

# Specialist Accreditation Scheme

# Maritime and Shipping Law Information Guide for Specialists

This Guide is for specialists on how to maintain their specialist accreditation in Maritime and Shipping Law.

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### 1. Definitions

- 1.1. *Maritime and shipping legal practice*. This is the practice of law relating to all aspects of shipping and admiralty matters but is not limited to advisory, documentation and disputed-related work for all stakeholders of the shipping industry including ship owners, charterers, operators, shipbuilders, cargo interests, insurers and financial institutions.
- 1.2. *Singapore Academy of Law (SAL)*. The entity that administers the Specialist Accreditation Scheme.
- 1.3. *Specialist*. A legal practitioner or an inhouse counsel who is either an Accredited Specialist or a Senior Accredited Specialist.

### 2. What this Guide Covers

- 2.1 The Specialist Accreditation Scheme attempts to apply the same reaccreditation framework, as set out in the Information Guide for Specialists - General, across all practice areas.
- 2.2 In cases where there are deviations from the said reaccreditation framework for a particular practice area, a separate Guide for that practice area will state those deviations.
- 2.3 **Specialists should read both the Information Guide for Specialists – General and this Guide.**
- 2.4 This Guide covers the said deviations for reaccreditation as a Senior Accredited Specialist or an Accredited Specialist in Maritime and Shipping Law.

### 3. Maintaining Accreditation – Criteria

#### Senior Accredited Specialist

##### **Substantial involvement.**

- 3.1 For legal practitioners: Senior Accredited Specialists must declare that, in the 2 years prior to application for reaccreditation, they have been engaged in full-time practice in the area for which specialist reaccreditation is sought by having dedicated a **minimum billable amount of S\$200,000 or 450 billable hours** a year to the said practice area.
- 3.2 For legal practitioners: They must have, in the immediate 2 years prior to application for reaccreditation, been involved in a trial or arbitration as lead counsel or arbitrator, and/or performed front-end work which can include but is not limited to detailed review, drafting and preparation of contracts.
- 3.3 If they have presided over an arbitration, they must maintain a list of their written awards with their applications, which may be requested for by the selection panel for review.
- 3.4 They are expected to have undertaken work that deals with more complex issues.
- 3.5 **Continuing professional development (CPD).** In the 2 years prior to application for reaccreditation, senior accredited specialists must have accumulated **at least 10 public and/or private CPD points a year** in the said practice area, **5 of which must be public CPD points.**
- 3.6 One of the following CPD activities must be undertaken per year:
  - a. presented a paper for at least 1 hour at a conference, seminar or workshop pertaining to topics on M&S law
  - b. taught a class for at least 1 hour on M&S law at an institution of higher learning
  - c. served as a member on at least two panels that discussed topics relating to M&S law
  - d. served on a committee of a government, professional and/or industry organisation for a term of at least 3 months or an accumulation thereof whose aim is to promote thought leadership in M&S law
  - e. authored or co-authored an article in M&S law for a journal, law review, maritime trade publication or similar periodical
  - f. authored or co-authored a chapter relating to M&S law in a book, treatise or similar publication
- 3.7 Content of the papers, class syllabi, panel discussions, articles and chapters may be requested for by the selection panel for review.