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Course Title: Seminar on Lawyers' Undertakings

Speakers: Wong Meng Meng, SC – Founder-Consultant, WongPartnership LLP
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Duration: 85 minutes

Course description: There are many instances where lawyers may be required to give undertakings in order to advance their client's objectives. Such undertakings may be given to the Court, to other lawyers or other parties. The practice of giving undertakings has become a matter of routine to some lawyers, leading to some paying insufficient attention to the significance of what they are doing when giving an undertaking.

It is fundamental for all lawyers to remember and appreciate the solemn nature of an undertaking, and to be aware of the potential for severe consequences if such undertakings are breached. In what circumstances should lawyers give an undertaking? Should lawyers be giving undertakings as a matter of course in these circumstances?

Learning Objectives:

- Understand the nature of lawyers' undertakings and the potential consequences for breach.
- Know the various professional obligations / legislation which apply to lawyers when making an undertaking.

Learning Outcomes:

- Understand the situations where one should and should not give an undertaking.
- Learn how to give a proper undertaking, and how to protect yourself and your client when required to give an undertaking.

About the speakers:



Wong Meng Meng, SC – Founder-Consultant, WongPartnership LLP

Wong Meng Meng, Senior Counsel, is the Founder-Consultant of WongPartnership LLP. Meng Meng is an accredited arbitrator with various professional and jurisdictional institutions including the Singapore International Arbitration Centre (SIAC). He now acts mainly as Arbitrator in selected cases.

Meng Meng is a Past President of The Law Society of Singapore and had served previously as Vice-President of the Singapore Academy of Law.

Meng Meng has had extensive experience as a court lawyer, and has also extensive experience in dealing with clients, in his more than 40 years of practice.

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C. Nandakumar – Director (Professional and Financial Risks), Lockton Companies (Singapore) Private Limited

Nanda had 6 years in legal practice as a litigator involving in commercial and marine litigation, followed by many years of general insurance claims management and insurance broking. He has handled Professional Indemnity claims involving many different professionals and financial institutions.

As an Insurance Broker, he is actively involved in the negotiation, placement and management of Professional Indemnity insurance for many professions and financial institutions. Also involved in broking and placing Directors' & Officers' Liability, Project and Construction Professional Indemnity Insurance and Bankers Blanket Bond risks.

In addition, Nanda has been a key part of the risk management team involved in analysing risk exposures, advising clients on policy wordings and conducting seminars on insurance related topics.