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Dear Advocate and Solicitor

### **CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SCHEME**

The Continuing Professional Development (CPD) Scheme administered by the Singapore Institute of Legal Education (the Institute) will commence from 1 April 2012. Phase 1 of the CPD Scheme will only involve newly-qualified advocates and solicitors.

If you are admitted to the Singapore Bar on or after 2 January 2007, and have in force a practising certificate between 1 April and 31 December 2012, you will need to meet the CPD requirements in order to renew your practising certificate for the Practice Year 2013/2014 (beginning 1 April 2013).

#### **CPD Requirements for 2012 for Newly-qualified Lawyers**

By the end of this year, you will need to obtain a total of 8 CPD Points, which translates into about 8 hours of learning activity. Of these 8 CPD Points, at least 4 must be Public CPD Points.

Public CPD Points are obtained when you attend an Accredited CPD Activity organised by an Accredited Institution. For a start, there are 12 Accredited Institutions authorised under the CPD Scheme, including the Law Society of Singapore, the Singapore Academy of Law, the NUS Faculty of Law and the SMU School of Law.

Private CPD Points are obtained when you participate in a range of other CPD Activities, such as attending non-accredited legal conferences and seminars (which may be held locally or overseas), reviewing online learning programmes or writing for approved publications and journals.

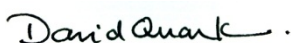
#### **Dedicated CPD Web Portal**

Details of the CPD Scheme are available at the Institute's dedicated web portal for CPD, at [www.sileCPDcentre.org.sg](http://www.sileCPDcentre.org.sg). A Guide to the CPD Scheme 2012, setting out the key features of the scheme, may be downloaded at this portal. You may also check out **CALAS**, the Calendar of Accredited Learning Activities, to find out the approved activities with which you can start obtaining your Public CPD Points. In early April, **My ePortfolio** will be launched to give you the option of keeping track of your CPD Activities electronically.

We encourage you to plan in advance, and to start obtaining your CPD Points early instead of waiting until the end of the year to fulfil your CPD requirements. Advocates and solicitors who are not involved in Phase 1 of the CPD Scheme are also welcome to participate in the learning activities. If you have any queries or feedback on the CPD Scheme, please send an email to [cpd@sile.org.sg](mailto:cpd@sile.org.sg).

We wish you a fruitful year of continuing legal education.

Yours faithfully



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