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- Course Title:** Seminar on Anti-Money Laundering
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Angelo Panares - Regional Proposition Enablement Manager APAC, Thomson Reuters
- Duration:** 145 minutes
- Course Description:** Part VA of the Legal Profession Act on Prevention of Money Laundering came into effect together with the Legal Profession (Prevention of Money Laundering and Financing of Terrorism) Rules on 23 May 2015. The legislative framework covers both Singapore lawyers and foreign lawyers, as well as Singapore law practices and foreign law practices.
- It is fundamental for lawyers to understand the legislative framework to avoid inadvertently allowing their law practice to be used as a vehicle for money laundering to take place. It is also important from a practical perspective for lawyers to understand their obligations under the legislation and how to apply the Rules in practice to minimise the risk of unwittingly facilitating money laundering activities.
- Key aspects of the legislative framework are the need to have AML processes in place, conducting customer due diligence and risk assessment, recording keeping and obligations to file suspicious transaction reports with the relevant authorities.

About the Speaker:



Low Chai Chong – Senior Partner, Dentons Rodyk & Davidson LLP

Since 1987, Low Chai Chong has appeared in numerous cases before the High Court and the Court of Appeal in Singapore. Several of the cases in which he appeared as counsel have been reported in the law journals and law reports of Singapore and Malaysia, and have been the subject of academic articles.

Chai Chong has appeared as counsel for many multinational corporations in matters involving patents, trademarks, copyright, passing off and trade secrets. His practice encompasses telecommunication and competition law, two emerging areas which have been increasingly active in recent years.

Some of his recent cases include Singapore Land Authority v Virtual Map; Singapore Telecommunications Ltd v Starhub Cable Vision Ltd; Virtual Map (Singapore) Pte Ltd v Suncool International Pte Ltd; Nippon Paint (Singapore) Co Pte Ltd v ICI Paint (Singapore) Pte Ltd; and Rothmans of Pall Mall Ltd v Long Ai Sin and Another, among others.

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Eric is a Partner of Shook Lin & Bok LLP. He heads the regulatory practice at Shook Lin & Bok LLP and his work is centred on advising banks and other financial institutions on various financial regulatory issues, including compliance with anti-money laundering and sanctions law.

He initially started private practice doing commercial litigation but later joined the Monetary Authority of Singapore (MAS) as in-house counsel, where he provided legal support and advice on various regulatory initiatives. During this time, Eric also concurrently taught banking law as an Adjunct Senior Fellow at the National University of Singapore. In 2003, Eric was seconded to the Bank for International Settlements in Basel, Switzerland as a research fellow where he wrote a paper on payment systems law. After his stint, he rejoined MAS in a different role as Head of International & Regional Relations where he led a policy team on working on international central banking and regulatory issues, including domestic implementation of global anti-money laundering standards in Singapore. In 2006, Eric joined American Express Bank as the Regional Director for Compliance & Ethics. Eric returned to legal practice in 2008, and was until 2014 a director in another leading Singapore law firm where he helped to set up and lead their financial services regulation practice.



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Angelo drives the Customer and Third Party Risk proposition enablement initiatives in the Asia Pacific region, including the rollout and launch of new products such as World-Check One and certification and engagement with strategic clients and regulators, among others.

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