Surbana Jurong Group in 2017. Choo Meng is also the Chairman of Threesixty Cost Management Pte. Ltd. and Threesixty Contract Advisory Pte. Ltd. The two entities will oversee the business thrust and development of Quantity Surveying and Contract Advisory services in all sectors both locally and internationally. He oversees the development of project management services and also assist Group CEO in charting future expansion plans for the Group's multi-disciplinary services.

Prior to joining the Surbana Jurong Group, Choo Meng also served as Chairman and Director of Langdon & Seah Singapore Pte Ltd, and Arcadis Project Management Pte Ltd and stepped down in 2008 after 45 years of service.

Choo Meng was previously Council Chairman of the Singapore Institute of Surveyors and Valuers, as well as its Past President. He was also the Immediate Past President of the Society of Project Managers.



**Paul Sandosham**

Partner

Clifford Chance Asia

**Mr Paul Sandosham** is a Partner at Clifford Chance Asia where he heads the Energy, Infrastructure and Resources (Disputes) practice for Southeast Asia. He focuses on dispute resolution (litigation, mediation & international arbitration) in the energy, power, renewables, infrastructure, construction, natural resources and commodities sectors. Paul is recognised as a leading dispute resolution and construction practitioner in numerous independent legal directories. He is a Chartered Arbitrator as well as a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators and Singapore Institute of Arbitrators. In addition to his counsel work, Paul is often appointed to sit as sole and presiding arbitrator in international arbitrations involving complex projects across the world. He is the General Editor of the Practical Guide to the SIAC Rules and a member of the ICC Singapore Nomination Commission, which nominates arbitrators for appointment for ICC arbitrations. Paul is the chair of the SAL Law Reform Committee for construction.





**Kelvin Aw**

Partner

CMS Singapore

**Mr Kelvin Aw** is a Partner in CMS Singapore, and a Director in CMS Holborn Asia, the Formal Law Alliance between CMS Singapore and Singapore law practice, Holborn Law LLC. He is Co-Head of the Infrastructure and Construction practice in Singapore. He brings more than 2 decades of court room and board room experiences to champion clients' interests not only in contentious but also transactional matters, with particular specialisation in the construction, engineering, and infrastructure sector.

Kelvin is consistently ranked as a leading individual by various legal ranking directories for his expertise in construction, projects & energy, as well as dispute resolution. These include Chambers Asia-Pacific: Leading Lawyers for Business, Legal 500, Best Lawyers and Benchmark Litigation. He is also a Senior Accredited Specialist for Building and Construction recognised by the Singapore Academy of Law, a fellow of the Singapore and Chartered Institutes of Arbitrators and an accredited Senior Adjudicator with the Singapore Mediation Centre.



**Christopher Chong**

Head of Construction &  
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**Mr Christopher Chong** is a Singapore qualified disputes lawyer who has successfully argued cases at all levels of the Singapore Courts, in arbitrations and in adjudications. He specialises in high value construction disputes and has been involved in more than 150 adjudications and reviews since 2013.

Chris is a Senior Accredited Specialist in Building & Construction Law under the SAL's Specialist Accreditation Scheme. He represents some of the largest international and domestic players in the construction sector, and works on many of the iconic projects in Singapore and in the region. These range from private sector projects such as Resorts World Sentosa to public sector projects such the various MRT lines.

Chris is an accredited adjudicator with the SMC, and is also a member of the SMC's Adjudication Training Faculty Committee.



**Alasdair Snadden**

Partner

Accuracy

**Mr Alasdair Snadden** is a Partner of the firm Accuracy, who are a global consultancy firm with over five hundred consultants worldwide. Alasdair is a chartered quantity surveyor and testifying expert witness who specialises in construction disputes. Alasdair has been based in Singapore for the last 10 years, working on a variety of projects within Singapore, as well as internationally. This has seen Alasdair deal with assessments on contentious claims such as the valuation of complex variations, assessment of damages, acceleration, disruption, and delay/prolongation claims.



**Chia Chor Leong**

Independent Arbitrator,  
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**Mr Chia Chor Leong** is a lawyer who was called to the Singapore Bar in 1981. He specialized in commercial and corporate dispute resolution, mainly in the areas of contract law and building and construction law. He presently practises mostly as arbitrator, adjudicator and mediator. He is a Senior Adjudicator and has acted as adjudicator in numerous adjudications under the Building and Construction Industry Security of Payment Act 2004. Many of his determinations have been published in the Singapore Construction Adjudication Review. He is on the panel of arbitrators of the Singapore International Arbitration Centre, Singapore Institute of Arbitrators, The Law Society Arbitration Scheme, and the Asian International Arbitration Centre. He is also a member of ICC's Singapore Arbitration Group. He is a Principal Mediator of the Singapore Mediation Centre, a Certified Mediator accredited by the Singapore International Mediation Institute, and a Senior Mediator under the Law Society Mediation Scheme.

