

# THE LAW OF EMPLOYEES DISMISSAL, RETRENCHMENT AND TERMINATION IN SINGAPORE

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It is a sobering fact that last year alone, there were **8,697 employment disputes lodged with the authorities**. As a responsible HR leader, it is crucial to stay abreast of the latest developments and statutory provisions in Singapore's Employment Act, particularly in light of the impending global recession and the likelihood of increased retrenchments. This certified program will give a comprehensive understanding of the legal framework surrounding dismissal, retrenchment, and termination, equipping you to handle these issues with confidence and in compliance with the law.

Led by Christopher Bridges, a highly experienced lawyer in Singapore, this program will show you an in-depth understanding of the employment legislation and compliance requirements in Singapore on dealing an employment dismissal, termination or retrenchment process. You will learn how to develop mutually beneficial solutions for various termination scenarios, such as dismissal with or without notice, and how to address termination due to unsatisfactory performance while complying with the Singapore Employment Act. In addition, you will gain critical knowledge on the key obligations and responsibilities as an employer and the rights of an employee as outlined in the Tripartite Guideline. This program will also guide you on practical solutions in managing the complex retrenchment and redundancy process that comply with the **Tripartite** Guidelines Responsible Retrenchment. By the end of the program, you will have mastered the necessary skills to effectively comply with relevant legislation and procedures to prevent wrongful dismissal and resolve any disputes in a mutually beneficial manner.

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Post completion of the program, you will be awarded with the Certification in The Law of Employees Dismissal, Retrenchment and Termination in Singapore that can be used in your professional credentials. This certification is industry-recognized with lifelong validity and will help you distinguish your skillsets and you have attained expertise and critical knowledge in managing employment dismissal, termination and retrenchment in comply with Singapore Employment Law.

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## **KEY SKILLS YOU WILL GAIN**

## From This Program





## YOUR FACULTY DIRECTOR

## **Christopher Bridges**

Award-Winning Legal Advisor & Expert

Christopher Bridges is a distinguished legal expert with over 30 years of experience in Singapore's legal industry. As Managing Director of Christopher Bridges Law Corporation, he has been a licensed Advocate and Solicitor of the Singapore Supreme Court since 1990. Christopher specializes in General Litigation and employment law, with extensive experience handling dismissal, retrenchment, and termination cases. Recognized as Leading Counsel by the Singapore High Court, he has represented clients in high-profile litigation and arbitration. Christopher's dedication to public service earned him the Minister for Law Appreciation Award. He was also an Adjunct Lecturer at Murdoch University and Birmingham City University, where he teaches law modules. Christopher has also previously lectured at Singapore Polytechnic on creation of contracts, employment rights and Law of International Trade. His expertise, coupled with his academic contributions, makes him a sought-after authority in legal and employment matters.

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# MODULE 1 - OVERVIEW OF EMPLOYMENT LEGISLATION IN SINGAPORE

- Review Of Relevant Legislation Including But Not Limited To The Employment Act
- Discussion Of The Relevance Of The Common Law And Specific Statutory Provisions To The Termination Process

# MODULE 2 - DRAFTING EMPLOYMENT CONTRACTS WITH A VIEW TO MINIMIZING DISPUTES

- Anticipating Potential Issues With Specific Employees And Addressing These Issues During The Drafting Process
- Issues To Be Considered Before Initiating Termination
- Considering Alternatives To Termination
- Variation Of The Employment Contract
- Case Studies

## MODULE 3 - SCENARIOS FOR TERMINATION

- By Notice
- Upon The Completion Of The Task
- · By Mutual Agreement
- After An Agreed Upon Period
- For Cause/Repudiation
- For Frustration/Operation Of Law
- Summary Dismissal

- Unsatisfactory Work Performance
- Insubordination
- Constructive Dismissal
- Case Studies

#### MODULE 4 - INVESTIGATING ALLEGATIONS OF BREACH OF CONTRACT

- Best Practices To Be Adopted In The Investigative Process
- Ensuring There Is In Place A Suitable Process
   To Be Followed In The Case Of A Termination
- Management Of Employees Prior To Termination
- Case Studies

## MODULE 5 - BREACH OF THE CONFIDENTIALITY CLAUSE

- Defining Confidential Information In The Employment Contract
- Consequences Of A Breach Of The Clause And Managing The Fallout
- Remedies For Breach Of Contract Including Damages And The Injunction
- Educating Employees On The Importance Of Not Breaching Obligations Of Confidentiality
- Case Studies



### MODULE 6 - REDUNDANCY/RETRENCHMENT

- What Constitutes Redundancy/Retrenchment And What Are The Rights Of An Employee In Such Circumstances
- Guidelines Under The Tripartite Advisory For Managing Excess Manpower And Responsible Retrenchment And The Tripartite Guidelines On Mandatory Retrenchment Notifications
- Case Studies

# MODULE 7 - CIRCUMSTANCES WHERE EMPLOYEES CANNOT BE TERMINATED UNDER DIFFERENT LEGISLATION

- Employment Act
- Retirement And Re-Employment Act
- Workplace Safety And Health Act
- Enlistment Act

#### **MODULE 8 - WRONGFUL DISMISSAL**

- Principles To Establish Wrongful Dismissal Under The Tripartite Guidelines On Wrongful Dismissal
- Examples Of Wrongful Dismissal Including But Not Limited To Unsubstantiated Misconduct, Unsubstantiated Poor Performance And Discrimination (With Reference To The Tripartite Guidelines On Fair Employment Practices)
- Case Studies

## MODULE 9 - RESTRICTIVE COVENANTS IN EMPLOYMENT CONTRACTS

- Non-Competition Clauses
- Non-Solicitation Clauses
- The Attitude Of The Courts Towards The Enforceability Of Such Clauses
- · Case Studies

#### **MODULE 10 - RESOLVING DISPUTES**

- The Scope Of The Employment Claims Tribunal Established Under The Employment Claims Act
- Using The Singapore Courts For Employment
  Disputes Mediation, The Tripartite Alliance For
  Dispute Management And Arbitration As Forms
  Of Alternative Dispute Resolution

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