



Rule of Law Symposium

0900 – 1700 Friday 19 October 2007

**Suntec Singapore, International Convention
& Exhibition Centre**

*A SYMPOSIUM building on the experience of the successful Symposium held
in Chicago in 2006.*

Rule of Law Symposium

Building the Rule of Law across the world is an important and vital commitment for the worldwide legal profession. The IBA's mission is to strengthen this commitment and lead the way forward in helping our members to formulate concrete plans for action in their respective countries as well as internationally. To reinforce this commitment, for the first time in the IBA's history the IBA's Management Board has decided that at the end of the IBA's 2007 Conference in Singapore an entire day will be devoted to discussing the essential nature of the Rule of Law.

This unique day represents a natural progression from the IBA's Outreach Programme, focusing on the rule of law and human rights, and from the Rule of Law Resolution passed by the IBA Council on 26 September 2005. These efforts led to a global campaign to increase momentum for the worldwide recognition and acceptance of the Rule of Law; and highlighted the continuous work of the IBA in fostering a more just world. Further details on the Outreach Programme and the full text of the Resolution can be found at www.ibanet.org

The Symposium will endeavour to ensure that every participant leaves the conference:

- more committed to building the Rule of Law than he/she was at the outset;
- with a concrete plan as to how he/she can fulfil that commitment; and
- with a clear understanding of the Asian perspective on the Rule of Law.

Issues to be addressed include:

- the meaning and importance of the Rule of Law;
- social and economic development and the Rule of Law;
- the post-colonial experience in Asia; and
- what can/should be the contribution to building the Rule of Law of:
 - individual lawyers;
 - corporations;
 - law firms;
 - bar associations and law societies; and
 - the IBA.

The Symposium will be interactive and in the afternoon will include breakout sessions allowing every participant to contribute to the discussions.

The intended themes for the breakout sessions are:

- access to justice in developing jurisdictions;
- corruption;
- corporate responsibility;
- cross-border pro bono legal assistance;
- freedom of expression;
- extreme situations; and
- independence of the judiciary and the legal profession.

Session Chair

Francis W Neate *Kirkland & Ellis International LLP, London, England; Chair, IBA Rule of Law Taskforce and immediate past President, IBA*

Speakers

Professor S Jayakumar *Deputy Prime Minister, Coordinating Minister for National Security and Minister for Law, Singapore*

Professor Tommy Koh *Ambassador-at-Large, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Singapore; Chairman, Institute of Policy Studies, National Heritage Board and Chinese Heritage Centre, Singapore*

Judge Hisashi Owada *Judge, International Court of Justice, the Hague, the Netherlands; Senior Advisor to the President of the World Bank*

Justice Albie Sachs *Judge, Constitutional Court of South Africa, Johannesburg, South Africa*

Sylvia Lim Swee Lian *Chairman, The Workers' Party of Singapore, Singapore*

Ambiga Sreenevasan *President, Bar Council of Malaysia*

Speakers

Professor S Jayakumar

Professor Jayakumar's distinguished career has included holding the following offices: Singapore's Ambassador (Permanent Representative) to the United Nations, High Commissioner to Canada, Minister for Labour, Minister for Home Affairs and Minister for Foreign Affairs when he served twice as President of the United Nations Security Council.

Professor Tommy Koh

Professor Koh has also been Dean of the Faculty of Law of the University of Singapore. Twice he served as Singapore's Permanent Representative to the United Nations and later was Singapore's Ambassador to the United States of America. He was the founding Executive Director of the Asia-Europe Foundation and Singapore's Chief Negotiator for the US-Singapore Free Trade Agreement.

Judge Hisashi Owada

A former Japanese diplomat, Judge Owada also serves as President of the Japan Institute of International Affairs and advisor to the Japanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Formerly he was Japanese Ambassador to the OECD, Vice-Minister at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Japanese Ambassador to the United Nations. Currently Professor of International Law and Organization at Waseda University, Judge Owada has also served as law professor at numerous renowned universities.

Justice Albie Sachs

A renowned human rights and anti-apartheid activist, Justice Sachs was forced into exile in 1966 where he spent 22 years teaching law in England and Mozambique. In 1988 he lost an arm and sight of an eye due to a bomb placed in his car by South African security agents. Justice Sachs helped draft the ANC's Code of Conduct and as a member of the Constitutional Committee and the National Executive of the ANC, he played an active role in the negotiations that led to South Africa becoming a constitutional democracy.

Sylvia Lim Swee Lian

Sylvia Lim is Chairman of the Workers' Party of Singapore. Ms Lim was gazetted a Non-Constituency Member of Parliament after the General Elections in 2006. Currently she is also a law lecturer at Temasek Polytechnic where her main teaching areas are civil and criminal procedure, criminal justice and private security. After being called to the Singapore Bar in 1991, Ms Lim served for three years as a Police Inspector in the Singapore Police Force. She returned to practice law and for four years was active in civil and criminal litigation.

Ambiga Sreenevasan

Ambiga Sreenevasan has been active in intellectual property litigation for over 15 years and has been involved in some very high profile cases. In March 2007 Ms Sreenevasan was elected Chairman of the Malaysian Bar Council.

General Information

Date

Friday 19 October 2007

Venue

Suntec Singapore
International Convention & Exhibition Centre
Singapore 039593

How to register

Register online at http://www.ibanet.org/conferences/Rule_of_Law_Symposium_Singapore

Please note that your registration will only be completed and processed if full payment is made by credit card at the time of booking. Payment is accepted by Visa, Mastercard or American Express. Other cards are not accepted. **The online registration facility will close at 1700 hours (local time) on Thursday 18 October.**

Registration fees

- The cost for attendance is £60 which includes:
- attendance at the Rule of Law Symposium;
- refreshments during breaks;
- lunch;
- working materials related to the Rule of Law Symposium.

Places are limited and allocated on a first-come first-served basis. Note priority will be given to those registering for the IBA's 2007 Annual Conference in Singapore. Early booking is therefore recommended.

Cancellation of registration

We regret that no refunds can be made.

Disabled access

The Suntec Singapore is wheelchair accessible. Please notify us if you require special assistance.

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Grouped into two divisions – the Legal Practice Division and the Public and Professional Interest Division – the IBA covers all practice areas and professional interests, providing members with access to leading experts and up-to-date information. Through the various committees of the divisions, the IBA enables an interchange of information and views among its members as to laws, practices and professional responsibilities relating to the practice of business law around the globe. Additionally, the IBA's high-quality publications and world-class conferences provide unrivalled professional development and network-building opportunities for international legal practitioners and professional associates.

The IBA's Bar Issues Commission provides an invaluable forum for IBA member organisations to discuss all matters relating to law at an international level.

The IBA's Human Rights Institute works across the Association, to promote, protect and enforce human rights under a just rule of law, and to preserve the independence of the judiciary and the legal profession worldwide.

Other institutions established by the IBA include the Southern Africa Litigation Centre and the International Legal Assistance Consortium.

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