# Civil Law Concepts of Contract Law

Date: 25 August 2020 Time: 3.00pm - 4.30pm 1.0 Public CPD Point

## **Synopsis**

After a brief introduction to the origins, history and propagation of the civil law of contract, particularly in Asia, we will look at how it is different from the common law: without a concept of consideration, offers with a deadline are binding; a more subjective approach affects the formation (ex: mistake, misrepresentation) and the interpretation of the contract; performance must be in good faith; remedies include specific performance (when possible) and penalty clauses which are allowed; and one can prove contracts by any means in commercial matters.

Objectives and skills targeted: acquiring knowledge of some of the basic concepts governing the formation, interpretation and performance of contracts in civil law jurisdictions.

# **Programme**

2.30PM	Participants to log in to Webinar
3.00PM	Presentation by Professor Stéphane Braconnier, University Paris II Panthéon-Assas
3.30PM	Presentation by Associate Professor Gary Bell, National University of Singapore
4.00PM	Q&A moderated by Mr Sriram Chakravarthi, Singapore Academy of Law
4.30PM	End

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### **Speakers**



Professor Stéphane Braconnier University Paris II Panthéon-Assas

Stéphane Braconnier is Professor of Law at University Paris 2 Panthéon-Assas, where he manages the Master program in "Economic Public Law" and the LL.M. in International Business Law on the Singapore campus.

He holds undisputed expertise in several fields of Public Business law: Public Procurement law, outsourcing of Public services and Public-Private Partnerships and Public Competition law.

He is the author of numerous publications on these subjects and has frequently moderated seminars and training sessions in both France and abroad.

Stéphane is Chair for the Legal Council of the French Institute for PPP (I.G.D.) [Public-Private Partnerships (Institut de la Gestion Déléguée)] and has taught in several universities around the world.

Since 2010, he is Dean of Paris Panthéon-Assas' University Campus in Singapore and manages all institutional and academic activities of the University in Singapore.



Associate Professor Gary Bell National University of Singapore

Gary Bell Associate Professor at the Faculty of Law of the National University of Singapore (NUS) where he is the Director of the LL.M. in Asian Legal Studies and the LL.M. In International Arbitration and Dispute Resolution. He has degrees in both civil law (B.C.L) and common law (LL.B.) from McGill University and in American law (LL.M.) from Columbia University. He specialises in Indonesian contract law which belongs to the Dutch/French tradition with a code similar to the Code Napoléon. At the NUS he has taught courses on Indonesian Law, Civil-Law Contract Law in Asia, International Commercial Arbitration, Legal Systems of Asia and the International Sale of Goods. He is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators and has acted as an arbitrator in many commercial disputes particularly when the governing law is that of a civil law jurisdiction. He clerked at the Supreme Court of Canada, started his academic career at McGill, is a titular member of the International Academy of Comparative Law, was the Founding Director of the Asian Law Institute, is on the Executive Editorial Board of the American Journal of Comparative Law and the Executive Board of the American Society of Comparative Law. He has taught as a visitor at McGill, the University of Tokyo, and Paris II Pantheon-Assas.



Moderator

# Mr Sriram Chakravarthi Singapore Academy of Law

Sriram Chakravarthi is Senior Director and Chief Legal Counsel at the Singapore Academy of Law (SAL).

As Senior Director, Sriram is responsible for spearheading SAL's efforts in promoting the international profile of Singapore law and Singapore as a legal solutions hub.

Prior to joining SAL, Sriram was an equity partner in the corporate finance practice of a leading Singapore law firm and was instrumental in growing the firm's regional practice.

Sriram holds bachelor's degrees in Commerce and Law and obtained a Master of Laws degree from Tulane University, USA. He completed the General Management Program at Harvard Business School in 2017.