

Election Statement of Chan Yong Neng
Society of Construction Law (Singapore) Elections 2024



CHAN Yong Neng
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Dear SCL(S) members,

I am currently serving as a Council member for the 2022 to 2024 term and on the Publications Committee of SCL(S).

Increasing engagement within the construction industry – the sharing of knowledge, experiences, and building relationships – has always been a personal interest of mine.

I thus taught as part of the faculty for the SCL(S) Construction Law 101 module for the past four years, and am currently lecturing for Pantheon-Assas University's International Construction Contracts Masters in Law programme.

The past two years serving on the Council have been extremely fulfilling, with one of highlights being part of the Organizing Committee for SCL(S)' 2023 and 2024 annual conference.

I am also extremely proud – for the SCL(S) community – that an article published with our Publications Committee was cited by the Singapore Courts in a 2023 court judgment!

I am running for the role of Treasurer, with the intention to continue being involved in multiple committees in SCL(S), including publications and strategic relations.

I look forward to your support.

Thank you!

SOCIETY OF CONSTRUCTION LAW (S) AGM 2024 – ELECTION STATEMENT



Anil Changaroth (FCIArb, FSIArb, FPIArb) is RHTLaw Asia's Co-Head of its [Environmental, Social and Governance \(ESG\)](#), [Building/Construction/Projects](#) and [Logistics practices/industry groups](#)

Anil has been on the SCL(S) Council since 2008 having held various positions, including Professional Development (2008-2010), Vice Chair (2010-2012), Chairman (2012-2014), and International Relations (since 2014).

Also active on the SCL (International)'s liaison committee (together with 5 other international representatives from SCL UK, Australia, Hong Kong and North America), administering the international relations with about 15 to 18 SCLs, guiding new societies with its set up (including recently with SCL Vietnam, Indonesia and Philippines) and the bi annual SCL international conferences.

Anil hopes to continue contributing toward the international relations and SCL(S) new initiatives on Sustainability (having recently be trained in [Sustainability Strategies and Green Economy](#) and the [Law Society of Singapore](#)'s chairpersons of its [International Relations Committee](#) and new [ESG Working Group](#)).

Professional Background

Anil is internationally accredited and is a Mediator, Arbitrator, is an [Advocate and Solicitor of Singapore](#), [Solicitor of England and Wales](#) and having qualified as a [Barrister \(Middle Temple England\)](#). Anil practices in Asia Pacific primarily in Civil, Commercial, and Criminal Dispute Resolution and front end contract advisory with a focus on Infrastructure, Building and Construction industry. Anil has also practiced in house with the then Davis Langdon and Seah (Quantity Surveyors) and international arbitration at an international law practice.

Anil on the panel of Arbitrators and Mediators in regional institutions, is also internationally trained in [International Investor State Arbitration](#) (at the [Asia International Arbitration Centre](#)) and Mediation (at [Centre of Effective Dispute Resolution – CEDR](#)), [International Inter & Multicultural](#), Commercial and Family Mediation (with the [Singapore Mediation Centre](#)), mediating and arbitrating internationally and domestically in institutional, ad hoc and court annexed disputes.

Anil also holds a [Masters of Science in Construction and Dispute Resolution](#) (King's College London & [National University of Singapore](#)); graduate certificates in [Sustainability Strategies and Green Economy](#) and [Law & Technology, Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning](#) (all at [Singapore Management University](#)), [Diversity Equity and Inclusion](#) ([Cambridge Judge Business School](#)) and [Restorative Justice](#) (at the [International Institute of Restorative Practice](#)).

He is the honorary Legal Advisor to the [Singapore Institute of Architects](#) and the [Singapore Institute of Surveyors and Valuers](#) since 2010 and is the Singapore Representative of [Dispute Resolution Board Foundation](#) (DRBF).

Trevor Lam

Director

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Election Statement for the post of Chairman for the SCL(S) Council 2024/2026

Dear Members of the SCL(S),

I have had the privilege of serving on the SCL(S) Council since 2016, in various capacities including Honorary Treasurer, Assistant Honorary Treasurer, Chair of the Professional Development Committee and Chair of the Outreach Committee. Most recently, in this current council term, I have served as the Vice-Chairman of the SCL(S) Council, a member of the Strategic Leadership Committee and the Chair of the Organising Committee for the 2024 SCL(S) Annual Construction Law Conference.

The SCL(S) is a society that I hold the highest amount of respect for, as it provides a platform for the study and dissemination of ideas and initiatives for the greater good of the construction industry and the practise of construction law. This has only been made possible by the vision and tireless contributions from our esteemed past-Chairs and members of past-councils.

