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# SINGAPORE MEDIATION LECTURE 2014

## About the Lecture

# SINGAPORE MEDIATION LECTURE

The Singapore Mediation Lecture series aims to enhance the understanding and use of mediation in resolving cross-border commercial disputes.

The Singapore Mediation Lecture 2014 will be delivered on behalf of Mr Brackett Denniston by Mr Brad Berenson, GE's Vice President for Litigation and Legal Policy.

In the lecture, Mr Berenson will address the role mediation has played in facilitating GE's growth, the global trend towards increased use of mediation, how GE is contributing to this trend, and the important role Singapore is playing as a model to be emulated in other countries. Mr Berenson will then address some of the challenges GE will face as it continues to grow around the world, the expectation of more demand for mediation services, and what needs to be done to enable more mediation to take place.

The Singapore Mediation Lecture is proudly brought to you by Harry Elias Partnership LLP and Singapore Mediation Centre, in collaboration with the Singapore Management University.

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Details of Lecture 2014

## **The Mediation Imperative: Why Successful Companies Embrace Mediation**

**Date:** Friday, 26 September 2014

**Time:** 5.30pm to 6.30pm  
(Registration starts at 5.00pm)

**Speaker :** Mr Brad Berenson

**Venue:** Singapore Management University  
Mochtar Riady Auditorium  
Administration Building, Level 5  
81 Victoria Street  
Singapore 188065  
([Click here for the location map](#))

**Attire:** Business Attire

**Public CPD Points:** 1 point (Based on 100% attendance)

**Practice Area:** Alternative Dispute Resolution

**Training Category:** General



The lecture is open to the public and admission is free.

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MR BRAD A BERENSON

Brad Berenson joined GE in October, 2012 when he was appointed Vice President and Senior Counsel for Litigation and

Legal Policy. In this role, he has responsibility at the corporate level for litigation, government and internal investigations, compliance, and legal policy worldwide.

Prior to joining GE, Mr. Berenson was a partner at Sidley Austin LLP in Washington, D.C., a global law firm he joined in 1993. Mr. Berenson's practice at Sidley focused on litigation, investigations and regulatory matters in a broad variety of civil and criminal subject areas, including healthcare, insider trading, the environment, international commercial disputes, fraud, False Claims Act investigations, constitutional law, public corruption, tax, insurance, and FCPA.

Mr. Berenson was Associate Counsel to the President of the United States in the White House Counsel's office from 2001 to 2003. In that role, he worked on judicial selection, congressional oversight and investigations, and policy initiatives and litigation arising from the attacks of September 11, including the USA Patriot Act, military commissions, detainee and anti-terrorism litigation, presidential action against terrorism financing, and the creation of the Department of Homeland Security. Mr. Berenson has also provided commentary on legal matters in the media, publishing articles in the Wall Street Journal, Los Angeles Times, USA Today, and Washington Times, and making appearances on news and public affairs programming on major U.S. television networks.

Mr. Berenson graduated summa cum laude with a degree in History from Yale College and magna cum laude from Harvard Law School where he was Supreme Court editor of the Harvard Law Review. After graduating from Law School, Brad clerked for Judge Laurence H. Silberman of the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit and for Justice Anthony M. Kennedy of the United States Supreme Court.

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## About the Organisers

### **Harry Elias Partnership LLP**

Harry Elias Partnership LLP is a multidisciplinary legal practice that was established in 1988 by Mr Harry Elias, SC. Apart from offering focused and proactive advice within the larger framework of strategy and business objectives to its highly diversified clientele, it is a firm that has been on the cutting edge of legal changes, bringing about cases that were first to break new ground, and resulting in watershed judicial decisions. A firm that has been understandably referred to as 'A Practice of Firsts'.

### **Singapore Mediation Centre**

Established in 1997, the Singapore Mediation Centre (SMC) pioneered the use of mediation as the mainstream mechanism for dispute resolution, as well as training in negotiation and conflict management. Today, SMC offers a suite of alternative dispute resolution services which brings clarity and objectivity to complex situations. These services include mediation, neutral evaluation and domain name dispute resolution. Through our panel of professional mediators with legal and industry expertise, SMC is well-placed to manage difficult negotiations and unlock standstills for businesses by providing cost-effective and timely solutions. At SMC, our vision is to help all businesses fully appreciate the value of mediation as a strategic risk-management tool that they can count on in commercial dealings.

### **Singapore Management University**

#### **Dispute Resolution Initiative**

The SMU Dispute Resolution Initiative was established the School of Law in late 2008. One of the objectives in establishing the Initiative is to provide a vehicle for research and teaching across the range of "alternative" dispute resolution procedures with a mandate is to foster research and teaching activities across all the Schools and Departments at SMU, particularly as a number of academics in all Schools have been identified with research interests in dispute resolution.

The wider mandate of the Initiative will be to work with practitioners and professionals in dispute resolution, particularly arbitration and mediation, and to foster the objective of the Singapore Academy of Law and of the Government in promoting Singapore as the dispute resolution resource for the region.

In addition to research and teaching, the further objective of the Initiative will be to collaborate with university, professional, governmental, non-governmental and inter-governmental agencies in the promotion of effective, collaborative forms of dispute resolution and access to justice.

The Initiative is headed by Practice Associate Professor Ian Macduff from the School of Law at SMU. Professor Macduff is a professional mediator and negotiator, with over 30 years of experience in this field. He has practised in negotiation and cross-cultural conflict resolution, being actively involved in training and capacity building in a number of countries.



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