

# Statutory Interpretation in Singapore – Key Developments in the Last 10 Years

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**WEBINAR**

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## ABSTRACT

Led by the Singapore Court of Appeal (SGCA), the last 10 years have seen considerable clarification in the law on statutory interpretation in Singapore. This seminar offers a summary of the main developments in the area, as well as some commentary on them.

We start by laying out the 3-step framework to statutory interpretation as stated in *Tan Cheng Bock v AG*, and the key principles of statutory interpretation that have been endorsed by the SGCA. We then offer two comments. First, we respectfully suggest that the law as a whole actually allows more flexible use of extrinsic material than the SGCA appears to say the law permits. Second, we argue that reference to policies underlying the area of law in question may on occasion ultimately be necessary to resolve questions of statutory interpretation.

## SPEAKERS



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2:45 PM	Participants Zoom Login
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5:00 PM	Q&A
5:15 PM	End of Webinar

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