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Jones Day Professorship of Commercial Law Lecture

Confidentiality in International Arbitration: Virtue or Vice?

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12 March 2015, Thursday

5.30pm - 7.00pm

(Registration starts at 5.00pm)

Speaker

Professor Sir Bernard Rix

Jones Day Professor of Commercial Law



Commentary by Matthew Skinner

Partner, Jones Day Singapore

Venue

Singapore Management University

Mochtar Riady Auditorium

Administration Building, Level 5

81 Victoria Street

Singapore 188065

Dress Code

Business Attire

Free Admission

Please register here

Public CPD Points	1.5 points (based on 100% attendance)
Practice Area	Alternative Dispute Resolution
Training Category	Intermediate

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Please find attached the guide to the 2015 SILE's CPD scheme for your easy reference.

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About the Jones Day Professorship of Commercial Law

The global law firm Jones Day, through its non-profit foundation funded by donations from attorneys and staff, made a donation to Singapore Management University (SMU) of US\$500,000 to establish the Jones Day Professorship of Commercial Law for a term of seven years.

The Jones Day Foundation plays an integral role in implementing pro bono initiatives globally, an achievement which is only possible through the donation of both time and resources from lawyers and staff. Each Jones Day office has a designated partner-in-charge of pro bono to further develop the reach of activities and encourage participation firm-wide. The full-time, firm-wide partner-in-charge of pro bono, oversees and directs pro bono efforts worldwide.

The donation exemplifies Jones Day's commitment to Singapore and the Asia Pacific region, which are an integral part of Jones Day's Asian presence. The appointment follows the establishment of the Jones Day Chair Professorship for Globalization and Rule of Law at Peking University, China in May 2012.

The donation is the largest gift received by SMU from a law firm and will facilitate increased focus on the development of Commercial Law in Singapore, a market which is in continuous development and increasingly plays a global role as a hub for legal services to both regional and international clients in Asia.

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About the Organisers

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Singapore Management University

A premier university in Asia, the Singapore Management University (SMU) is internationally recognised for its world class research and distinguished teaching. Established in 2000, SMU's mission is to generate leading edge research with global impact and produce broad-based, creative and entrepreneurial leaders for the knowledge-based economy. It is known for its interactive and technologically-enabled pedagogy of seminar-style teaching in small class sizes.

Home to about 8,000 students, SMU comprises six schools: School of Accountancy, Lee Kong Chian School of Business, School of Economics, School of Information Systems, School of Law and School of Social Sciences, offering a wide range of bachelor's, master's and PhD degree programmes in various disciplines.

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Synopsis of Lecture & Download Paper

Confidentiality in International Arbitration: Virtue or Vice?

Confidentiality is often viewed as a necessary element of international arbitration. Is this correct? Does the position differ in different countries? How important is it to the arbitral process and to parties who choose arbitration? Is it a virtue or a vice? In particular, how does it affect the publication of awards, and is their publication desirable, or possible? If arbitration continues to gain ground as a preferred method of international dispute resolution, does confidentiality mean that the development of international commercial law goes underground? And what does confidentiality mean for the existence of a *lex mercatoria*?

Following the presentation, Jones Day partner, Matthew Skinner, will comment on practical problems of confidentiality in arbitration.

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About the Speakers

Educated at New College Oxford and Harvard Law School, Professor Sir Bernard Rix was called to the Bar of England and Wales by the Inner Temple in 1970 and became Queen's Counsel in 1981. As a barrister, he specialised in international commercial and arbitral disputes, and also appeared before courts in Singapore and Hong Kong. From 1993-2000, he was a judge of the High Court of Justice and from 2000 to 2013 he served as Lord Justice of Appeal in the Court of Appeal. In these courts, he gave a wide range of judgments in every aspect of commercial law, banking, insurance, shipping, energy disputes, arbitration law and public international law. He now practises as an arbitrator and accredited mediator. He sits on the Court of Appeal of the Cayman Islands. He is a Professor of International Commercial Law at Queen Mary, University of London.



**Professor Sir
Bernard Rix**

Professor Sir Bernard Rix has fulfilled roles as Treasurer of the Inner Temple, as chairman of COMBAR (England's Commercial Bar Association), trustee of BIICL (British Institute of International and Comparative Law), chairman of the Advisory Council of QMUL's Centre for Commercial Law Studies, and President of the Harvard Law School Association of the UK. He is an honorary fellow of New College Oxford and QMUL. Outside the law, he has long been associated with the London Philharmonic Orchestra as a board director and now as a member of its International Board, and has trod the stage in *Der Rosenkavalier* at the ENO.

Matthew Skinner is a Partner in the Global Disputes Practice of Jones day's Singapore Office. Matthew has almost 20 years practice experience in Singapore, Sydney and London handling legally complex and sensitive matters with particular emphasis on international arbitration, contractual disputes, and regulatory investigations.



Matthew acts for clients across a range of industries. His experience includes transactional and tortious disputes, fraud, joint venture, insurance, resource contract, and construction disputes. He also advises and assists clients in their dealings with government regulators in connection with investigations and prosecutions, including conducting internal investigations for clients in connection with suspected bribery and corruption offences.

**Matthew
Skinner**

Partner, Jones
Day Singapore

He has handled disputes in a number of forums, including the courts of England and Wales and Australia, as well as in international arbitration tribunals (SIAC, LCIA, LMAA, ICC, UNCITRAL, and CAS). He also has experience in various forms of alternative dispute resolution, including adjudication and mediation.

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