



Newsletters (Members' Thoughts)

Introduction

Members' Thoughts (MT) is a public-accessed periodical publication contributed by SCL Members. The Publication Sub-Committee will publish the MT in SCL's social media platforms (LinkedIn and Facebook) for a quick update on the industry's development on construction law.

The SCL welcomes the original contributions by construction industry players to share insights on topics and issues pertaining to the practice in the industry. The idea is to provide clarity on issues that are pertinent within the industry. A key segment in the publication of the MT would involve reviews and recommendations to construction industry players on any particular issues and this could be anything that relates to construction law be it dispute resolution, performance of the contract, defective works, liquidated damages or damages in general, expert evidence, etc.

Submission

By submitting an article, the author is deemed to have declared that his or her article has not been published elsewhere, or has not been under review for publication elsewhere at the time of the submission. Articles that have been part of dissertation can be considered provided there is major modification and adjustment according to the requirement of the journal. Note on copyright and consent.

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is considered unsuitable/inappropriate, and reserves the rights to make any necessary edits to the articles submitted and the edits may include changes on the style, language or the content of the articles.

Language policy

All articles must be submitted in English.

General Instructions

- Articles should be below 1,500 words.
- Please include introduction, contents (the main texts, divided into headings and subheadings), and a conclusion and recommendations.
- Articles must be submitted in word document (no PDFs), line spacing 1.5, Arial, font size 12 point, footnotes in the font size 10 point.

Copyright notice

Prospective authors, by submitting their articles to be considered in MT and upon acceptance for publication, provide their consent for the said articles to be published by the SCL.

Footnote

Footnoting in the MT is optional, however it is encouraged to provide sources for works cited.

Prospective authors should use the footnote system of citation and the cited sources and references should not be written in the main body of the text. Citations should not be embedded in the main text. It is advisable to keep the footnotes at a minimum and confined to the sources which are necessary. Footnotes should also be kept brief i.e. fewer than 3 lines per footnote.

Please note that the MT does not require prospective authors to produce bibliography, hence please include the necessary information of the cited sources in the footnote.

Please find below the guidelines for the structure of the footnotes:

1.	Footnotes	All footnotes to be left indented, hanging indent, 10 point font, and aligned to the left. (standard formatting in Microsoft Word)
2.	Footnote numbering	Footnotes are to be number consecutively from the beginning to the end of the articles. Do not restart numbering of the footnotes on a new page.
3.	Repeated footnote/reference	<p>When a footnote is to be repeated, which was given earlier or later in the article, use note, together with the footnote number.</p> <p>E.g.: Note 12</p>
4.	Law Reports and Cases	<p>The name of the case should be Italic. Reference to specific page of the case is highly encouraged.</p> <p>E.g.:</p> <p><i>Tindak Murni Sdn Bhd v Juang Setia Sdn Bhd</i> [2020] 3 MLJ 545, page 550</p> <p>If the name of the case has been mentioned in the main text of the article, then the name is not to be repeated in the footnote, only provide the citation of the case in the footnote.</p> <p>E.g.: [2020] 3 MLJ 545, page 550</p>
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6.	Books	Books should be cited in the footnote as follows:

		<p>Name(s), Title, Place of Publication, Publisher, Edition (if any), Volume (if any), Year, Specific Page(s).</p> <p>E.g.:</p> <p>(1) Y.Y. Han, Arbitration Procedures and Practice in Malaysia: Overview, Subang Jaya, Thompson Reuters, 2021, p. 1-27.</p> <p>(2) S. Rajoo and H. Singh, Construction Law in Malaysia, Subang Jaya, Thompson Reuters, 2012, p.535.</p>
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