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**Course Title:** Probate Seminars (Part 1): Seminar on Muslim Inheritance Law

**Speakers:** Abdul Rahman B M H – Managing Director, Abdul Rahman Law Corporation  
Halijah Binte Mohamad - Sole Proprietor, Halijah Mohamad & Co

**Duration:** 68 minutes

**Course Description:** What is the position in Singapore with regard to Muslim inheritance and succession laws? What is the approach that has been taken by the civil courts in respect of matters involving Muslim inheritance and succession laws? Are there practical difficulties? Can these difficulties be reconciled? What are the ways in which a Muslim estate can be disposed of under Muslim law? What are the requirements? How do you draft the different documents? When do you take out a Grant of Probate and a Grant of Letters of Administration for a Muslim estate? What are the documents that you require to make such an application?

Article 153 of the Singapore Constitution provides for the Legislature to make provision for regulating Muslim religious affairs. The Administration of Muslim Law Act (Cap. 3) was enacted for this purpose.

### About the Speaker:



#### **Abdul Rahman B M H – Managing Director, Abdul Rahman Law Corporation**

Rahman graduated from the National University of Singapore with a LL.B (Hons) in 2008 and was subsequently called to the Bar as an Advocate & Solicitor of the Supreme Court of Singapore in May 2009. Rahman is also a member of the Association of Taxation Technicians Singapore.

Rahman actively engages in a wide array of practice areas. His key areas of concentration cover:- personal and commercial dispute resolution including civil litigation; conveyancing; general commercial/ corporate advisory work (including tax planning) tailored towards SMEs; family and Syariah law matters (which include matrimonial and probate advice); drafting of Nazars, Hibahs and Syariah compliant wills.

With regards to Family Law, Rahman concentrates on Syariah Law Practice and he has successfully argued cases before the Appeal Board of the Islamic Religious Council of Singapore on various occasions.

His notable cases include making legal arguments on the appointment of legal representatives in Syariah Court cases involving mental incapacitated individuals as well as the actual determination of Islamic law pertaining to illegitimate children in divorces, amongst others.

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### **Halijah Binte Mohamad - Sole Proprietor , Halijah Mohamad & Co**

Halijah Mohamad graduated from National University of Singapore in 1983 and was called to the Singapore Bar in January 1984. She set up her own law practice in February 1995, handling primarily family law matters (both civil and syariah).

She is involved with various NGOs. She was (a) past Vice President of AWARE for several terms and (b) former Co-Chair of Muslim Law Practice [Law Society]. She is now an Executive Committee member of S'pore Association of Women's Lawyers, and member of Muslim Law Practice Committee and Family Law Practice Committee [Law Society].

She had been involved in representations made to Select Committee on several bills including amendments to Administration of Muslim Law Act, Women's Charter, Penal Code, and Maintenance of Parents Bill. She was also involved in the NGO Shadow Reports on Convention of Elimination of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW) submitted to United Nations (CEDAW Committee).

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