ABSTRACT
This seminar will be structured in two parts. The first part will be a primer on the law of resulting trusts in Singapore, as applicable to real property and personal property generally. Important developments in recent years and divergences from the English position will be highlighted.

The second part will focus on the applicability of the resulting trust analysis to an important species of personal property – the joint bank account. Post-mortem disputes over beneficial entitlement to joint bank accounts when one party has contributed all or most of the funds have raised important questions relating to the legal nature of these accounts, resulting trust analysis, and contractual interpretation. The Privy Council (Whitlock v Moree [2017] UKPC 44) recently considered these issues in a split decision. The majority chose to depart from conventional wisdom about how beneficial entitlement to these accounts is to be determined. The implications flowing from this new approach will be considered.

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