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"Freezing Orders in International Commercial Litigation"

by

Justice James Jacob Spigelman AC,
Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of New South Wales, Australia

Introductory Remarks by Chief Justice Chan Sek Keong,
President, Singapore Academy of Law

Ladies and Gentlemen,

One of the statutory functions, and indeed duties, of the Singapore Academy of Law is to increase our intellectual capital in all matters relating to the law and the legal profession so that we will have a dynamic and progressive legal services sector. This goal is necessary if the Academy is to play its part in making Singapore a legal services hub in the region.

To this end, the Academy since its foundation has organised conferences, lectures, seminars and workshops on current legal developments in the world, with particular emphasis on laws that assist in economic development.

Tonight, we have great pleasure in inaugurating a new series of lectures, "The Singapore Academy of Law Distinguished Speaker Series". This series will provide the platform to bring to Singapore eminent judges, jurists and legal personalities to speak to us on current legal issues so as to enable us to connect to the global legal order.

To inaugurate this series, we are deeply honoured to have The Honourable James Jacob Spigelman, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of New South Wales address us on *Freezing Orders in International Commercial Litigation*. I would now like to invite Mr Michael Hwang, President of the Law Society of Singapore, to introduce our esteemed speaker.
