

GOING BEYOND

Singapore Corporate Counsel Association seeks to build a community and network by breaking barriers and reaching out beyond the limits

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SCCA

Singapore Corporate Counsel Association

Connectivity is imperative today and to in-house lawyers it is paradigm in their day to day projects and tasks, To make sensible and important resolutions to the organization they serve, they are in a constant need to be in the know-how. At the SCCA. we aim to serve the needs of just that.

Currently, the SCCA reaches out to over 3000 in-house counsel in Singapore and continues to grow its network and connections in the region and around the world with counsel ranging from 10,000 in APAC to 100,000 around the world. After three and half years of research using smart technology and building strong influences on social media platforms, the SCCA now plays a pivotal role in bringing the right connections and conversations to its deserving members right here in Singapore. The association continues to strive for excellence and ensures its folks, that the ideal community, connections and corporations are working closely with SCCA to benefit its growing pool.

SCCA's 2020 vision, is to extend these efforts and credibility via means of support to the needs of in-house lawyers around the world through its close-knit global alliances. It prides in building reputable training programs, toolkit, competency frameworks and skills required by domestic and regional corporate lawyers, and will continue to be committed in this endeavor.

The association will carry on to work closely on its past year's projects such as:

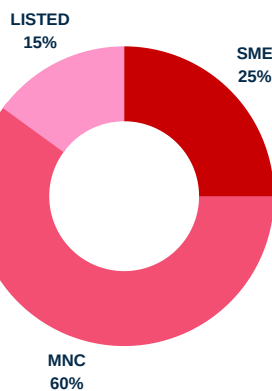
- Diversity & inclusion programs
- Pro-Bono initiatives
- Accreditation of high quality educational contents
- Career opportunities for lawyers in transitions

We are here to serve our members by "Going Beyond" what we have thus achieved.

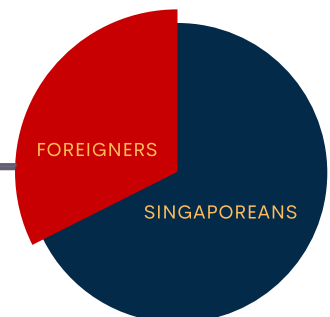
REACHING OUT TO MORE THAN 3000 IN-HOUSE LAWYERS



INDUSTRY REPRESENTATION



OUR MEMBERSHIP REPRESENTATION



SCCA WELCOMES ITS

NEW PRESIDENT



Dessi Berhane Silassie

Dessi Berhane Silassie is General Counsel for APAC and Global Head of IP at IHS Markit (Nasdaq: INFO). She is currently based in Singapore as country Site Lead to the 250+ employee office. IHS Markit is a world leader in critical information, analytics and solutions for the major industries and markets that drive economies worldwide.

[Read more in the link below!](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

DIVERSITY & INCLUSION: BEYOND ME

In today's culture where "I" matters most and our own self-interests has become king, are we really taking the time to peer through our little bubbles and comfort zones to understand the people around us?

This year's D&I flagship event is coming up with a bang and will showcase three short feature films tackling subjects on:

- Toxic work environments
- Discrimination of disability and ageism
- Ego-centrism
- How such characteristics has taken root in our lives and the impact it has made to our society and the world.



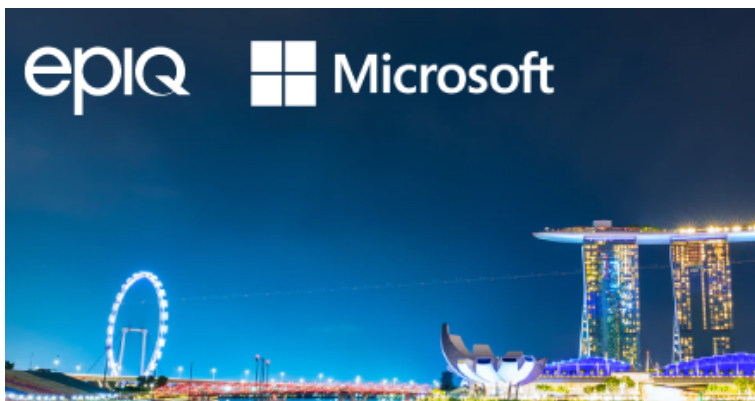
JOIN US.

As we unveil, house conversations and bring forth "I" in real life inclusiveness.

Note: This event is open to all – hiring managers, D&I community members, policy makers and other business units are welcome to attend.

