

**Continuing Professional Development**



Practice Area: Construction  
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SINGAPORE

**Causes of Catastrophic Failure in Construction  
 – A Guide for Lawyers and the Layperson**

Tuesday, 19 February 2019, 5.00pm - 7.15pm  
 Room 801, Level 8 NTUC Centre, One Marina Boulevard, Singapore 018989

**About this Seminar:**

Central to preventing catastrophic failures in the construction sector is a knowledge of their underlying causes. But because construction is a technical profession, there can be a temptation to blame these failures on purely technical causes.

But is this the case? Or do human beings play a bigger role?

This presentation examines the interaction between technical and human factors in failure causation, and concludes that while failures stem from technical issues, it is human fallibility that allows these issues to culminate in catastrophe.

**Seminar Programme:**

5.00 - 5.30pm	Registrations & Networking for Delegates
5.30 - 5.45pm	<b>Opening Remarks by Chairperson</b> <i>Mr. Alex Wong – Partner, Hogan Lovells Lee &amp; Lee, Singapore; Immediate Past Chairman, Society of Construction Law (Singapore)</i>
5.45 - 7.00pm	<b>Causes of Catastrophic Failure in Construction – A Guide for Lawyers and the Layperson</b> <i>Dr. Sean Brady - Managing Director, Brady Heywood Pty Ltd</i>
7.00 - 7.15pm	Q&A Session

**About the Speaker:**

**Dr. Sean Brady - Managing Director, Brady Heywood Pty Ltd**

Dr Sean Brady is a forensic structural engineer who specialises in identifying the cause of defects and failures in the construction and engineering sectors.

He has acted as an independent expert in numerous proceedings involving a wide range of constructed facilities, including stadia, bridges, wharves, tall buildings, large basements, petroleum storage vessels and mining structures. He is a director of the Society of Construction Law Australia, and a member of the Singapore International Mediation Centre’s Panel of Experts.

Sean contributes to the speciality of forensics through roles on two of the world’s premier forensic structural publications – the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) Journal of Performance of Constructed Facilities (Associate Editor) and the UK’s Institution of Civil Engineers Forensic Engineering Journal (Editorial Board member). He is also a visiting lecturer at a number of universities.

**About the Chairperson:**

**Mr. Alex Wong – Partner, Hogan Lovells Lee & Lee, Singapore; Immediate Past Chairman, Society of Construction Law (Singapore)**

Alex is a Partner in Hogan Lovells Lee & Lee in Singapore and a leading infrastructure and energy lawyer in Singapore and the region. Alex has more than 18 years of experience advising on construction, infrastructure, energy and natural resources, PPP and government procurement projects in Singapore and across Asia. Alex speaks and writes regularly on a wide variety of infrastructure related topics. He has contributed to a number of publications including a chapter to a book endorsed by the Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy in Singapore titled “Water Governance – An Evaluation of Alternative Architectures” and a chapter (focusing on project finance) in the 5<sup>th</sup> Edition of the Law and Practice of Construction Contracts, Chow Kok Fong, 2018.

Alex is the Immediate Past Chairman of the Society of Construction Law in Singapore and has been appointed as a Senior Accredited Specialist for Construction by the Singapore Academy of Law – the only transactional lawyer appointed. He is admitted to practice in Singapore and England and Wales.

<b>REGISTRATION CLOSING DATE: <u>12 February 2019</u></b>	<b>FEES</b> (includes refreshments & materials, if any)
<b>SCL (Singapore) Members</b>	<b>S\$35.00</b>
Guests of SCL(S) Members, Members of international SCLs, Members of: Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (Singapore) Ltd (CI Arb), Chartered Institute of Building (CIOB), Lighthouse Club (Singapore) (Lighthouse), Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (RICS), Singapore Contractors Association Ltd (SCAL), Singapore Institute of Architects (SIA), Singapore Institute of Arbitrators (SI Arb), Singapore Institute of Building Ltd (SIBL), Singapore Institute of Surveyors and Valuers (SISV), Society of Project Managers (SPM), Tunneling and Underground Construction Society (Singapore) (TUCSS), Full Time Students & Faculty of NUS Faculty of Law, Marine Offshore Oil & Gas Association (MOOGAS)	<b>S\$70.00</b>
<b>Others</b>	<b>S\$90.00</b>

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