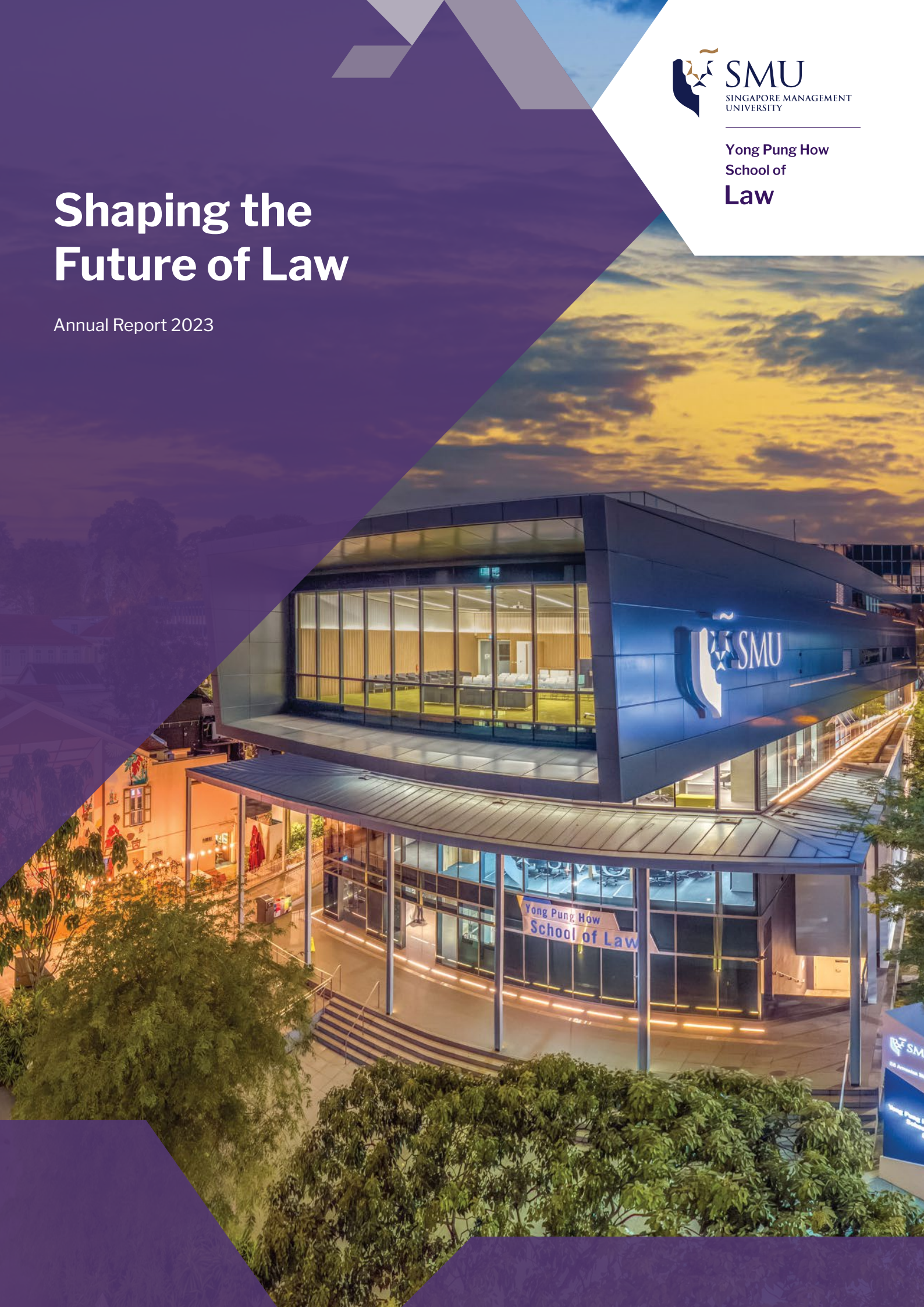


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# MESSAGE FROM OUR DEAN

This year marks the 17th anniversary of the establishment of the Yong Pung How School of Law. We are proud of the unwavering commitment to excellence demonstrated by our faculty members, students, and valued partners in the past year. Our faculty members consistently make outstanding contributions to research, shape the evolution of laws and policies, and connect theoretical insights with practical applications through a keen awareness of current issues and debates.

In Academic Year 2023-2024, our faculty and researchers authored more than 100 publications, including books and edited collections, journal articles, case commentaries and book chapters. Their practical impact is evidenced by citations at all levels of the Singapore Courts. Our faculty members have received prestigious awards and recognition, including various prizes, best paper awards, and service awards. It is also encouraging to see that our recent alumni have had more than 20 publications.

During the year in review, we forged several significant alliances to advance key research initiatives. Together with the Sydney Law School at the University of Sydney and the Faculty of Law at the University of Hong Kong, we hosted the inaugural Law and Sustainability Conference and launched the Asia-Pacific Research Alliance on Law and Sustainability. This alliance, a first of its kind in the region, aims to drive legal research and teaching initiatives to achieve sustainability for this part of the world. We also partnered with Harvard Law School's Center on the Legal Profession and the Singapore Academy of Law to organise a conference entitled The Next Frontier of Lawyering: From ESG to GPT. This conference examined the critical challenges that the legal profession is currently facing and laid the foundation for further research on these important topics. Yet another significant milestone is the high-profile Online Harms Symposium jointly organised by the SMU Centre for AI and Data Governance and the Singapore Ministry of Law. This symposium delved deeply into the issues arising from the rapid proliferation of online harms and the need for innovative and effective remedies. Our research centres have also organised various influential research events on cutting-edge developments in fields including technology, private law, and dispute resolution. We also welcomed many distinguished scholars under our visitor schemes. I deeply appreciate the support and dedication of all our esteemed partners, which include leading academic institutions, law firms and companies.

Under the Ian R Taylor International Moots Programme, our law school continues its proud tradition of excelling in international competitions in a wide array of fields, as our student mooters continue to be ranked amongst the very best in the world. Our students participating in international alternative dispute resolution competitions have also done us proud, winning several top-tier competitions in mediation and negotiation. For both moots and ADR competitions, our alumni play a crucial role in guiding, mentoring, and coaching our students. Indeed, many of our alumni have also signed up to be mentors in the newly inaugurated POLARIS mentorship programme, complementing their contributions in teaching, running seminars, and career talks.



**PROFESSOR LEE PEY WOAN**  
Dean, Yong Pung How School of Law

The Yong Pung How School of Law remains at the forefront of legal education by continuously leading and innovating in programme and pedagogical development. In the previous academic year, we introduced three specialisation tracks to the LLB programme, which has been well-received by students. Our students also have increasing access to capstone SMU-X courses that emphasise problem-solving and the integration of diverse areas of law. At the same time, we are mindful of the significant recommendations that the Reform for Legal Education Committee has made, particularly in the areas of enhancing emphasis on legal ethics and professional conduct, technological and financial literacy, and civilian law. We will be introducing these proposals to the school's curriculum in the very near future.

Our postgraduate (PG) programmes continue to demonstrate strong, sustained growth. The strength of our PG programmes rests particularly in a forward-thinking curriculum that equips students with cutting-edge knowledge and prepares them for versatile practices in an era of business and technology innovation. Our LLM programme has expanded by over 40 per cent in the past year, and our JD programme met its full capacity. Our distinctive PhD programme in Law, Commerce and Technology has attracted increasingly more applicants since its inception three years ago.

I take this opportunity to express our deepest appreciation to our friends, partners, and advisors for their unwavering dedication to advancing our law school and elevating it to new heights of excellence.

I invite you to explore this Annual Report and join us in our continued pursuit of excellence and innovation.

# OUR MISSION STATEMENT



SERVICE TO  
**COMMUNITY**



MEANINGFUL  
& IMPACTFUL  
**RESEARCH**



INNOVATIVE &  
PRACTICE-RELEVANT  
**LEGAL TRAINING**



# OUR PEOPLE

YPHSL's distinguished board and faculty have a passion for law that is imparted to our students.





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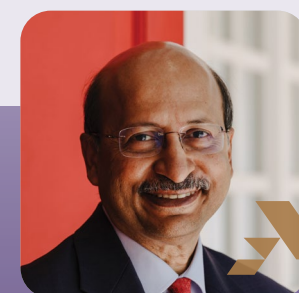


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Former Attorney-General of Singapore  
Former Judge of Appeal of the Supreme Court of Singapore

## FORMER DISTINGUISHED FELLOWS



# OUR PEOPLE

**51** FACULTY MEMBERS

They hold

- 21** PhD/LLD/DPhil/SJD/Doctor of Law
- 26** LLM/JSM/MA/BCL/MIT
- 4** LLB/BA/JD/D.jur./Dr.iur.

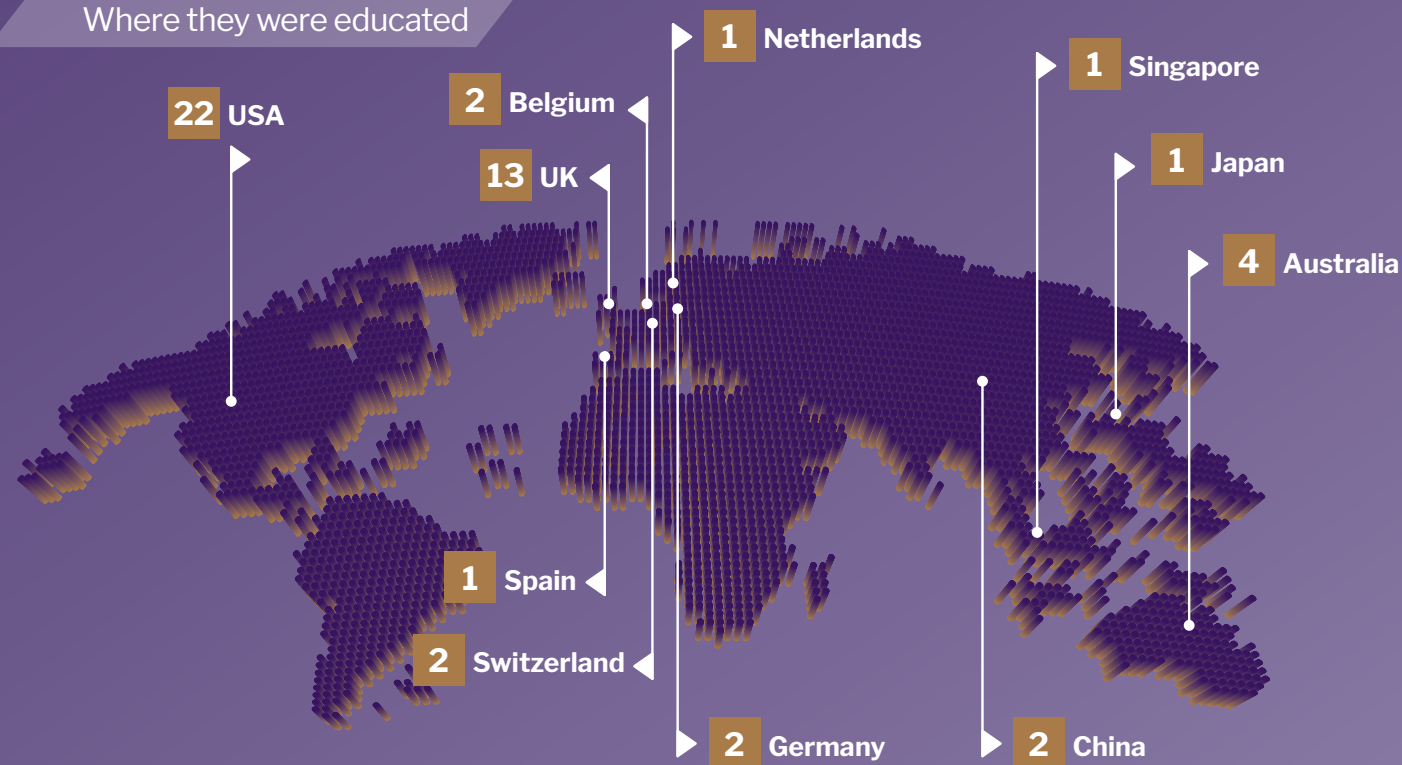
They are

- 17** Professors
- 21** Associate Professors
- 9** Assistant Professors
- 1** Senior Lecturer
- 3** Lecturers

Their tracks

- 44** Tenure
- 2** Practice
- 1** Education
- 4** Lecturer

Where they were educated



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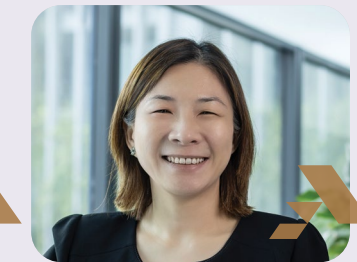
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# RESEARCH

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# RESEARCH OVERVIEW

# CORE RESEARCH AREAS

**9** CORE RESEARCH AREAS



**4** RESEARCH CENTRES



**105** PUBLICATIONS IN 2023 BY FACULTY AND RESEARCHERS



## Our key focus areas



Law and Technology

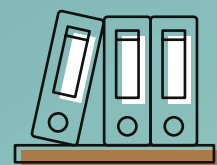


Transnational Commercial Law



Dispute Resolution

## Publications in 2023



**13**  
Books and Edited Collections



**57**  
Journal Articles and Notes



**34**  
Book Chapters



### ASIAN AND COMPARATIVE LEGAL SYSTEMS

- Comparative Law in Asia
- New Frontiers of Singapore Law
- Chinese Commercial Law
- Law and Society
- Asian Legal Systems



### PUBLIC INTERNATIONAL LAW, REGIONAL AND TRADE LAW

- East Asian Trade Law
- Transborder Trade & Investment Law
- ASEAN Economic Law
- International Economic Law



### CORPORATE, FINANCE AND SECURITY LAW

- Transnational Corporate Governance
- Cross-Border Insolvency
- Securities Regulation
- Banking, Finance and the Law



### PRIVATE LAW

- Theory & Practice in Contract Law
- Law of Equity & Trusts
- Wealth Management & Philanthropy
- Unjust Enrichment & Restitution
- Tort Law
- Property Law and Urban Planning



### INNOVATION, TECHNOLOGY AND THE LAW

- Empirical and Statistical Methods in Legal Research
- Computational Law
- Data Protection & Privacy Law
- Law of Technology
- Intellectual Property Law in Asia and beyond
- Taxation in the Digital Economy



### DISPUTE RESOLUTION

- Law of Evidence
- Theory & Practice on Rules of Court
- Civil & Criminal Procedure
- Arbitration
- Alternative Dispute Resolution
- International Commercial Courts
- Private International Law



### LEGAL THEORY, ETHICS AND LEGAL EDUCATION

- The Nature of Legal Obligation and Rules
- Theories of Adjudication
- Applied Legal Theory
- Ethics and the Law
- Law & Economics
- Empirical Studies on Legal Education



### PUBLIC INTEREST LAW, COMMUNITY AND SOCIAL JUSTICE

- Family Law & Justice
- Criminal Law & Justice
- Animal Law



### PUBLIC LAW

- Comparative Constitutional and Administrative Law
- Constitutional and Administrative Law Theory
- Methods of Constitutional Interpretation
- Constitutional Institutions



## CENTRE FOR COMPUTATIONAL LAW (CCLAW)

CCLAW is Singapore's first and only research centre focused on applied research at the intersection of law and technology. The Centre's flagship Research Programme in Computational Law aims to make computational law a reality: from designing and implementing a domain-specific language (DSL) for law, to building technologies that will bring computational capabilities to any legal or quasi-legal process. Supported by a S\$15 million grant from the National Research Foundation, the Programme represents a step along the technology-transfer pathway from academic research to commercial impact.

