



Seminar on

# SOFTWARE LICENSING AND COMPLIANCE



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CORPORATE LAWYERS  
SRI LANKA

Presents

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## INTRODUCTION

Software licensing has been a heavily debated topic in many sectors of the society including the corporate sector. Good Governance and specifically compliance with the law has been an issue in the back burner rather than a matter of priority in budgeting and fund allocations. While everyone acknowledge that software licensing and compliance must be ensured, hardly any action is taken in this regard in many establishments.

However, the recent news that the copyright owners of software and IP rights holders across the various industry have strengthened their quest to enforce their rights through available legal channels, has gained momentum among many organizations. This has renewed an interest in entering into various software licensing agreements by them.

Further the above development has created a need among all lawyers, IT managers and other relevant officials of organizations to be fully conversant of the risks and opportunities in software licensing and compliance and the understanding of the relevant agreements etc.

Therefore, this seminar will deal with an introduction and an in depth study as to how an organization should deal with the aforesaid software licensing and compliance issues.

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## AREAS COVERED

## FOR WHOM

- Introduction - Software Licensing and compliance
- Applicable laws and the requirement to comply with such laws
- Understanding the concept of software agreements
- Issues pertaining to negotiating software agreements to optimize the business needs

- Corporate counsels and legal officers of the private sector business organizations.
- Legal officers of banks and financial institutions.
- IT managers and other key personnel in IT departments.
- Corporate policy makers, CEOs, CTOs etc.
- Attorneys-at-Law.
- All others who wish to further their knowledge on this current topic.

## SPEAKERS / PANELISTS

- **Dr. D.M. Karunaratne** - Director General, National Intellectual Property Office (Panel Chairman)
- **Mr. W. Amerasinghe**, SSP - Director, Criminal Investigations Department
- **Ms. Shalini Ratwatte**, Attorney-at-Law - Consultant, Business Software Alliance
- **Ms. Amice, van der Burg-Dissanayake**, Attorney-at-Law (The Netherlands) - License Compliance Manager, Microsoft Sri Lanka (Private) Limited.

## PROGRAMME

- 01.30. - 01.35. Opening remarks  
**Mr. Ravi Thilakwardana**, President - Association of Corporate Lawyers Sri Lanka (ACL)
- 01.35 - 02.15 Elements of IPR Law in Sri Lanka with special focus on Software  
**Dr. D.M. Karunaratne**
- 02.30 - 03.00 Role of Criminal Investigations Bureau (CID) in anti piracy actions in the back drop of carrying out raids on offenders and the criminal liability  
**Mr. W. Amerasinghe**
- 03.00 - 03.30 Tea / Coffee and refreshments
- 03.30 - 04.00 Software Piracy, its implications and Software Asset Management as a solution  
**Ms. Shalini Ratwatte**
- 04.00 - 04.30 An industry perspective: Overview of Software License concepts and counterfeit challenges  
**Ms. Amice van der Burg-Dissanayake**
- 04.30 - 05.00 Panel Discussion  
Questions and Answers  
Panel Discussion
- 05.00 End of the Seminar

## REGISTRATION FEE

Rs. 4,950/- (including course material, tea / coffee and refreshments)

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