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## WHAT MAKES A GOOD EXPERT WITNESS IN CONSTRUCTION LITIGATION AND ARBITRATION?

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2007

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### The Talk:-

What makes a good expert witness? The answer will undoubtedly depend upon who is asking the question. Instructing solicitors' ideas may not necessarily coincide with their client's desire to win. Also in the equation are the requirements of the court or tribunal and even these vary in different jurisdictions. Of importance too is the need for cost effective dispute resolution.

Dispute Resolution whether by litigation, arbitration or ADR, cannot live in a vacuum. Singapore practices have to be competitive with its competitors. In this seminar, speakers from The Academy of Experts will present a review and possibly fresh ideas on this fascinating subject. What is 'best practice' when instructing your Expert? What about ethical dilemmas and conflicts? Could some of the UK high profile 'suspect expert evidence' problems occur in Singapore? These are a few of the questions that panelists will tackle.

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### The Speakers:-

The team from The Academy of Experts consists of:

The Chairman Emeritus: Michael Cohen  
The Chairman: Roger Trett  
The Secretary General: Nicola Cohen

**Michael Cohen** is an experienced expert, mediator and Chartered Arbitrator. Course Director for Academy training across the world, Editor of 'The Expert & Dispute Resolver' and author of many of the current Codes and submissions and advice on the use and standards for Experts and mediators.

**Roger Trett** is the Executive Chairman of Trett Consulting and has considerable experience in providing commercial and contractual advice and of acting as Mediator, Adjudicator or Expert Witness on a variety of engineering and construction projects. He is Chairman of The Academy of Experts; a Member of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators; a Fellow of the Institution of Civil Engineering Surveyors and a Member of the London Court of International Arbitration.

**Nicola Cohen** has eighteen years experience of dealing with experts and dispute resolution. As Secretary General she is responsible for the world wide activities of The Academy. She is a co-author of many of the current Codes and submissions and advice on the use and standards for experts and mediators.

**Venue:** STI Auditorium, Level 9, Capital Tower, 168 Robinson Road

**Date/Time:** 21 March 2007. 6:15pm (registrations start at 6.00pm & the talk is estimated to last 1 hour followed by a Q&A session)

	FEES (includes refreshments & materials, if any)
SCL Members	FREE
Guests of SCL members, Members of SCL (Malaysia), NUS students, Members of Law Society of Singapore, Chartered Institute of Building, Institute of Engineers, Institution Of Structural Engineers (Singapore Division), Singapore Contractors Association Ltd, Singapore Institute of Arbitrators, Singapore Institute of Architects	S\$50.00
Others	S\$70.00

Please return the registration application slip below, together with your cheque, if applicable, made payable to "Society of Construction Law (Singapore)", c/o 11 Collyer Quay, The Arcade #06-02, Singapore 049317 or Fax to 65572751.



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### **REGISTRATION, REFUND & CANCELLATION POLICY**

1. Places are limited and can only be allocated in order of priority upon receipt of registration and any payment due.
2. We regret that we are unable to issue an invoice and cannot accept payment at the event.
3. Refunds for cancellation are not possible after the registration closing date (14 March 2007).
4. Members registering to attend 'free of charge' are required to give 7 days notice of cancellation or an administration charge of \$30 will be levied.
5. We reserve the right to refuse to register or admit any participant, and to cancel or postpone the course.

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