

# THE EFFECT OF MATRIMONIAL ISSUES ON TRUSTS

Supreme Court Auditorium, Level B2, Supreme Court Building (1 Supreme Court Lane) 30 January 2008 (Wednesday) • 5.00-7.30pm

### About this Seminar

STEP Singapore is pleased to present this update on the effect of matrimonial issues on trusts - drawing on recent cases including from UK and Jersey as well as considering what approach might be expected in Singapore.

This talk will discuss the trend of cases in the UK matrimonial courts culminating in the Minwallah and Charman cases and then look at the more promising case of A v A and St George Trust Company, which sets the record straight on some of the more blatant excesses of the Family Division of the High Court. The Jersey review will look at some of the reactions in Jersey to the English Courts, consider the benefits for Singapore business, and then consider what the Courts here might have to say on the subject. Finally, we will consider some of the tactical issues for trustees to consider when faced with a divorce or possible divorce - including the disclosure of letters of wishes, whether or not to intervene.

We welcome all members and practitioners in the trust industry to join us for this seminar, which will be followed by a networking break. Seminar Programme

5.00-5.15pm	Registrations & Refreshments			
5.15-5.20pm	Opening Remarks & Overview by Chairperson:			
	Mr. Bill Lexmond - President, STEP Singapore			
5.20-6.00pm	m The Effect of Matrimonial Issues on Trusts			
	Mr. Mark Biddlecombe - Director, Rathbone Trust (Singapore) Pte Limited			
6.00-6.40pm	A Singapore Law Perspective			
	Ms Ang Kim Lan - Exectuive Director, Goodwins Law Corporation			
6.40-7.00pm	Q&A Session & Closing Remarks			
7.00-7.30pm	Networking Break			

### **About the Chairperson**

## Mr. Bill Lexmond - Managing Director of Wealth Planning, UBS AG; President, STEP Singapore

Bill Lexmond is the Managing Director of Wealth Planning for UBS in Asia Pacific. Bill has been living in Asia since 1989, arriving in Singapore in 1994. He studied in Canada at University of Waterloo (Mathematics) and Queen's University (Law). He has been involved in trusts and taxation matters for over 20 years, in Canada and in Asia. In Singapore, prior to joining UBS in 2004, Bill was with PricewaterhouseCoopers for 7 years and Citibank for 2 1/2 years. Bill is currently the Singapore Chair of the Society of Trust and Estate Practitioners and is on the Board of the Singapore Branch of the International Fiscal Association. Bill has spoken at and/or chaired many seminars in Asia, including the very successful inaugural STEP Asia Conference held in Singapore October 2005.

#### **About the Speakers**

### Mr. Mark Biddlecombe - Director, Rathbone Trust (Singapore) Pte Limited

Mr. Biddlecombe is a Director of Rathbone Trust (Singapore) Pte Limited, having arrived in Singapore from Jersey in June 2007. He has 16 years of experience in the trust industry, including 2 years with Nick Jacob at Rooks Rider. He trained as a Barrister, and is a practicing Solicitor with the Jersey-based English firm of Nigel Harris & Partners of which he is an Associate Partner.

## Ms Ang Kim Lan - Executive Director, Goodwins Law Corporation

Kim Lan is the Executive Director of Goodwins Law Corporation. She has been in practice since 1986, except for a 2-year break (1992-1994) where she obtained her MBA in the States. Besides overseeing the Financial Services Department in Goodwins, she also heads the Trusts Department in Goodwins, advising clients on how to use trusts effectively as well as advising trust companies on compliance issues. She is a member of the Society of Financial Service Professionals and the Singapore Insurance Institute

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