

Technical Talk

HOW TO NAVIGATE LEGAL CHALLENGES IN CONTRACT AND TORT?

Synopsis

Engineers today are confronted by various legal challenges, both in contract and tort. This talk will tackle these issues head-on and cover:-

- 1) the law on negligence claims against engineers (i.e. the scope of the duty of care owed by engineers, causation, recent amendments to the law of limitation of claims and possible defenses for engineers).
- 2) crucial contract law for engineers (including on Letters of Appointment, the recognition of oral contracts and WhatsApp contracts in Malaysia and recent developments on illegal contracts under Malaysian law).
- 3) best practices to minimize legal issues (including proper documentation, professional liability insurance and continuous professional development); and
- 4) an introduction to the Court process and alternative dispute resolution methods (i.e., CIPAA 2012 and Arbitration).

About the Speaker

A software engineer turned lawyer, Mr. Saravanesh Supramaniam combines technical acumen, legal training and business/management experience honed over the last decade. He began as an R&D Software Engineer at an established MNC, and joined an award-winning medical start up, where his team developed the world's first Android teleradiology collaboration software.

Mr. Saravanesh Supramaniam then pursued his passion for the law, and he currently practices as a lawyer with a focus on commercial/corporate litigation and construction/engineering related matters. He has handled cases spanning negotiations, mediations, arbitrations, adjudications, Subordinate Court and High Court trials and Court of Appeal and Federal Court appearances.

He has represented clients in construction/engineering-based disputes whether in the Courts, Arbitrations, statutory adjudication under the Construction Industry Payment and Adjudication Act 2012 (CIPAA 2012), mediations and appeals before the State Appeals Board. These matters have encompassed payment disputes, variation of works, delay defects and rectification works and professional negligence (including for professional engineers/architects).



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