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PROGRAMME DETAILS:

Date : 22nd May 2026, Friday

Venue : Zoom Webinar

Time : 9.00 am - 1.00 pm



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IACS WEBINAR 2026 :

THE DOCTRINE OF CORPORATE VEIL – ASSESSING CASE LAWS AND THEIR APPLICABILITY TO SECRETARIES

Introduction

When a company is incorporated, it is deemed to be a separate legal entity that is distinct and separate from its members. This separation is similar to a 'veil', a legal doctrine described as a 'corporate veil' to separate the company and its members or directors. Through this doctrine, the company's rights and liabilities are that of its own separate from the liability of 'owners' of the company. Lifting the corporate veil is a legal principle where a court disregards the separate legal identity to hold its shareholders or directors personally liable for the company's actions, omissions or liabilities. The court would lift the veil when the company is being used for fraud, to evade legal obligations, or where there is a group enterprise with a close nexus between companies, creating an injustice that a court must correct.

Objective of This Webinar

This 4-hours webinar will seek to assess the doctrine of the corporate veil and the situations or circumstances when the court would lift the veil, the liabilities of shareholders, directors and officers when the veil is lifted and the duty of the company secretary to act as a gatekeeper of good governance to ensure these persons discharge their duties and responsibilities.

Course Contents

This webinar will cover the following:

- The separate legal personality doctrine and the corporate veil created under this doctrine.
- The circumstances and situations in which the corporate veil may be lifted by the court.
- The exceptions to the separate legal personality doctrine.
- The statutory exceptions to the separate legal personality doctrine.
- Case studies on how the doctrine has been applied in the courts.
- What directors, shareholders and officers of a company should understand about this doctrine.
- The advice that company secretaries should give to directors, shareholders and officers of a company.

Learning Outcome

By the end of the webinar, participants will be able to –

- Realize the importance of the corporate veil doctrine.
- Know the circumstances and situations when the court lift the veil.
- Be aware of the liabilities and consequences for shareholders and officers of the company when the veil is lifted.
- Advise the board, shareholders and officers of the company their duties and responsibilities.
- Understand that company secretaries play a crucial role as a gatekeeper of good governance.

SPEAKER:

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Kenneth Foo is a regular speaker for IACS. He was a former lecturer in Tunku Abdul Rahman University of Management & Technology. He was also a former council member of MAICSA and is presently the honorary secretary of the Malaysian Corporate Counsel Association. He has his own practice specializing in corporate solutions, consultation and advice and restructuring of companies. He is also a chartered company secretary since starting his own practice in 1990 until to-date. He is the co-author of "Companies Act 2016: New Dynamics of Company Law in Malaysia" and "Company Meetings Minutes & Resolutions in Malaysia" published in 2017 and 2021 respectively by the Malaysian Current Law Journal. He is the author of "Company Secretarial Companion II" published and launched by MAICSA on 23 September 2025.

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