



THE LAW SOCIETY
OF SINGAPORE

Nuts & Bolts Series 2008: PROBATE & ADMINISTRATION

- An Update on Probate & Estate Duty Practice

Supreme Court Auditorium

Wednesday, 28 May 2008

9.30am to 5.30pm

Who Should Attend

- Lawyers who currently practise in the area of probate & administration of estates
- Lawyers who wish to move into or increase their practice focus in probate & administration of estates
- Financial planners and advisors

About this Workshop

Since 1997, the Law Society has conducted an annual instalment on Probate & Administration as part of its Nuts & Bolts Series. The key objective of the Nuts & Bolts Series is to provide participants with opportunities to learn or re-acquaint themselves with the basics of a core area of practice.

Stay current with this MUST-ATTEND workshop, led by Dr. G Raman, which will provide up-to-date coverage of the fundamentals of, current issues and recent developments in the law and practice of probate, administration and estate duty. Adopting a case study approach, this intensive and interactive Workshop includes an analysis of all relevant legislation and legal precedents.

Program Outline

9.00–9.30am	Registration & Welcome Refreshments
9.30–10.30am	Session 1 – Salient Clauses Of A Will
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Appointment of a Substitute Executor & Trustee ♦ Providing for the Executor Predeceasing the Testator or Dying Before Proving the Will ♦ Power of Sale with Power to Postpone Sale ♦ Balancing the Interests of Spouses and Children <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Creation of Life Interests ○ The Rules Against Accumulations & Perpetuities ♦ The Importance of the Residuary Clause ♦ Avoidance of Lapsing of Gifts and Legacies - Sec 26 Wills Act and the Law on Intestate Succession
10.30–10.50am	Morning Break
10.50–11.45am	Session 2 – The Procedure In Obtaining Grant Of Letters Of Representation
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Filing of Originating Summons ♦ Priorities in Applying for a Grant ♦ Class Clearance ♦ Administration with Will Annexed ♦ Extracting the Grant of Letters of Representation
11.45am–12.45pm	Session 3 – Authority And Powers Of Personal Representatives
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Rights and duties of Personal Representatives - A study of case-law ♦ The Doctrine of Relation Back ♦ Differences in the powers of executors and administrators ♦ Negligence of Personal Representatives, trustees and remedies available
12.45–1.45pm	Lunch
1.45–2.30pm	Session 4 – Contentious Probate
	The Common Grounds for Disputing Wills <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Fraud ♦ Undue influence ♦ Lack of capacity of testator The Procedural Requirements <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Caveat, Warning, Appearance ♦ Citation ♦ Writs
2.30–3.30pm	Session 5 – Administration Issues
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Steps to ascertain the extent of the estate ♦ Distribution of the estate and factors to be considered ♦ Protection of the Personal Representatives from suits - safeguarding the trustees ♦ The need to advertise before distribution and the consequence of failure to do so ♦ Common problems that arise in estate administration - accounts, discharge and indemnity
3.30–3.50pm	Afternoon Break
3.50–4.30pm	Session 6 – Dealing With Muslim Estates
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ The Syariah law on distribution of a Muslim estate ♦ Inheritance under Faraid - tools available for alternative modes of inheritance ♦ Avoiding the taking over by the Baitulmal (MUIS) of a Muslim's estate

The Law Society's vMCPD Scheme

Programme Category: Professional Practice

Training Level: Update

Practice Area: Category 7 (Probate & Administration)

CPD Hours: 6 hours 20 minutes



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4.30–5.30pm	Session 7 – Estate Planning
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Gifts inter vivos ◆ Trust instruments ◆ Holding companies ◆ Providing for children's guardianship and maintenance ◆ "Sec 73" policies and adoption of the insurance policies to avoid creditors
5.30pm	End

About the Workshop Leader

Dr. G Raman – Consultant, G R Law Corporation

Dr. Raman began his law practice in 1969 and is an experienced probate lawyer. He is the Course Coordinator for the "Wills, Probate and Administration" module of the Postgraduate Practice Law Course conducted by the Board of Legal Education, Singapore.

In 1991, Dr. Raman published his book "Probate and Administration: Law and Practice, Singapore and Malaysia". In 1999, he became the annotator of legislation on Intestate Succession, Family Provision and Muslim Law in Butterworths' Annotated Statutes of Singapore Vol. 10. He is also the author of the chapter on "Probate and Administration" in Halsbury's Laws of Singapore Vol. 15, 2001. Dr. Raman was recently conferred his Ph.D from London.

Venue: Supreme Court Auditorium B2, Supreme Court Building 1 Supreme Court Lane, Singapore 178879 (Registrations will begin at 9.00am)	Fee: S\$ 235.40 (Members of Law Society, SCCA Members & employees of Singapore law practices) S\$ 321.00 (others) (includes 5% GST, materials, lunch & refreshments)
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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)

Position in Law Firm/Law Corporation/Organisation: _____

Tel number: _____ Fax number: _____ Email: _____
(Email required for confirmation of registration)

Mode of payment: **GIRO** ☐ **Cheque** ☐
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Law Society Member ☐ **Employee of Singapore law practice** ☐ **SCCA Member** ☐ **Non-member** ☐

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, **Wednesday, 21 May 2008**:

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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 (e.g. member for member, non-member for non-member), 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. 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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