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- Course Title:** The Expert Witness: What they do, the rules they follow and how to instruct them
- Speakers:** Dr Thomas Walford – Governor, Expert Witness Institute; Chief Executive of Expert Evidence International Limited
- Martin Edwards – Asia Representative, Asia of the Expert Witness Institute; Director, Asia of GBRW Expert Witness
- Duration:** 88 minutes
- Course description:** From Construction to Criminal cases, Information Technology to Investment Management, Expert Witnesses are credible, in-demand professionals who are confident in understanding and resolving often complex and detailed disputes. They are also experienced at giving evidence under oath and often called upon to do so in their area of expertise.

Acting as an expert witness involves consideration of all the evidence to be presented at trial and then advising the Court on the areas where fault lies and where liability rests. A report is provided to the court, and where necessary, the expert is called to give evidence under oath. It is also frequently necessary for the expert to meet with other experts appointed by other parties and resolve where they agree and disagree on the merits of the case.

As Singapore continues to develop its role as an Asian legal hub, whether involving Mediation, Arbitration or Adjudication the demand for Expert Witnesses increases.

However, for an Expert Witness to perform correctly, they need to understand clearly the rules that govern the role of an Expert Witness in Singapore and to be instructed correctly.

The Law Society of Singapore and the Expert Witness Institute is pleased to present this programme that seeks to examine and discuss the role of the Expert Witness in Singapore's expanding legal sector.

Learning Objectives

Participants will achieve a better understanding of:

- The rules that govern the role of an expert witness
- The Singapore Evidence Act
- The Singapore Rules of Court
- The Seven Ikarian Reefer Rules
- International Rules
- How to set up a relationship with an Expert
- Using the Expert Witness Instruction Template

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About the Speakers:



Dr Thomas Walford – Governor - Expert Witness Institute; Chief Executive of Expert Evidence International Limited

Thomas is the founder and Chief Executive of Expert Evidence limited. He founded the group following over 25 years in dealing with client disputes within three major London banks. Thomas is an experienced expert witness and also a mediator and arbitrator. Thomas is a Governor of the Expert Witness Institute.

Thomas's speciality is in Banking, Investment Management, Regulation, Wealth Management and Private Banking as well as lending and professional indemnity cases. He also does a considerable amount of criminal work dealing with insider dealing, fraud, money laundering, confiscation of assets and interest rate swaps.

Thomas was Head of Private Banking at Bank Leumi in London until 2009 and previously was Managing Director of Royal Bank of Canada Investment Management (UK) limited. His first main board banking position was with Duncan Lawrie in Belgravia.



Martin Edwards - Asia Representative - Asia of the Expert Witness Institute; Director, Asia of GBRW Expert Witness

Martin was appointed as the Representative-Asia for the Expert Witness Institute in November 2015. Martin's career has been spent in Asia (28 years), Europe (11) and the Middle-East (3 years) with Crédit Agricole, Banque Indosuez and Chemical Bank (now JP Morgan Chase). In addition to regional management roles, he has specialised in corporate banking, trade finance, and commodity financing.

Martin is also Director Asia for GBRW Expert Witness; a UK based firm specialising in Expert Witness services.

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