I am deeply honoured to have been nominated for the post of Chairman for the 2024-2026 SCL(S) Council. The role of Chairman is a post that I consider to be a genuine privilege to hold, and one where a key responsibility is to provide leadership and guidance to the various committees, and to ensure that the core functions of the Society stay aligned with its Mission Statement. Given the broad range of experience that I have been able to accrue to date within the Council, I believe I am now suitably prepared to fulfil the role.

Should I be elected, my primary objective is to ensure that the Council continues to deliver its core functions well, these being the delivery of quality seminars, conferences and newsletters that are relevant to our members.

Additionally, I have a strong desire to continue driving Thought Leadership initiatives that provide solutions to challenges that our industry currently faces.

Intertwined with this, I intend to further grow the function of the Strategic Leadership committee. Since its inception, the Strategic Leadership function has gained significant momentum through its contributions to the SICC Users Council and the Supreme Court User's Committee, collaboration with the SIMC in promoting INTEGRAF, and the collaboration with ISAF. A further Strategic Leadership initiative I am particularly keen to develop is one where we look to strengthen our ties with our esteemed SCL(S) council alumni and leverage off their extensive experience and knowledge to provide further value to our members and the industry in general.

It will be an absolute privilege if I do indeed get the opportunity to serve on the Council in 2024-2026. If elected, I can assure you that I will continue to provide the Council with the same level of enthusiasm and energy that I had in my last three terms on the Council.

Regards,
Trevor



ELECTION STATEMENT FOR SCL(SINGAPORE) COUNCIL FOR 2024 – 2026

I, Sezgin Ozbilgin, am a testifying Delay Expert with more than 17 years' experience in the construction industry. I have provided service to project owners, main contractors, and subcontractors concerning mediation, neutral evaluation, arbitration and litigation matters across both public and private sectors over the last 10 years in Singapore.

I have served as a Council Member in the Society of Construction Law (Singapore) from 2021 to 2024, taking on roles such as Chair of the Social and Networking Committee and a member of the Thought Leadership Committee. In the upcoming 2024-2026 term, I am looking forward to serving as the Assistant Honorary Treasurer and contributing to the Professional Development and Social and Networking Committees.

I am committed to fostering a vibrant construction law community in Singapore by organizing events, facilitating networking opportunities, promoting collaboration, and encouraging the sharing of knowledge and best practices among construction law practitioners.

Thank you very much for your support.

Kind Regards,

Sezgin Ozbilgin

19 August 2024

Election Statement



As a construction lawyer with over eight years of service on the council of the SCL(S), I am pleased to announce my candidacy for the position of Honorary Secretary. Throughout my tenure, I have successfully led the newsletter, fostered strong external relations, and managed the professional development committee, each role enhancing our community's growth and engagement.

I am committed to upholding the values of our society while ensuring transparency and effective communication. I am keen to bring my commitment to our society's mission to the role of Honorary Secretary. Thank you for your support!

SCL Council 2024 Election Statement – Chris Rudland

I am a Chartered Quantity Surveyor and have worked in the construction industry on live projects and disputes over the past 15 years. Having served on the Council from 2022, I am eager to continue providing my time and support to SCL Singapore for the coming term.

I have been based in Singapore since 2014 (with a spell in the UK in 2023-24) and have been a member of SCL for the majority of that time. Over that time, I have enjoyed attending many seminars which have always addressed the key issues facing the market at that time, with lively debates about the road ahead.

As well as this, I have made many contacts and friends over the years through the social events and dinners that have always been so well organised and well attended.

I have very much enjoyed collaborating with my fellow SCL Singapore Council members over the past two years, and hope to continue serving for another term. If elected, I will endeavor to provide support to the Council and use my best efforts to progress and promote SCL Singapore.

Thank you for considering my application.



JOANNA SEETOH

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Election Statement

I have been a proud member of SCL(S) for 13 years, and have been a frequent contributor to the Society in terms of articles, speaking engagements, and most recently as a co-opted member of the Council overseeing the Society's external relations from 2022 to 2024.

During my term on the Council, I assisted to expand and renew the Society's reciprocal relationships with its partners including the Singapore Institute of Building Limited, and the Association of Women in Construction (Singapore). I also served on the Professional Development committee, assisting to organize and oversee various CPD events including the most recently fully subscribed seminar on "Rewiring for Complexity - Briefing on INTEGRAF" by Mr. Chow Kok Fong. I am also on the current organizing committee of the Society's Annual Conference.

I hope to have the support of the members and be afforded the further opportunity to contribute to the Society, this time in the role of Vice Chair of the Society. In this role, I hope to assist to foster greater collaboration and engagement with the construction industry, and to encourage more conversations as to what more can be done locally and internationally to increase the Singapore brand as a construction and infrastructure powerhouse.

Thank you.

