

LAWASIA & THE LAW SOCIETY OF SINGAPORE
Proudly Present:



**CHILDREN & THE LAW
CONFERENCE 2005**

Swissotel Merchant Court Hotel
Merchant Court Ballroom/Section B
Friday & Saturday, 27-28 May 2005



AIMS OF THIS CONFERENCE

This Conference aims to promote discussion on a wide range of contemporary issues involving children and the law in the Asia Pacific region and beyond.

It brings together not just experienced family practitioners and academics specialising in the area of child law, but other professionals who work with children, and policy-makers tasked with shaping policies pertaining to children.

Apart from examining current issues of concern in the areas of custody and access, the role of experts, cross-border enforcement issues, juvenile justice and the area of caring for children with special needs, the Conference also aims to throw up new ideas and promote the sharing of information amongst practitioners of different jurisdictions as to their experience in child issues in their respective domestic arena.

INVITATION FROM THE PRESIDENT OF LAWASIA



As president of LAWASIA, it is my pleasure to extend a warm invitation to all colleagues of the region to attend the forthcoming Children and the Law Conference, a joint initiative of the Law Society of Singapore and LAWASIA.

The material to be discussed at this event will not only be of interest to family lawyers and their colleagues who work in related areas of law, but will also provide interest and stimulation to any in the wider community who have an active concern in how our societies care for the rights of their most vulnerable.

Natural disasters like the recent tsunami inevitably result in manifold misfortunes for orphaned and other children including the possibility of illegal trafficking and need for foster care. The Conference will no doubt develop ideas for national and international legal remedies in this direction as well.

I commend the organising team on the subjects the Conference presents for discussion and am proud that LAWASIA's name is associated with this worthy event. This is the second Children and the Law Conference that has been supported by LAWASIA. Those who attended the first in Brisbane in June 2003 will recall its impact as a forum for discussion of legal and legally-related issues that extend to the very heart of civilised society. I have no doubt that this Conference will continue that tradition, and I encourage the widest participation by all who understand the need to give regional consideration to such matters.

Mr. GL Sanghi
President, LAWASIA

WHO SHOULD ATTEND

- Family law practitioners, criminal and immigration lawyers
- Judges and policy makers
- Academics
- Government and non-government agencies
- Special education services providers

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SPEAKERS WILL INCLUDE:

1. Ms. Ang Bee Lian – Director of the Rehabilitation & Protection Division and Director of Social Welfare, Ministry of Community Development, Youth & Sports, Singapore
2. Mr. Andrew Davies – Co-chair of the Family Law and Family Rights Section of LAWASIA; Partner, O’Sullivan Davies Lawyers, Perth, Australia
3. Mr. Scott Falvey – Councillor and member of Committee of Management, Queensland Law Society; Partner, McInnes Wilson Lawyers, Queensland, Australia
4. Ms. Foo Yet Ngo – Proprietor, M/s Y. N Foo & Partners, Malaysia
5. Dr. Douglas Kong – Consultant Psychiatrist, Mount Elizabeth Medical Centre, Singapore
6. Professor Leong Wai Kum - Faculty of Law, The National University of Singapore
7. District Judge Lim Hui Min – the Family Court of Singapore
8. Ms. Heather MacLeod – International Director for Child Protection and Children in Crisis, World Vision International
9. Associate Professor Debbie Ong Siew Ling - Faculty of Law, The National University of Singapore
10. Mr. K. S. Rajah SC – Consultant, Harry Elias Partnership; Former Judicial Commissioner, Supreme Court of Singapore
11. Mrs. Saradha Ramachandran - Senior Counsellor, HELP Family Service Centre, Singapore
12. Dr. Gopalan Raman – Vice President of The Law Society of Singapore; Proprietor, M/s G Raman & Partners, Singapore
13. Ms. Maureen Southwick QC – William Martin Chambers, Auckland, New Zealand
14. Mr. N Sreenivasan - Managing Partner, Straits Law Practice LLC, Singapore
15. Mrs. June Tham – Executive Director, the Rainbow Centre, Singapore
16. Dr. Rosanna Wong – Executive Director of the Hong Kong Federation of Youth Groups, Hong Kong

CHAIRPERSONS WILL INCLUDE:

1. Associate Professor Chan Wing Cheong – Faculty of Law, The National University of Singapore
2. Ms. Malathi Das – ExCo Member, LAWASIA; Council Member and Treasurer, The Law Society of Singapore; Council Representative, the Family Law Practice Committee of the Law Society of Singapore
3. Ms. Ellen Lee – Chairperson, the Family Law Practice Committee of the Law Society of Singapore; Proprietor, M/s Ellen Lee & Co, Singapore
4. Mr. Edmond Pereira – Council Member, The Law Society of Singapore; Chairperson, Criminal Practice Committee, The Law Society of Singapore; Partner, M/s Edmond Pereira & Partners
5. Dr. Anamah Tan – Elected Member to the UN Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women; President of the International Council of Women; Managing Partner, M/s Ann Tan & Associates, Singapore
6. Mr Gregory Vijayendran – President, Club Rainbow Singapore; Partner, Wong Partnership
7. Mr. Yap Teong Liang – Council Member, The Law Society of Singapore; Vice-Chairperson, the Family Law Practice Committee of the Law Society of Singapore; Proprietor, TL Yap & Associates, Singapore

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CONFERENCE PROGRAM

Please note the program is currently being finalised. The final Conference program will be advised to all registered delegates when settled.