CCLAW has published 9 academic and 17 non-academic papers, and presented its research at the International Conference on Artificial Intelligence and the Law, the International Conference on Legal Knowledge and Information Systems (JURIX), and other international venues.

The Centre is led by **Assistant Professor Lim How Khang** (Director) and **Assistant Professor Jerrold Soh** (Deputy Director).



### Computable Contracts in Theory and Practice workshop

At the 19th International Conference on Artificial Intelligence and the Law, CCLAW co-hosted a workshop on Computable Contracts in Theory and Practice with CodeX, the Stanford Centre for Legal Informatics. Exploring recent advancements, the workshop included topics on state-of-the-art computable contracts and practical applications in various fields. The CCLAW team spoke alongside international industry and academic experts on computable contracts development, and demonstrated the use of its Domain Specific Language (DSL), L4.

**Topic Block Six: Hands-On Tutorial: learn to write your own computable contract: 1 hour before drinks and dinner**

Hands-On Demo: Get your laptops out! It's time to roll up your sleeves and get your hands dirty with a real-life computational-law language, L4. Participants will learn the syntax and semantics of a particular computational-law language by encoding a simple piece of legal text; setting up the IDE; writing your first simple program; demo applications and integrations; we visit a walkthrough of the source code of an insurance contract, some privacy regulation, and a loan agreement; regenerating natural language text. Could it be possible for L4 to act as a bridge, for interoperability, between all the languages we have seen today? We begin the session with a few demos of data visualization, formal verification, and transpilation from L4.

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### Computational Law Conference

The inaugural Computational Law Conference (CLAWCON) took place from 12–14 July 2023 at SMU. A diverse group from private, public, regulatory, and academic organisations brought a multi- and interdisciplinary perspective to the issues surrounding computational law.

Keynote addresses included those by Professor Lee Pey Woan and Mr Yeong Zee Kin, Chief Executive of the Singapore Academy of Law, who highlighted how computational law is shaping the future of legal practice and education. Computational law expert Professor Oliver Goodenough (Stanford CodeX affiliated faculty), presented the collaborative work on the CodeX initiative with AXA Insurance. AXA's Tech Lead, Mr Samuel Pouyt, further discussed AXA's approach to computable contracts, detailing their current technology stack and the benefits these contracts bring.

Notable figures in the Rules As Code (RaC) domain, such as open and digital government expert Ms Pia Andrews, RaC legislative drafter Mr Matthew Waddington, and software engineer and RaC consultant Mr Hamish Fraser offered insights into their work. Closer to home, the Judiciary's Chief Transformation and Innovation Officer Mr Tan Ken Hwee shared how our legal infrastructure is developing to keep pace with technological advancements and the possibilities therein.



### Computational Legal Studies (CLS) workshop

Held over 10 and 11 July 2023, the second edition of the CLS workshop invited scholars and practitioners to reflect on where machine learning and network analysis may be most meaningfully applied in law. The conference theme, Crossing Bridges, Charting Paths, highlighted interdisciplinary, neuro-symbolic approaches to legal studies. The transformative potential of generative AI and large language models in the legal field, in particular, was the focus of keynote speakers Professor Daniel Katz from Chicago-Kent College of Law and Professor Adam Wyner from Swansea University.



### Use case demonstration at the Singapore FinTech Festival

CCLAW partnered with a leading insurer in Singapore to develop a proof-of-concept (POC) for a claims-based use case. The use case focused on formalising a personal accident insurance policy using CCLAW's L4 language. This enabled a wizard-style questionnaire interface to answer critical questions, such as "What can I claim?" and "How much can I claim?". This not only demonstrates the practical applications of computational law but also underscores the potential for innovative solutions in the insurance sector. The POC was successfully showcased at the Singapore FinTech Festival in November 2023.



# RESEARCH CENTRES

## CENTRE FOR AI AND DATA GOVERNANCE (CAIDG)

CAIDG was established in 2019 with a landmark grant from the Singapore National Research Foundation, through the Infocomm and Media Development Authority. Its objectives are to:

- Research contemporary challenges in AI and big data;
- Foster conversations between industry, government, academia, and civil society;
- Develop policy around the social, institutional, and commercial applications of AI; and
- Explore ethical intersections between human and algorithmic decision-making.



CAIDG has found its niche in a vibrant national, regional, and global research community, at the intersection of law, emerging technology, and society. In its first five years, the Centre has demonstrated the importance of dedicated technology and data governance research. The impact ranges over policy formation in Singapore and beyond, to the responsible development and deployment of novel technology by industry. CAIDG has also broadly demonstrated the importance of AI in emerging technology, besides the importance of context – what we might call the “socio-technical stack” – in AI deployment.

Currently, its research priorities are structured around three interlocking streams: data governance, emerging technology regulation, and digital law.

CAIDG is headed by **Associate Professor Jason Grant Allen** (Director) and **Associate Professor Warren Chik** (Deputy Director).

## Leeds Financial and FinTech Law Conference 2023

CAIDG co-hosted this international conference with the University of Leeds School of Law’s Centre for Business Law and Practice (CBLP) on 11 May 2023. Identifying the key elements of success in secondary financial and fintech centres in the UK, US, and Singapore, the conference offered legal-regulatory and policy recommendations for UK regulators and policymakers. Secondary financial and fintech centres have not received much attention from a legal-regulatory perspective to date, so the chief aim was to facilitate a regional network across academia, legal services, the financial and fintech industry, regulators, and policy makers.

## SMU-Microsoft Asian Dialogues on AI Governance

In November 2023, CAIDG partnered the University of Auckland Business School for a workshop on AI Transparency in Smart Cities. This focused on the principle of transparency, which requires AI designers, developers, deployers, and users to be clear about how AI systems operate and make decisions. Participants sought to navigate around the ‘black box’ problem and the concomitant uncertainty and distrust around AI-driven systems.



# RESEARCH CENTRES

## CENTRE FOR COMMERCIAL LAW IN ASIA (CCLA)

CCLA conducts and facilitates research in all areas of commercial law, with a focus on its application, development, and impact in Asia. The Centre aims to advance commercial growth in Asia through excellent research, marked by sustainability, inclusion, and innovation.

The Centre has five research initiatives and projects. These include the Asian Corporate Law Forum, a platform for corporate law research among 10 of Asia’s leading law departments; the ASEAN Law Research Network, which connects legal scholars in Southeast Asia; the Singapore Global Restructuring Initiative, a government-supported research initiative on corporate restructuring and insolvency law; the Sustainable Development and Commerce Initiative, which spearheaded the launch of the Asia-Pacific Research Alliance on Law and Sustainability involving SMU, the University of Sydney, and the University of Hong Kong; and the Trusts, Wealth and Philanthropy Initiative, which aligns with jurisdictional aspirations to be a leading asset and wealth management hub.

In addition, CCLA continued its objective of broadening public knowledge in commercial law in Asia through its annual lectures and dialogues. Through such interactions, CCLA seeks to support the development of regional thought leadership in commercial law and research collaborations.

CCLA is under the leadership of **Professor Dan Puchniak** (Director) and **Assistant Professor Lau Kwan Ho** (Deputy Director).

## Dentons Rodyk Dialogue

The Dentons Rodyk Dialogue 2023, titled Forging a Path to Excellence: The Singapore Experience, was held at SMU Hall in hybrid format, on 2 November 2023. Guest of Honour Mr Edwin Tong, Minister for Culture, Community and Youth and Second Minister for Law, graced the event and delivered an insightful speech on the challenges which Singapore might face and have to overcome. Various case studies and developmental trajectories were also discussed by the other distinguished speakers: Mr Mark Tham, Country Managing Director, Accenture Singapore; Mr Zhulkarnain Abdul Rahim, Senior Partner, Dentons Rodyk; Mr Gerald Singham, Global Vice-Chair & ASEAN CEO, Dentons Rodyk; and Professor Dan W. Puchniak, CCLA Director, SMU.



## Herbert Smith Freehills-SMU Asian Arbitration Lecture

The 2023 Herbert Smith Freehills-SMU Asian Arbitration Lecture was delivered by Professor Andrea K. Bjorklund of McGill University, at the SMU Mochtar Riady Auditorium on 8 November 2023. Professor Bjorklund delivered a thought-provoking lecture on Constraints on the Engagement of State-Owned Enterprises in Mediation and Arbitration. This was followed by an interactive panel discussion with Mr Chuan Wee Meng, CEO, Singapore International Mediation Centre; Ms Marjolein van den Bosch-Broeren, Head of Enforcement (APAC), Omni Bridgeway; Professor Bjorklund; and Mr Alastair Henderson, Managing Partner, Southeast Asia, Herbert Smith Freehills.





# RESEARCH CENTRES

## CENTRE FOR COMMERCIAL LAW IN ASIA (CCLA)

### Jones Day Professorship of Commercial Law lecture

On 21 November 2023, the Jones Day Professor of Commercial Law, Professor Kon Sik Kim from Seoul National University, delivered his lecture on Re-examining Corporate Personality through the Lens of Reflective Loss. Professor Kim provided a comparative analysis of how and why different jurisdictions have upheld the doctrine of separate legal personality. The lecture ended with an inspiring panel discussion with guest of honour Justice Vinodh Coomaraswamy of the Supreme Court of Singapore; Professor Kim; Mr Dennis Barsky, Partner at Jones Day; and Professor Lee Pey Woan, Dean of SMU Yong Pung How School of Law.



### Yong Pung How Professorship of Law lecture

The 2023 Yong Pung How Professorship of Law lecture was delivered by Professor Yeo Tiong Min, SC (Honoris Causa) to over 370 attendees, some online. Professor Yeo discussed issues of characterisation, the starting point of choice of law analysis. He also examined the application of the modern functional approach when the equitable principles of one or more jurisdictions are invoked in a dispute in a court of law. The event was graced by the presence of Justice Andrew Phang of the Supreme Court of Singapore, who delivered the opening remarks.



### Law and Sustainability Conference

The Law and Sustainability Conference was the first of three conferences jointly organised by SMU, the University of Sydney, and the University of Hong Kong. The efforts of these institutions are leading the way in law-focused research and teaching initiatives promoting sustainability in the Asia-Pacific region. The conference was privileged to have Professor Tommy Koh, Ambassador-at-Large at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Singapore, and Dr Lena Chan, Senior Director, National Parks Board, speak during the opening proceedings. Also happening at this event was the launch of the Asia-Pacific Research Alliance on Law and Sustainability by the law schools of the three organising institutions.



# RESEARCH CENTRES

### Trusts, Wealth Management and Philanthropy Conference

The fifth conference in the Modern Studies in the Law of Trusts and Wealth Management series covered current developments and challenges facing trust law, wealth management, and philanthropy. A particular focus was on the need for innovations responding to contemporary developments and emerging issues that impact global families and how they manage their wealth. Technological disruption, new forms of regulation, climate change, and sustainability goals were among topics discussed. Justice Philip Jeyaretnam of the Supreme Court of Singapore delivered the opening address, and Justice Anselmo Reyes of the Singapore International Commercial Court delivered the keynote address.




### Launch of Asian Corporate Law Forum (ACLF)

The inauguration of the ACLF brought together 10 founding institutional members – SMU, Chulalongkorn University Faculty of Law, City University of Hong Kong School of Law, Jindal Global Law School, Monash University Business and Law Schools, National Taiwan University College of Law, Peking University Law School, Seoul National University School of Law, and The University of Tokyo Graduate Schools for Law and Politics. This marked a significant milestone in the global pursuit of excellence in corporate law and governance research. In collaborating to harness their collective expertise, a transformative decade of corporate law and governance scholarship, centred in Asia, is eagerly anticipated.




## SINGAPORE INTERNATIONAL DISPUTE RESOLUTION ACADEMY (SIDRA)


SIDRA is a platform for thought leadership in international dispute resolution theory, practice, and policy. The research centre promotes dynamic, inclusive conversations on constructive engagement and how to resolve differences and disputes, at global, regional, and national levels. SIDRA differentiates itself through its focus on applied research that has practical impact on industry. Specifically, it is mandated with three research programmes:



**The International Dispute Resolution Survey**  
research programme



**The Singapore Convention on Mediation**  
research programme



**The Belt & Road Initiative**  
research programme

In 2023, SIDRA presented the preliminary findings of the SIDRA Survey 2023, and co-organised a number of workshops and webinars related to cross-border dispute resolution.

SIDRA is led by **Professor Nadja Alexander** (Director) and **Associate Professor Darius Chan** (Deputy Director).

