

# SISV Accredited Expert Witness Course

3rd Intake

## Venue:

Mercure Singapore  
Bugis, Marshall  
Junction, Level 3, 122  
Middle Road, Singapore  
188973

## CPD Credit:

SISV, QS Division &  
AIQS = 12 CPD Hours  
BoA-SIA = 2 CPD  
Points  
Qualified for 8 PDUs by  
PEB

*Every QS Division Member  
(Fellows, Members,  
Probationers and  
Technical Members) must  
complete at least 20 CPD  
hours each year.*

## Target Audience:

Quantity Surveyors,  
Project Managers, Claim  
Consultants, Engineers,  
Contractors, Architects,  
Developers, Bankers,  
Lawyers, Mediators,  
Arbitrators, Loss  
Adjusters, and Insurers.

A Certificate in “**SISV Accredited in Expert Witness**” Course will be awarded by SISV to candidates who have attended both days of the course and upon successful completion of a written examination.

## INTRODUCTION

The pursuit of construction-related claims often give rise to the need for expert evidence – whether in court, arbitration, adjudication and even mediation, on engineering, delay or valuation issues. Construction professionals and surveyors may be well-versed in their area of expertise. However, they may not be familiar with the legal requirements for the preparation of expert reports, the giving of expert evidence, and testimony in court or arbitration. A legally acceptable report from an expert can greatly assist judges, arbitrators, lawyers and their clients.

The Singapore Institute of Surveyors and Valuers (SISV) is proud to bring to you this accredited two-day training workshop on the legal aspects of preparing expert reports and testimony. The course culminates in a written assessment which provides industry certification of achievement to the successful candidate. This workshop focuses on the legal issues and requirements, and the must-know facts that concern anyone seeking to provide expert opinion.

Conducting the workshop are senior lawyers from Eldan Law LLP, a firm with an extensive practice in construction law. They will take participants through the legal requirements for a proper expert report, the proper way in which experts should conduct themselves, and will also highlight the pitfalls for potential experts when providing expert opinion. A guest speaker from an international claims consultancy will also be sharing his experience as an expert witness.

Subject to other admission criteria, successful completion of the programme will qualify participants to be admitted to the SISV Panel of Expert Witnesses.

## OBJECTIVES

At the end of the workshop, participants will be able to:

- ◇ Prepare a proper expert report with appropriate legal requirements
- ◇ Conduct themselves appropriately in court or arbitration
- ◇ Know the important facts that concerns parties seeking to provide expert opinion



## **About the Trainers:**



**Mr Edwin Lee**  
**Partner, Eldan Law LLP**

Edwin is one of the founding partners of Eldan Law LLP. Practising for more than 20 years, Edwin has argued both major courtroom disputes and arbitrations. He is cited as a leading Singapore construction law practitioner in Euromoney's Guide to the World's Leading Construction Lawyers (2013 & 2015). Chambers Asia-Pacific Guide 2017 has also cited him as "an authority on domestic construction adjudications".

Edwin is an accredited adjudicator with the Singapore Mediation Centre, and a member of the Construction Adjudication Accreditation Committee, which oversees the selection and assessment of adjudicators. He has conducted numerous adjudication cases, variously as counsel, adjudicator and review adjudicator. He successfully argued the landmark Court of Appeal case of Lee Wee Lick Terence v Chua Say Eng. Edwin is also an accredited adjudicator in Malaysia, under the Construction Industry Payment and Adjudication Act 2012.

Apart from his active legal practice, Edwin is also an Adjunct Associate Professor with the National University of Singapore, Adjunct Assistant Professor with the Singapore University of Technology and Design, and a trainer for the Building & Construction Authority on Construction Law.

He has many publications, with his latest book being the recently published Building Contract Law in Singapore, 2016 (3rd Edition).



**Mr Naresh Mahtani**  
**Partner, Eldan Law LLP**

Naresh has been in legal practice for more than 30 years, with local, regional and international experience in commercial transactions, construction, engineering and infrastructure projects work, oil and gas construction projects, dispute resolution, as well as conducting defences in criminal and domestic cases.

He has been appointed as Arbitrator and Arbitration Counsel in major construction and international arbitrations involving construction and commercial disputes in the building & construction industry and oil & gas industry in Singapore, Indonesia, Malaysia and United States of America.

Naresh has been named as a Leading Lawyer in the field of Dispute Resolution in AsiaLaw Leading Lawyers as well as for Construction Practice in AsiaLaw Leading Lawyers.