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**Christopher Chuah**

Partner

WongPartnership LLP

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**Mr Christopher Chuah** is a Partner in the Infrastructure, Construction & Engineering Practice and Partner in the International Arbitration, China and Myanmar Practices of Wong Partnership LLP. In January 2018, Christopher was amongst the inaugural batch of select practitioners to be appointed Senior Accredited Specialist in Building and Construction Law by the Singapore Academy of Law for his years of experience in construction matters. He was amongst the first batch of adjudicators to be accredited under the Building and Construction Industry Security of Payment Act (Cap 30B, 2006 Rev Ed). He is also a member of the Construction Adjudication Accreditation Committee and co-editor of the Singapore Construction Adjudication Review. Christopher has also acted as leading counsel in many landmark construction cases. He is also an adjunct professor in Construction Law at the Law Faculty of the National University of Singapore.



**Edwin Lee**

Founding Partner

Eldan Law LLP

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**Mr Edwin Lee** is one of the founding partners of Eldan Law LLP.

He was cited as a leading Singapore construction law practitioner in Euromoney's Guide to the World's Leading Construction Lawyers (2017), and as a distinguished practitioner in AsiaLaw (2021).

Edwin is a Senior Adjudicator with the SMC, and a member of the Construction Adjudicator Accreditation Committee. He is also an accredited adjudicator in Malaysia. Apart from his active legal practice, Edwin is also an Adjunct Associate Professor with the National University of Singapore, Adjunct Assistant Professor with the Singapore University of Technology and Design, and a trainer for the BCA on Construction Law.

Edwin is the co-author of the books Confidentiality in Arbitration (2007) and Amendments to the SOP Act (2019), and is the author of Building Contract Law in Singapore (2016, 3rd Edition). He is also the Construction Law editor for the SAL's online journal SAL Practitioner.



**Yvonne Foo**

Partner

Harry Elias Partnership LLP

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**Ms Yvonne Foo** is a Partner in our specialist Construction and Engineering, and Energy and Infrastructure practice groups. She is an advocate and solicitor of the Supreme Court of Singapore, Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (FCIArb), and an associate mediator with the Singapore Mediation Centre. With extensive experience in advising international, regional and local clients on construction-related disputes, Yvonne routinely assists her clients on a wide range of claims and issues, including most recently, COVID-related issues. She also assists with the review, drafting and negotiation of construction contracts. In 2021, Yvonne was recognised by Asian Legal Business as one of Asia's Super 50 Disputes Lawyers, and was named a Rising Star in Construction by The Legal 500 (Legalese) Asia-Pacific 2021. Most recently, Yvonne has been named Next Generation Partner in Construction by The Legal 500 (Legalese) Asia-Pacific 2022, and a Future Star in Construction Law by Benchmark Litigation (Asia-Pacific).



**Chow Wen Si**

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**Ms Chow Wen Si** is currently a Senior Legal Counsel with the Mott MacDonald Group, a global engineering, management and development consultancy with 16,000 staff and a worldwide reach spanning six continents. After graduating from the University of Bristol, Wen Si worked at leading domestic and international law firms, where she specialised in infrastructure, construction and engineering matters, acquiring extensive cross-border and high-value disputes and front-end experience during her time there. Having moved in-house, Wen Si covers both local and international portfolios and provides trusted strategic advice to key stakeholders globally across a wide range of matters. Wen Si is an Advocate and Solicitor of the Supreme Court of Singapore and is the co-author of Adjudication – Case Law Principles. She is effectively bilingual in English and Mandarin and also has a working knowledge of German.