### INTERNATIONAL DISPUTE RESOLUTION SURVEY RESEARCH PROGRAMME

#### Presentation of the SIDRA International Dispute Resolution: 2022 Final Report at the Supreme Court of the Philippines

SIDRA Research Associate Angela Abala shared key findings of the *SIDRA International Dispute Resolution: 2022 Final Report* with the Supreme Court of the Philippines in March 2023. These focused on international commercial arbitration and mediation. The meeting was attended by Philippine Chief Justice Alexander G. Gesmundo; Supreme Court Associate Justice Alfredo Benjamin Caguioa; Court of Tax Appeals Associate Justice Maria Rowena Modesto-San Pedro; Court Administrator Raul B. Villanueva; and Mr. Jose T. Name of the Philippine Mediation Center.



#### SIDRA-Malaysian Institute of Arbitrators: Empirical Findings on SIDRA Survey 2022

In a collaboration with the Asian International Arbitration Centre and the Malaysian Institute of Arbitrators, SIDRA organised a panel discussion in June 2023, and presented the findings of the *SIDRA International Dispute Resolution Survey: 2022 Final Report*. Research Associate Zhang Yuying spoke about SIDRA's work and the importance of the survey, and on empirical research in international dispute resolution. Principal Research Fellow Mariam Gotsiridze presented the key findings of the 2022 Final Report and led a discourse on current trends and developments in international arbitration and mediation.



#### SIDRA International Dispute Resolution Survey – 2023 preliminary findings

In August 2023, SIDRA unveiled the preliminary findings of the SIDRA Survey 2023, which is the third iteration of the Survey commissioned by the Ministry of Law. The Survey continues to examine the choices businesses and legal users make in cross-border dispute resolution. The aim of the Survey is to enhance research depth and focus on the various modes of dispute resolution, including hybrid mechanisms and international mediation.



During the launch, Principal Research Associate and Research and Development Lead Rachel Tan presented an overview of the preliminary findings. This was followed by a panel discussion with Chiann Bao and Lucas Bastin KC, moderated by Research Associate Angela Abala.

#### Recent Trends in Investor-State Dispute Settlement: Examining Qualitative and Quantitative Data from 2020 to 2023 (Sixth Intersessional Meeting of UNCITRAL Working Group III)

In September 2023, SIDRA organised a panel on Recent Trends in Investor-State Dispute Settlement: Examining Qualitative and Quantitative Data from 2020 to 2023. This was held as a side event during the Sixth Intersessional Meeting of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL) Working Group III, which was attended by UNCITRAL member state delegations and observers. Research Associate Zhang Yuying presented the SIDRA Survey findings from 2020 to 2023 on investor-state dispute settlement. Research Associate Angela Abala then moderated a discussion with Dimitris Katsikis and Principal Research Fellow Mariam Gotsiridze, examining the findings through the lenses of external counsel and government counsel.





# RESEARCH CENTRES

## SINGAPORE CONVENTION ON MEDIATION RESEARCH PROGRAMME

### UNCITRAL Academy and Capacity Building Workshops

At Singapore Convention Week 2023, SIDRA, together with the Ministry of Law, UNCITRAL and the International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes, organised two closed-door workshops – a government capacity building workshop, and an investor-state dispute settlement workshop. Associate Professor Darius Chan delivered welcome remarks at the event, while Professor Nadja Alexander; Visiting Global Assistant Professor Mark McLaughlin; Principal Research Fellow Mariam Gotsiridze; and Research Associate Wooseok Shin facilitated the workshops.



### Comparative Procedural Law and Justice (CPLJ) Mid-Term Conference

In March 2023, Professor Nadja Alexander presented her research on Comparative Mediation Law: Using the Lens of the Mediation Matrix at the CPLJ Mid-Term Conference. The conference was organised by the Max Planck Institute Luxembourg for International, European and Regulatory Procedural Law, with Professor Alexander speaking as a member of the chapter panel on consensual dispute resolution.



### Navigating Intercultural Conflicts: A Protocol for Designing Cross-Border Dispute Resolution Processes, Asia Pacific Centre for Arbitration and Mediation International ADR Summit

Professor Nadja Alexander spoke as a panellist on cross-border dispute resolution processes at the Asia Pacific Centre for Arbitration and Mediation International ADR Summit in May 2023, held in New Delhi, India. At the summit, Professor Alexander was also awarded the Outstanding International ADR Educator Award 2023, for her exceptional contributions to academia in the field of mediation.



### IP Mediation Conference 2023

The Fourth Edition of the IP Mediation Conference took place on 19 and 20 October 2023 at the European Union Intellectual Property Office's premises in Alicante, Spain. Professor Nadja Alexander moderated a panel titled, A Deep Dive into Mediation Models: Voluntary or Mandatory Mediation - What Works Best?



# RESEARCH CENTRES

## RESEARCH PROGRAMME – BELT & ROAD INITIATIVE

### China, Investment Mediation, and the Complaints Mechanism

In May 2023, SIDRA jointly hosted a webinar with the University of New South Wales (UNSW)'s China International Business and Economic Law (CIBEL) Centre. An in-depth discussion on China's promotion of a new model of transnational economic governance through the Belt and Road Initiative was held. Speakers included Visiting Assistant Professor Mark McLaughlin, SMU; Associate Professor Matthew Erie, University of Oxford; Professor Won Kidane, Seattle University; and Associate Professor Kun Fan, UNSW CIBEL member.



### The 2nd International Maritime Economy and Maritime Services Forum

On 19 July 2023, Associate Professor Darius Chan joined notable speakers in Ningbo, China for the 2nd International Maritime Economy and Maritime Services Forum. He discussed the intersection of arbitration, litigation, and mediation, focusing on the recent developments and complications in mediation-arbitration and arbitration-mediation-arbitration frameworks around the region.



### Journal of Private International Law Conference

Associate Professor Darius Chan was among the distinguished speakers at the Journal of Private International Law Conference on 4 August 2023. He discussed the implications of *Anupam Mittal v Westbridge Ventures II Investment Holdings* [2023] SGCA 1 – in which he had acted as amicus curiae – on determining the arbitrability of disputes at the pre-award stage.



### Georgian International Arbitration Centre (GIAC) Arbitration Days

SIDRA participated in the 10th GIAC Arbitration Days, held in Tbilisi in October 2023. Principal Research Fellow Mariam Gotsiridze shared a panel with Helen Gogadze, Simon Batifort, Michele Potestà and Mary Paralika, on current developments in investor-state dispute settlement. The Arbitration Days marked a decade of GIAC bringing eminent speakers, legal practitioners, and admirers of international arbitration together.



### AI in ADR: Opportunities and Challenges, Thailand ADR Week 2023

On 8 November 2023, Associate Professor Darius Chan spoke at the Thailand ADR Week on the impact of artificial intelligence on ADR and dispute resolution. Together with him on the panel were Aneesha Bhunjun, Ji En Lee and Kritiyane Buranatrevedhya.





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## FACULTY OUTREACH ACTIVITIES



**Professor Chan Wing Cheong** co-organised the Drug Laws in Asia workshop at SMU in June 2023. Participants came from various countries, including Australia, Malaysia, Thailand, Indonesia, Hong Kong, China, and the UK.

Professor Chan was also an external examiner for a doctoral thesis at the Faculty of Law, University of Malaya, in October.

For his Family Law class in April 2023, Professor Chan invited Ms Angelina Hing, Founder and Managing Director of Integro Law Chambers LLC and District Judge at the Family Justice Courts from 2009 to 2016, to speak to the students about the new mindset and skillsets required to take on family practice.



**Associate Professor Chen Siyuan** ran two seminars for the AGC Academy in 2023, both of which dealt with the Rules of Court 2021 and their interaction with rules of evidence law. As Professorial Fellow of the Academy in the last few years, Professor Chen's seminars are well attended by lawyers working in the AGC, ministries, and statutory boards. In his capacity as Director for Moots, Professor Chen also gave a seminar to the Moot Alumni Association of the Willem C Vis Moot, with a focus on oral advocacy. During Professor Chen's tenure as director, SMU reached the world championship final of the Vis and Vis East Moots a combined six times in the last ten years.



**Associate Professor Adeline Chong** was the main organiser of the 9th Journal of Private International Law Conference which was held at YPHSL from 3 to 5 August 2023. This was the first time the conference was held in Asia, and it attracted approximately 160 registrants from 37 countries worldwide.

Associate Professor Chong was invited to speak on the topic, Perspectives for ASEAN at The HCCH 2019 Judgments Convention: Cornerstones – Prospects – Outlook, which was held at Universität Bonn, Germany in June 2023. She was also invited to speak on Regional Perspectives on the 1985 Trusts Convention at the HCCH Asia Pacific Week 2023, which was held at the University of Hong Kong in September.



**Professor Maartje De Visser** delivered a training session on the rule of law, engagement with foreign materials, and cross-border judicial networking for the justices of the Sri Lankan Supreme Court and Court of Appeal in April 2023.



**Professor Henry Gao** spoke in four panels at the 2023 World Trade Organization Public Forum held in Geneva in September 2023, and in another three panels at the 2023 Society of International Economic Law (SIEL) Biennial Conference held in Bogota, Columbia in July. He was also invited to speak at the 2023 United Nations World Data Forum held in Hangzhou, China in April.

In March, Professor Gao gave the China Economy Lecture at the Fairbank Center for Chinese Studies, Harvard University.

Professor Gao also featured as a guest in the Economist magazine's Money Talks podcast in January 2023.

Throughout the year, Professor Gao helped in negotiations on digital trade issues, in trade agreements involving the governments of Malaysia, Cambodia, Laos, and Mongolia. This was at the invitation of the UN, WTO, and Asia Development Bank.



**Assistant Professor Lau Kwan Ho** taught guest seminars on E-Commerce and Electronic Contracts in Singapore and The Drafting of Contracts in Singapore at the Faculty of Law, University of North Sumatra in November 2023.



In March 2023, **Associate Professor Liu Nengye** gave a training seminar on International Law and the Polar Regions, Challenges and Future Prospects to 70 staff members from the Chinese Translation Service, UN Documentation Division at the United Nations Headquarters in New York. In September, he was invited by the Wilson Centre to speak at its first-ever Antarctic conference in Washington D.C. – the only Asian speaker there. The Conference brought together American and international policy makers and stakeholders from the White House, Congress, and beyond, to discuss the future governance of the Antarctic.

Ambassador Tommy Koh, the President of the Third United Nations Conference on the Law of the Sea (1973–1982) and Ambassador Rena Lee, President of the Intergovernmental Conference on Marine Biodiversity of Areas beyond National Jurisdiction (2018–2023), spoke at Associate Professor Liu's Sustainable Ocean Law and Governance classes. They shared with students their invaluable insights into negotiations around contemporary law of the sea.



**Professor Dan Puchniak** presented versions of his paper, *No Need for Asia to be Woke: Contextualizing Anglo-America's 'Discovery' of Corporate Purpose*, as a keynote speaker at the Third International Conference on Law, Public Policy, and Human Rights (ICLaPH) at Nanyang Technological University in November 2023, and Thammasat University in February 2023. He was also invited to present this research at The University of Tokyo in August, and the Korea Legislative Research Institute in June.

In November, Professor Puchniak was one of four main speakers in the Dentons Rodyk Dialogue 2023, and highlighted shareholder stewardship.

His top-selling 2022 co-edited book on the subject, *Global Shareholder Stewardship*, was in 2023 released in softcopy. Professor Puchniak has expanded upon the main findings of the book in an article for the American Journal of Comparative Law, and presented this at the Korea Legislative Research Institute in June, and at Baker McKenzie in March.

His previous co-authored scholarship, *The Rise of the Asian Activist Investor* was in August featured in The Economist.

In one of the high points of his career, Professor Puchniak helped to establish the Asian Corporate Law Forum (ACLF). Professor Puchniak also convened a conference on Illuminating the Future of Corporate Governance in Asia: Shareholder Stewardship and ESG as the first of future ACLF Annual Meetings. He further negotiated with the European Corporate Governance Institute (ECGI) to publish papers in its conference in the prestigious ECGI Working Paper Series, and to highlight the ACLF on its global network – ensuring that the ACLF will have global impact.

Locally in 2023, Professor Puchniak gave presentations related to his shareholder stewardship and corporate purpose research with two professors from Harvard Law School, in February and August; and with a professor from Columbia University in November. He also provided two seminars on Shareholder Remedies for SMULA, based on the Singapore Academy of Law Annual Review of Company Law.

Professor Puchniak co-coordinated and taught a course at Tokyo University in 2023, on commercial law in common law Asia. He also participated in the Tokyo University summer school, which brought together some of the leading corporate law professors from around the world and students from elite law schools in Asia.





**Assistant Professor Nydia Remolina** spoke on the panel, Capital Market Development and Corporate Governance during the OECD Latin America Roundtable on Corporate Governance in November 2023. The Roundtable, held in São Paulo, served as the launch event for the revised G20/OECD Principles of Corporate Governance.

Assistant Professor Remolina was hosted by the University of Hawai'i at Manoa – William S. Richardson School of Law and the Institute of Asian Pacific Business Law, for her seminar AI Governance and Regulation: Global Perspectives. The seminar in October was part of the JD course, Selected Topics in Business Law.

In May, Assistant Professor Remolina spoke at the Leeds Financial and FinTech Law Conference 2023, on Transforming FinTech in Leeds: Lessons from the U.S. and Singaporean Models.

Together with Associate Professor Aurelio Gurrea-Martinez, Assistant Professor Remolina chaired the AI in Finance conference in May 2023. The event brought together regulators, academics, legal professionals, and technology industry representatives from Singapore and other jurisdictions, including the UK, Australia, Hong Kong, the European Union, Canada, and Israel. At the same time, the Centre for AI and Data Governance launched the book *Artificial Intelligence in Finance - Challenges, Opportunities, and Regulatory Developments*, which was edited by the two chairs.



**Assistant Professor Stefanie Schacherer** was awarded the CIBEL Young Scholar Prize from the University of New South Wales, China International Business and Economic Law Centre.

Assistant Professor Schacherer was also awarded the Excellence in Reviewing Award from the Journal of International Economic Law (OUP).



