



CPD **Live** | Cyberlaw Committee

**Wed, 25 Nov, 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM**

## **Regulating the Internet: A discussion on the EARN IT Act in the US**

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In March 2020, the United States (“US”) Senate introduced the Eliminating Abusive and Rampant Neglect of Interactive Technologies Act of 2020 (“EARN IT Act”) to deal with online child sexual exploitation (“CSE”). But it has since attracted controversy — if passed, it would incentivise online platforms to more closely scrutinise their users, disallow certain types of content, and reduce the security of their users’ communications. Doing so may undermine privacy, promote censorship, and jeopardise the right to free speech. In addition, by allowing each state in the US to impose its own criminal CSE laws on online platforms and thereby regulate Internet content, the EARN IT Bill would pose significant risks on data protection, such as end-to-end encryption and freedom of expression in the digital world.

The Bar Council Cyberlaw Committee, in collaboration with the Bar Council Continuing Professional Development Department, is organising this webinar to look at how the EARN IT Act came about, explore the legal implications that may arise if the Bill is passed, and understand how the issue of Internet monitoring by a government may constitute a violation of human rights in a global context.

## Speakers



**Riana Pfefferkorn** is the Associate Director of Surveillance and Cybersecurity at the Stanford Center for Internet and Society. Her work focuses on investigating and analysing the US and other governments’ policies and practices for forcing decryption and/or influencing crypto-related design of online platforms and services, devices, and products, both via technical means and through the courts and legislatures. Riana also researches the benefits and detriments of strong encryption on free expression, political engagement, economic development, and other public interests.

Prior to joining Stanford, Riana was an associate in the Internet Strategy & Litigation group at the law firm of Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati. Before that, Riana clerked for the Hon Bruce J McGiverin of the US District Court for the District of Puerto Rico. She also interned during law school for the Hon Stephen Reinhardt of the US Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit. Riana earned her law degree from the University of Washington School of Law and her undergraduate degree from Whitman College.



**Vince Tan** holds a Bachelor of Law degree from University of Malaya and is a practising lawyer at Jeeva Partnership. His areas of practice include industrial relations law, constitutional and administrative law, civil litigation and criminal defence work.

He currently sits as a committee member in the following Bar Council Committees: National Young Lawyers and Pupils Committee (“NYLPC”), Human Rights Committee (“HRC”), and Industrial and Employment Law Committee (“IELC”).

He is frequently invited by the Bar to be a speaker in several continuing professional development workshops and seminars.

He has participated and conducted numerous high-profile matters, including defending former Deputy Minister of Agricultural and Agro-Based Industry and Member of Parliament for Bayan Baru YB Sim Tze Tzin, and Member of Parliament for Petaling Jaya YB Maria Chin Abdullah, who were charged under the Peaceful Assembly Act 2012.

He has previously served as a Board Member of Amnesty International Malaysia and a Committee Member of Persatuan Aliran Kesedaran Negara (Aliran).



### **Moderator**

**Avtaran Singh** is a partner at Gan, Lau & Associates. He has been in practice since 1991. Having practiced mainly in civil litigation, he has in recent years taken a step back from court work and has focused more time on providing consultancy services to clients. At present, his area of practice includes personal data protection, cyberlaw, property law, and personal counsel to clients in varied areas. He provides legal consultancy to clients that include public-listed companies.

He also contributes his time to the legal profession. At present, he sits on the Bar Council Cyberlaw Committee and the Bar Council Ad Hoc Committee on Personal Data Protection. He is an advocate of free speech with self-restraint.

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