Friday: 27 May 2005

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| 8.15 – 9.00 a.m. | Registration of Delegates & Welcome Refreshments (Tea & coffee available on arrival) |
| 9.00 – 9.15 a.m. | Welcome Address <i>Mr. GL Sanghi</i> <i>President, LAWASIA</i> |
| 9.15 – 9.45 a.m. | Official Opening of Conference & Launch of the Law Society of Singapore's "The Art of Family Lawyering" <i>Mr. Philip Jeyaretnam SC</i> <i>President, The Law Society of Singapore</i> |
| 9.45 – 10.15 a.m. | Keynote Address <i>The Honorable Justice Lai Siu Chiu – Judge of the Supreme Court of Singapore</i> |
| 10.15 – 10.40 a.m. | Morning Tea |
| 10.40 a.m. – 12.10 p.m. | Session 1 - Juvenile Justice <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ What Does Restorative Justice Really Mean? ▪ Strengthening the Best Interests of Children Session Chair – <i>Mr. Edmond Pereira – Council Member, The Law Society of Singapore; Chairperson, Criminal Practice Committee, The Law Society of Singapore; Partner, M/s Edmond Pereira & Partners</i> |
| | Speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>Dr. Rosanna Wong – Executive Director of the Hong Kong Federation of Youth Groups, Hong Kong</i> ▪ <i>District Judge Lim Hui Min – the Family Court of Singapore</i> ▪ <i>Ms. Ang Bee Lian – Director of the Rehabilitation & Protection Division and Director of Social Welfare, Ministry of Community Development, Youth & Sports, Singapore</i> |
| 12.10 – 1.30 p.m. | BUFFET LUNCH |
| 1.30 – 3.00 p.m. | Session 2 – Beyond Breastfeeding <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Concept of Joint Custody – who says what when? ▪ Father vs Mother: who makes the better parent? A bias towards mothers? ▪ Third Party Rights: Access by grandparents, the significant other, extended family members Session Chair: <i>Ms. Ellen Lee – Chairperson, the Family Law Practice Committee of the Law Society of Singapore; Proprietor, M/s Ellen Lee & Co, Singapore</i> |
| | Speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>Associate Professor Debbie Ong Siew Ling - Faculty of Law, The National University of Singapore</i> ▪ <i>Mr. K. S. Rajah SC – Consultant, Harry Elias Partnership; Former Judicial Commissioner, Supreme Court of Singapore</i> |
| 3.00 – 3.30 p.m. | Afternoon Tea |
| 3.30 – 4.45 p.m. | Session 3 - Featured Talk on "Posthumous Sperm Donation – From the Grave to the Cradle" |
| | Speaker: <i>Mr. Scott Falvey – Councillor and member of Committee of Management, Queensland Law Society; Partner, McInnes Wilson Lawyers, Queensland, Australia</i> |
| 5.15 – 6.45 p.m. | Walking Tour of the Family Court of Singapore - led by members of the Family Law Practice Committee, The Law Society of Singapore |
| 7.00 – 8.00 p.m. | Cocktail Reception Brewerkz Singapore - Restaurant & Microbrewery 30 Merchant Road #01-05/06 Riverside Point |

