

# **Specialist Accreditation Scheme**

# **Building and Construction Law Information for Specialists**

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

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### 1. Definitions

- 1.1. *Building and construction legal practice.* This is the practice of law relating to all aspects of development, design and construction of public and private projects. It shall encompass, but is not limited to, all advisory and documentation work undertaken for related stakeholders including contractors, developers, consultants, insurers and financial institutions, prior to the commencement of and all dispute-related work arising from such projects.
- 1.2. *Singapore Academy of Law (SAL).* The entity that oversees the Specialist Accreditation Scheme.
- 1.3. *Specialist.* A legal practitioner 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 Building and Construction Law.

### 3. Maintaining Accreditation - Criteria

#### Accredited Specialists

- 4.1. **Substantial involvement.** Accredited Specialists must show that, in the 2 years prior to application for reaccreditation, they have been engaged in full-time practice in the practice area for which specialist reaccreditation is sought by having dedicated a **minimum billable amount of S\$200,000 or 450 billable hours**<sup>1</sup> a year to the said practice area.
- 4.2. As part of their substantial involvement in B&C law, Accredited Specialists must have been involved in a trial, arbitration **or binding adjudication or statutory adjudication** at least as second chair, and/or performed front-end work which can include but is not limited to detailed review, drafting and preparation of construction contracts and tenders.

#### Senior Accredited Specialist

- 4.3. **Substantial involvement.** Senior Accredited Specialists must show 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\$500,000 or 600 billable hours** a year to the said practice area.
- 4.4. They must have, in the immediate 2 years prior to application for reaccreditation, been involved in a trial, arbitration **or binding adjudication or statutory adjudication** as lead counsel, arbitrator or adjudicator, and/or performed front-end work which can include but is not limited to detailed review, drafting and preparation of construction contracts and tenders.
- 4.5. If they have presided over an arbitration **or adjudication**, they must include a list of their written awards with their applications.

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<sup>1</sup> There is no correlation between the billable amounts and billable hours.