**Associate Professor Eugene Tan** was invited by the European Union Delegation to Singapore to its annual Human Rights Seminar in December 2023, where he spoke on Singapore and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR) at 75.

At the National University of Singapore in November, Associate Professor Tan delivered a seminar on The Management of Ethnic Relations in Singapore: Imperatives, Ideals, and Initiatives to the Senior Fellowship in the Public Service Programme of the Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy.

He also gave an invited talk, What Tharman's Massive Presidential Election Win Could Mean for Politics in Singapore, at the Indonesian International Islamic University's Southeast Asia Update 2023: Elections in Southeast Asia: Prospect for Freedom, Civil Society & Protection of Human Rights in October 2023.

The same month, Associate Professor Tan spoke on Living with TINA [There Is No Alternative]: Relevancy and Managing Success for an Improbable Nation to participants from the Saudi Industrial Development Fund on a study visit to Singapore. This was organised by the London Business School.

At the Online Harms Symposium co-organised by YPHSL and the Ministry of Law in September 2023, Associate Professor Tan was on the panel discussing Disinhibition and Impunity: Anonymity on the Internet.

Associate Professor Tan became a familiar face during the 2023 Presidential Election period, when he was invited to provide live commentary and analysis on ChannelNews Asia on Nomination Day and Polling Day.

Expounding Privacy & Ethics in Cybersecurity, Associate Professor Tan delivered a seminar in January to participants of the Cybersecurity Strategic Leadership Programme, which was organised by SMU Executive Development and the Cyber Security Agency of Singapore.

Associate Professor Tan was an invited expert contributor to the Cornell University-based Migrant Rights Initiative's Migrant Rights Database 2023, which covers 45 UN member states and approximately 75% of global migrant stock.



**Professor Tang Hang Wu** was instructed Counsel before the Singapore High Court for NUH Funds Limited, a registered charity in Singapore, on the interpretation of a bequest in a will to the predecessor of NUH Funds Limited. The issue was whether the bequest had lapsed due to a change in name and legal structure of the predecessor. After a contested hearing, the High Court held that the bequest did not lapse and should be given to NUH Funds Limited. The judgment is found at *DFS v NUH Funds Limited* [2023] SGHC 336.



**Professor Heng Wang** was the keynote speaker and a panellist at the World Bank FCI (Finance, Competitiveness and Innovation) Seoul Center in May 2023. At this 10th Anniversary event, Difference Maker: Financing for Future, Innovation for Growth, Professor Wang explored strategies for navigating future uncertainty in finance and innovation.

At the 2023 Summer Academy, East China University of Science and Technology in July, Professor Wang touched on digitalisation, trade, and sustainable development in his online keynote address.

Another keynote presentation was made at the Vaduz Roundtable, Financial System 2030, in Vaduz, Liechtenstein in September. During this event, which was joined by leading experts such as a central bank governor, Professor Wang discussed the new landscape of money and markets reshaped by digitalisation.

Professor Wang was interviewed by Deputy Secretary General Dr Gérardine Goh Escolar of the Hague Conference on Private International Law (HCCH, an inter-governmental organisation) in September 2023. This was a part of the online colloquium CODIFI (HCCH Conference on Commercial, Digital and Financial Law Across Borders) Edition 2023 – CBDs.

Professor Heng Wang spoke on Uncertainties about Digital Money: Balancing Stability and Adaptability at the Virtual Conference on Financial Technology, Climate Change, and Challenges for Central Banks and Financial Regulators in Asia. This event was organised by the Asian Development Bank Institute in September 2023. Professor Wang was also invited by the Civil Service College, Singapore to speak on digital currency in November.



**Associate Professor Zhang Wei** ran a Law of Mergers and Acquisitions class in 2023. Among his invited speakers were Ms Victoria Leong, Partner, Allen & Gledhill; and Ms Liwen Chen, Partner, MagStone Law, who shared with students about M&G practices in Singapore and the US. Associate Professor Zhang Wei's Corporate Deals class also saw Mr Remi Choong, Principal, Elev8.vc, enlightening students on venture capital investment practices in Singapore and ASEAN.

Several of Associate Professor Zhang's submitted comments on MAS' consultation papers, *Proposed Regulatory Measures for Digital Payment Token Services*, and *Proposed Regulatory Approach for Stablecoin Related Activities*, were specifically alluded to in MAS' responses issued in 2023.



## Notable External Appointments



**Professor Chan Wing Cheong** was appointed a member of the Pathways to Harm Reduction Drug Policy in Hong Kong and East & Southeast Asia: Principles, Process and Practices Regional Research Impact Hub, Centre for Criminology, University of Hong Kong (2023 – 2025).

Professor Chan was also reappointed as a member of the Adult Protection Team by the Ministry of Social and Family Development for another two years (1 May 2023 – 30 Apr 2025).



**Associate Professor Chen Siyuan** continued his term as Assistant Honorary Secretary and Legal Counsel for the Singapore Athletic Association. The sport has seen a well-reported revival since his team took over as directors in 2020.



**Professor Heng Wang** was appointed as an Editorial Board Member of the Journal of International Economic Law (Oxford University Press).

Professor Heng Wang was also appointed as a CIBEL Fellow at the Faculty of Law & Justice, University of New South Wales.

## External Research Grants



**Associate Professor Chen Siyuan** was part of a team with Charles Or and Denise Lim of NTU, and Alan Lee of Lingnan University, that received an MOE Academic Research Fund Tier 1 Grant. This was provided to develop and publish the paper, Face Recognition under Adverse Viewing Conditions, in Policy Insights from the Behavioural and Brain Science (2023) Vol 10(2).

## NOTABLE AWARDS AND INTERNATIONAL RECOGNITION



**Professor Maartje De Visser** received the International Journal of Constitutional Law's Best Paper prize for her article, *What would a pluralist institutional approach to constitutional interpretation look like? Some methodological implications*, jointly authored with Associate Professor Jaclyn L. Neo of NUS.



**Professor Henry Gao** was nominated for Executive Council of the American Society of International Law (ASIL) in November 2023, and elected to the Executive Council at the 118th Annual Meeting held in April 2024. The Executive Council comprises 24 members elected from thousands of ASIL members around the world. Professor Gao is the first Executive Council member from Singapore and one of a handful of members from outside the US.



On 18 September 2023, the Centre for Climate Engagement, Hughes Hall, Cambridge University, organised a "Discussion Dinner" with **Professor Dan Puchniak**. The discourse covered his comparative corporate law and governance research, with a focus on the impact of his recent award-winning article, *No Need for Asia to be Woke: Contextualizing Anglo-America's 'Discovery' of Corporate Purpose*.

A few days later, Professor Puchniak received the 2023 Cleary Gottlieb Law Prize for the same paper. This makes him the first person based in Asia to receive the award in its 18-year history. Professor Puchniak gave the keynote address before receiving the award at the Annual Meeting of the European Corporate Governance Institute (ECGI) at the Copenhagen Business School.

Professor Puchniak was also interviewed in the European Corporate Governance Institute's prestigious online In Conversation Series.



**Assistant Professor Stefanie Schacherer** was awarded the CIBEL Young Scholar Prize from the China International Business and Economic Law Centre at the University of New South Wales.

Assistant Professor Schacherer was also awarded the Excellence in Reviewing Award from the Journal of International Economic Law (OUP).



**Professor Tang Hang Wu** was awarded the Ministry of National Development (MND) Medallion on 17 November 2023 for his work with the Council of Estate Agencies.

Professor Tang also received a 15-year Distinguished Service Award for his work on the Strata Titles Board. Professor Tang has been on many significant panels for the Strata Titles Board.



**Professor Heng Wang's** article for the Law Gazette, *China Meets Digital Currency: E-CNY and its Implications for Businesses*, was named Best Feature Article by the Law Society of Singapore at the 2022 Law Gazette Awards.



**Associate Professor Zhang Wei's** working paper, *Riding off into the Sunset: Dual-Class Structure in the Age of Unicorns Going Public* (with Hao Liang and Junho Park), won the Best Paper Award at the 18th Annual Conference on Asia-Pacific Financial Markets, and Best Paper Award at the 2023 Annual Conference of Korea Applied Economics Association.

Associate Professor Zhang Wei has been appointed to the Executive Board of the Asian Law and Economics Association since 2019.



# FACULTY SEMINARS AND FORUMS

Global Faculty Forum

## THE STUDY OF ASIAN LAWS IN THE TWENTY-FIRST CENTURY: A PLURALIST APPROACH

11 January 2023

**Speaker:** Bui Ngoc Son (Professor, University of Oxford Faculty of Law)

**Moderator:** Yip Man (Professor, SMUYPHSL)

This seminar analysed the necessity for a pluralist approach to the institutional development in international scholarship on Asian laws in the 21st century. In the last two decades, the study of Asian laws has been significantly institutionalised, evidenced by the proliferation of numerous Asian law centres, journals, associations, and education programmes in different parts of the world. This has been shaped by the economic dynamics in Asia, the dynamics of law reform in the region, and the expansion of comparative law; thus requiring a pluralist approach.

Global Faculty Forum

## REMEDIES FOR PROPRIETARY ESTOPPEL IN THE UK SUPREME COURT: *GUEST V GUEST*

18 January 2023

**Speaker:** Ying Khai Liew (Professor & Associate Director (Private Law), Asian Law Centre, Melbourne Law School)

**Moderator:** Nicholas Liu (Assistant Professor, SMUYPHSL)

There has been an important and ongoing debate in England and other Commonwealth jurisdictions as to the appropriate remedial approach in proprietary estoppel cases, which the UK Supreme Court considered in *Guest v Guest* [2022] UKSC 27, [2022] 3 WLR 911. This seminar unpacked the majority judgment to demonstrate that it signified a setback in the due development of the law.

Seminar

## VALID, YET UNENFORCEABLE, YET EFFECTIVE LAW: SECTION 377A OF THE PENAL CODE AND THE RULE OF LAW

2 March 2023

**Speaker:** Benjamin Ong (Assistant Professor, SMUYPHSL)

*Tan Seng Kee v Attorney-General* is a fascinating case study of the interplay between the law and various extra-legal forces. This seminar explored the problems with the court declaring a statute constitutionally valid, yet unenforceable.

Seminar

## PREDATION BY STATE-OWNED ENTERPRISES: EXPERIMENTAL DESIGN

14 March 2023

**Speaker:** Dr. Jasper Sluijs (Assistant Professor, Utrecht University, School of Law)

**Commentator:** Dr. Giovanni Ko (Assistant Professor, SMU College of Integrative Studies)

**Moderator:** Stefanie Schacherer (Assistant Professor, SMUYPHSL)

State-owned enterprises (SOEs) are increasingly being positioned by policymakers as drivers for meeting sustainability goals. This seminar offered considerations for preventing unintended anticompetitive side-effects stemming from the increased reliance on SOEs.

Seminar

## AI AT THE WHEEL: LIABILITY FOR ACCIDENTS CAUSED BY AUTONOMOUS VEHICLES

15 March 2023

**Speaker:** Ken Oliphant (Professor, University of Bristol Law School)

**Moderator:** Gary Chan (Vice Provost (Faculty Matters) and Professor, SMUYPHSL)

The question of who is liable for a road accident, if the vehicle at fault does not have a human driver, is becoming increasingly urgent. This lecture focused on such issues raised by the rapid development of self-driving vehicles.

# FACULTY SEMINARS AND FORUMS

Webinar

## THE EU'S INDO-PACIFIC STRATEGY AND EU-ASEAN RELATIONS

15 March 2023

**Speaker:** Lay Hwee Yeo (Professor & Director, EU Centre in Singapore); Amb Iman Pambagyo (Former Chief Trade Negotiator, Indonesia)

**Co-Chairs:** Pasha L. Hsieh (Professor and Jean Monnet Chair in EU-ASEAN Law and Relations, SMUYPHSL); Christophe Jaffrelot (Professor & Director - Indo-Pacific Research Group, King's College London)

**Discussant:** Cho-Hsin Su (Associate Professor & Director, Programme of European Union Studies, National Chengchi University)

The EU and ASEAN recently issued their respective Indo-Pacific strategies that highlight roadmaps to enhanced cooperation in the region. Leading experts from the Indo-Pacific and Europe provided insights to understand the convergence of these strategies and implications for EU-ASEAN interregional frameworks, from legal and political perspectives.

This webinar was organised by YPHSL, the Indo-Pacific Research Group of King's College London, and the College of International Affairs of National Chengchi University. It was funded by the EU Jean Monnet Chair programme.

Seminar

## NOT TIME TO MAKE A CHANGE? REVIEWING THE RHETORIC OF LAW REFORM

5 April 2023

**Speaker:** James Lee (Professor, King's College London; Lee Kong Chian Visiting Professor, SMUYPHSL)

**Moderator:** Yip Man (Professor, SMUYPHSL)

This seminar considered the rhetoric of law reform and what it can tell us about the relationship between key institutions involved. The way in which we talk about law reform can be understood as both a cause and symptom of some of the problems in developing the law today.

Seminar

## TAKING SECURITY OVER DIGITAL ASSETS: A COMPARATIVE STUDY

14 April 2023

**Speaker:** Orkun Akseli (Professor, University of Manchester School of Law)

**Moderator:** Alvin See (Associate Professor, Associate Dean - Undergraduate Curriculum and Teaching & Lee Kong Chian Fellow, SMUYPHSL)

The potential use of digital assets as collateral when taking security raises several issues in the creation, perfection, and enforcement of security interests, as well as in the applicable law. With the collapse of several banks trading digital assets, the issue becomes more acute. This seminar examined the numerous studies and reform activities around the issue.

Webinar - Lee Kong Chian Professorship Lecture

## MODERN REALITIES AND DEVELOPMENTS IN VICARIOUS LIABILITY: THE SEARCH FOR COHERENCE

27 April 2023

**Speaker:** Gary Chan (Vice Provost (Faculty Matters) and Professor, SMUYPHSL)

This webinar discussed the doctrine of vicarious liability, in the face of challenges posed by modern realities and practices.