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Saturday: 28 May 2005

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| 9.00 – 9.10 a.m. | Recap & Opening Remarks |
| | <i>Ms. Malathi Das – ExCo Member, LAWASIA; Council Member and Treasurer, The Law Society of Singapore; Council Representative, the Family Law Practice Committee of the Law Society of Singapore</i> |
| 9.10 – 10.25 a.m. | <p>Session 4 -The Best Person for the Job?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Children in Divorce – the Role of the Child Psychiatrist ▪ Pick Up Sticks – Picking Up the Pieces the Morning After: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Emotional and physical adjustments/problems after divorce ▪ Support/help available to children of divorce, their parents/guardians <p>Session Chair - <i>Associate Professor Chan Wing Cheong – Faculty of Law, The National University of Singapore</i></p> |
| | <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>Dr. Douglas Kong - Consultant Psychiatrist, Mount Elizabeth Medical Centre, Singapore</i> ▪ <i>Mrs. Saradha Ramachandran - Senior Counsellor, HELP Family Service Centre, Singapore</i> |
| 10.25 -10.50 a.m. | Morning Tea |
| 10.50 a.m. - 12.20 p.m. | <p>Session 5 - Child Abduction</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The Hague Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction - A Case for Singapore to be a Member State ▪ International Child Abduction and the Australian Experience ▪ Child Abduction - Local and International: the Malaysian Experience <p>Session Chair – <i>Mr. Yap Teong Liang – Council Member, The Law Society of Singapore; Vice-Chairperson, the Family Law Practice Committee of the Law Society of Singapore; Proprietor, TL Yap & Associates, Singapore</i></p> |
| | <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>Professor Leong Wai Kum - Faculty of Law, The National University of Singapore</i> ▪ <i>Mr. Andrew Davies – Co-chair of the Family Law and Family Rights Section of LAWASIA; Partner, O’Sullivan Davies Lawyers, Perth, Australia</i> ▪ <i>Ms. Foo Yet Ngo – Proprietor, M/s Y. N. Foo & Partners, Malaysia</i> |
| 12.20 – 1.30 p.m. | BUFFET LUNCH |
| 1.30 – 3.00 p.m. | <p>Session 6 – Special Children</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Planning Their Future – Use of Trusts, Wills, Insurance ▪ Children with Special Needs – Integration into the Education System & Society ▪ Criminal Responsibility – From Arrest to Jail ▪ Special Issues in Care & Custody <p>Session Chair – <i>Mr Gregory Vijayendran – President, Club Rainbow, Singapore; Partner, Wong Partnership</i></p> |
| | <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>Dr. Gopalan Raman – Vice President of The Law Society of Singapore; Proprietor, M/s G Raman & Partners, Singapore</i> ▪ <i>Mrs. June Tham – Executive Director, the Rainbow Centre, Singapore</i> ▪ <i>Mr. N Sreenivasan - Managing Partner, Straits Law Practice LLC, Singapore</i> |
| 3.00 – 3.30 p.m. | Afternoon Tea |
| 3.30 – 4.15 p.m. | Session 7 – Featured Talk on “Counsel for the Child and the New Zealand Experience” |
| | <p>Speaker:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>Ms. Maureen Southwick QC - William Martin Chambers, Auckland, New Zealand</i> |
| 4.15 – 5.00 p.m. | Session 8 – Featured Talk on “Children as Victims: A Focus on the Recent Tsunami Disaster and Its Impact on Children in Affected Areas” |
| | <p>Session Chair – <i>Dr. Anamah Tan – Elected Member to the UN Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women; President of the International Council of Women; Managing Partner, M/s Ann Tan & Associates, Singapore</i></p> |
| | <p>Speaker:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>Ms. Heather MacLeod – International Director for Child Protection and Children in Crisis, World Vision International</i> |
| 5.00 – 5.15 p.m. | <p>Conference Summary & Closing Remarks</p> <p><i>Ms. Ellen Lee – Chairperson, the Family Law Practice Committee of the Law Society of Singapore; Proprietor, M/s Ellen Lee & Co, Singapore</i></p> |

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ABOUT THE SPEAKERS:

Dr. Rosanna Wong - Executive Director of the Hong Kong Federation of Youth Groups, Hong Kong

Dr. Rosanna Wong, DBE, JP, is the Executive Director of The Hong Kong Federation of Youth Groups, one of the largest non-profit youth work agencies in Hong Kong. She is also Chairman of the Education Commission of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region and a Member of the High Level Panel of the United Nations on Youth Employment. In addition, Dr. Wong is a Member of the National Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference (CPPCC). At present, she is committed to a number of welfare organizations and charities, including World Vision Hong Kong and World Vision International, Mother's Choice, the Children's Thalassaemia Foundation and the Hong Kong Council of Social Service. She is also currently the President of the English-Speaking Union (Hong Kong) and serves as Non-Executive Director of two public companies, namely the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited and the Cheung Kong (Holdings) Limited. Dr. Wong is a former Member of both the Executive and Legislative Councils, as well as the former Chairperson of the Hong Kong Housing Authority, the Commission on Youth, the Social Welfare Advisory Committee, among others. Dr. Wong was educated at St. Stephen's Girls' College. She holds a B.Soc.Sc. from the University of Hong Kong; an M.S.W. from the University of Toronto; an M.Sc. from the London School of Economics and Politics, University of London; and an M.A. and Ph.D. from the University of California, Davis. She was awarded Honorary Doctorates from the Chinese University of Hong Kong in 1996, from the University of Toronto in 1999, from the Hong Kong Polytechnic University in 2002, from the University of Hong Kong in 2003 and from the Hong Kong Institute of Education in 2004. She was also bestowed the Beta Gamma Sigma Chapter Honoree Award by the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology in 2003. Dr. Wong has been the recipient of many awards, both locally and internationally, including receiving one of the Ten Outstanding Young Persons Award in Hong Kong and being honoured as Global Leader for Tomorrow by the World Economic Forum. She was also honoured with the award of Dame Commander of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire (DBE) in 1997. In 1994 she was made a Commander of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire (CBE), and in 1990 was awarded an Officer of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire (OBE).

Mr. Scott Falvey - Councillor and Member of Committee of Management, Queensland Law Society; Partner, McInnes Wilson, Queensland, Australia



Mr. Scott Falvey was admitted as a solicitor of the Supreme Court of Queensland in January 1994 and later that year was admitted to practice in the High Court of Australia. He commenced employment with McInnes Wilson as a solicitor in April 1996 and became a Partner in September 1998. He was elected to serve on the Council of the Queensland Law Society in 2002 and still holds this position. Mr. Falvey's immediate research includes the legal issues surrounding Assisted Reproductive Technology. He is especially interested in the legal challenges regarding embryo storage, ova harvesting and sperm donation. He is regularly invited to present papers both nationally and internationally on compensation issues and is

published widely in areas of health law and injury compensation. He also lectures regularly in this area at the University of Queensland.

