



EXPERT WITNESSES: ARE TRIBUNALS EXPECTING TOO MUCH FROM THEM?

*Thursday, 2 June 2011, 5.00-7.15pm
STI Auditorium, Level 9, Capital Tower, 168 Robinson Road*

About this Seminar:-

The speaker will draw upon his considerable experience as an expert witness on construction disputes over the last 25 years in offering his views as to the difficulties which face the quantity surveyor and indeed all who venture to offer their opinions before a tribunal and how the expert should address those difficulties.

There has been much criticism of experts by the courts, often based upon the lack of awareness of the expert as to his duties to the tribunal and the standards which must be achieved.

The talk will also consider the difficulties placed upon the expert given the current nature of instructions from tribunals to meet and agree upon what they can agree and what they cannot agree, and to reduce it all to a joint statement.

The speaker will also discuss the role of the jointly selected expert, merits and disadvantages.

Seminar Programme:-

5.00-5.30pm	Registrations & Networking for Delegates
5.30-5.45pm	Opening Remarks by Seminar Chairman: <i>Mr. Christopher Nunns – Chairman, Society of Construction Law (Singapore)</i>
5.45-6.45pm	<i>Expert Witnesses: Are Tribunals Expecting Too Much From Them?</i> <i>Mr. Michael Charlton – Chairman of the Charlton Martin Group</i>
6.45-7.15pm	Q&A Session

About the Speaker:-

Mr. Michael Charlton – (BA(Hons), FRICS, FHKIS, FCIArb, RPS(QS)) - Chairman of the Charlton Martin Group

Michael is Chairman of the Charlton Martin Group, a construction contracts consultancy which has offices in Hong Kong, Singapore and Malaysia and provides services throughout the region. He is a chartered quantity surveyor who has specialised in dispute resolution and providing contractual advice for 25 years throughout Asia and Australia. Michael acts as lay advocate, mediator, arbitrator, expert witness and provides contractual advice to the industry. He is a very well known speaker and he has organised and presented more than 500 seminars.

Michael has been cross-examined by QCs and Senior Counsel from the UK and Hong Kong in both litigation and arbitration and brings a wealth of experience to this difficult role which members should benefit from.

About the Chairperson:-

Mr. Christopher Nunns - (MA (Oxon), CEng, CGeol, ACIArb, MSIArb, MIMMM, FGS) - Chairman, SCL (Singapore)

Chris has more than 30 years of experience in the construction industry and for 25 years he has been based in Singapore, specialising in construction claims and dispute resolution. He has been appointed as expert witness in Singapore on numerous occasions. Chris is an accredited adjudicator under the Security of Payment Act procedure. He is also a well-respected speaker at seminars in Singapore.

Chris is currently Chairman of the Society of Construction Law Singapore Branch.

REGISTRATION CLOSING DATE: <u>26 May 2011</u>	FEES (includes refreshments & materials, if any)
SCL (Singapore) Members	S\$35.00
Guests of SCL Members, Members of SCL (Australia), SCL (HK), SCL (Malaysia), SCL (UK), Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (Singapore) Ltd (CIArb), Chartered Institute of Building (CIOB), Singapore Contractors Association Ltd (SCAL), Singapore Institute of Architects (SIA), Singapore Institute of Arbitrators (SIArb), Singapore Institute of Surveyors and Valuers (SISV), Full Time Law Students	S\$70.00
Others	S\$90.00



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1. Places are limited and can only be allocated in order of priority upon receipt of registration and any payment due.
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