**Mr Wilson Cheung**  
**General Manager & Director, BK Asia Pacific Pte Ltd**

Wilson is the General Manager and Director of BK Asia Pacific Pte Ltd, a claims consultancy specializing in infrastructure and construction claims. He is a Fellow of the Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors, Fellow of the Institute of Civil Engineering Surveyors and also an accredited adjudicator of the Singapore Mediation Centre.

He has over 38 years of experience in Building, Civil Engineering, Infrastructure and Oil & Gas work in Singapore, Hong Kong, Malaysia and the Asia-Pacific region. He regularly provides expert reports and advice in relation to construction and infrastructure projects.



**Mr Yong Boon On**  
**Partner, Eldan Law LLP**

Boon On has been practising in the area of dispute resolution since 2003. He has advised and represented a wide array of clients including government authorities, developers, contractors, major international corporations as well as individuals in both courtroom disputes and arbitrations and in a wide variety of disputes such as commercial disputes, employment disputes, cross-border contractual disputes, engineering and construction disputes and insurance disputes.

Boon On graduated from the National University of Singapore in June 2002 with a Bachelor of Laws LL.B (Honours) (Second Upper Division). He was called to the Singapore Bar in May 2003. In addition, Boon On holds a Bachelor of Engineering (Honours) (Second Upper Division) 1996 from the National University of Singapore. He practised engineering until his admission to read law in 1999. His engineering background proves invaluable to many of his clients especially in dealing with complex technical issues in engineering and construction disputes.

Boon On also holds a Master of Science in Applied Finance from the National University of Singapore.

## About the Trainers (Cont'd):



**Ms Jennifer Fong**  
Partner, Eldan Law LLP

Jennifer has been practising in the area of dispute resolution for more than 10 years. She has advised and represented a wide array of clients including government authorities, major international corporations, small and medium enterprises as well as individuals in both courtroom disputes and arbitrations, including SIAC, UNCITRAL and SIAC arbitrations.

She has been involved in a wide variety of disputes such as commercial disputes, shareholder disputes, cross-border contractual disputes, distributorship disputes, construction disputes and disputes involving share sales and acquisitions.

Jennifer graduated from the National University of Singapore, and practises as an advocate and solicitor in Singapore. She is had been admitted to the New York bar, and is also admitted as a solicitor of England and Wales.

## Course Programme

### Day 1

**Experts Witness – The Engagement Process And Role of Expert Witnesses in relation to the Clients, Lawyers, Judges and Arbitrators -- by Yong Boon On**

- *Conflict of interest and accepting appointment*
- *Privilege- understanding privilege for preparing a case*
- *Conflict of interests between the Client and the Court (or Arbitral Tribunal)*
- *Common format and contents of an Expert Report.*

**The Expert and Expert Witness in Practice: Duties of Expert Witness – By Jennifer Fong**

- *The Role of the Expert in Court, Arbitration, and Dispute Boards;*
- *Professional Ethics and a Duty under Law-Objective Duty;*
- *Knowing your Case; and,*
- *Knowing your Report;*
- *Discovery and Expert witness*

**The Expert and Expert Witness in Practice – On the witness stand – By Edwin Lee**

- *Encountering cross-examination;*
- *Lessons in common case law against improper Expert conduct;*
- *Distinguishing Expert Fact and Expert Opinion;*
- *Expert Conferencing (Hot Tub-bing);*

### Day 2

**“Expert Determination” as an alternative form of dispute resolution – By Naresh Mahtani**

- *Disputes which are suitable for Expert Determination (“ED”)*
- *Advantages of ED*
- *The processes involved in ED*
- *The views of Singapore and UK courts on EDs*
- *Rules and procedures relating to ED (eg SIA Expert Determination Rules, 2011)*
- *Expert Determiner's role -- do's and don'ts*

**Perspectives from an Expert Witness – By Wilson Cheung**

- *Discussing the role of the Expert from the perspective of an expert witness.*
- *Preparation of the expert report*
- *Presenting evidence in adjudications, arbitrations and in court*

**Written Examination**

## SISV Accredited Expert Witness Course

### ◇ COURSE FEE (inclusive of GST, notes, lunch and refreshments)

- \$ 695.50 - SISV member or Staff of Member Firms
- \$ 856.00 - CIJC Member (applicable to ACES, IES, REDAS, SCAL, SIA, SIBL, SPM), AIQS, BoA, IQSI, PEB, PICQS, PUJA, RICS, SCL, SGBC
- \$ 1016.50 - Non-Member