Mr. Andrew Davies - Co-chair of the Family Law and Family Rights Section of LAWASIA; Partner, O'Sullivan Davies Lawyers, Perth, Australia

Mr. Andrew Davies graduated from the University of Western Australia with a Bachelor of Jurisprudence and Bachelor of Laws. He has practised as a barrister and solicitor in Australia for many years and is an Accredited Family Law Specialist and a Family and Child Mediator. Mr. Davies's practice principally concerns complex financial matters, international children relocation and conflicts of laws between States. A member of several professional bodies associated with family law, a fellow of the International Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers and co-chair of the Family Law and Family Rights Section of LAWASIA. He has also been an executive member of several family law associations and chairman of the Chamber of Commerce (Albany). Mr. Davies is a regular presenter of papers and lectures at seminars and conferences both in Australia and overseas. He has also been a guest lecturer at university.



Ms. Maureen Southwick QC - William Martin Chambers, Auckland, New Zealand



With over 25 years of practice, Maureen has wide experience in relationship property, custody, maintenance and Hague Convention disputes. She is a Fellow of the International Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers and has served on the New Zealand Law Society Family Law Committee, and various national committees studying a variety of areas of family law. For many years Maureen has included as part of her practice, the role of senior Counsel for Child in custody and guardianship disputes, and has represented New Zealand in making submissions in relation to the (UK) Lord Chancellor's report "Making Contact Work". Maureen is actively engaged as a Mediator and is a senior member of the Bar in New Zealand, having published a number of family law papers.

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Ms. Foo Yet Ngo – Proprietor, M/s Y. N Foo & Partners, Malaysia

Ms Foo Graduated from the University of Kent, England with B.A (Law) Honours. She was called to the English Bar on 27th July 1980, and to the Malaysian Bar on 17th August 1982. After admission to the Malaysian Bar, Ms Foo worked in a leading law firm in Kuala Lumpur practising in civil litigation and family law. She has more than 21 years in practice and now has her own law firm practising principally in the area of family law. She is, inter alia, a Fellow of the International Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers, Chairperson of the Protem Committee to the Malaysian Chapter of the LAWASIA Family Law & Family Rights Section, Deputy Chair Family Law Committee of the Bar Council of Malaysia, a member of the Disciplinary Committee Panel of the Malaysian Advocates and Solicitors' Disciplinary Board and a Mediator. Ms Foo has delivered papers on family law at :-

- World Congress on Family Law on The Rights of Children Sydney, 1993
- 14th LAWASIA Conference, Beijing, 1995
- LAWASIA Conference on Children's Rights, Kuala Lumpur, 1995
- 11th Malaysian Law Conference 2001

Ms. Heather Macleod, (RN , QSM) - International Director for Child Protection and Children in Crisis, World Vision International

Heather Macleod has been involved in child protection work for over 20 years both in her home country of New Zealand and then in the Developing world for the last 14 years. Her professional background as a nurse provided her with a strong base to focus on the holistic health of children in need of special protection in the context of family and community. She has worked in a wide range of contexts and cultures; from working in an institution in Romania, to post genocide Rwanda, to supporting refugee children in Albania, Pakistan and Chad to her global role of training World Vision staff on a broad range of child protection issues. Most recently she was in Aceh, Indonesia and South India assisting with design of child protection and psycho-social programmes for children and families affected by the Tsunami.

District Judge Lim Hui Min – the Family Court of Singapore

DJ Lim Hui Min started her working life as a commercial lawyer in a law firm. She joined the Subordinate Courts in late 1999. After a year in the Civil Registry, she was posted to the Family and Juvenile Court, where she has remained since. She is currently the Deputy Registrar managing the various vital operations of the Family Registry. She has covered Juvenile Court work in addition to Family Court work. A law scholar at heart with a love for poetry, she has a number of publications to her name in the areas of civil procedure, family law, as well as juvenile justice.

Professor Leong Wai Kum – Faculty of Law, the National University of Singapore

Professor Leong Wai Kum was the first graduate of the then newly established Faculty of Law, University of Malaya in Kuala Lumpur to join the Faculty of Law, NUS, as lecturer. She also holds a postgraduate degree from Harvard University. She dedicates herself to the development of family law in Singapore. She has written much on the subject. These are hyperlinked in the first law CD-ROM by a single author, entitled 'The Family Law Library of Singapore by Leong Wai Kum'. Her other interest is to track the impact of law on women in Singapore. She co-managed the major local interdisciplinary research to establish the baselines that culminated in 'Singapore Women: Three Decades of Change'.



Associate Professor Debbie Ong Siew Ling – Faculty of Law, the National University of Singapore

Associate Professor Debbie Ong teaches Family Law, Law and Sociology of the Family and the Law of Torts. She practises consultancy work and publishes in these areas. Her writings also cover the area of Succession Law. As a specialist in Family Law, she also serves as a Court Mediator in the Family Court and as Vice-Chairperson of the Law Society's Family Law Practice Committee. She enjoys being involved in projects and seminars which further the development of a good family justice system. Believing in the need for community support for families in Singapore, she is also the Chairman of the Management Committee of the Tampines Family Service Centre. She attributes her interests in these areas and her mediation skills to being a wife, career woman and a mother to three children.

