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Catherine Tay is an Advocate and Solicitor of the Supreme Court of Singapore. She is also a barrister-at-law (of Lincoln's Inn, United Kingdom). She graduated from the Queen Mary College, University of London with a Bachelor of Laws (Honours) degree in 1977 and a Master of Laws degree in 1979. She won the Aw Boon Haw and Aw Boon Par Memorial Prize for the overall best student in 1980 during her postgraduate practical law course in Singapore.

She has over 35 years of experience lecturing law as an Associate Professor at the National University of Singapore (NUS), Department of Strategy and Policy, NUS Business School. She has lectured medical ethics & law module in the postgraduate degree in Master of Science in Healthcare Management for University of Wales. She also lectures regularly at many seminars, conference workshops and customized courses for many companies, organisations, hospitals and institutes of higher learning both in Singapore, Malaysia, Thailand and overseas.

She is author of several law & medical ethics books including the best-seller book on Contract Law and Director Duties & Liabilities. She has published legal articles in established international peer-reviewed journals, such as BIOETHICS; Tolley's Professional Negligence, (United Kingdom); and (United Kingdom) Business Law Review.

She is currently a member of the National Healthcare Group Institutional Review Board (IRB) of Domain Specific Review Board tasked to review the scientific and ethical aspects of research protocols since 2002. She is also currently a member of the Centralised Institutional Review Board (IRB), Singapore Health Services Pte Ltd tasked to review clinical protocols for human subject experimentation for hospitals and polyclinics. She was a member of SingHealth Polyclinics IRB since 2003. She was also a member of the Research & Ethics Committee of Alexandra Hospital. She was a member of the panel for lay persons for the National Transplant Ethics Committee, Ministry of Health in 2009-2011.

Synopsis:

Excellence in Contract Management – Sharing Best Practices & Tips

The lecture will explore an overview of the legalities of contract management to enable contract managers, and project managers to fulfill their contract administration responsibilities effectively so they result in commercial success. The Pentagon objective for efficient administration techniques will be shared. There will be sharing tips and best practices of “Doing Things Right the first time”.

Contract drafting and negotiating is increasingly one of the core activities of management. A case-study of The Unfair Advantage will be presented. Writing effective contract provisions to result in biz success is critical as contract terms should express the parties’ intentions under common law of contract – meeting of minds, uncertain contract terms, freedom to contract, and privity of contract, The Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Act. The basic function of contracts is to define the obligations and duties as well as the terms of potential disputes, and such resolution disputes are recognized as management issues. Another Intellectual Property management issues of patent, trademarks and service marks and copyrights and confidentiality clauses will be presented.

Variations to existing contract need to be managed by protective contractual provisions as changes are inevitable in commercial world – the doctrine of variation and its 4 exceptions. The lecture will also explain the liquidated damages clause and the doctrine of penalties regarding non-compliance on delays and breach of contract. The doctrine of frustration with hardship clause and force majeure clauses – contract suspension and post-termination issues will also be discussed such as evaluating the various strategies in dispute resolution of mini-trials, mediation and arbitration. Learn the ways to structure efficient dispute resolution clause.