



THE LAW SOCIETY  
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**The Law Society of Singapore &  
The Singapore Institute of Arbitrators  
Proudly Present:  
CHALLENGING THE NORMS**

**Thursday, 29 June 2006, 5.15-7.30pm**



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**About this Evening Seminar**

The Law Society and the Singapore Institute of Arbitrators are proud to present an evening seminar featuring two experts in international arbitration and chaired by Mr Richard Tan, immediate Past-President of the Singapore Institute of Arbitrators.

The two eminent arbitrators, Mr Neil Kaplan CBE QC and Dr Robert Gaitskell QC, will share their thoughts and ideas on international commercial arbitration practice followed by an open discussion and networking session. The discussion will address current issues in international arbitration, including how to deal with conflicting technical expert evidence, how to make the best use of hearing time, why arbitration remains a popular form of international dispute resolution; and many other topical issues.

**Programme Outline**

5.15-5.30pm	<i>Registrations &amp; Refreshments</i>
5.30-5.40pm	<i>Opening Remarks by Chairperson</i>
	<i>Mr Richard Tan</i>
5.40-7.00pm	<i>Interactive Discussion with Speakers moderated by Chairperson</i>
	<i>Mr Neil Kaplan CBE QC</i>
	<i>Dr Robert Gaitskell QC</i>
7.00-7.30pm	<i>Networking Break</i>

**About the Speakers**

**Mr Neil Kaplan CBE QC**

Neil Kaplan was Chairman of the Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre from 1991–2004 and was President of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators from May 1999 until May 2000. Mr Kaplan is a full-time practising arbitrator with Chambers in both London and Hong Kong. From March 1990 until the end of 1994 he was a judge of the Supreme Court of Hong Kong. He was the judge in charge of the Construction and Arbitration list. From 1994 until the end of 1999 he was the Convenor of the Dispute Review Group for Hong Kong's new airport.

Mr Kaplan was the Chairman of Hong Kong's WTO Review Body on Bid Challenges from 2000–2004 and is currently Deputy Chairman of Hong Kong's Telecommunications (Competition Provision) Appeal Board. Mr Kaplan was called to the Bar in England and Wales in 1965 and he practised in London until 1980 when he joined the Attorney General's Chambers in Hong Kong. In 1983 he commenced practice at the Hong Kong Bar having become a Queen's Counsel in 1982. Mr Kaplan has also been admitted to the Victorian Bar in Australia and the New York Bar. Mr Kaplan has co-authored two books on arbitration in Hong Kong and China, published by Sweet & Maxwell, and has recently co-authored Model Law Decisions (published by Kluwer), a book on cases which apply the UNCITRAL Model Law on International Commercial Arbitration. He has also published many articles. Mr Kaplan was General Editor of Arbitration in Hong Kong: A Practical Guide to Arbitration in 2003, published by Thomson/Sweet & Maxwell Asia. He is a Council member of the International Council of Commercial Arbitration (ICCA).

Mr Kaplan is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators and is a Chartered Arbitrator. He is also a Fellow of the Hong Kong Institute of Arbitrators and the Singapore Institute of Arbitrators as well as a panellist of several other arbitral institutions including CIETAC. He is a member of the LCIA, and has conducted LCIA arbitrations. He has conducted numerous ICC arbitrations. In all Mr Kaplan has conducted arbitrations in at least 14 different jurisdictions in Europe, Asia, Australasia and America. In June 2001 Mr Kaplan was awarded a CBE for services to international arbitration.

**Dr Robert Gaitskell QC**

Robert Gaitskell practises as a Queen's Counsel in Keating Chambers, where he specialises in international engineering disputes. He frequently acts as an arbitrator, dispute board chairman/member and mediator. He was called to the Bar in 1978 and appointed Queen's Counsel in 1994.

One of his current appointments is as Chairman of a Dispute Resolution Panel for the UK Ministry of Defence. Other current or recent cases include acting as Tribunal Chairman or Arbitrator on many ICC and other panels concerning state-of-the-art defence electronics, telecommunications, oil refineries, power stations and complex engineering projects. His doctorate, from King's College London, concerned model form engineering contracts.

In addition to his practice at the Bar, he is a Chartered Engineer, a former Vice-President of the Institution of Electrical Engineers (IEE), and a former Senator of the Engineering Council. He is also a Fellow of the Institution of Mechanical Engineers. He writes extensively and lectures throughout the world on legal/engineering subjects. He lectures on the King's College London LLM in International Arbitration. He is a part-time judge and a Bencher of Gray's Inn.

**The Law Society's vMCPD Scheme**

**Programme Category: Professional Practice**

**Training Level: Update**

**Who Should Attend**

- Lawyers who practise arbitration law
- Arbitrators
- In-house counsel/Legal Officers who manage disputes for their organisations

**Practice Area: Category 4 (Dispute Resolution)**

**PD Hours: 1 hr 40 mins**



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**About the Chairperson**

**Mr Richard Tan – Senior Partner, Lee & Lee; Director, Lovells Lee & Lee**

Mr Tan is the Immediate Past President of the Singapore Institute of Arbitrators and is the chairman of its Arbitration Capability Enhancement (ACE) programme. He has acted as arbitrator and counsel in many domestic and international arbitrations, and has been appointed as arbitrator by institutions such as the SIAC, the ICC Court of International Arbitration, the London Court of International Arbitration and the Singapore Institute of Architects, and as a panel adjudicator by the World Intellectual Property Organization and under the SMC-SIAC Singapore Domain Name Dispute Resolution Policy. He is an Advisory Board member to the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development on a programme for dispute resolution. He is an Adjunct Assoc. Professor at the National University of Singapore teaching in the King's College/NUS MSc Programme on Construction Law and Arbitration. He is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators and the Singapore Institute of Arbitrators. He has been named by the Euromoney Legal Media Group as one of the world's leading experts in commercial arbitration, by Asia Law as a Leading Lawyer in dispute resolution and by the Legal 500 as a leading lawyer in dispute resolution, litigation and arbitration.

**Venue:**

**STI FTSE Room  
Level 9, Capital Tower  
168 Robinson Road Singapore 068912**

(Registrations will begin at 5.15pm)

**Fee:**

**S\$ 63.00**

(Law Society Members, SI Arb Members  
& employees of Singapore law practices)

**S\$ 94.50 (others)**

(includes 5% GST, materials & refreshments)

**REGISTRATION FORM**

Name (Dr/Mr/Mrs/Miss/Mdm): \_\_\_\_\_

Name and Address of Law Firm/Law Corporation /Organisation: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Admission: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of years in Practice: \_\_\_\_\_

AAS No: \_\_\_\_\_ NRIC/Passport No: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Law Society Members) (Law Society Associate Members & Non Law Society Members)

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Cheque payments should be made payable to "**The Law Society of Singapore**" & arrive at our office  
with the completed registration form on or before the closing date, **Thursday, 22 June 2006**:

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**REGISTRATION, REFUND & CANCELLATION POLICY**

1. Registrations will be confirmed upon receipt of full payment accompanied by a duly completed registration form.
2. The Organisers reserve the right to refuse to register or admit any participant, and to cancel or postpone the course.
3. Equivalent substitute delegates are welcomed, subject to the Organisers being notified at least 2 working days before the course of the details of the substitute delegate.
4. The Organisers reserve the right to impose a cancellation fee in the event any registrant wishes to withdraw from the course after the registration closing date.
5. The Organisers will not entertain any request for a refund of fees made within 24 hours before course commencement. However a confirmed registrant who has paid in full the course fees but does not turn up for the course will be entitled to collect a set of the materials provided.

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