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Course Title:	Ethics in Family Law Seminar- Right and Wrong and Being Strong
Speakers:	Professor The Honourable Nahum Mushin – Adjunct Professor of Law, Monash University Mr Alvin Chen - General Counsel, Legal and Compliance, RHTLaw Taylor Wessing
Duration:	96 minutes

Course Description: Family lawyers may face many unique and challenging ethical problems when handling matrimonial cases, whether with fellow members of the bar, the courts or with clients. The solution to ethical problems may be varied in one of the most dynamic and difficult areas of law.

The Legal Profession (Professional Conduct) Rules provide guidance by setting out appropriate solutions, but the rules may fail to address the specific challenges faced by family lawyers. What do you do when faced with such ethical problems or issues?

This programme will help you keep up to date and highlight potential ethics traps, and to explore what should be taken into account in ethical decision-making in practice.

About the Speakers:



Professor The Honourable Nahum Mushin - Adjunct Professor of Law, Monash University

The Honourable Nahum Mushin is an Adjunct Professor of Law at Monash University where he teaches ethics. Prior to his appointment to that position, he was a Judge of the Family Court of Australia for 21 years and a Presidential Member of the Administrative Appeals Tribunal for 6 years. Professor Mushin chaired the Australian Government's advisory committees on the apology to people affected by forced adoptions and implementation of measures to support them. He has been involved in multicultural issues and the law throughout his career.

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Alvin Chen - General Counsel, Legal and Compliance, RHTLaw Taylor Wessing

Alvin Chen is General Counsel, Legal and Compliance, of RHTLaw Taylor Wessing. Alvin had worked as a lawyer in both the public and private sectors and was the Chief Legal Officer and Director of the Representation and Law Reform Department of the Law Society of Singapore. He graduated from the Faculty of Law, National University of Singapore, with Second Class (Upper Division) Honours, and holds two Master of Laws degrees from New York University and the National University of Singapore. He was also a joint winner of the F.A. Chua Prize in Criminal Procedure in the Postgraduate Practical Law Course in 2000. Alvin has taught legal research and writing to first-year undergraduates at the Faculty of Law, National University of Singapore, as well as ethics and social responsibility at the Singapore Management University. Alvin was the General Editor of the Guide to Professional Conduct for Advocates and Solicitors, a 2011 publication of the Law Society of Singapore. He has written a number of articles for the Law Gazette (a monthly publication of the Law Society of Singapore) on professional ethics. His articles for the Law Gazette, "Ethically Evaluating the Economics of Litigation" and "Beyond Professional Courtesy: Reappraising the Rationales of the No-Contact Rule in Singapore", were commended in the 2014 and 2015 Singapore Law Gazette Awards respectively.

Alvin also authored a journal article titled "Judicial Developments in Ethical Lawyering in Singapore", which was published in the September 2013 issue of the Singapore Academy of Law Journal. He was formerly the Subject Co-ordinator for the Ethics and Professional Responsibility module in the Part B course conducted by the Singapore Institute of Legal Education. Alvin was a Fellow of the Summer 2014 Workshop organized by the National Institute of Teaching Ethics & Professionalism from 8 to 10 July 2014 in London. He also presented a paper on the regulation of the legal profession at the International Legal Ethics Conference VI held from 10 to 12 July 2014 in London. In 2015, Alvin was appointed to the Advisory Committee of the Professional Conduct Council. Recently, he co-authored *Understanding Lawyers' Ethics in Singapore*, which was published by Lexis-Nexis in July 2016. It is the first book that addresses the fundamental changes implemented by the Legal Profession (Professional Conduct) Rules 2015, and puts Singapore legal ethics into a broader comparative context.

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