# FACULTY SEMINARS AND FORUMS

Seminar

## ASSUMPTIONS OF RESPONSIBILITY

16 August 2023

**Speaker:** Sandy Steel (Professor, University of Oxford Faculty of Law; Lee Kong Chian Visiting Professor, SMUYPHSL)

**Chair:** Gary Chan (Vice Provost (Faculty Matters) and Professor, SMUYPHSL)

This seminar examined the concept of ‘assumption of responsibility’ as a reason for positive duties in tort. Describing four different ideas nested under the single label ‘assumption of responsibility’, it was proposed that these different strands be disaggregated.

Seminar

## THE RULE OF LAW, LAW, AND ADJUDICATION

18 August 2023

**Speaker:** Sandy Steel (Professor, University of Oxford Faculty of Law; Lee Kong Chian Visiting Professor, SMUYPHSL)

**Chair:** Tan Seow Hon (Associate Professor, SMUYPHSL)

This lecture considered if legal rules incorporating moral or policy-based criteria – such as references to ‘fairness’, ‘justice’, and ‘reasonableness’ – are reconcilable with the rule of law.

Seminar

## CORPORATE PURPOSE: THEORETICAL AND EMPIRICAL FOUNDATIONS/CONFUSIONS

24 August 2023

**Speaker:** Holger Spamann (Professor, Harvard Law School)

**Commentator:** Dan W. Puchniak (Professor & Director, Centre for Commercial Law in Asia, SMUYPHSL)

This seminar aired the arguments for and against corporate leaders pursuing a broader, social corporate purpose rather than a narrow, shareholder-centric one. It also looked at whether legal and governance levers influence their choice.

Seminar

## COURT CONGESTION THROUGH THE LENS OF SUPPLY AND DEMAND

6 September 2023

**Speaker:** William H.J. Hubbard (Harry N. Wyatt Professor of Law & Deputy Dean, University of Chicago Law School)

**Chair:** Chen Siyuan (Associate Professor, Associate Dean - Student and Alumni Affairs & Director - Moots, SMUYPHSL)

This lecture presented ideas why court congestion is a perennial problem and why solutions so often tried by courts fail. It argued that by looking at litigation through the lens of supply and demand, new reforms can be identified that are more likely to succeed.

Seminar

## LEGAL CORPUS LINGUISTICS: A BIG DATA APPROACH TO LEGAL INTERPRETATION

29 September 2023

**Speaker:** Dr Adrian Hemler (University of Konstanz)

**Commentator:** Jason Grant (Associate Professor, Director - Centre for AI & Data Governance & Urban Fellow, SMUYPHSL)

**Moderator:** Jerrold Soh (Assistant Professor, Deputy Director - Centre for Computational Law & D.S. Lee Foundation Fellow, SMUYPHSL)

Corpus Linguistics, which is based on computational analysis, offers empirically grounded insights into a wide range of linguistic issues, including the dimension of meaning. The talk introduced the emerging field of Legal Corpus Linguistics and gave practical examples of potential applications, focusing on legal interpretation.

# FACULTY WORKSHOPS

Workshop

## ASEAN-KOREA STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP WORKSHOP

1 March 2023

**Organiser:** Pasha L. Hsieh (Professor, SMUYPHSL)

YPHSL organised this workshop with the support of the Korea Foundation and the Jean Monnet Chair Programme of the European Commission.

Research Workshop

## GETTING PUBLISHED AND WINNING GRANTS

12 April 2023

**Speakers:** Justice Andrew Phang (Distinguished Professor, SMUYPHSL);

Zhang Wei (Associate Professor & Associate Dean - PG Curriculum, Teaching and International Relations, SMUYPHSL)

**Moderator:** Yip Man (Professor, SMUYPHSL)

Guidance was given for getting research published in local and international journals, building a healthy and sustainable research paper pipeline, generating impact for research, and preparing for a research grant.

Research Workshop

## DRUG LAWS IN ASIA

29-30 June 2023

**Speaker:** Chan Wing Cheong (Professor, SMUYPHSL)

Jointly organised with Profs Mai Sato (Monash University) and Michael Hor (University of Hong Kong), the focus of the workshop was on the measures taken in Asia to combat drug offences, and particularly the use of the death penalty for such offences. The aim was to document, analyse, and make accessible the laws and policies related to illicit drugs in various Asian countries such as China, Indonesia, Iran, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam, and to encourage debate on the appropriate approach towards illicit drugs.

Research Workshop

## INTERDISCIPLINARY RESEARCH AND PUBLICATION

15 August 2023

**Speaker:** Felix B. Chang (Inaugural Allen & Gledhill Visiting Professor)

The perks and pitfalls of interdisciplinary collaboration with non-lawyers were discussed. Strategies were also shared for getting published in US law reviews.



# VISITING SCHOLARS

Name	Designation	University	Date
<b>Professor Ngoc Son Bui</b>	Fellow of St Hugh's College, Oxford	Faculty of Law, University of Oxford	2 - 13 January
<b>Professor Jianlin Chen</b>	Associate Dean (International) Director of Studies, Asian Law	University of Melbourne Law School	3 - 27 January
<b>Dr Kun Fan</b>	Associate Professor, Postgraduate Coordinator School of Private and Commercial Law, UNSW Law and Justice Member of the Herbert Smith Freehills China International Business and Economic Law (CIBEL) Centre  SIDRA visiting scholar	UNSW Sydney Law & Justice	3 - 13 January & 27 August - 3 September
<b>Professor Ying Khai Liew</b>	Co-Director of the Obligations Group and Associate Director (Private Law) of the Asian Law Centre	University of Melbourne Law School	9 - 31 January
<b>Dr I-Ju Chen</b>	Teaching Fellow/Jean Monnet Visiting Scholar	University of Birmingham Law School	9 - 20 January
<b>Professor Clara Portela</b>	Jean Monnet Visiting Scholar	University of Valencia Law School	9 - 15 January
<b>Professor Scott Y. Lin</b>	Professor & Chair, Graduate Institute of Development Studies	National Chengchi University	30 January - 4 February
<b>Professor Shmuel (Samuel) I. Becher</b>	Associate Dean Research Lee Kong Chian Visiting Professor for AY 2023/2024	Victoria University of Wellington	30 January - 21 February
<b>Professor Jesse M. Fried</b>	William Nelson Cromwell Professor of Law	Harvard Law School	20 - 26 February
<b>Associate Professor Markus Petsche</b>	Chair of the Global Business Law and Regulation Program	Central European University Private University	17 March - 7 April
<b>Professor Orkun Akseli</b>	Academic Director and Chair of the Manchester Law and Technology Initiative	The University of Manchester Law School	31 March - 14 April
<b>Associate Professor Leonardo Borlini</b>	Associate Professor of International Law -Department of Legal Studies BAFFI CAREFIN (Centre for Applied Research on International Markets, Banking, Finance and Regulation), RULES (Research Unit on Law and Economic Studies)  2019 Fulbright Grant Researcher at the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy Visiting Professor at the Peking University School of Transnational Law	Bocconi University	13 April - 1 May
<b>Professor Arjya B. Majumdar</b>	Assistant Dean (Academic Affairs)	O. P. Jindal Global University	2 - 8 June
<b>Professor James Lee</b>	Lee Kong Chian Visiting Professor for AY 2023/2024	The Dickson Poon School of Law, King's College London	24 July - 28 July

# VISITING SCHOLARS

Name	Designation	University	Date
<b>Professor Sandy Steel</b>	Lee Kong Chian Visiting Professor for AY 2023/2024  Professor of Law and Philosophy of Law in the Faculty of Law at Oxford, Lee Shau Kee's Sir Man Kam Lo Fellow in Law at Wadham College, and Global Professor of Law at Notre Dame Law School (London).	Faculty of Law, University of Oxford	2 - 18 August
<b>Dr Michiel Poesen</b>	Lecturer in Private International Law	School of Law, University of Aberdeen	3 - 18 August
<b>Professor Felix Chang</b>	Allen & Gledhill Visiting Professor for AY 2023/2024	University of Cincinnati, College of Law  The Ohio State University, Michael E. Moritz College of Law	5 - 18 August
<b>Professor Georgios Dimitropoulos</b>	Associate Dean for Academic Affairs	College of Law, Hamad bin Khalifa University	14 - 18 August
<b>Professor Holger Spamann</b>	Lawrence R. Grove Professor of Law	Harvard Law School	19 - 26 August
<b>Associate Professor Weihuan Zhou</b>	Director of Research and Co-Director of the Herbert Smith Freehills China International Business and Economic Law (CIBEL) Centre.	UNSW Sydney Law	21 August - 8 September
<b>Dr Marta Soprana</b>	Fellow in International Political Economy Department of International Relations	London School of Economics and Political Science	30 August - 8 September
<b>Professor Hisashi Harata</b>	CCLA visiting scholar	Faculty of Law, Tokyo University	31 August - 12 September
<b>Professor William Hubbard</b>	Deputy Dean, Harry N. Wyatt Professor of Law	The University of Chicago Law School	5 - 6 September
<b>Associate Professor Trang (Mae) Nguyen</b>	Affiliated Scholar at the U.S.-Asia Law Institute, New York University School of Law and a Stephen M. Kellen Term Member of the Council on Foreign Relations.	Beasley School of Law, Temple University	11 September - 13 October
<b>Professor Anthony J. Casey</b>	Donald M. Ephraim Professor of Law and Economics, Faculty Director, The Center on Law and Finance  CCLA visiting scholar	University of Chicago Law School	18 - 29 September
<b>Dr Michelle Limenta</b>	Director of the UPH Center for International Trade and Investment  CCLA visiting scholar	Universitas Pelita Harapan	23 October - 3 November
<b>Dr Chun Zhou</b>	Associate Professor	Guanghua Law School, Zhejiang University, PRC	1 - 30 November



# KWA GEOK CHOO LAW LIBRARY

This world-class law library, wired for the 21<sup>st</sup> century, helps the work of faculty and students stand out.






# KWA GEOK CHOO LIBRARY

SMU Libraries provides a variety of spaces and services at the Kwa Geok Choo Law Library. Besides offering a comprehensive physical collection, the Law Library is wired for legal research in the 21st century. Its Ask Library 'live' chat service and library research guides are popular, as are facilities like the learning labs, project rooms, and Learning Commons.


In 2023:



The Kwa Geok Choo Law Library received

## 257,909


visitors



SMU Libraries handled

## 2,074

online enquiries via the Ask Library chat service



The Law Research Navigator was accessed by

## 56,112

users

## FACULTY RESEARCH SUPPORT

### Research Services Support

In 2023, SMU Libraries rolled out pilot services to support faculty. These facilitate better research workflows and increase research visibility. The services include literature review support, publishing in open access journals, and marketing via visual abstracts.

- A research visibility tools refresher was held for YPHSL faculty in August, covering various bibliometric tools like Scopus, Overton, and Google Scholar.
- A visual abstract was developed for *The future of the international financial system: The emerging CBDC network and its impact on regulation* by Professor Wang Heng.
- Ten articles by YPHSL faculty benefited from the transformative agreement negotiated by SMU Libraries with Cambridge University Press, and were made open access in 2023:



- Characterisation and choice of law for knowing receipt*, by Professor Adeline Chong
- Legal dispositionism and artificiality: intelligent attributions*, by Assistant Professor Jerrold Soh
- Re-examining judicial review of delegated legislation*, by Associate Professor Kenny Chng
- New investment rulemaking in Asia: between regionalism and domestication*, by Professor Pasha Hsieh
- Falsehoods, foreign interference, and compelled speech in Singapore*, by Associate Professor Kenny Chng
- The Islamisation of the English trust: The hibah trust in Malaysia*, by Lee Kong Chian Professor Tang Hang Wu
- The geoeconomics of belt and road disputes: a case study on the China-Pakistan economic corridor*, by Assistant Professor Mark McLaughlin
- Compensation thresholds for collective sales: Singapore & Australia compared*, by Associate Professor Edward Ti
- The relationship between constitutional equality and substantive review*, by Associate Professor Kenny Chng
- Unpacking constitutional literacy*, by Professor Maartje de Visser

# KWA GEOK CHOO LIBRARY

## Institutional Knowledge at Singapore Management University (InK) views and downloads



### 146,969

Total link downloads in 2023 for YPHSL publications



### 289

Total number of new publications added for YPHSL



### 50.9%

Percentage of new publications with full text available for download

## EVENTS

### ASEAN Summer School for Emerging Library Leaders

The Kwa Geok Choo Law Library hosted a visit by participants of the inaugural ASEAN Summer School for Emerging Library Leaders, held from 10–14 July 2023. The programme, developed by SMU Libraries in partnership with SMU Academy, equips emerging library leaders in ASEAN with the necessary skills and knowledge to lead the digital transformation of their respective libraries. At the same time, cross-library collaborations and connections are fostered.



### SMU Mental Health Week 2023: Human Library

SMU Libraries, in collaboration with the Mrs Wong Kwok Leong Student Wellness Centre and the Office of Alumni Relations, curated The Human Library as part of SMU Mental Health Week 2023. The Human Library afforded users an opportunity to hear from various professionals about balancing their careers with their well-being.

## TEACHING & OUTREACH

The SMU librarians closely support the development of YPHSL students and their legal research skills. Activities together include orientation, in-class instruction, research consultations, workshops, and other forms of outreach like SMU Libraries Curates.



Some of the 2023 highlights were the legal research treasure hunt at the end of the Law Kickstarter orientation programme; supporting the students who participated in the Ian R. Taylor International Moots Programme; and internship workshops in collaboration with the SMU Law Society (the Bar).

SMU Libraries' Law Library Peer Advisors (LPA) continued to provide support at the Kwa Geok Choo Law Library Service Desk. The LPAs assist first-year LLB and JD students in navigating legal resources both within the library and externally (via the Internet), through peer-to-peer and self-guided learning. The LPAs, in turn, hone their own legal research skills through mentorships provided by the librarians.



# ACADEMIC PROGRAMMES

Firmly grounded in real-world practice, our programmes equip learners for modern legal practice.