### ◇ SKILLS DEVELOPMENT FUND (SDF) TRAINING ASSISTANCE

*Pending*

### ◇ PAYMENT MODE

- ◆ By Cheque Crossed cheque payable to “Singapore Institute of Surveyors and Valuers”. Please indicate your name, company and remarks “EW\_2017” on the back of the cheque.
- ◆ Via ibanking/Bank transfer. Details as follows: **DBS current account no: 007 005007 0**. Please include the remarks “EW2017\_your initials” number when transferring.
- ◆ Invoice company

### ◇ VENUE (subject to change)

Mercure Singapore Bugis, Marshall Junction, Level 3, 122 Middle Road, Singapore 188973

### ◇ APPLICATION PROCEDURE

All applications must be submitted with the following:

1. Completed application form\*
2. One recent passport-size photograph
3. Photocopies of academic qualifications
4. Photocopies of NRIC/FIN (front & back)
4. Requisite payment\*\*

Cheques must be made payable to “**SINGAPORE INSTITUTE OF SURVEYORS AND VALUERS**”

\* As attached. Application forms are also obtainable from SISV or via [www.sisv.org.sg](http://www.sisv.org.sg)

\*\* Requisite payment includes all fees quoted under Course Fee.

### ◇ PENALTY FOR WITHDRAWAL

Notice	Penalty
Written notice of withdrawal received <i>more than two weeks</i> before commencement of the course	25% of full course fees
Written notice of withdrawal received <i>less than two weeks</i> before commencement of the course	100% of full course fees

### ◇ REPLACEMENT

Fees paid are not refundable under any circumstances. If you are unable to attend the course, please inform us in writing at least 2 weeks before commencement of course, otherwise full payment is still applicable even if you did not turn up for the course. In the case of a CIJC or non-member replacing a member (within the same company), the CIJC or non-member will have to pay the fee difference.

SISV reserves the right to amend the course details, revise the course fee without prior notice, to cancel or postpone the course due to unforeseen circumstances.

### ◇ COURSE ENQUIRIES

For course enquiries and registrations, please contact:

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- Category  SISV Member / Staff of Member Firms
- (Please tick)  CIJC (ACES, IES, REDAS, SCAL, SIA, SIBL, SPM, ), AIQS, BoA, IQSI, PEB, PICQS, PUJA, RICS, SCL, SGBC
- Non-Member

Attached a recent passport-size photograph

**Applicant Information**

Applicant Information collected in this form is solely for the purpose of processing your application for enrolment.

Name as in NRIC/Passport (underline surname) Mr / Mrs / Miss		English Name (if any)	
NRIC/FIN No	Date of Birth	Citizenship	Gender : Male / Female
Company		Designation	
Address (O)			
Address (H)			
Email Address# (compulsory)		Handphone	Phone (O) / (H)

# All communications shall be through email.

**Academic Information** (Certified true copies of your academic certificates and NRIC/FIN must be submitted with this form)

Institution	Year	Full-time / Part-time	Qualifications Achieved

**Employment History**

Organization	Length of Service	Position Held

**Registration / Payment**

Course Fee per Trainee		SDF Assistance Per Trainee	Pay to SISV
Member or Staff of SISV Member Firms	\$ 695.50 (Incl GST)	Pending	
CIJC Member	\$ 856.00 (Incl GST)		
Non Member	\$ 1016.50 (Incl GST)		

**SPONSORED BY COMPANY: YES / NO****APPLY SDF: YES / NO**

(Please provide Company endorsement letter if participant is sponsored by Company and/or applying for SDF Assistance)

**\*NOTE:**

- ◆ Full payment must be made before commencement of course.
- ◆ Company sponsoring their employee/staff applying for SDF Assistance must enroll online with SDF Easy Net at least one working day before commencement of course. Otherwise they will not be eligible for any SDF Assistance.
- ◆ For SkillsFuture Credit, please refer to www.skillsfuture.sg/credit (Pending)

Employer's Name & Signature  
Date:

Company Stamp

Applicant's Signature  
Date:**For Official Use**

Batch # \_\_\_\_\_ Cheque: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount: \_\_\_\_\_ Official Receipt: \_\_\_\_\_