**Monisha Cheong**

Associate Director

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**Ms Monisha Cheong** is presently an Associate Director at TSMP Law Corporation, where she specialises in construction, infrastructure and engineering disputes. As a dual-qualified lawyer (Singapore and England & Wales), Monisha regularly acts for architects, developers, contractors and engineers in various complex and high-value international and domestic arbitrations (under the ICC Rules, SIAC Rules and Singapore Institute of Architects Rules) and at all levels of the Singapore Courts. She also frequently appears as counsel in adjudication proceedings. Additionally, Monisha maintains an active advisory and front-end practice, advising on and assisting with the preparation of a wide range of claims and contracts for both local and international clients. Monisha has been appointed to the Panel of Assessors for COVID-19 Temporary Relief, Law Society of Singapore Building and Construction Law Committee, and Young SIAC Committee. Monisha is also a member of the Singapore Institute of Arbitrators and Society of Construction Law (Singapore).

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Chow Kok Fong

This work was first published in 2005 when the Building and Construction Industry Security of Payments Act 2004 first came into force. It was described by Justice Robert McDougall of the New South Wales Supreme Court as an “academic treatise” of “tremendous value and utility”. The Second Edition was described by Chief Justice Chan Sek Keong of Singapore as a “highly accessible guide to the subject”.

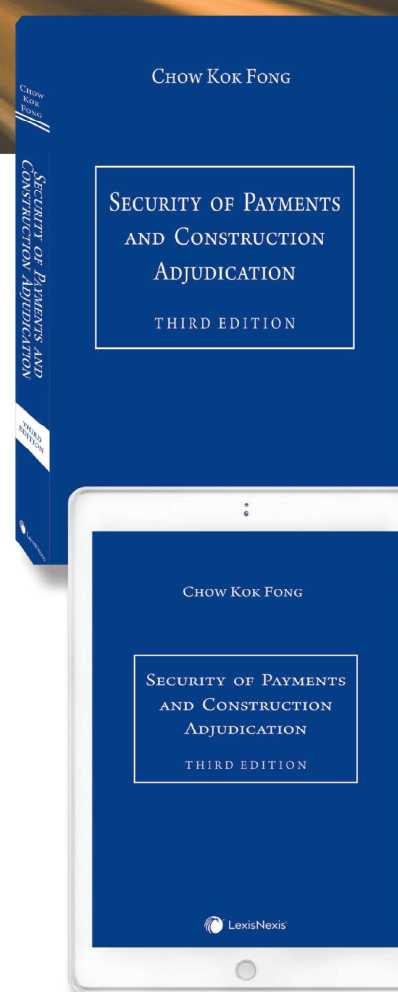
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“Chow Kok Fong is considered the leading expert on Singapore’s Building and Construction Industry Security of Payment Act...[He] is to be commended for diligently tracking, compiling and producing an easy-to-read and comprehensive new edition.”

*Justice Belinda Ang, President of the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court of Singapore, from the Foreword to the Third Edition.*

### About the Author

Chow Kok Fong is a Chartered Arbitrator and is Chairman of the Construction Adjudicators Accreditation Committee in the Singapore Mediation Centre. He was previously CEO of Changi Airports International, the Construction Industry Development Board and has held other senior appointments with the Capitaland and City Developments groups. In the 1980s and 1990s, he was an adjunct professor with both the National University of Singapore and the Nanyang Technological University. Mr Chow is Founding President of the Society of Project Managers and was Chairman of the Society of Construction Law. Among his 20 books are the two-volume work *Law and Practice of Construction Contracts and Construction Contracts Dictionary* and the volume on Building and Construction Law in *Halsbury’s Laws of Singapore* (2019). He has been described by the Chief Justice of Singapore as the “doyen of Singapore construction law and the foremost authority on this topic”.

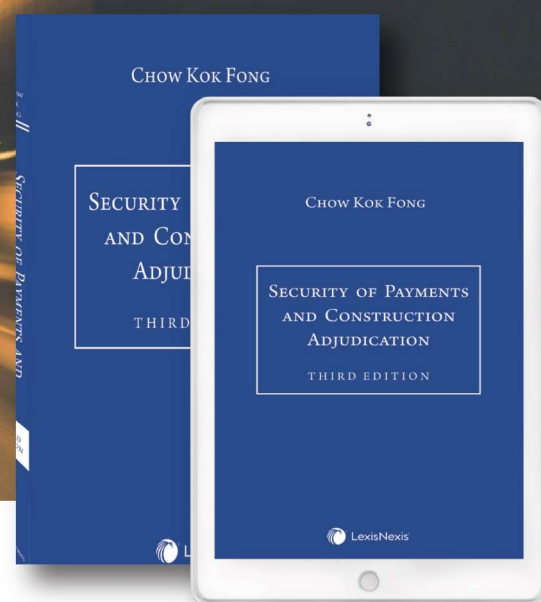


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