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SINGAPORE
WEBINAR

MAKING OR BREAKING YOUR CASE - What Makes an Effective Expert Witness

8 October 2020, 5.00 - 7.15pm

About this Webinar:

Construction projects often involve a variety of complex technical issues including defects, delay and quantum. Choosing an expert witness is a combination of art and science. Experienced counsel understand that the selection of an effective expert witness is often critical to success or failure on technical issues.

There is a wide scope as to what makes an effective expert witness. A good expert who genuinely tries to assist the judge/arbitrator is viewed as being extremely helpful to the court/tribunal. However, the same expert may be viewed by his counsel as being unhelpful to his appointing party. In addition to subject matter knowledge and credibility, counsel look out for other attributes in expert witnesses.

While an expert is not an advocate for his party, how can the expert contribute to advocacy? How does an expert win the battle of the experts? What are the characteristics of an expert witness that are appealing to arbitrators? This talk seeks to try to shed a little light on the subject matter from the different perspectives of arbitrator and counsel.

Webinar Programme:

5.00 - 5.15pm	Opening Remarks by Chairperson <i>Mr. Anil Changaroth - Managing Director (and General Counsel) of ChangAroth InterNational Consultancy and ChangAroth Chambers LLC, Singapore; Council Member, Society of Construction Law (Singapore)</i>
5.15 - 7.00pm	Making or Breaking Your Case: What Makes an Effective Expert Witness <i>Dr. Colin Ong QC - Queen's Counsel, 36 Stone(London); Chartered Arbitrator and Counsel, Eldan Law LLP (Singapore); Senior Partner, Dr Colin Ong Legal Services(Brunei)</i>
7.00 – 7.15pm	Q&A Session

About the Speaker:



Dr. Colin Ong QC - Queen's Counsel, 36 Stone (London); Chartered Arbitrator and Counsel, Eldan Law LLP (Singapore); Senior Partner, Dr Colin Ong Legal Services (Brunei)

Dr Colin Ong QC sits as arbitrator and act as lead counsel in diverse areas, including: banking/infrastructure projects/mining/energy disputes/information technology/intellectual property/ shipping. He has worked under diverse arbitration rules including: AAA/BANI/CIETAC/HKIAC/ICC/ICDR/KCAB/KLRCA/LCIA/LMAA/OIC/ SCMA/SIAC/TAI/UNCITRAL and WIPO rules. He is listed as a top 30 elite arbitration practitioner by the biennial *Expert Guides–Best of the Best: Arbitration* (2017&2019) and listed as a Thought Leader by *Who's Who Legal* in Arbitration; Construction; and Commercial Litigation. Feedback includes: "an extremely creative and charismatic lawyer... the best cross-examiner...a star performer with a brilliant legal mind, and an excellent advocate with a compelling style." (Chambers & Partners Asia 2019); "a top person in the field...always very well prepared". (C&P Most-in-Demand Arbitrators 2019). "...extensive recommendations from peers around the world for his strong work as arbitrator, also winning widespread plaudits for his work as lead counsel in both civil and common law matters." (WWL Arbitration 2020). He is the author of several texts including on advocacy and arbitration. Languages include English, Chinese and Malay/Bahasa Indonesia.

About the Chairperson:



Mr. Anil Changaroth - Managing Director (and General Counsel) of ChangAroth InterNational Consultancy and ChangAroth Chambers LLC, Singapore; Council Member, Society of Construction Law (Singapore)

Mr Anil Changaroth, a Dispute Avoidance & Resolution Practitioner since 1995, is an accredited Mediator and Arbitrator; an Advocate & Solicitor of Singapore and a Solicitor of England and Wales; and is and is currently the Dispute Resolution Board Foundation's Country Representative (Singapore). With a Masters of Science in Construction Law & Arbitration (KCL & NUS), he has also practised internationally and in house with Davis Langdon & Seah (Arcadis Group) and had his first career (five-years) as an Infantry Officer with the Singapore Armed Forces. ChangAroth Chambers LLC represents parties in the Asia Pacific region, focusing on Appropriate Dispute Resolution involving Infrastructure, Building, and Construction projects and most aspects of Commercial, Civil, Criminal and Corporate Front End Advisory, while ChangAroth InterNational Consultancy operating in South Asia primarily consult & administers international infrastructure & construction, trade & investment treaty projects and developments; provides Appropriate Dispute Resolution services and (c) develops Online Dispute Resolution legal technologies. Anil has been the honorary legal advisor to the Singapore Institute of Architect since 2009 and Singapore Institute of Surveyors and valuers since 2015 and the Society of Construction Law (International)'s liaison committee since 2014. Marshall Cavendish in 2019 published Anil's book *Resolving Disputes, A Guide to the Options for Appropriate Dispute Resolution*.



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