



Title of Talk: Good Lawyering: What I did not learn in Law School

Synopsis: The Three A's of Good Lawyering
The Importance of Networking and Useful Tools
Making the cut and Surviving in a down turn economy

Event Details

Date: 29 Mar 2017 (Wednesday)

Time: 1230H – 1330H (Please be seated by 1215H)
Lunch will be provided

Venue: Blk B, 4th Floor, **SR4-2**
National University of Singapore, Faculty of Law.

Registration Link: <http://tinyurl.com/jkzsemm>



Speaker



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Trained in law and business in Canada, New York and Singapore, Franca has been a member of the Quebec Bar since 1990, and in 2010, was one of the first foreign lawyers to gain full admission to the Singapore Bar. Her legal career of over 25 years encompasses 16 years of private practice, including being the Managing Partner of the

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Singapore office of Stikeman Elliott, (a Canadian based international law firm) and a Legal Associate at Norton Rose, seven years as General Counsel for Asia Pacific for Tyco International Ltd. (a US based Fortune 500 corporation), acting as a technical advisor on regional economic integration to high levels of government in ASEAN, carrying on a mediation practice, and since 2010, being the Managing Director of the

Singapore based international law firm of Consilium Law Corporation (“CLC”). CLC represents clients doing business in emerging economies, including in south-east Asia and Africa, as well as in Canada, in diverse industries and sectors.

Franca’s subject areas of legal expertise are in corporate and commercial law, cross-border mergers and acquisitions, foreign investment law, contracts law, and international trade, with a focus on ASEAN and West and Central Africa. She also assists clients in creating compliance programs, including anti-bribery, and with regards to the Canadian Corruption of Foreign Public Officials Act and other similar legislation, as well as trade compliance. Currently, she is writing a book on the subject of “best practices for entering, operating and working in global markets”. Franca is accredited as a mediator with the Singapore Mediation Centre and with the ADR Group in London, UK, and acts as a mediator in various areas. Having an undergraduate commerce degree and a certificate in business (from the US and Canada), she also serves as an advisor to multinational businesses and as a director on several boards of corporations and non-profit organizations. She has authored numerous legal and business publications, including a book entitled “Investments in South-east Asia: Policies and Laws”, contributes regularly to various chambers of commerce publications and websites, and guest lectures to MBA students at McGill University and other educational institutions.

She has acted as the Vice President and Membership Co-Chair of the Canada ASEAN Business Council for the past four years, and was one of its founders. Franca sits on the board of the Canadian Chamber of Commerce in Singapore, is a member of the Singapore Academy of Law, Malaysia Canada Business Council, the Canada Vietnam Chamber of Commerce, the Nigeria-Canada Business Association (Lagos Branch) and the African Society. As a mentor to young professional women, she is active in “100 Women in Finance” (under the patronage of the Duchess of Cambridge), and as a past VP of the Canadian Association, organized charitable events such as the Terry Fox Run and the Canadian Maple Leaf Ball.

Franca was born and raised in Montreal, Canada, and is married with three university aged sons. She is an avid runner and writes restaurant reviews for magazines in her spare time.

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