Ms. Ang Bee Lian – Director of the Rehabilitation & Protection Division and Director of Social Welfare, Ministry of Community Development, Youth & Sports, Singapore



Ms. Ang is a graduate of the Department of Social Work and Psychology, National University of Singapore. In 1992, she graduated with a Masters of Science Degree in Social Policy and Planning at the London School of Economics and Political Science in UK. Ms. Ang has acquired extensive social service experience ranging from child protection, family casework, planning and review of legislation, social work administration to the development of the social service sector and the third sector. A recipient of the Outstanding Social Worker Award in 2000, Ms. Ang has been a strong supporter of the best interests of children and re-integration of offenders and their families to the community. Her presentation on

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"Strengthening the Best Interests of Children" will explore how policies, legislation and programmes for children and young persons in Singapore reflect the best interests of children under the umbrella of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child.

Dr. Douglas Kong – Consultant Psychiatrist, Mount Elizabeth Medical Centre, Singapore

Dr. Kong is a Psychiatrist in private practice at Mount Elizabeth Medical Centre. He is also a Consultant Psychotherapist with the Centre for Effective Living Pte Ltd, a company specialising in Stress Management. Dr Kong trained as a medical doctor at the University of Singapore graduating in 1974 and proceeded to the UK for postgraduate training in Psychiatry receiving his Diploma in Psychological Medicine (1980) and the Membership of the Royal College of Psychiatrists (1981). In 1999, he was elected a Fellow of the Royal College of Psychiatrists (UK). Before entering private practice he was Senior Lecturer at the Department of Psychological Medicine, National University of Singapore where his research interests include stress related problems, behavioural problems in children and psychotherapy. He has published many research papers in both local and international journals. Since 1988, he has been active in conducting workshops and delivering lectures on stress management, parenting practices, problem behaviours in children and self-awareness improvement. He has taught part-time in the National University of Singapore. Since 1989, he has been acting as an expert witness in litigation involving custody issues and related matters. Among his many achievements, Dr Kong had been Chairman of the Task Force for Family Centred Services of the National Council of Social Service that introduced family therapy into Singapore in the 1980's. He had chaired the Review Committee for Combat Stress of the Ministry of Defence from 1992 to 1998. He is the founder-President of the Association for Group and Individual Psychotherapy, Singapore.

Mrs. June Tham –Executive Director, the Rainbow Centre, Singapore



Mrs June Tham holds a Master in Education, and is currently the Executive Director of Rainbow Centre, a non-profit organization that provides early intervention and special education programmes for children with special needs. She has extensive working experience with parents of children with special needs and professionals in special education issues for more than two decades. Mrs Tham has been actively involved in policy development and service mapping with relevant government authorities and the National Council of Social Service, and has served on several task forces and workgroups related to Special Education and Human Resource Development. She also serves on the Early Childhood Education Course Advisory Committee, the Management Board of Pathlight School and the Dyslexia Association of Singapore. Despite her busy work

schedule, Mrs Tham finds time to serve as an Advisor on the Panel to the Juvenile and Family Court. To enhance the awareness of issues related to children with special needs, Mrs Tham has presented talks, papers and training, and is the co-author and co-editor of two editions of the 'Rainbow Dreams' - a book on conditions and related behaviors as well as diagnoses and the different treatment programmes.

Mrs. Saradha Ramachandran - Senior Counsellor, HELP Family Service Centre, Singapore

Mrs. Saradha holds a Masters in Applied Psychology and Psychological Service. She is also a certified Grief Recovery Specialist of the Grief Recovery Institute, USA. She has many years of counseling single-parent families, especially on co-parenting issues. Mrs Saradha has conducted many training and presentations for professionals, parents and volunteers on helping single parents and their children cope effectively with changes in their family circumstances. She has been involved in workgroups of Ministry of Community Development, Youth & Sports and National Council of Social Service on issues of single-parent families.

Mr. K. S. Rajah SC – Consultant, Harry Elias Partnership; Former Judicial Commissioner, Supreme Court of Singapore

Mr. K. S. Rajah SC has had a very distinguished career in the Singapore legal service and was previously a Deputy Public Prosecutor and Senior State Counsel. From 1991 to 1995, he was a Judicial Commissioner of the Supreme Court. He is presently a Consultant of Harry Elias Partnership. Mr. Rajah was appointed Senior Counsel in 1997. Some of the other appointments he has held/holds include:

- Head of Civil and Criminal Sections
- Director of the Legal Aid Bureau
- President, Tribunal for the Maintenance of Parents
- Fellow, Singapore Institute of Arbitrators
- Chairman, The Law Society of Singapore's Ad Hoc Committee on Guidance for the Legal Profession on Anti-Money Laundering



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Dr. Gopalan Raman - Vice President of The Law Society of Singapore; Proprietor, M/s G Raman & Partners, Singapore



Dr. Raman completed his LL.B. in 1966 and qualified as Barrister-at - Law in 1968 at Lincoln's Inn. He obtained a Ph.D from the University of London (School of Oriental and African Studies) in December 2003. Dr. Raman has practiced Law for more than 35 years. Since 1985, he has been 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 1999, he annotated 3 Statutes of Butterworths' Annotated Statutes of Singapore on Intestate Succession, Family Provision and Muslim Law. In 2001, he authored the chapter on probate in Halsbury's Laws of Singapore. Dr. Raman became a Council Member of the Law Society of Singapore in 2004 and a Vice President in 2005. He is a regular contributor of articles on Wills drafting and estate planning to a number of publications; and also conducts workshops and on these subjects to various organisations.