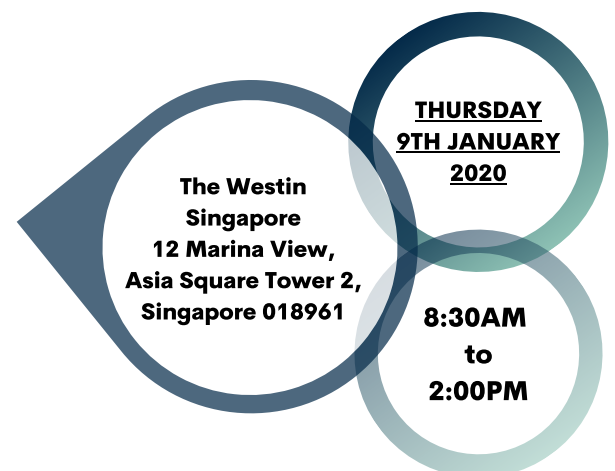
Click the link below for more info and register. See you there!

EPIQ is delighted to be partnering with Microsoft to host a round-table breakfast discussing compliance, Microsoft cloud migration, and leveraging Office 365's built-in security and compliance features to further reduce costs and mitigate risks.



Find more details and RSVP below in the link!

EPIQ AND MICROSOFT BREAKFAST EVENT





PIER COUNSEL PROJECT

BY SCCA PEERS

The Peers sub-committee of the SCCA aims to represent corporate counsel who are in the early to mid-stages of their in-house careers. Peers cater to the interests, needs, and issues of this group, building a cohesive young community full of camaraderie and mutual support, while having fun of course!

SCCA Peers aims to provide a linkage between young law graduates/newly qualified with social enterprises for short term employment for in-house legal advice and services. Also opening up SCCA Membership program to provide professional guidance to the new and young pier counsel.

Find out more by reaching out to peers@scca.org.sg



COGNITIVE RE-FRAMING:

Re-think rather than over think!

As we start afresh with 2020 lets lean back and reflect how we want to kick start our year and focus on how lawyers should be re-thinking rather than over-thinking.

It's effective at the start of the year to pause and reflect, how to improve the way we lawyers tend to look at situations so they do not cause so much stress in our daily routines. Many of us need to be more adept with deploying techniques and approaches to help alter our stress points and triggers and turn them into positives output, promote a greater sense of peace and personal self control. Some tips tend to help a lot and you may be surprised with the results:

- Treat negative events as a learning experience
- Put bad days in total context of a good life
- Treat trauma as hurdles to be bravely overcome
- Be more conscious and self-aware of your own thoughts and thinking patterns
- Challenge negative thoughts and immediately seek to replace with positive ones.

Read more in link below!





[1] <https://edition.cnn.com/2020/01/04/australia/australia-red-sky-fires-intl-hnk-scli/index.html>
[2] <https://edition.cnn.com/2020/01/04/australia/australia-red-sky-fires-intl-hnk-scli/index.html>
[3] <https://globalnews.ca/news/6368164/australia-bushfires-animals-research/>



HELPING BEYOND OUR BORDERS

As many of us resume our business-as-usual this week, Australia is still fighting the bush-fires, which have been ravaging the country for months and are now affecting lives, communities, wildlife and livelihoods. The people of Australia and their welfare remain at the forefront of our thoughts.

A total of 146 fires are burning across the state, with 65 uncontained, according to the NSW Rural Fire Service (NSWRFS).

About 2,700 firefighters were tackling the blazes on Sunday[1]. Australia's flag carrier Qantas canceled all flights to and from the country's capital, Canberra, on Sunday due to smoke and hazardous weather conditions[2]. Chris Dickman, an ecology professor with the University of Sydney, initially estimated that 480 million mammals, birds and reptiles have been affected by the wildfires in the state of New South Wales alone since September[3].

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REVAMP OF FOREIGN INVESTMENT LAWS IN CHINA: MORE OPPORTUNITIES OR CHALLENGES?

The Foreign Investment Law contains largely policy statements with few details even though it seeks to regulate the activities of foreign investment and foreign-invested enterprises ("FIEs") in China. Foreign investors and FIEs in China should understand what the new regime is and what issues are yet to be resolved, so that they may know what opportunities and challenges they face with this new foreign investment umbrella legislation in China.

In conclusion although the Foreign Investment Law is seen more as a motherhood statement, China has sent out a clear and positive message that it continues welcoming and encouraging foreign investment in China and endeavors to create a more level playing field for foreign investment in China. There is no doubt that China intends to reduce restrictions for foreign investment and improve the ease of doing business in China. However, pending more implementation rules to clarify or supplement certain provisions in the Foreign Investment Law, we expect that there will be more opportunities, as well as certain continuing challenges, for foreign investment in China.

Read more in the link below!

