

# The PIPD 2020 Seminar



26 March 2020, Thursday  
1.30pm – 6.00pm



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No. of Public  
CPD Points:  
**4.0**

Practice Area:  
**Personal Injury**

Training Level:  
**General**

## About the Programme

Learning objectives and outcome –

1. To broaden understanding on the rules and legal principles in relation to Single Joint Experts and under Order 108, rule 5(3) of the Rules of Court.
2. MACO is part of an online dispute resolution system developed for the purpose of assisting parties (and their lawyers) involved in motor accidents to resolve their disputes out of court. This application comprises 2 modules (1) Outcome Simulator; and (2) eSettlement. Both modules are expected launch this year. Attendees can find out more about MACO and also prepare themselves better when it is launched.
3. To broaden understanding on the role of a forensic expert as well as their expert report and how to effectively cross-examine a forensic expert witness.
4. To keep abreast of the recent developments and reforms in relation to the Work Injury Compensation Act (Cap 354) and WICA claims.

## Programme Outline

Time	Programme
1.00pm – 1.30pm	<b>Registration</b>
1.30pm – 2.30pm	<b>Single Joint Expert</b> Judge Chiah Kok Khun – District Judge, The State Courts of Singapore
2.30pm – 3.30pm	<b>Motor Accident Claims Online</b> Rama Tiwari – Chief Digital Officer, Singapore Academy of Law
3.30pm – 4.00pm	<b>Tea Break</b>
4.00pm – 5.00pm	<b>How to Cross-examine an Expert</b> Lim Chin Chin - Senior Consultant Forensic Scientist; Founding Partner, The Forensic Experts Group (TFEG)
5.00pm – 6.00pm	<b>Work Injury Compensation Act (in relation to the reforms)</b> Gokul Haridas – Partner, Tito Isaac & Co LLP
6.00pm	<b>End</b>

## Speakers' Profile



### **Judge Chiah Kok Khun – District Judge, The State Courts of Singapore**

Kok Khun is a district judge in the Civil Justice Division of the State Courts of Singapore.

Prior to his appointment as district judge, Kok Khun was in private practice for 20 years. His practice was in civil and commercial litigation. He had acted in a number of major disputes before the High Court and the Court of Appeal. He had also acted for parties in international commercial arbitrations.

Kok Khun graduated with an LLB from the National University of Singapore. He is a fellow of both the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators and the Singapore Institute of Arbitrators.



### **Rama Tiwari – Chief Digital Officer, Singapore Academy of Law**

Mr Rama S Tiwari joined SAL at the end of July 2019. As head of SAL's newly formed Digital Transformation Office, Rama is responsible for the strategy and implementation of a new direction for SAL which will harness technology to optimise processes and offer the best possible support to its members and the legal community at large.

Playing the role of a coach, strategist, growth hacker and creative thinker, Rama has successfully led the transformation and growth of global and regional organisations. Prior to SAL, Rama served in senior management roles in Autodesk (both in the Singapore and San Francisco offices) where he developed and executed marketing and sales strategies that delivered record-setting penetration rates. He has been awarded several prizes and awards for these achievements.

Rama started his career in the legal profession, first as a litigator in Drew & Napier specialising in technology and intellectual property issues with clients in family-owned, listed and government companies in Singapore and the region. As in-house counsel at Autodesk Asia Pte Ltd, he was responsible for driving a landmark case in the High Court of Australia for damages for breach of copyright for software.

He has volunteered on several committees to drive the adoption the technology in various organisations including Singapore's Law Society IT Committee (helping to drive Singapore's Electronic Court Filing System), LAWNET (Driving Legal Research and IT co-ordination across the Supreme Court and various agencies from 2001 – 2013) and the Singapore Legal Innovation Advisory Board (2018 till present).



**Lim Chin Chin - Senior Consultant Forensic Scientist; Founding Partner, The Forensic Experts Group (TFEG)**

Ms. Lim Chin Chin is Senior Consultant Forensic Scientist and founding partner of The Forensic Experts Group (TFEG), with more than 24 years of experience in forensic science. She was Deputy Head of Forensic Chemistry and Physics Laboratory (FCPL) at the Health Sciences Authority (HSA) (2000-2008), Laboratory Director, FCPL (2008-2013), and Division Director, Forensic Science Division (2012-2013).