Mr. N Sreenivasan - Managing Partner, Straits Law Practice LLC, Singapore



Mr. Sreenivasan graduated from NUS on a Public Service Commission Merit Scholarship. From 1985 to 1990, he was a Legal Officer in the Singapore Legal Service. He has more than 18 years of both civil and criminal litigation experience and handles both High Court and Court of Appeal litigation. Mr. Sreenivasan is a former Chairperson of the Law Society's Law Awareness Committee which in September 2003 successfully organised a major project on 'The Child and the Family'. The project featured an exhibition on 'Family & Criminal Law', free legal counseling sessions, public talks and closed-door sessions between lawyers, law enforcement officers, psychologists, social workers. The topic of the legal rights and responsibilities of special needs children and their treatment by the Singapore legal system was extensively discussed. He is also an active member of the Law Society's Advocacy Committee and an instructor at its Advocacy workshops.

Optional tours are available after the Conference on Saturday, 28 May 2005 and on Sunday, 29 May 2005.

Tours available include:

| Full Day Tour | Half Day Tours | Night Tours |
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| 1. Round Island Tour | 1. Colonial Era 2. City Tour 3. Our Heartlands 4. Ethnic Flavour 5. Founding Footsteps of Raffles 6. Singapore Discovery Centre Tour 7. Morning at the Zoo (without breakfast) 8. Jurong Bird Park & Ming Village (without breakfast) 9. Sentosa Underwater Tour 10. Sentosa at Sunset | 1. Singapore by Night (with Singapore Sling) 2. Night Safari (with dinner) |

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1 CONFERENCE AND SOCIAL EVENTS REGISTRATION

Registrations close on Friday, 13 May 2005.

IMPORTANT:

1. Please complete each section.
2. Please complete a separate form for each delegate (except for Accompanying Persons).
3. Return this form to: Training Department, The Law Society of Singapore, 39 South Bridge Road Singapore 058673 Or Fax: +65 6533 5700

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Please tick as appropriate

| | PLS TICK (✓) | NORMAL RATES | PLS TICK (✓) | EARLY BIRD RATES (on/before 27 April 2005) | PLS TICK (✓) | GROUP DISCOUNTS (for 3 or more registrants from same organisation) |
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| Members (of either LAWASIA or Law Society of Singapore) | | S\$525.00 | | S\$472.50 | | S\$472.50 per participant |
| Non-members | | S\$630.00 | | S\$567.00 | | S\$567.00 per participant |
| Discount Members* | | S\$420.00 | | S\$396.90 | | S\$396.90 per participant |
| Accompanying Person | | S\$210.00 | | S\$210.00 | | - |

*Discounted fees apply to members of the profession resident in Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar, Nepal, Pakistan, Sri Lanka & Vietnam

Note:

1. Fee for Members, Non-members and Discount Members registration includes 5% GST, materials, all meals/breaks, walking tour to the Family Court of Singapore and Cocktail Reception.
2. Fee for Accompanying Person registration includes walking tour to the Family Court of Singapore and Cocktail Reception only.
3. Registration of ALL delegates (except for Accompanying Persons) starts at 8.15 am on 27 May 2005.
4. Registration of ALL delegates and Accompanying Persons starts at 4.45 pm on 27 May 2005 for the walking tour to the Family Court of Singapore and at 6.30pm for the Cocktail Reception.

DELEGATE DETAILS – Please complete all details

Name: (Prof/Dr/Mr/Mrs/Ms) _____

Name To Appear on Badge: _____

Name and Mailing Address of Law Firm/Law Corporation /Organisation: _____

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 : _____

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ACCOMPANYING PERSON DETAILS – Please complete all details

Name: (Prof/Dr/Mr/Mrs/Ms) _____

Name To Appear on Badge: _____

1b SOCIAL EVENTS (PLS TICK ✓): Included in delegate and accompanying person registration fees.

- i) Walking tour of the Family Court of Singapore
- Friday, 27 May 2005, 5:15-6:45pm
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| <u>Delegate</u> | <u>Accompanying Person</u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Attending | <input type="checkbox"/> Attending |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Not attending | <input type="checkbox"/> Not attending |
- ii) Cocktail Reception
- Friday, 27 May 2005, 7:00-8:00pm
- | | |
|--|--|
| <u>Delegate</u> | <u>Accompanying Person</u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Attending | <input type="checkbox"/> Attending |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Not attending | <input type="checkbox"/> Not attending |

2 PAYMENT DETAILS

GIRO Cheque Credit Card Telegraphic Transfer

Cheque Payment Details:

Cheque payments should be made payable to "The Law Society of Singapore" & arrive at our office with your completed registration form before the closing date, **Friday, 13 May 2005**.