JOANNA SEETOH



This year marks the 20th anniversary of my work in the construction disputes space. Since the early years of my practice, I have benefited from the myriad practice development programmes led by Society of Construction Law, Singapore (SCLS) and enjoy the community of stakeholders that are regularly in attendance. In the spirit of building on the vibrant sharing within the society and development of construction law practice in Singapore, I am putting myself forward for election as a council member of the SCLS. With a robust background in both contentious and advisory roles within the construction and infrastructure sectors, I am eager to contribute to the continued evolution and excellence of construction law practice in Singapore.

As a Partner in WongPartnership's Energy, Projects & Construction Practice, I have developed a comprehensive skill set and experience in managing complex legal issues especially in the construction space. I have advised statutory boards and acted for developers, consultants, and contractors across various stages of litigation, arbitration, mediation and adjudication. My work has spanned the breadth of issues commonly raised in construction disputes such as variations, acceleration, extension of time claims, and prolongation claims, to the technical such as structural steel misalignment and ground settlement. I have had the privilege of representing clients in high-value disputes concerning commercial buildings, residential developments, airport terminals, and tunnelling projects in Singapore, South-east Asia and the Middle East. My expertise extends to enforcement proceedings, where I have handled garnishee applications, company winding-up processes, and performance bond issues. This broad range of experience has equipped me with a nuanced understanding of the legal intricacies and challenges inherent in construction and infrastructure projects.

In addition to the contentious work, I have significant expertise and experience in front-end project advisory. I have been pivotal in drafting, reviewing, and negotiating contracts and tender documents for several high-profile mega infrastructure projects, including integrated resorts, petrochemical plants, airports, sports facilities, aeronautical engineering facilities, offshore supply bases, and desalination plants. My role has also involved adapting standard forms for local and international use, and advising on project management, consultancy agreements, and risk management, including insurance coverage, indemnities, bonds, and guarantees.

I am confident that my diverse experience and dedication to the field will enable me to make meaningful contributions to SCLS and I hope to use my expertise in promoting educational initiatives that address the evolving needs of our industry, enhancing professional development opportunities, and facilitating dialogue between legal practitioners and industry stakeholders. I look forward to the opportunity to work alongside fellow members to further our shared goals and to support the continued growth and development of construction law practice in Singapore.

Election Statement for Kelvin Teo



In the course of my past years of service in the council of the SCL(S), I am very glad to have witnessed the support and camaraderie shared amongst friends and colleagues in the construction industry in Singapore, particularly during the SCL(S) events and in the many meetings with council.

I am very grateful for having had the chance to deal with authorship, debate and thought-leadership on construction law issues.

I believe I still have more fuel in the tank to contribute to thought leadership. This includes the plan to launch the SCL(S) Protocol on Experts Joint Statements in Arbitration, which will be the subject of exciting discussion at Session 3 of the SCL(S) Annual Conference this year with some of the most erudite and learned minds, which I have the privilege to moderate. I also look forward to letting SCL(S) be heard in the various as we step into an era of greater dialogue, collaboration and cross-pollination with other groups and organisations involved in construction law matters.

I would like to continue to drive the society forwards in exciting areas such as the burgeoning Energy Transition, Green Plan and Environmental Sustainability initiatives, industry transformation in including using cutting edge digital technology, and collaborative contracting. There is a nice synergy in what the SCL(S) is hoping to do in those exciting new areas and the focus in my practice of renewables and sustainability.

I would like to continue to contribute as well to the evolution of the SCL(S) as it always seeks to better serve the needs of the members, listen to what its members are saying, helping members keep abreast with the latest developments and trends in construction law; as well as to create opportunities for networking.

I am privileged to have been part of this process. If elected, I look very much forward to working with familiar faces and getting to know better new ones in the membership of the SCL(S).

Adrian Wong

Director, Head of Projects

Herbert Smith Freehills Prolegis

This will be my fourth term running for Council.

In my past terms, I've served in various capacities including as a member of the Professional Development Committee, head of External Relations and most recently as the Honorary Secretary.

SCL Singapore has grown from strength to strength. Over the last term, we introduced the Business category of membership. This has been well received by our members with a number of organisations (with larger numbers of employees interested in SCL) finding this to provide good value. From the Society's perspective, this is a "win win" as it creates greater stability and a more robust eco-system of SCL stakeholders.

This next term, I am running to be elected to be a Member on the SCL Singapore Council. One of my planned portfolios will be in the area of thought leadership.

It is my desire that SCL Singapore will further establish itself as a forum for thought leadership in the area of capital projects and construction. As a transactional lawyer specialised in advising on the development of large scale construction and infrastructure projects, I am hopeful that my experience and perspectives will provide greater diversity in the ideas and plans for the Society.

I am keen to continue my work with Council and am seeking re-election. I am grateful and look forward to the opportunity to continue to serve the Society in this manner.



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