

**“INTERNATIONAL ARBITRATION:
CORPORATE ATTITUDES & PRACTICES 2006”**

Thursday, 30 November 2006, 5.15-7.30pm

About this Evening Seminar

The resolution of cross border disputes is becoming more sophisticated. Increasingly, parties are choosing to resolve disputes away from the courts through the use of international arbitration. It can provide distinct advantages over litigation through its more flexible processes and the wide enforceability of awards; yet there are disadvantages, particularly for the unwary.

PricewaterhouseCoopers set out to gauge the level of knowledge about international arbitration among a wide sample of corporations around the world and to test certain myths and perceptions about international arbitration against leading in-house counsel.

This study is both ground-breaking and standard-setting as it introduces empirical methods in the study of international arbitration: it is ground-breaking because it is by far the largest independent statistical study yet on international arbitration and provides insights into this so far esoteric area of law; it is standard-setting because an empirical baseline has now been set and more empirical studies will follow.

This talk will cover the key findings of the survey to get a discussion going on the opportunities for Singapore and the Singapore legal fraternity. In particular, one of the findings of the survey recorded that there is a demand for the development of stronger regional arbitration centres, including Singapore.

Limited places, so register early to secure your seat.

Programme Outline

5.15-5.30pm	<i>Registrations & Refreshments</i>
5.30-5.40pm	Opening Remarks by Chairperson <i>Mr. Mohan Pillay</i>
5.40-7.10pm	International Arbitration: Corporate Attitudes & Practices - Sharing the findings of a PwC survey <i>Mr. Subramaniam Iyer - Head of Crisis Management, PricewaterhouseCoopers</i>
7.10-7.30pm	Networking Break

About the Speaker

Mr. Subramaniam Iyer - Head of Crisis Management, PricewaterhouseCoopers



Mr Subramaniam Iyer is the Head of Crisis Management at PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC), which provides services in the area of fraud and forensic investigations, assisting companies in dispute through litigation support work and Expert Witness testimony as well as helping to turnaround/restructure companies in distress.

In his 19 years with the firm, Subra's professional services work has covered dispute analysis and investigations, insolvency services, transaction advisory (commercial and financial due diligence), strategic reviews of business plans as well as audit and internal control reviews. In addition, Subra has also acted as a Judicial Manager and Liquidator of several companies.

Subra has also been involved in engagements involving Expert Witness testimony in Court and at arbitrations. Subra recently acted as an Expert Witness in a construction dispute in Indonesia relating to variation claims of a contractor in respect of an Engineering, Procurement and Supply Contract for an oil and gas field development. He has also provided Expert opinion in an arbitration in the ICC International Court of Arbitration between two companies in the pharmaceutical industry which involved the wrongful termination of a Joint Venture Agreement. Subra was engaged to value the damages suffered by the claimant. In other Court cases, Subra has been involved in the critique of expert reports to assist clients in their cross-examination and advise on the valuation of shares.

Outside of litigation, Subra has led many corporate investigations and notably, the investigations into China Aviation Oil (Singapore) Corporation Ltd, which lost US\$550 million in derivatives trading. As the lead forensic specialist, Subra was heavily involved in PwC's investigation as part of its appointment as Special Auditor under Section 704 (12) of the Stock Exchange Rules. Subra also led the team that assisted Raffles Holdings Ltd in its acquisition of the Swissotel group from Swissair where his involvement was crucial in the negotiation of the Sale Purchase Agreement with New York lawyers and merchant bankers. The PwC team performed the Completion Audit of the transaction. Subra assisted Raffles in negotiating the completion settlement with the Administrators of Swissair, which had gone into bankruptcy and was unable to honour its representations and warranties given under the Sale Purchase Agreement.

Subra graduated from the National University of Singapore with a Bachelor of Accountancy (Honours). He is currently a practising member of the Institute of Certified Public Accountants in Singapore (ICPAS) and a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in Australia. He also serves as a committee member of the ICPAS' Insolvency Practices Committee and is the Chairman of the Continuing Professional Development Committee of the newly formed Insolvency Practitioners Association of Singapore Limited.

The Law Society's vMCPD Scheme

Programme Category: Professional Practice
Training Level: Update

Practice Area: Category 4 (Dispute Resolution)
CPD Hours: 1 hr 40 mins

Who Should Attend

- Lawyers who practise arbitration law
- Arbitrators
- In-house counsel/Legal Officers who manage disputes for their organisations
- Experts who work closely with arbitrators and counsel in arbitrations
- Company directors & investors
- Risk management professionals

About the Chairperson

Mr. Mohan Pillay



Consistently identified as a leading Asian and Singapore lawyer in construction and arbitration, Mohan has 20 years experience appearing before both Singapore Courts and arbitration tribunals. He has represented clients in complex disputes involving building construction, civil engineering, power and incineration plants, and oil and gas production facilities, in various jurisdictions and under ICC, UNCITRAL, SIAC and other arbitration rules.

Mohan is a Panel Arbitrator of the Singapore International Arbitration Centre, Singapore Institute of Arbitrators and the Kuala Lumpur Regional Centre for Arbitration. He is also a Principal Mediator with Singapore Mediation Centre, a Fellow of the Singapore and Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, and an accredited Adjudicator under the Building & Construction Industry Security of Payment Act 2004. He has acted as Adjudicator, Arbitrator and Mediator.

In addition to an active practice, Mohan is also an Adjunct Associate Professor at the Faculty of Law, National University of Singapore, and a Visiting Professor at the Centre of Construction Law & Management, King's College London, University of London.

Venue: FTSE Room Capital Tower, Level 9 168 Robinson Road Singapore 068912 (Registrations will begin at 5.15pm)	Fee: S\$ 73.50 (Law Society Members, SI Arb Members, SCCA Members & employees of Singapore law practices) S\$ 105.00 (others) (includes 5% GST, materials & refreshments)
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REGISTRATION FORM

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Date of Admission: _____ Number of years in Practice: _____

AAS No: _____ NRIC/Passport No: _____
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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, **Friday, 23 November 2006**:

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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.