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**...@DLS Consultancy Seminar on  
“Highlights of developments in construction and property law in 2009 – it  
affects everyone”  
Mr Paul Wong and Mr Ling Tien Wah  
(Rodyk & Davidson LLP)**

Date : **Saturday, 30 January 2010**  
Time : 9.30am to 1.00pm  
Venue : Furama RiverFront Singapore, 405 Havelock  
Road, Singapore 169633

## **Seminar Programme**

9.00 – 9.30am : Registration  
9.30 – 9.35am : Opening Remarks  
9.35 – 10.30am : • Part I  
10.30 – 11.00am : Coffee Break  
11.00 – 12.30pm : • Part II & Part III  
12.30 – 12.55pm : Question-and-Answer Session  
12.55 – 1.00pm : Closing Remark

## **Synopsis**

2009 saw significant amendments to the Building Control Act coming into operation including the requirements for licensing of builders, the requirements for specialist geotechnical consultants and the appointment of specialist instrumentation contractors. At first glance, the amendments were prescriptive in nature simply requiring compliance by developers, contractors and consultants. What is of interest will be the rippling effect these amendments will have on the procurement process and the contract administration for projects. Paul Wong will speak on these developments and the ripple effect of the amendments.

Ling Tien Wah will be speaking on the recent developments in the area of property law, in particular, in the law on easements/right of way. The cases that he will touch on will include the Court of Appeal cases of *Lee Tat Development Pte Ltd v Management Corporation Strata Title Plan No. 301* [2008] 1 SLR 875 (where the Court of Appeal dealt with circumstances where an easement would be extinguished) and *Yickvi Realty Pte Ltd v Pacific Rover Pte Ltd* [2009] 4 SLR 951 (where the Court of Appeal dealt with the limited circumstances when one party may be allowed to interfere with the right of way of another).

**About the Speakers**

**Mr Paul Wong**

**Partner**

Paul Wong is a partner in Rodyk & Davidson LLP's Litigation & Arbitration Practice Group. Paul was admitted to the Bar of Singapore in 1992 and to the Bar of Malaysia in 1998. Paul's practice includes construction, banking and insolvency, and general commercial litigation. He has acted as counsel in numerous construction disputes, both in arbitration and litigation, with a specific emphasis on engineering related issues. Notably, he was one of the counsel acting for the main contractor of Circle Line Contract C824, the main potential defendant in the inquiry into the collapse of Singapore's Nicoll Highway on 20 April 2004. His clients include developers, quantity surveyors, architects, contractors and sub-contractors. Apart from dispute resolution, Paul advises his clients in the drafting of construction related transactions, including numerous forms of construction contracts. He has acted for main contractors in major infrastructure projects in Singapore both in an advisory role and also as counsel. Construction related cases Paul has worked on include the MRT Circle Line contracts, the Deep Tunnel Sewerage System contracts, the Marina Barrage contracts and Marina South District Cooling Plant contracts. Paul has also acted as Singapore law counsel for PPP projects in Singapore including the SMU Hostels project, the MOE Schools project, the NUS University Town project, Changi NEWater project and the Sports Hub project. Paul's banking and insolvency experience includes recovery work with specific emphasis on facilities secured by land and guarantees, advising liquidators and receivers, and bankruptcy and liquidation cases. Paul has acted in shareholder disputes, insurance claims (general including all risks policies and professional indemnity), employee-employer disputes (including wrongful dismissal cases), employee fraud cases, international contract claims and sale of goods claims. Paul is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators and the Singapore Institute of Arbitrators and a Member of the Malaysian of the Malaysian Institute of Arbitrators.

**Mr Ling Tein Wah**

**Partner**

Ling Tien Wah is a partner in Rodyk & Davidson LLP's Litigation & Arbitration Practice Group. Tien Wah is a Barrister-at-Law from Lincoln's Inn and was admitted to the Bar of Malaysia in 1993. Tien Wah handles civil and commercial litigation and advice, including construction, real estate and property related disputes, landlord and tenant disputes, employment disputes, contractual disputes, corporate disputes and insurance cases. Tien Wah has acted for developer clients, owners and individuals in property related disputes including construction litigation and arbitration, adverse possession and encroachment matters, and claims brought by management corporations of strata title plans (MCSTs) and subsidiary proprietors. He has advised and acted in numerous landlord and tenant matters. Tien Wah's other civil and commercial litigation experience includes directors and shareholders' disputes, disputes over estates and wills, disputes arising from franchise agreements, motor insurance and general insurance claims, matrimonial litigation, contract claims and sale of goods claims.

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