



**Singapore Institute of Arbitrators (SI Arb)
&
Singapore Shipping Association (SSA)**

Proudly Present:

"P & I Clubs And Maritime Arbitration In Singapore"

Date : Tuesday, 2 December 2008
Time : 6.30 pm to 8.45 pm
Venue : Marina Mandarin Singapore
6 Raffles Boulevard
Marina Square
Singapore 039594
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Others - \$100.00

Programme:

6.00pm – 6.30pm Registration & Refreshments
6.30pm – 6.45pm Opening Address by Chairperson
Mr. Govindarajalu Asokan, Partner, Rodyk & Davidson LLP
6.45pm – 8.30pm "P & I Clubs And Maritime Arbitration"
Mr. Christopher Hall, Vice-President / Senior Lawyer, Skuld Singapore
"Maritime Arbitration: Why Arbitrate In Singapore?"
Ms. Sheila Lim, Counsel, Singapore Chamber of Maritime Arbitration
8.30pm – 8.45pm Question & Answer Session

About the Seminar:

Maritime Arbitration in Singapore is rooted in history of the Republic. Conducted largely on an ad-hoc basis, it has, since about end 2004, taken more of an institutional form. For, the Singapore Chamber of Maritime Arbitration (SCMA) was launched on 8 November 2004. P&I clubs play an active and welcome role in such maritime arbitrations in Singapore. In particular, SKULD has entered into an MOU with its members, encouraging them to incorporate an SCMA arbitration clause in their contracts. This has taken off and maritime arbitrations under the SCMA are expected to be common place in Singapore in the near future. How do P&I clubs generally approach maritime disputes resolution, given that arbitration is normally the preferred choice? The answer lies in the freight, demurrage and defence (FD&D) cover provided by such clubs to its members. The idea behind the cover is to provide claims-handling service and insurance of legal costs/fees for claims and defences. The range is wide: stretching from disputes with shipbuilders and carriers to those involving shipchandlers and crew members. How the cover is used to navigate the sea of maritime disputes will be discussed. With this backdrop in place, the first question that would be addressed is the importance of arbitration, as against litigation. This would be followed by a comparison between institutional and ad-hoc arbitration. The further question that would be dealt with is why arbitrate in Singapore. What value-add can arbitration in Singapore provide in the light of the Report on the Future of London's Maritime Services Cluster? This would require a comparison between arbitrations under the London Maritime Arbitrators association (LMAA) and the SCMA. Arbitrations under the LMAA Rules and those of the SCMA will shed light on the important place Singapore has occupied in (inter)national maritime arbitrations. All these would be dealt at this seminar.

About the Chairperson: Mr. Govindarajalu Asokan is a Partner with Rodyk & Davidson LLP's Litigation Practice and heads the firm's Shipping Practice. His areas of practice include commercial and shipping litigation, arbitration, insurance, tax, banking, domestic and international business transactions. Widely regarded as a leader in Admiralty and Shipping Law, Govind has published numerous papers on diverse topics from marine insurance fraud to tax benefits of Singapore-registered vessels. Govind is a Fellow of the Singapore Institute of

Arbitrators and of the UK Chartered Institute of Arbitrators. He is a Member of the Singapore International Arbitration Centre (SIAC) Main Panel of Arbitrators, APRAG (Asia-Pacific Regional Arbitration Grouping) Panel of Arbitrators, SCMA (Singapore Chamber of Maritime Arbitration) Panel of Arbitrators, the Panel of Arbitrators of the Korean Commercial Arbitration Board (K.C.A.B.) under the Arbitration Act of Korea and Article 4 of the Arbitration Rules of the K.C.A.B., the Singapore Shipping Association (SSA)'s Legal & Insurance Sub-Committees and the Maritime Law Association of Singapore. Govind graduated with an LLB (Hons) degree from the National University of Singapore in 1978 and earned an LLM with Distinctions in Carriage of Goods by Sea and Admiralty Law from the University of Southampton in 1985. He was admitted to the Singapore Bar in 1979 and is also a Solicitor of England & Wales as of 2003.

About the Speakers:

Mr. Christopher Hall has a Bachelor's Degree in Political Science and Asian Studies from the University of Michigan and a Law Degree from Tulane University in New Orleans. He was an attorney at a maritime law firm in New York City for several years before moving to Hong Kong where he worked as a Claims Executive/Senior Lawyer at the Skuld Hong Kong office for eight years. He started the Skuld Singapore Representative Office in September 2006. Chris has handled the full range of P&I and FD&D cases, including arbitration work in New York, Hong Kong, London and Singapore. He has been a featured speaker at a number of shipping and maritime law events.

Ms. Sheila Lim is Counsel and Assistant Registrar with the Singapore Chamber of Maritime Arbitration (SCMA). As Counsel she heads SCMA and oversees its daily operations, administers cases under the SCMA Rules and leads its business development efforts. She is a lawyer by profession. She obtained her Bachelor of Laws degree from the National University of Singapore and her Master of Laws degree (in maritime law) from University College, University of London and is called to the Singapore Bar. Sheila has over 30 years of work experience. As a practicing litigation lawyer she has advised on a broad range of shipping and maritime law issues relating to charterparties, shiprepair and construction; marine insurance; enforcement of mortgages; carriage of goods by sea; ship collisions and the arrest and detention of ships. Prior to joining the SCMA she headed the legal department of a publicly listed shipping and engineering conglomerate. In this capacity and most notably, she was involved in a maritime arbitration in London under the London Maritime Arbitrators Association Rules with a claim value of S\$800 million.

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