Credit Card Details:

Mastercard/Visa Number _____ Card Expiry Date : _____ (MM/YY)

Cardholder's Name : _____ Signature : _____

Kindly note that an administration charge of 3% is applicable for payments via credit card.

Telegraphic Transfer Details:

Account Name : The Law Society of Singapore Account Number : 650-704851-001
Bank Details: Oversea-Chinese Banking Corporation Limited, Coleman Branch No. 1 Coleman Street #01-09 The Adelphi Singapore 179803. Please email us at cpd@lawsoc.org.sg after the T/T has been done for our follow-up with the bank. The registration fee must be received **nett of all bank charges**.

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3 TRAVEL AND ACCOMMODATION

Star Route Pte Ltd has been appointed the official accommodation and air-travel booking agency for the Conference. For all travel and accommodation inquiries, please contact:

Star Route Pte Ltd

Tel No.: +65 6334 9028/9029

Email: Ms. Joey Choo joey@starroute.com.sg

Fax No.: +65 6296 0889

Website: www.starroute.com.sg

The official accommodation venues are:

| Hotels | Category | Estimated Time to Event Venue | Room with Single breakfast Per Room Per Night | Additional Breakfast Rate (per person) |
|---------------------------------|----------|-------------------------------|---|---|
| Raffles the Plaza | 5-star | 10 mins drive | S\$225.00 nett | S\$25.00 nett |
| Swissotel the Stamford | 5-star | 10 mins drive | S\$205.00 nett | S\$25.00 nett |
| Grand Plaza Parkroyal Singapore | 4-star | 10 mins walk | S\$160.00 nett | S\$20.00 nett |
| Swissotel Merchant Court | 4-star | Event Venue | S\$204.00 nett | S\$20.00 nett |
| Furama Hotel | 3-star | 10 mins walk | S\$140.00 nett | S\$20.00 nett |

For more details, visit <http://www.swissotel.com>, <http://www.grandplaza.singapore.parkroyalhotels.com/>, <http://sg.furama.com/>

About Singapore

Unique is the word that best captures Singapore, a dynamic city rich in contrast and colour where you'll find a harmonious blend of culture, cuisine, arts and architecture. A bridge between the East and the West for centuries, Singapore, located in the heart of fascinating Southeast Asia, continues to embrace tradition and modernity today. Brimming with unbridled energy and bursting with exciting events, the city offers countless unique, memorable experiences waiting to be discovered. For more details, visit <http://www.visitsingapore.com/>

Time

Singapore is eight hours ahead of Greenwich Mean Time (GMT).

Currency / Currency Exchange

The local currency is the Singapore dollar. Foreign currencies can be changed either in banks or with a moneychanger conveniently located around the island.

Credit Cards

Major credit and charge cards such as Visa, MasterCard, American Express, and Diners, are accepted at most establishments.

Water & Electricity

Water from the tap is safe for drinking in Singapore. Electricity used in Singapore is 220 to 240 volts AC, 50 Hz. Most hotels can provide visitors with a transformer, which can convert the voltage to 110-120 volts.

Shopping

Most shops are open from 10 am to 9 pm every day. One of the safest cities in the world, late shopping in Singapore should pose no security risks if normal precautions are taken.

Tipping

Tipping is not a way of life in Singapore. It is prohibited at the airport and discouraged at hotels and restaurants where there is a 10% service charge.

Smoking

Smoking is not permitted in all air-conditioned restaurants, shopping centres, and office. It is also prohibited in the meeting rooms and halls at the Conference venue.

Information on Visa Application

National passport holders of most countries are permitted to stay in Singapore for up to 14 days without visas. However visas may be required for visitors from some other countries and participants are requested to clarify this before travelling. You should have valid passports, onward/return tickets, onward facilities (e.g. visas, entry permits, etc) to the next destination and sufficient funds for your stay in Singapore.

For more details, visit http://www.mfa.gov.sg/consular/visa/idx_visaFOR.htm

Airport

The Singapore International (Changi) Airport has two terminals, Terminal 1 and 2. Each airline operates at only one of the two terminals. Transport to the city is available by MRT (Mass Rapid Transit), Airbus (airport bus), local bus services or taxis. Travelling time into the city is approximately 20 minutes.

For more details, visit <http://www.changi.airport.com.sg/changi/index.jsp>

CANCELLATION & REFUNDS

Cancellation and refunds may be made upon receipt of written notice, less handling fee and bank service charges as follows: notice received on or before 13 May 2005 - 50% refund; notice received after 13 May 2005 - no refund.

