

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE REPUBLIC OF SINGAPORE

REGISTRAR'S CIRCULAR NO. 1 OF 2000

TRAINING FOR SOLICITORS IN THE USE OF THE EFS VIDEO SWITCHING DEVICES AND THE SOLICITORS' CASE QUERY MODULE

The Singapore Academy of Law and the Law Society of Singapore have been conducting training classes for solicitors on the use of the Electronic Filing System (EFS) Video Switching Devices and the Solicitors' Case Query Module since December 1999. These classes are designed to equip and familiarise solicitors with the use of the EFS during hearings.

2. The classes in question are very popular, and are often over-subscribed. This is heartening as it shows the willingness of the legal profession to adapt to and adopt a new, electronic, way of conducting hearings. The Honourable the Chief Justice has however noted with concern that these training classes are occasionally disrupted by trainees receiving or responding to mobile telephone or pager calls, or entering or leaving the training venues frequently for no apparent reason. This has interfered with the training classes in question and has been discourteous to the other trainees.

3. The Honourable the Chief Justice has accordingly directed that, with immediate effect, any person attending the EFS Video Switching Devices and Solicitors' Case Query Module training classes must ensure that his mobile telephone or pager is switched to the silent mode throughout, and must not enter or leave the training venue while the class is in session save for very good reason. Trainees must also not use their mobile telephones in the training venues. Any trainee who disrupts a training class by such behaviour or in some other manner will be asked to leave the training class forthwith.

Dated this 22nd day of January, 2000.

CHIAM BOON KENG
REGISTRAR
SUPREME COURT