

## An e-learning initiative by



**Course Title:** Probate Seminars (Part 1): Problem-free Non Contentious Probate Applications: Steps towards Making It Happen

**Speakers:** Goh Kok Yeow – Head of Intellectual Property and Probate/Trusts Practice, De Souza Lim & Goh LLP

**Duration:** 140 minutes

**Course description:** Ideally, a non-contentious probate (NCP) application should be a simple, straightforward and problem-free exercise. After all, a NCP application is an ex-parte matter and there is no opponent to contend with, and the optimally, the solicitor acting for the applicant will also not have to attend at the FJC for a hearing or case conference at any stage and yet be able to extract the grant of probate or LA within a very short time, and be able to bill the client for a job done well and quickly.

However, in practice, it is routine for many NCP applications to be rejected upon the first filing (and not uncommonly, even after 2 or 3 filings) due to omissions or errors in the applications or deficiencies in the supporting documents filed with the application, or non-compliance with the Probate and Administration Act, the Family Justice Rules (Part 14, Division 1, in particular, which governs NCP applications) or the Family Justice Courts Practice Directions, or directions from the Registrar handling the file.

Even after the application and initial supporting documents have been accepted for filing and a probate case number has been issued, and the requisite documents and the clients have signed the necessary affidavits under the FJR and FJCPD have been filed, the Registry may still direct that the applicant files some additional documents or attends a case conference before one gets the dearly-desired letter from the Registry that the applicant can extract the grant. These additional documents or the need to attend case conferences increases the expense to the client and reduces the profitability to the solicitor handling such NCP applications, particularly when it is now not unusual for the client to insist of a fixed fee for the application.

The Probate Practice and Succession Planning Committee of The Law Society of Singapore is proud to present a series of Probate seminars this year. The first part of the Probate Seminars will discuss how one can achieve, in most instances, for the main types of NCP application, which are applications for grant of probate, LA, LA (with will annexed) and resealing of foreign grants of representation), a problem-free NCP application and avoid the need for repeated filings (which costs the clients' money in rejection fees and additional probate and caveat search fees) and reduce the need to attend case conferences.

POWERED BY



LEARNED PROFESSIONALS

EST. 2013 - SINGAPORE

*Learning anytime, any place.*

## An e-learning initiative by



### About the speakers:



**Goh Kok Yeow**

**Head of Intellectual Property and Probate/Trusts Practice, De Souza Lim & Goh LLP  
Chairperson, Probate Practice and Succession Planning Committee, The Law Society of Singapore**

*Goh Kok Yeow is the Chairman of the Law Society of Singapore's Probate Planning and Succession Planning Committee. He has been a Senior Teaching Fellow of the Singapore Institute of Legal Education (SILE) since 2010, and he was the formerly the Subject Co-ordinator and Examiner for the Wills, Probate & Administration (WPA) module for the Preparatory Course leading to Part B of the Singapore Bar Examinations conducted by the SILE.*

POWERED BY



LEARNED PROFESSIONALS

EST. 2013 - SINGAPORE

*Learning anytime, any place.*