GENERAL CONFERENCE ENQUIRIES

For any enquiries (Other than registration, accommodation and air travel), please contact the LAWASIA Secretariat

GPO Box 3275, Darwin NT 0800

Tel: +61 8946 9500 Fax: +61 8946 9505

Email: lawaisa@lawasia.asn.au

Website: www.lawasia.asn.au

Conference Homepage: www.lawsociety.org.sg/lawasia

FOR REGISTRATION ENQUIRIES

For any enquiries on registration, please contact Ms. Sangeetha at 6 530 0219/6 530 0233

The Training Department

The Law Society of Singapore

39 South Bridge Road Singapore 058673

Fax: +65 6533 5700

Email: cpd@lawsoc.org.sg

Website: <http://www.lawsociety.org.sg>

Conference Homepage: www.lawsociety.org.sg/lawasia

DISCLAIMER

The organising committee is committed to staging a successful conference; however it reserves the right to cancel or postpone the Conference, change its venue or any of the other details published.

Programme Category: Professional Practice

Training Level: Update

Practice Area: Category 8 (Family Law)

CPD Hours: 12 hours

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HOTEL RESERVATION
FORM**

Company: _____

Contact Person: _____

Email: _____

Date: _____

Telephone: _____

Fax: _____

(To avoid any miscommunication, please ensure that the above information is completed and printed clearly)

Return to : **Star Route Pte Ltd**
67 Beach Road # 01-01
Beach Junction
Singapore 189688

Attention : **Ms. Joey Choo/ Ms. Janice Toh**
Telephone : (65) 6334 9029/ 9028
Telefax : (65) 6296 0889
E-mail : joey@starroute.com.sg /
janice@starroute.com.sg

Special discounted rates at the hotels have been secured by the organiser. As the room situation is expected to be extremely critical during this period, please make reservations as soon as possible, all rooms are subject to room availability.

A. OFFICIAL HOTELS - Please list 3 hotels in order of your preference (1-3)

| Preference | Hotels | Category | Estimated Time to Event Venue | Room with Single breakfast Per Room Per Night | Additional Breakfast Rate (per person) |
|------------|---------------------------------|----------|-------------------------------|---|---|
| | Raffles the Plaza | 5-star | 10 mins drive | S\$225.00 nett | S\$25.00 nett |
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If you wish to apply existing Corporate Rate, please advise:

Name of Hotel : _____

Corporate A/C No : _____

Room Rate per night : _____

- ✓ The above room rates are inclusive of 10% service charge, 1% government tax and 5% goods and services tax
- ✓ As the above room rates are specially negotiated with the hotel, all payments have to be made to Official Travel Agent prior to guests' arrival. For direct payment to hotel, a higher rate may apply.
- ✓ Special rates can also be arranged at the hotel of your choice. Please email your request to the Official Travel Agent at joey@starroute.com.sg

The Official Travel Agent will try to arrange it for you.

HOTEL RESERVATION DETAILS

| Name of Guest (Please Underline Family Name) | Room Type (please tick) | Breakfast | Check-in Date/Time | Check-out Date/Time |
|---|---|--|--------------------|---------------------|
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Single <input type="checkbox"/> Twin <input type="checkbox"/> Double | <input type="checkbox"/> N.A <input type="checkbox"/> 1 pax <input type="checkbox"/> 2 pax | | |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Single <input type="checkbox"/> Twin <input type="checkbox"/> Double | <input type="checkbox"/> N.A <input type="checkbox"/> 1 pax <input type="checkbox"/> 2 pax | | |
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| | <input type="checkbox"/> Single <input type="checkbox"/> Twin <input type="checkbox"/> Double | <input type="checkbox"/> N.A <input type="checkbox"/> 1 pax <input type="checkbox"/> 2 pax | | |

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B. AIRPORT TRANSFER REGISTRATION (Please provide flight details if service is required)

- Standard Car (1 – 3 pax) : S\$ 40.00 per way
 Combi Van (4 – 6 pax) : S\$ 50.00 per way

Please provide arrival and departure flight details as follows:

Arrival Flight Number : _____ Arrival Time in Singapore : _____

Departure Flight Number : _____ Departure Time from Singapore : _____

C. OTHER SERVICES

The Official travel agent provides a whole range of travel-related services and customer care program.
For more information on the services, please select the required service for more information. Additional services available include:

| Please tick (✓) | Services | Please Specify Details |
|--------------------------|--|------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Booking of Function Rooms | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Private Pre & Post Event Tours (Group) | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Coach/ Limousine Charter | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Dinner Arrangements/ Social Functions | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Others | |

Alternatively, you may wish to email the Official travel agent at joey@starroute.com.sg for further details.

D. PAYMENT DETAILS

To secure room reservation, payment should be made 2 weeks before arrival.
Any cancellation after 01 May 2005 is subject to a one (1) night cancellation charge.

CREDIT CARD

Credit Card : Mastercard/Visa Number _____ Card Expiry Date : _____ (MM/YY)

Cardholder's Name : _____ Signature : _____

TELEGRAPHIC TRANSFER

Account Name : Star Route Pte Ltd Account Number : 432 – 300 – 088 – 8
Bank Details : United Overseas Bank Limited, Jalan Sultan Branch, 200 Jalan Sultan #01-06 Textile Center Singapore 199018
To avoid any inconvenience, please check with the Official Travel Agent on the payment amount before arranging for telegraphic transfer.

A confirmation letter, with the accompanying payment and cancellation policies, will be sent to your office within 3 working days upon receipt of this booking form.
Kindly note that an administration charge of 3% is applicable for all reservations.