The Yong Pung How School of Law is home to a vibrant community of undergraduate and postgraduate students. It offers five academic programmes:

Programme	Description
<b>Bachelor of Laws (LLB)</b>	The LLB is a four-year meritorious honours programme, with a curriculum that is regularly revised to meet the needs of a fast-changing economy. Formulated by legal academics and practitioners, the programme is endorsed by the Ministry of Law and the Singapore Institute of Legal Education.
<b>Bachelor of Science (Computing &amp; Law)</b>	The SMU Bachelor of Science (Computing and Law) degree is unique and the first of its kind in Singapore. Offered in partnership with the SMU School of Computing and Information Systems, it produces professionals equipped with both technological and legal skills, who can identify new opportunities, deliver new services, and reimagine the way we create value.
<b>Juris Doctor (JD)</b>	The JD programme is a postgraduate qualifying law degree for students who have undergraduate degrees in other disciplines. It is also available to those who have studied law in civil law countries and in other jurisdictions.
<b>Master of Laws (LLM)</b>	The LLM programme, with three specialised tracks, has been carefully designed to expand the knowledge of legal professionals in classic and novel areas of the law. Legal professionals are equipped with the skillsets required to render accurate advice on cross-border transactions, or deliver high-quality adjudication and judicial administration.
<b>PhD in Law, Commerce and Technology</b>	The PhD in Law, Commerce and Technology programme emphasises the interdisciplinary study of law, business and technology. In particular, students can choose to specialise in either of its two tracks, Law and Commerce, or Law and Technology. These tracks are open to students working on topics involving the three-way intersection of law, commerce and technology.

## UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMMES

### Curriculum

#### Specialisation tracks

The optional specialisation tracks were designed in recognition of the various pathways to legal practice, and the additional and specific skillsets different segments of the legal industry may demand. Rather than prescribing a one-size-fits-all law curriculum, informed students are given the opportunity to strengthen their knowledge and skillset specific to their selected fields. This scheme builds upon the existing LLB curriculum with a more specific selection of electives. These include:

#### TRACK-SPECIFIC LAW ELECTIVES

*(for subject matter knowledge)*

#### TRACK-SPECIFIC LAW-RELATED ELECTIVES

*(for multi/interdisciplinary knowledge)*

#### TRACK-SPECIFIC LAW CAPSTONE

*(for the finishing touch and experiential learning)*

By the end of 2023, 30 LLB undergraduates had elected for these specialisation tracks. They comprise 15 students pursuing the Corporate Transactions track, eight students pursuing the Dispute Resolution track, and seven students pursuing the Law and Technology Track.

#### Law capstone

Every student pursuing the LLB degree is required to complete a law capstone course to graduate. Each LLB track has track-specific law capstone courses. There are two unique features of a law capstone course. First, unlike foundational law courses that focus on a narrower range of topics, the law capstone module cuts across traditional legal silos by focusing on practical law cognate projects. Second, every law capstone course is also designed as an SMU-X course, so that the entire cohort of students is exposed to a good degree of experiential learning. SMU-X courses are taught in small classes with the help of industry mentors.

The law capstone courses prepare our students for the future of legal practice, which can only be expected to increase in complexity.

### Law Kickstarter 2023

The fourth edition of the Law Kickstarter orientation programme, led by Associate Professor Michelle Lim, took place from 24 July to 11 August. Law Kickstarter equips incoming students with the mind-set and skillset to succeed in their study of law.

Students were given early access to the eLearn platform and to introductory materials on the Singapore Legal System, prepared by Assistant Professor Benjamin Joshua Ong. Notes on legal research skills were prepared for them by Mr Bryan Leow, Associate Librarian at the Kwa Geok Choo Law Library, and Common Law Reasoning seminars introduced students to the basics of reading case law and statutes. These seminars were led Associate Professors Alvin See and Dorcas Quek Anderson, Assistant Professors Benjamin Joshua Ong and Nicholas Liu, and Senior Lecturer Ong Ee Ing.

Students also gained a perspectives on legal practice after law school. In Tomorrow's Lawyers: Navigating the Different Pathways to Success in the Legal Profession, Associate Professor Darius Chan hosted a fascinating sharing session by a panel of alumni, namely Mr Gerald Tan (JD 2013, Regional Legal Counsel (APAC), Amadeus Singapore); Ms Nicole Goh (LLB 2012, Senior Commercial Counsel, HubSpot); Ms Charlotte Tan (LLB 2016, Associate, Clifford Chance LLP); and Ms Renuga Devi (LLB 2017, Public Defender, Public Defender's Office).

In Extraordinary Attorney Woo and Friends, panellists Associate Professor Loo Wee Ling, Associate Professor Liu Nengye, and Senior Lecturer Ong Ee Ing discussed difficult ethical situations in the legal profession. The panel was moderated by Associate Professor Michelle Lim, and used an excerpt from an episode of K-Drama Extraordinary Attorney Woo to illustrate some of the challenging ethical issues students may eventually face in legal practice.

Student-led initiatives included Conquering Law School and SMU Law Mentorship, both organised by the SMU Law Society. Senior law students shared practical tips for navigating a new environment, managing studies, and participating meaningfully in student life.

### Elective Offerings

In 2023, 56 different electives were offered, of which eight were new. This brought the number of elective offerings to a new high. Among them were 14 SMU-X courses with elements of industry mentorship – a substantial number of our electives are taught by industry partners, ensuring a healthy dose of diversity and practicality in our course offerings.



# ACADEMIC PROGRAMMES

## POSTGRADUATE PROGRAMMES

### Postgraduate Programmes AY23-24

The postgraduate programmes office continued to hold Postgraduate Lunch Talk sessions from late 2023.



Sandy Yeung, Senior Associate at King & Wood Mallesons, spoke in November on *Private Credit*.



The Dean and YPHSL faculty met students and alumni in October 2023.

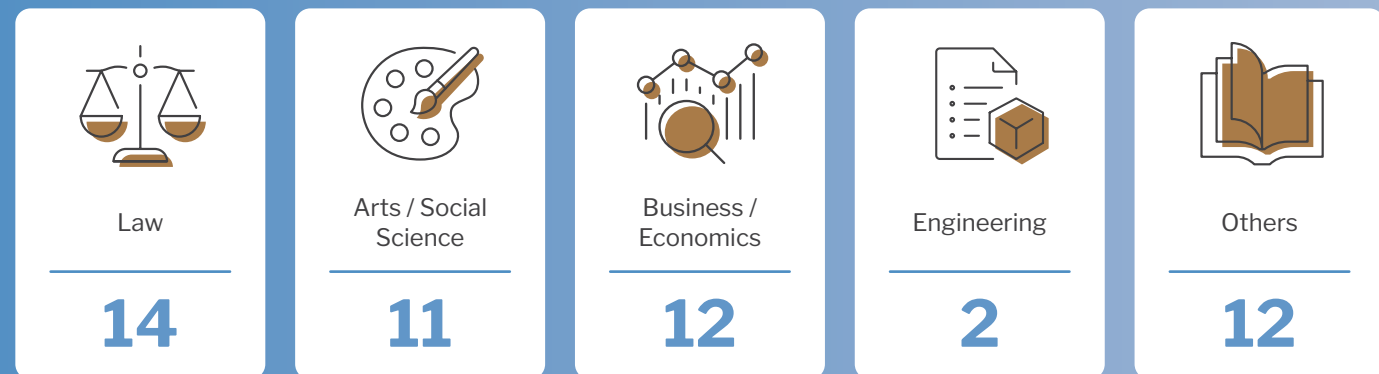
### JURIS DOCTOR PROGRAMME (JD) IN AY23-24

Like the LLB, the JD programme allows graduates who become qualified persons to sit for the Singapore Bar examination which is a prerequisite to becoming an Advocate & Solicitor. The JD programme welcomes candidates who have a non-law undergraduate degree though it is also open to applicants who have studied law in a civil law jurisdiction. The JD programme received 116 applications in AY2023, an increase from 101 in the preceding year. A total of 36 students matriculated into the programme.

#### 2023 JD Student Demographics



#### Field of Study of New JD Students in AY23



# ACADEMIC PROGRAMMES

### MASTER OF LAWS (LLM) IN AY22-23

#### LLM in Judicial Studies

The third batch of LLM in Judicial Studies candidates graduated from the Yong Pung How School of Law in the summer of 2023. The three candidates hailed from Pakistan and the Philippines.

In August 2023, we welcomed the fourth intake of the LLM in Judicial Studies. We look forward to attracting serving judges and judicial aspirants from around the world.

#### LLM in Cross-Border Business and Finance Law in Asia

The LLM in Cross-Border Business and Finance Law in Asia remains our signature track and a popular choice among working professionals and fresh graduates. A total of 58 students were enrolled in this track for AY2023, with a quarter of them choosing the part-time mode.

A total of 34 full-time and part-time candidates from the track successfully graduated from the programme, with five placed on the Dean's List.

Our on-going partnerships with universities in Europe and around the region ensure a steady stream of international students into our LLM programme. Our marketing strategies also target overseas markets where students make up the bulk of our yearly cohorts.

We welcomed two LLM graduates taking the direct entry route into the Juris Doctor programme in AY2023. They will benefit from tuition fee discounts, course exemptions, and a shorter JD programme.

#### Dual LLM in Commercial Law (Singapore & London)

With the renewal of the partnership agreement with our partner university Queen Mary University of London, YPHSL will continue to jointly deliver the Dual LLM in Commercial Law programme in both the London and Singapore campuses.

In August 2023, we welcomed six candidates to the Dual LLM programme, following their completion of the London leg in January of the same year.

#### LLM in Law and Technology

With growing interest in tech-related legal practices, the recently introduced LLM track in Law and Technology gained traction in AY2023 and saw 37 applications. Twenty students, more than double the previous year, were subsequently enrolled.

Three candidates from the inaugural batch of LLM in Law and Technology successfully graduated from the programme.

### PHD IN LAW, COMMERCE AND TECHNOLOGY PROGRAMME IN AY23-24

The PhD in Law, Commerce and Technology for the 2023–2024 academic year received 32 applications. Following a competitive admissions process, three students were admitted, forming the second cohort of the programme.

Intake for LLM (AY23-24)

**5**

LLM in Judicial Studies

**58**

LLM in Cross-Border Business and Finance Law in Asia

**6**

LLM in Commercial Law

**20**

LLM in Law & Technology



## SCHOOL OF LAW TEACHING AWARDS FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 2023

YPHSL's indefatigable faculty is dedicated to nurturing the next generation of legal minds. In 2023 we recognised the many who made a difference for our students.



### POSTGRADUATE TEACHING AWARD WINNERS



**JD Recipient**  
Prof Tang Hang Wu



**LLM Recipient**  
Assoc Prof Warren Chik

### UNDERGRADUATE TEACHING AWARD WINNERS



**Most Outstanding Teacher Award**  
Asst Prof Daniel Seah



**Most Promising Teacher Award**  
Asst Prof Jerrold Soh



**Most Outstanding LGST Teacher Award**  
Prof Dan Puchniak



**Most Outstanding Adjunct Award**  
Mr Ian Chai

### DEAN'S TEACHING EXCELLENCE AWARD WINNERS



Assoc Prof Darius Chan



Assoc Prof Kenny Chng



Prof Maartje de Visser



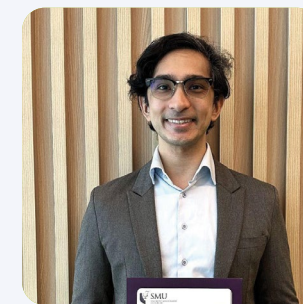
Prof Locknie Hsu



Asst Prof Lau Kwan Ho



Asst Prof Lim How Khang



Asst Prof Benjamin Joshua Ong



Assoc Prof Dorcas Quek Anderson



Prof Walter Woon



Prof Yeo Tiong Min





# PROFESSIONAL & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENTS

Our outreach efforts promote social responsibility and help strengthen the legal community.

# ONLINE HARMS SYMPOSIUM

Exploring New Solutions and Legal Remedies for a Safer Online World

25 - 27 October 2023





# PROFESSIONAL & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENTS

## SMU LAW ACADEMY

The SMU Law Academy (SMULA) was established in 2010 as the Continuing Legal Education unit of YPHSL, in response to the professional development needs of the local legal industry. It was rebranded as SMU Law Academy (SMULA) in 2018 to consolidate the professional development programmes within a single unit. In just over a decade, it has established itself as a leading service provider of professional development courses for lawyers.

In 2023, SMULA expanded its offerings by more than 16 per cent compared to 2022.

It continued to partner with the Singapore Global Restructuring Initiative (housed at the YPHSL Centre for Commercial Law) to offer the SMU-IPAS Graduate Certificate in Insolvency and Restructuring, and run seminars on insolvency-related topics.

With the increased use of technology, SMULA also introduced more tech-related seminars on topics such as fintech, cryptoassets and generative AI.

SMULA's range of offerings now includes the following:

- Recent Highlights series
- Primer series
- Expert Masterclass series
- Graduate certificates
- Professional and executive certificates

SMULA continues to work closely with the research centre in YPHSL to bring more industry-relevant programmes to learners within and outside the legal industry.



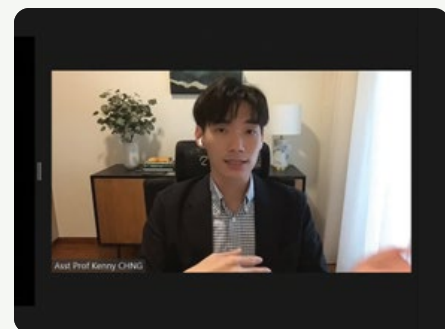
Getting Started with GPT-3 for Lawyers by Asst Prof Lim How Khang



FinTech, Cryptoassets and Anti-Money-Laundering by Asst Prof Nydia Remolina-Leon



Planning Law for Planners, by Edward Ti



Recent Highlights in Constitutional and Administrative Law by Assoc Prof Kenny Chng



The Law and Finance of Corporate Reorganizations in the United States, by Professor Kenneth Ayotte for the Singapore Global Restructuring Initiative

# PROFESSIONAL & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENTS

## PRO BONO CENTRE



By participating in pro bono work, YPHSL students are giving back to the community at an early stage of their legal training. At the same time, they learn important skills which will help them become better lawyers. Mohamed Khairulnizam, winner of the 2023 Pro Bono Hero Award (JD), says that pro bono work has helped him to understand the challenges faced by different groups in society, and deepened his empathy and compassion towards others. Likewise, Gini Wong, winner of the 2023 Pro Bono Hero Award (LLB), says that taking part in pro bono projects has affirmed her conviction and passion to serve the community with her knowledge and skills.

