

## News Release

### Registration for 2012 Foreign Practitioner Examinations Opens

**Singapore, 1 December 2011** – The Singapore Institute of Legal Education (“the Institute”) will conduct the first session of the Foreign Practitioner Examinations (“FPE”) from the 5th to the 15th of June 2012. The Institute has started accepting applications to sit for the FPE from 1 December 2011. The deadline for submitting applications is 31 January 2012.

There are four components to the FPE, namely, Corporate Practice, Commercial Practice, Corporate Finance and Ethics & Professional Responsibility. The Chief Examiners appointed to helm each of these components are Mr Lucien Wong, Mr Lee Eng Beng SC, Ms Tan Tze Gay and Professor Jeffrey Pinsler SC respectively.

The Chief Examiners’ key tasks are to set the curriculum and method of assessment and supervise the construction of the examination papers. The Chief Examiners will work with a team of Principal Examiners, each of whom is regarded as a subject matter expert in a particular area of Singapore law to be tested.

The examination format, syllabuses and reading lists for the FPE have been published on the Institute’s website at [www.sile.org.sg/fpe.html](http://www.sile.org.sg/fpe.html). Each candidate will have to sit for seven papers to be held over four days.

#### About the Foreign Practitioner Examinations

Under section 130I of the Legal Profession Act, a foreign lawyer may apply to the Attorney-General for registration to practise in permitted areas of Singapore law in a Joint Law Venture, Qualifying Foreign Law Practice, licensed foreign law practice or Singapore law practice.

The requirements to be met by a foreign lawyer for registration under section 130I of the Legal Profession Act are set out in Rule 20 of the Legal Profession (International Services) Rules 2008. Under Rule 20(1)(c), one of the requirements is that the foreign lawyer has passed the Foreign Practitioner Examinations conducted by the Institute.

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## About the Singapore Institute of Legal Education

The Singapore Institute of Legal Education (the “Institute”) is a statutory body established under the Legal Profession Act (Chapter 161).

With its remit of maintaining and improving the standards of legal education in Singapore, the Institute oversees professional legal training both before as well as after qualification to practise law in Singapore.

The Institute has oversight of Part A of the Singapore Bar Examinations and conducts Part B of the Singapore Bar Examinations and the preparatory course leading to the examinations. The Institute also conducts the Foreign Practitioner Examinations for foreign-qualified lawyers seeking to practise in permitted areas of Singapore law, and administers the continuing professional development scheme for practising lawyers.

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