She has amassed a wealth of forensic experience, having worked across a wide range of forensic disciplines, examining and reporting on trace evidence, damage evidence, marks and prints evidence, questioned documents, chemical unknowns, video evidence, fires & explosions, workplace incidents, traffic collisions, bloodstain patterns, forensic simulations, scene examinations and reconstructions. Casework has taken Ms Lim beyond Singapore to site inspections of forensic evidence in the USA and SE Asia. Ms Lim has extensive experience in court testimony, having testified in the Singapore High Court, State Courts, the Singapore International Arbitration Centre, the Singapore International Mediation Centre, and the Malaysian Court. Ms Lim has also been appointed as a Single Joint Expert for both the Plaintiff and Defendant. High profile cases where Ms Lim testified include the missing 8-year old Huang Na, One-Eyed Dragon firearms case, Yishun Triple Murder, controversial suicides of Indonesian student David Widjaya and American engineer Shane Todd, a major fraud case on fabricated business documents involving multiple persons, and a major fire and explosion at a chemical waste management plant.

She was founding Chairperson of the Trace Evidence Work Group, Asian Forensic Sciences Network, and member of international workgroups such as Scientific Working Group for Materials, and Textile and Hair Expert Workgroup. She is a member of the International Association of Identification, International Association of Bloodstain Pattern Analysts, Singapore Medical Council's Complaints Panel, Singapore Medico-Legal Society, Singapore Institution of Safety Officers, and was appointed by the Singapore Manufacturing Federation – Standards Development Organisation as a working member to monitor the development of ISO standards for forensic science in Singapore (ISO/TC 272).

She has co-authored or presented about 140 scientific papers at international conferences and local symposiums, and regularly contributed articles to the Singapore Law Gazette since 2015. In 2017, she co-authored a book "Forensic Science – Briefs for the Legal Practitioner" with the other partners in TFEG. Between 2015 and 2018, Chin Chin was invited to speak to overseas legal practitioners and government authorities in Australia, China, India, Malaysia and Thailand, and at regional events organised by the Council of International Investigators. Ms Lim gave lectures on "Dealing with Forensic Evidence" and "Experts" at CLAS Criminal Law Training Programme between 2016 and 2018. She spoke on "Tipping the Scales with Forensics – Applications in Traffic Collisions & Industrial Incidents" at the Law Society PIPD seminar, and "Scientific Tools and Approaches on Forensic Reconstruction" at the 2018 Forensics seminar organised by the Forensic Science Society of Malaysia. She also spoke at international events organised by APEC Life Science Innovation Forum in 2011, Institute of Medicine of the US Academy of Sciences in 2012, Pharmaceutical Inspection Cooperation Scheme Expert Circle in 2011 and DIA China in 2012.



### **Gokul Haridas – Partner, Tito Isaac & Co LLP**

Gokul Haridas specializes in commercial, construction, banking, employment, insurance and in criminal law. Prior to joining TIC, Gokul was an Assistant Commissioner with the Ministry of Manpower where he presided over disputes under the Work Injury Compensation Act and adjudicated infringements under the Employment of Foreign Manpower Act. He also rendered advice to the Ministry of various matters, primarily on the Workplace Safety and Health and the Work Injury Compensation legislations. He was part of the legal team in assisting to draft legislations and the international team where he advised the Ministry on international law matters. During his stint with the Ministry, he represented the State in the UN International Labour Organisation (“ILO”) Governing Body meetings in Geneva, participated in discussions and negotiations between approximately 180 States, employers and workers organization. During this period, he attended a G20 meeting on behalf of the State.

His career in the civil service also included serving with the Attorney-General’s Chambers and the Ministry of Manpower in prosecuting various criminal offences.

In practice, he had represented both individuals and companies in commercial, insurance and construction disputes both in the State and High Court. In addition, he had acted for financial institutions in the course of his work.

Early in his career, he was the Director of Community Relations with the Law Society of Singapore where he oversaw the administration of the Criminal Legal Aid Scheme (“CLAS”) and its other pro bono initiatives.

Gokul is also the Recruitment Partner.

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Training Level: General

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