ABOUT CML

The Centre for Maritime Law (CML) at the National University of Singapore is a research centre established by the Faculty of Law in consultation with the Maritime Port Authority of Singapore (MPA) focusing on private maritime law. Leveraging on Singapore’s position as one of the world’s busiest ports and reputation as a global maritime hub, the Centre aims to be an industry leader for research and development in maritime law contributing to the needs of both the local and international maritime community.

KEYNOTE:

Maritime Law in Singapore and Beyond: Its Origins, Influence and Importance

It has always been Singapore’s ambition to become a leading maritime hub and one of the key pillars for achieving this is through the robust development of maritime law and research in Singapore.

This discussion will outline the role of the Centre for Maritime Law. It will also address the importance of shipping disputes in legal development and the influence of Singapore law in the development of maritime law. Landmark Singapore shipping law cases, such as The “Permina 108” (sister ship arrest), The “Daien Maru No 18” (post-judgment arrest), Voss Peer v APL Co Pte Ltd [2002] (straight consigned bill of lading) and other cases will be examined.

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The Honourable Justice Steven Chong was appointed to the Bench on 1 October 2009 as Judicial Commissioner of the Supreme Court of the Republic of Singapore. During his judicial term, he has presided over a wide range of cases and delivered significant judgments covering diverse areas of the law including criminal, constitutional, banking, defamation and shipping law.

He is currently one of the judges for the Singapore International Commercial Court, and was formerly the Attorney General of the Republic of Singapore (2012-2014). Justice Chong began his legal career in Drew & Napier in 1983 and subsequently was appointed as Joint Managing Partner in 1997. In 1998, he joined another leading Singapore law firm, Rajah & Tann and became its Managing Partner, a post that he held until he was appointed as a Judicial Commissioner. Justice Chong was appointed Senior Counsel in 1998.