



CROSS FERTILISATION
- NEW ZEALAND DEVELOPMENTS IN CONSTRUCTION LAW AND ADJUDICATION

Monday, 20 October 2008, 5.00-7.00pm, FTSE Room, Level 9, Capital Tower, 168 Robinson Road

THE TALK:-

As sister Common Law jurisdictions, New Zealand and Singapore can learn from each other. Reference to decisions in the other jurisdiction is common in the judgments of the courts of both countries.

In this paper Tómas Kennedy-Grant, QC, author of "Construction Law in New Zealand" and co-author of "A guide to the Construction Contracts Act" and a member of The Arbitration Chambers Singapore, will talk about recent New Zealand decisions in the field of construction law (decisions on the duty of care of developers, engineers, contractors, local authorities and other public bodies, and directors of companies and on the availability of specific performance as a remedy for breach of a construction contract) and will provide a review of the decisions on the Construction Contracts Act 2002, the New Zealand equivalent of Singapore's Building and Construction Industry Security of Payment Act (Cap 30B).

The Programme:

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| 4.45-5.00pm | <i>Registrations & Refreshments</i> |
| 5.00-5.10pm | Opening Remarks by Chairperson <i>Mr. Chow Kok Fong – Council Member, SCL (Singapore)</i> |
| 5.10-6.15pm | Cross Fertilisation - New Zealand Developments In Construction Law And Adjudication <i>Mr. Tómas Kennedy-Grant, QC – The Arbitration Chambers Singapore</i> |
| 6.15-6.30pm | Q&A Session & Closing Remarks |
| 6.30-7.00pm | Networking Break for Delegates |

THE SPEAKER:-

Mr. Tómas Kennedy-Grant, QC - The Arbitration Chambers Singapore

Tómas Kennedy-Grant, Q.C., a graduate of Oxford, is an experienced arbitrator, mediator and adjudicator. Qualified to practise in England and New Zealand, he has been in practice for 44 years, 10 of them (1992-2002) as a Master of the High Court of New Zealand. Since February 2002 he has practised full-time as an arbitrator, mediator and adjudicator. He has been appointed in international arbitrations under the ICC, SIAC and UNCITRAL Rules as chairman or presiding arbitrator, party-appointed arbitrator and sole arbitrator. He is appointed regularly as sole arbitrator in New Zealand disputes.

His principal areas are construction law, commercial law and dispute resolution. In the first he is the author of Kennedy-Grant: *Construction Law in New Zealand* (Butterworths 1999, reprinted Lexis-Nexis 2003) and co-author of Bayley and Kennedy-Grant: *A guide to the Construction Contracts Act* (Rawlinsons Media 2003) and has lectured at the University of Auckland and also been an occasional lecturer at the King's College London – National University of Singapore MSc in Construction Law. In the second he has lectured at the University of Auckland and, as a Master of the High Court of New Zealand, has had to deal with a wide range of commercial law issues. In the third, he is a member of 16 international arbitration panels and has lectured, tutored and written extensively, with papers published in *Arbitration*, *Asian International Arbitration Journal*, *Construction Law Journal*, the *ICCA Yearbook*, *International Construction Law Review*, *New Zealand Business Law Quarterly*, and *New Zealand Law Journal*. For further information, see his website at www.kennedygrant.com.

THE CHAIRPERSON:-

Chow Kok Fong is a Chartered Arbitrator and Chartered Quantity Surveyor. Until September 2008, he was Chief Executive Officer of Changi Airports International, a group with airport investments and operations in China, India, the Middle East, Russia and Western Europe. Prior to joining Changi, he was Managing Director for the International Operations at Capitaland Commercial, Director of Projects at City Developments Ltd and Chief Executive of the Construction and Industry Development Board (now the Building and Construction Authority). Kok Fong has published 8 books including *Law and Practice of Construction Contracts* which has gone into its 3rd Edition and *Security of Payments and Construction Adjudication* which has received positive reviews in Singapore, United Kingdom and Australia.



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