In addition to the free weekly legal clinics held at SMU, which provide assistance to more than 150 applicants annually, YPHSL students in 2023 gave 36 legal awareness talks; produced five videos on helping those without mental capacity; assisted volunteer lawyers in certifying over 100 Lasting Powers of Attorney; helped more than 20 families obtain deputyship orders via the Family Justice Courts' Integrated Family Application Management System (iFAMS); supported lawyers in 13 pro bono criminal or family cases; evaluated 14 applications by convicted inmates seeking to overturn their sentences; and assisted in the drafting and finalising of wills for more than 25 families who are clients of the Special Needs Trust Company.

In July 2023, the Pro Bono Centre organised a two-week overseas trip to Vientiane, Laos, to assist a law-related NGO to enhance legal education and access to justice. This was the first SMU overseas community service trip devoted to legal work. We look forward to more YPHSL students serving communities beyond Singapore.

The strong pro bono culture in SMU is exemplified by the number of pro bono hours served. Over the course of 2023, SMU students collectively contributed 7,949 pro bono hours, which averaged 42 pro bono hours per student—more than double the 20 hours that is required of them. Furthermore, ten JD and 12 LLB students went the extra mile to contribute over 50 and 80 pro bono hours respectively.

We are especially proud that all four of the volunteer lawyers recognised at the SMU Volunteer Appreciation Dinner 2023 were YPHSL alumni:















- Alvin Ong, conferred the Spirit of Pro Bono Champion Award for having participated the most number of times in the PBC Legal Clinic this year
- Matthew Teo, Christian Teo, and Jasper Chan, conferred the Spirit of Pro Bono Bronze Award for having volunteered at the PBC Legal Clinic for at least five years

These opportunities for our students to hone their legal skills and nurture a strong sense of social responsibility were made possible by our valued community partners and volunteers.



# PROFESSIONAL & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENTS

## Pro bono activities by YPHSL students

Jan-Dec 2023	
 Total pro bono hours (LLB)	<b>6,539.6</b>
 Total pro bono hours (JD)	<b>1,409.3</b>
 Total pro bono hours (LLB+JD)	<b>7,948.9</b>
 Average pro bono hours (LLB)	<b>40.6</b>
 Average pro bono hours (JD)	<b>47</b>
 Average pro bono hours (LLB+JD)	<b>41.6</b>
 LLB graduates who completed 80 or more pro bono hours	<b>12</b>
 JD graduates who completed 50 or more pro bono hours	<b>10</b>
 Legal awareness talks	<b>36</b>
 Videos	<b>5</b>
 LPAs, wills, deputyship applications	<b>194</b>
 Applicants at PBC legal clinic	<b>159</b>
 Project Lighthouse cases	<b>13</b>
 The Recourse Initiative cases	<b>14</b>

# PROFESSIONAL & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENTS

## OUTREACH TO SCHOOLS

### SMU Open House 2023 and Law Symposium

In 2023, SMU's primary annual outreach and engagement event, SMU Open House, resumed as a full-scale, in-person event for the first time since the COVID-19 pandemic.

YPHSL took the opportunity to engage participants, with strong faculty support. At the school's annual Law Symposium, Professor Tang Hang Wu, Professor Maartje de Visser, and Associate Professor Dorcas Quek Anderson offered three sample seminars specifically for students who had applied for Law. These were supplemented by an additional eight sample seminars for the general public, that were helmed by Professors Low Kee Yang and Walter Woon, SC; Associate Professors Alvin See and Chen Siyuan; and Assistant Professors Lau Kwan Ho, Jerrold Soh and Benjamin Joshua Ong. A myriad of law-related subjects was covered – such as tort, criminal law, law and technology, and contract law – in addition to general topics, such as the new law curriculum tracks, and preparing for the law writing test and interviews. All seminars were well-attended and well-received. The Law School booth at the Open House also drew many visitors, who engaged with our faculty, staff and students.

### Admissions-centred outreach

Prospective scholars and their parents were hosted by the School at a Law Scholars' Engagement Dinner. Guests were able to speak with our faculty, and hear from current scholars, who shared about their law school experience and the merits of SMU's various scholarships.

YPHSL also participated in the SMU-wide Destination: SMU event. Law offerees viewed a moots demonstration at the David Marshall Moot Court before engaging with our Guest-of-Honour Mr Tan Boon Heng, Registrar of the Supreme Court; our Dean; and students from the Ian R. Taylor Mooting Programme. Participants also learnt how the School prepares students for a future in the legal profession.

### Other outreach events

In all SMU outreach events organised by the SMU Office of Admissions and Financial Aid, YPHSL made its presence felt. From booths at the major Junior Colleges, polytechnics, and IB schools, to learning journeys to SMU for students and their parents, our activities managed to engage. For many school students, a highlight was participating in a sample seminar conducted by Law School faculty, and interacting with student representatives.





# STUDENTS & ALUMNI

YPHSL students past and present form a vibrant fraternity.





# STUDENT CLUBS

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## SMU LAW SOCIETY – THE BAR

The SMU Law Society, also known as The Bar, serves to advance students' professional and academic interests while forging a stronger sense of community. The Bar's 17<sup>th</sup> Management Committee, elected for the year 2024, thanks outgoing President Damien Teo and his team for their dedicated efforts throughout 2023.



### Law Camp and Law Bash

*Ascendo*, The Bar's annual freshman camp, was held in July. Returning, too, was The Bar's annual pageant, *Euphoria*. Through activities ranging from the buoyant Beach Day at Sentosa to the formal Dinner and Dance, the freshmen made new friends and bonded with batch mates. They will be each other's pillar of support in law school, now that they are part of the proud community that is the YPHSL student body.

### Law Graduation Week

2023's celebration saw many memorable evenings, with good company, fine food, drinks, and music.

### Welfare Drives

Encouraging students throughout the year were the many treats and giveaways organised by The Bar.

### Community Events

School-wide activities marked Valentine's Day, Chinese New Year, and Halloween.

### Kickstarter

This annual event held shortly after Law Camp helps freshmen better assimilate into law school. In a series of talks, faculty, seniors, and alumni offered study tips, professional guidance, and salient advice on stress management and leading a well-balanced student life. The Bar thanks the following alumni who made one of such talks, titled 'Tomorrow's Lawyers', possible:

- Charlotte Tan'16 (LLB)
- Gerald Tan'12 (JD)
- Nicole Oh'12 (LLB)
- Renuga Devi'17 (LLB)



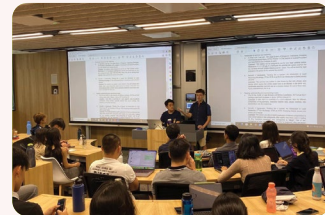
### Mentorship Programme

This annual initiative groups freshmen with seniors willing to aid their journey through law school. With events like MaRUNa and Wellbeing Weekend, the programme creates strong links between our junior and senior batches, building an excellent 'pay it forward' culture.

### Networking Events

The Bar planned several networking events with various law firms and legal organisations, giving every student the opportunity to develop professionally. An Internship Sharing Session was held in tandem, with seniors helping students navigate career choices and prospects. The Bar thanks the following alumni who returned to SMU as speakers for these networking events:

- Aaron Cheuk'21 (LLB)
- Alvin Tan'13 (JD)
- Daniel Chay'17 (BBM)
- Clayton Chong'14 (LLB)
- Dylan Mah'19 (JD)
- Jared Goh'18 (LLB)
- Jiamin Leow'13 (JD)
- Nadia Ahmad Samdin'13 (LLB)
- Nicholas Kuek'21 (LLB)
- Pradeep Nair'13 (LLB)
- Sher Min Teo'16 (LLB)
- Su Jin Chandran'21 (LLB)
- T Abirami'21 (LLB)
- Theresa Pang'06 (BBM)
- V Kumar Sharma'13 (LLB)
- Wei Ying Ng'17 (LLB)
- Yoong San Tan'21 (LLB)
- Zhi Jia Koh'22 (LLB)
- Zhulkarnain Abdul Rahim'13 (LLM)
- Muhammed Ismail'16 (LLB)



## CONSTITUTIONAL LAW AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE CLUB (CCJC)

Led by Erica Wee, Lee Keeron, and Prakhunmeechai Sararaksh, CCJC ushered in the academic year with an exciting new series of on-campus events.

CCJC hosted its first SMU Talk, titled *Mental Health and the Criminal Justice System*, organised in collaboration with faculty. The panel of distinguished speakers included Mr Wong Kok Weng, Dr Stephen Phang, and Mr Sunil Sundheesan, with nearly 200 law students in attendance.

Shortly after, CCJC hosted the inaugural *CrimConnects Symposium*. Aimed at introducing the student body to the diverse opportunities available in criminal law, the Symposium hosted a panel of eight speakers from both the public and private sectors. They included the then-Second Chief Prosecutor, Mr Mohamed Faizal SC, lawyers from the Public Defender's Office, and senior criminal defence lawyers from several of Singapore's most renowned criminal defence firms. Present, too, at the event were alumni such as Mr Chooi Jing Yen'15, a partner at Eugene Thuraisingam LLP and a CCJC alumnus; as well as Mr Andrew Chia'20, a Deputy Public Prosecutor and State Counsel at the Attorney-General's Chambers.

Alongside the commencement of new on-campus events, CCJC strengthened established projects. In the *JC Dialogues Programme*, CCJC partners local tertiary institutions to deliver talks to students on matters of public law. The club was able to expand the range of topics covered to include deeper discussions on international law and constitutional liberties. In addition, the *Talks for the Communities* project broadened its reach. In 2023, it not only included the intellectually disabled and their caregivers, but also other beneficiaries and communities in need. The club continues to refine its publications series, *Evidence and Administrative Law Guidebooks*, which aims to inform the wider public of their rights and the legal processes involved.



## CORPORATE AND COMMERCIAL LAW CLUB (COCO)

Led by Alexis Sudrajat, Bill Puah Ee Jie, Hoy Jun En, John, and Estelle Chan Jie Min, CoCo filled its schedule with various corporate and commercial law themed competitions and talks. The summer break began with the *BlackOak Transactional Negotiation Competition*, which gave teams a chance to pitch a rescue plan based on a fictional scenario involving a distressed group of companies.

In June, the *Allen & Gledhill Contract Drafting Competition* was held. Teams were judged on the quality of their written submissions, with the top two teams proceeding to an intense final negotiation round at Allen & Gledhill's Singapore office. CoCo also organised the *WongPartnership Transaction Competition*, which attracted over 40 teams from SMU and NUS. The Grand Finals, held at WongPartnership's Singapore office, were judged by Mr Ng Wai King, Mr Khoo Ken Hui, and Ms Karen Wee.

Two talks were held for the SMU student body: *Exploring Corporate Practice: Insights and Advice* and *Maritime and Trade Law - Careers and Perspectives*. Participants learnt about the wide and evolving range of opportunities available in the industry, and also obtained industry perspectives from the panel of respected and experienced practitioners.

Throughout the year, CoCo also published monthly newsletters with updates on corporate and commercial practices. In July, CoCo published three articles, titled *Singapore Updates Laws and Regulations to Embrace Technological Advances*; *Tighter Regulations for Digital Payment Token Service Providers*; and *Obligations Under the Code of Practice for Online Safety*. These initiatives align with CoCo's aim to bridge the information gap between students and the legal industry, through exposure to industry norms and practices.





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## INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS CLUB (IRC)

Led by Delvine Tan and Reuben Ang, IRC kick-started 2023 with a Welcome Welfare for Exchange Students event. International students were treated to an entertaining session involving old-school local games, during which some cultural understanding was gained through conversations with local students. The new friendships assured them of support during their exciting journey at YPHSL.



In August 2023, IRC hosted a delegation from Rwanda, consisting of honorary members of the judiciary and the government, on a campus tour. Some notable individuals who graced the event were Chief Justice of Rwanda Dr Faustin Ntezilyayo; His Excellence Jean De Dieu; and Judges of the various court offices. The group was welcomed by Associate Professor of Law Chen Siyuan, who guided them around the David Marshall Moot Court. IRC's campus tour showcased YPHSL's iconic facilities, such as the Kwa Geok Choo Law Library, and included a brief history of SMU's law school.



## LEXICON: A STUDENT PUBLICATION

SMU Lexicon, the legal publications club of YPHSL, was led by Editors-in-Chief Ivan Tang Wu Hwan and Isabelle Lim Yu Jie in 2023. SMU Lexicon published 36 pieces during the year, and its website blog garnered over 212,000 site views. Of the pieces, 21 were published in collaboration with the Supreme Court: 19 case briefs as part of the Supreme Court Case Summary Initiative and two short articles under the Rule of Law Series. Another key achievement was the publication of the fourth volume of the *Singapore Law Journal*. This volume featured four articles contributed by YPHSL faculty, as well as three articles and one case commentary contributed by YPHSL students. Topics covered included contract law, private international law, evidence law, constitutional and criminal law, corporate law, and the law of equity.



## LEGAL INNOVATION AND TECHNOLOGY CLUB (LIT)

Led by Tan Shae-Lynn and Philip Tan, SMU LIT is dedicated to exploring the dynamic intersection of law and technology. The club's mission is to equip future legal professionals with the knowledge and skills needed to navigate the rapidly evolving landscape of legal technology.

Every month, LIT club members contribute articles on various aspects of legal tech. These roundups cover the latest trends, tools, and innovations shaping the future of the legal industry. Topics in 2023 ranged from artificial intelligence in legal research to blockchain's impact on contract law. These articles were circulated school-wide and were positively received by students of various disciplines.

