

Property, Infrastructure and Construction Interest Group (PICIG) Evening Seminar

Modern Trend in Dispute Resolution in Construction Contracts

Speaker Mr. Alfred Wu,

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Chairman Ms. Emmie Siu,

Member, PICIG Organising Committee

Date Thursday, 9 February 2012

Time 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

CPD credit 1.5 hours

Language English

Competency* General Business and Professional Knowledge

Rating* Intermediate level – sound understanding of the knowledge area. The

ability to apply knowledge and skills to a range of situations and able to

deal with new situations.

Venue HKICPA,

27th Floor, Wu Chung House, 213 Queen's Road East, Wan Chai.

Admission Fee \$100 / HKICPA member

\$150 / non-HKICPA member

Capacity 100

Register by 2 February 2012

* Details of Competency and Rating information

ABOUT THE SEMINAR

Disputes may arise from a construction contract over the quality of the work, the responsibility for delays, the valuation of variations, or a multitude of other contentious issues. Most standard form construction contracts contain provisions for the resolution of disputes by arbitration, and most of the time, parties are only able to refer their disputes to arbitration following the completion of the works. The resolution of disputes by arbitration alone is often considered to be too rigid and adversarial which does not deal with disputes quickly. Such a process is costly both in terms of time and money, and is also not conducive to preserving the parties' relationship in the long run. Recent development has seen a movement towards a model for dispute resolution that encourages collaboration and the resolution of disputes at an early stage. This seminar looks into what the modern trend in dispute resolution in construction contracts is.



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ABOUT THE SPEAKER

AREAS OF PRACTICE

Alfred Wu is a qualified civil engineer in Ontario, Canada. He is also admitted as a solicitor in Hong Kong and England & Wales, and a barrister and solicitor in Ontario Canada.

Since returning to Hong Kong from Canada in 1997, Mr. Wu has conducted numerous construction disputes in litigation and arbitration for clients which variously include government departments, statutory bodies, employers, engineers, architects, contractors and subcontractors. The construction projects giving rise to these disputes range from commercial and residential developments to major infrastructure projects in Hong Kong, Macau and the Mainland PRC. In addition, he has acted for engineers and contractors in construction-related criminal investigations and prosecutions.

Mr. Wu also handles an extensive range of general commercial litigation and arbitration. These disputes include corporate finance, M&A, funds, joint venture, shareholders, property and employment disputes, as well as insolvency and restructuring matters. His arbitration experience includes both domestic arbitration and international arbitration. Clients he has represented variously include Hong Kong listed issuers, banks, multinational corporations, funds, accountants/liquidators and high-net-worth individuals.

EDUCATION

JD, Osgoode Hall Law School, 1995

M.Sc. (Geotechnical Engineering), Queen's University, 1989

B.Sc. (Civil Engineering), University of Manchester, 1987

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Solicitor, Hong Kong, 1998

Solicitor, England & Wales, 1998

Barrister and Solicitor, Ontario, Canada, 1997

Member, Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, 2011

Accredited Mediator, Hong Kong Mediation Council, 2003

Companion, Hong Kong Institute of Engineers, 2001

Professional Engineer, Ontario, Canada, 1990

REGISTRATION

Acceptance is on a first-come-first-served basis with priority given to HKICPA members.

To register:

- > Online registration (for HKICPA members only): Click here or visit www.hkicpa.org.hk
- By post or by fax: Complete the attached reply slip and return it to the Institute on or before <u>2 February 2012</u>, together with full payment. Cheque should be made payable to "Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants".
- Fax registration will only be accepted if payment is made by any Visa / Master credit card.

Confirmation of registration will be sent by email. If you have not received confirmation by 6 February 2012, please contact May Hung at 2287 7009 / Canace Leung at 2287 7089 or email: may@hkicpa.org.hk.



Modern Trend in Dispute Resolution in Construction Contracts Enrolment Form

Online enrolment (for HKICPA members only)

9 February 2012

(Please reply on or before <mark>2 February)</mark>

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- 2. Full payment must be made before your application will be processed. No telephone reservation will be accepted.
- 3. The closing date for enrolment is **2 February 2012**. However, the Institute has the discretion to accept late applications as it sees fit.
- 4. Successful enrollees will receive confirmation on or before 6 February 2012 by email whereas unsuccessful applicants will receive full refund by mail.
- 5. Unless the event is cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances or bad weather, no refund for withdrawal will be given after the enrolment has been processed.
- 6. Bad weather arrangement: The event will be cancelled if typhoon signal no. 8 or above / black rainstorm warning is hoisted, as announced by the Hong Kong Observatory, at or after 2:30 p.m. on the date of event. In the event of cancellation due to bad weather, the admission fee will be refunded.
- 7. The institute reserves the right to change the venue and date of the event due to unforeseen circumstances.

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