

# The scope of liability of the Architect – Lessons from a recent High Court case

An architect is potentially faced with several liabilities, namely, statutory, contractual and tortious. Today's architectural practice demands a greater knowledge of the law in order to run a practice that would steer away from law suits by being kept up to date with the latest cases and speaker in this seminar repeat client against negligence. Points of highlighted and discussed home useful lessons from the case to alert the busy architect to the pitfalls of practice as shown in the case.



Dr Philip Chan, an Associate Professor, had received training and practised in the area of quantity surveying in the 70s and 80s. He then read law and qualified as an English barrister and a Singapore advocate and solicitor in the 80s. After a short stint as a legal officer at HDB and a legal assistant at Donaldson and Burkinshaw, he taught Business Law briefly at Ngee Ann Polytechnic and joined the Department of Building, NUS, in 1991.

Since then he had taught in several modules that cover the laws and practice in the construction industry.

Dr Chan currently teaches Project Management Law at the MSc (Project management) programme which includes construction law and arbitration; Contract and Procurement Management in the BSc (Project and Facilities management) programme at the Department of Building, School of Design and Environment, National University of Singapore [NUS].

He is the Programme Director of the MSc (Project management) programme MSc (Project management) programme. Outside the university, Dr Chan is a member of the Council of Estate Agents Board of Appeal and a member of the Valuation Review Board. He is also a Co-Editor of the Asian International Arbitration Journal and a member of the Editorial Advisory Board and Correspondent of the International Construction Law Review. He is a practising arbitrator and a Fellow and of the Singapore Institute of Arbitrators (SI Arb).

Dr Chan has written eleven books as both sole and joint author. His next and 12th book is expected to be on sale soon and it is a commentary on selected SOP cases. He has contributed to journals like the International Construction Law Review and Building and Construction Law Journal. He used to write regularly in the newsletter of the SI Arb.

Dr Chan has also delivered more than 200 conference/seminar papers and conducted numerous in-house training programmes on matters pertaining to standard form contracts and other areas of construction law and dispute resolution including arbitration.

## EVENT DETAILS

Date : 16 November 2013, Saturday

Time : 9.30am - 12.00pm

**Registration Closed**

BOA-SIA CPD : 6 CPD points

Seminar fees : SIA Members (\$50.00),  
Non Members (\$100.00)  
(fees inclusive of GST)

Closing date : 11 November 2013

**\*\* Registration for attendance of seminar shall be closed 30 mins after the seminar commences.**

## PROGRAMME SCHEDULE

- 9.00am Registration with Light Refreshment
- 9.30am Presentation by **Dr Philip Chan**, Associate Professor, NUS
- 11.30am Q & A
- 12.00pm End of event

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