SMU LIT's flagship annual hackathon attracted around 140 enthusiastic participants. Students collaborated to innovate and develop tech-driven solutions to real-world legal challenges, presenting their solutions to a panel of judges which included industry experts and legal tech professionals. Winning teams received prizes and the opportunity to further develop their projects, with mentorship from experienced practitioners. The champions went on to present their solutions on stage at TechLaw Fest 2023. The three-day hybrid SMU LIT hackathon also included workshops conducted by Rajah & Tann Technologies on their contract lifecycle management system, as well as a panel discussion moderated by Assistant Professor Lim How Khang along with Ian Chai and Michael Lees.



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## SMU LAW OUTREACH CLUB (SLOC)

Led by Teo Jie Xuan, Clarissa Ng, and Serena Lee Oh, SLOC continued its tradition of student-driven initiatives conducted in collaboration with various socio-legal stakeholders. Highlights of 2023 included:

- The **Pro Bono Fair**: a showcase of SLOC signature projects and pro bono and volunteer opportunities with external organisations.
- The **Deputyship Project**: a collaboration with the Community Justice Centre at the State Courts. Students assisted caregivers of persons who lack mental capacity to file deputyship applications under the Mental Capacity Act, through the new Automated Court Documents Assembly Deputyship System. This makes the application process easier for families, who often face challenges with the application and have difficulty accessing legal aid.
- **Law on Life**: an annual talk to broaden the perspectives of law students on how the law interacts with our daily lives. In 2023, the theme was Passion in Practice: Balancing Careers and Community Service in Pro Bono. We invited Ms Eleanor Wong, Mr Suang Wijaya, Ms Nicolette Lee'18, Ms Goh Qian Hui, and Ms Desiree Leong to share their insights.
- The **Moot Parliament Programme**: a collaboration with the Ministry of Education, aimed at helping secondary school students understand legislation. SLOC planned bill-writing workshops for student-mentors and students, guided students in drafting bills, and facilitated a debate and symposium.
- **Project iFAMS**: regular sessions where volunteers assist parents with children who lack mental capacity in their applications for deputyship under the Mental Capacity Act, using the Family Justice Court's Integrated Family Application Management System.
- **Project SPARK**: a project to raise awareness of sexual harassment and assault. SLOC partnered with SG Her Empowerment, which focuses on gender-based online harms.
- **Project Starfish**: legal research conducted by SLOC members for the Society of Starfish Singapore. SLOC studied their liabilities and vetted documents. In addition, they conducted an educational talk on gangs to primary school children.
- The **Silver Oak Project**: legal awareness talks in Mandarin at CareCorner Elderly Centre, about the Central Provident Fund and wills.
- **The Recourse Initiative**: a collaboration with the NUS Criminal Justice Club to assist convicts who believe that they have been wrongly convicted of their crimes. The team discussed cases with professors, researched leads, interviewed applicants in prison, and wrote recommendations on how cases should be handled.



## SMU LAW SPORTS & RECREATION CLUB (SPARC)

Led by Lim Shi Han and Xavier Wu, SPARC began the academic year with its biggest event, the Law Fraternity Games. This gave students the opportunity to network with lawyers and judges, of whom many are YPHSL alumni, as well as with individuals from other local law schools.

The year saw a mix of old and new events, such as SPARC's flagship MaRUNa and its new cycling version. As always, students ended off the semester with an evening yoga session on the rooftop.

Collaborations brought other exciting activities to the YPHSL students, such as boxing sessions with Spartan Gym. SPARC is especially grateful to our YPHSL alumnus, Poon Shu Qi'21 (LLB), for providing a gym session at Kampung Gym.





# STUDENT CLUBS

## SMU MEDIATION AND NEGOTIATION CLUB (SMNC)

To introduce and promote Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) to incoming freshmen, SMNC organised an orientation event. Freshmen were able to network with the school's ADR community and hear from their seniors about their experiences in the various ADR competitions. SMNC also organised mock mediation rounds so that participants could get hands-on experience. As part of SMU's Pro Bono Week, SMNC invited students to try their hand at reframing and analogising, and filmed a short clip to demonstrate the power of mediation as a dispute resolution mechanism.



The annual SMNC Mediation & Advocacy Competition is a beginner-friendly competition targeting all students of SMU. It seeks to raise awareness of alternative means of dispute resolution. The competition problems are written by SMNC, and mediation training workshops are organised to guide beginner teams. SMNC is especially grateful to alumni Seow Ling Ern'21 (LLB) and Kimberly Sim'21 (LLB), who returned to SMU as esteemed judges for this event.

SMNC also ran mediation clinics for SMU's Arts & Cultural Fraternity (ACF), during which we gleaned insights into its leadership organisation and existing dispute resolution mechanisms, as well as the nature of the disputes commonly faced, receptiveness towards campus mediation, and areas for future collaboration. This was part of a pilot project with ACF, with the aim of equipping incumbent EXCO members of various ACF clubs with fundamental negotiation and mediation skills.

## MOOT COURT CLUB (MCC)

MCC enjoyed another successful year under the leadership of President Nicolette Ang and Vice-Presidents Elizabeth Ho and Eula Sia. Besides supporting our students' preparations for both local and regional moot competitions, a highlight of the year was the successful hosting of the Attorney-General's Cup. Held in conjunction with the Attorney-General's Chambers, the National University of Singapore, and the Singapore University of Social Sciences, the AG Cup provided a platform for students to apply their knowledge and skills in a competitive setting. With the support of our student volunteers, MCC ensured the moot proceeded smoothly. The event showcased the exceptional talent of our students, with three of them reaching the final round. Our students also won the Best Memorial award, a testament to the club's commitment to holistic moot preparations.



# STUDENT CLUBS

## INTERNATIONAL MOOT COURT COMPETITONS 2023





## INTERNATIONAL MOOT COURT COMPETITIONS

2023 was another year of great success for the Ian R Taylor International Moots Programme. Headline achievements include:

- A 2<sup>nd</sup>-runner-up finish in the Jessup in Washington DC (Dawn Wee/Janessa Phua/Sivaranjini Pillai/Tan Jie Loong/Justin Tang). This is SMU's fourth podium finish in the most prestigious moot in the world.
- A 2<sup>nd</sup>-runner-up finish in Vis Vienna (Ryan Baptista/Vinessa Martin/Amar Pandey/Bill Puah), SMU's fourth podium finish in the largest arbitration moot in the world.
- Winning the inaugural Unjust Enrichment Moot (Chong Kai Sheng/Neo Yu Fan/Amar Pandey), held in Queensland.
- Winning our third Asia Pacific championship at the Price Moot (Natalia Beadle/Cai Jiaming/Chong Kai Sheng/Deborah Lim/Neo Yu Fan/Laura Sim).
- Reaching the championship finals of the LAWASIA (Shruthi Harini/Alyssa Low/Crisann Yap), Perera (James Ethan Howe/Clarice Lim/Lim Shi Han/Saran Raj), and Computational Law (Esther Lim/Winnie Lim/Alexis Lok) competitions.
- Achieving podium finishes in the Red Cross IHL (Ng Xin Yu/Renee Ong), Fletcher Insolvency (Linus Koh/Russell Ong Kit Pang/Joel Tan), PAX Conflict of Laws (Megan Chua/Chua Zheng Qian/Keith Low/Mayleen Low), International Maritime (Graeme Lee/Lovein Sui/Fabien Tan/Bernadette Teo/Rachel Toh/Angell Wu), Asia Cup (Sarah Chee/Elizabeth Ho/Ryan Low/Sydney Siaw) and Jackson WTO (Neela Alasugudaram/Slevin Chua/Justin Lai/Martin Liao) competitions.



The UE team pleaded against a strong Sydney team in the final, which was judged by Justice John Bond, Justice Roger Derrington, and Professor Kit Barker.



Apart from the UE competition, SMU also made its debut in the Lachs Space Moot (Rauf Hannan Azizi/Raelee Toh/Genieve Wu). The team placed 2<sup>nd</sup>-runner-up at the Asia-Pacific qualifier. SMU would go on to achieve another top-two finish in the Nica.team rankings for World's Top Law School in Moots, its third such finish since 2014.



The Jackson WTO team won the East Asia qualifier in a keenly contested final – SMU's first here.



Our PAX team in action in Europe.

## Key all-time results at a glance

Moot	No of teams	SMU podium finishes
<b>Jessup</b>	700	National champions: 2013, 2014, 2015, 2017, 2018 World championship final: 2013, 2014, 2022 Semi-final: 2023
<b>Vis Vienna</b>	400	World championship final: 2015, 2016, 2021 Semi-final: 2023
<b>Vis East</b>	150	World champions: 2015, 2022 World championship final: 2016 Semi-final: 2017, 2018, 2020
<b>ICC</b>	120	World champions: 2015, 2016, 2018, 2021, 2024 World championship final: 2017 Semi-final: 2019
<b>Price</b>	120	World champions: 2010, 2016, 2017, 2020 World championship final: 2015, 2018, 2024 Semi-final: 2013, 2019, 2022
<b>Frankfurt</b>	80	World champions: 2017, 2022 World championship final: 2015 Semi-final: 2019
<b>Red Cross</b>	80	Champions: 2022 Championship final: 2016, 2019, 2020 Semi-final: 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2018, 2023
<b>Mandela</b>	80	World champions: 2022 World championship final: 2024
<b>Fletcher</b>	40	World champions: 2017, 2020, 2024 Semi-final: 2018, 2019, 2021, 2023
<b>Asia Cup</b>	40	Champions: 2010, 2011, 2014, 2021, 2022 Championship final: 2012, 2013, 2015 Semi-final: 2023
<b>LAWASIA</b>	40	Champions: 2013, 2014, 2016, 2017, 2020 Championship final: 2009, 2011, 2012, 2022, 2023 Semi-final: 2015, 2018, 2021
<b>Perera</b>	25	Champions: 2022, 2024 Championship final: 2021, 2023



# STUDENT CLUBS

## INTERNATIONAL MEDIATION AND NEGOTIATION COMPETITIONS

2023 was another successful year for our students participating in mediation and negotiation competitions. Highlights include:

- Emerging Champion in the Mediation category in CDRC Vienna (Prakhunwicha Sararaksh/Li Xingyu)
- Being champion in the Mediation category and 2nd runner up in the Negotiation category in Lex Infinitum (Lee En Jia Chloe/Anastasia Teow/Jolene Tan)
- Winning the Mediation category in the NUS CDRC-A&G Inter Varsity Cup (Lim Shi Han/Jonathan Tan)
- Taking first place in the Negotiation category and 1st runner-up in the Mediation category in the Online Dispute Resolution Competition (Ava Leong En Yi/Catherine Ezhilvalavan/Niyanta Chowdhury/Prakhunwicha Sararaksh)
- Winning the Negotiation category in SK Misra International Mediation & Negotiation Competition (Audrey Loo/Faith Yeo/Slevin Chua)
- Placing as 1st runner-up in the National Rounds for International Negotiation Competition (Anastasia Teow/Evangeline Koh)



SMNC would like to thank the following alumni for making the time off their busy schedules to coach our students for these competitions.

- Benedict Hoon '19 (LLB)
- Chuan He Foo '22 (LLB)
- Nicole Leong '19 (LLB)
- Benedict Koh '21 (LLB)
- Dhiraj Chainani '19 (LLB)
- Yong Eng Wah '14 (LLM)

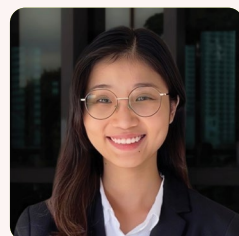
## NOTABLE STUDENT AWARDS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

### COMMENCEMENT AND TOP AWARD WINNERS

Samuel Tay was named the Kwek Hong Png-SMU YPHSL Valedictorian. An avid mooter, Samuel won the Vis East'22. The Kwa Geok Choo Top Law Student Award went to Lindsay Lu, also an enthusiastic mooter, who won awards in LAWASIA'21 and Price'22. Samuel and Lindsay were two of seven SMU graduates who were appointed Justices' Law Clerks of the Supreme Court in 2023.



Samuel Tay



Lindsay Lu

# ALUMNI

## NOTABLE ALUMNI ACHIEVEMENTS

### Appointments

SEVEN JUSTICES' LAW CLERKS			
1. Elias Khong	3. Lindsay Lu	5. Samuel Tay	7. Dawn Wee
2. Lai Siang Ping	4. Hannah Tan	6. Samuel Wong	

<b>Algene Tan'14</b>	CEO of Think Teach Group, which comprises Think Teach Academy (primary school specialist in Singapore), Macro Academy (secondary and JC specialist in Singapore), One Academy (college counselling based in China), Think Macro Consulting (education business consultancy arm in Malaysia), and EdXP (EduTech platform with a global outreach).
<b>Benedict Koh'21</b>	Appointed Criminal Legal Aid Scheme Fellow (2023-24 cycle) with Pro Bono SG.
<b>Chan Wenqiang'16</b>	Lead counsel in the first geographical indication (GI) opposition matters to reach the Singapore Courts. One of these cases was heard by a 5-judge panel of the Court of Appeal with an appointed Independent Counsel (previously known as amicus curiae). Co-authored <i>The Annotated Laws of Singapore for the Trade Marks Act 1998 (TMA)</i> , a commentary published by LexisNexis. Ranked as a Rising Star in the 2023 IP Stars rankings by Managing IP.
<b>Chang Wen Yee'22</b>	Winner, HK45 Essay Competition 2023, Global Category.
<b>Gerome Goh'20</b>	Appointed Assistant Registrar of the Supreme Court of Singapore and concurrently Magistrate and Deputy Registrar of the State Courts of Singapore.
<b>Joel Soon'22</b>	Honourable Mention, HK45 Essay Competition 2023, Global Category.
<b>Kenneth Lim'15</b>	Youngest person to be recognised as an Accredited Specialist in Data and Digital Economy Law (D2E); and first and only in-house counsel in the <10 PQE category. Accredited in IP, Cybersecurity, Data Protection, Artificial Intelligence, Technology Procurement, E-Commerce, Digital Asset Management, Fintech and Regtech regulation.
<b>Liu Xuanyi'16</b>	Named "Rising Star" by Legal500 for Investment Funds (Singapore): Foreign Firms, the youngest lawyer to be recognized in this category.
<b>Qabir Sandhu'15</b>	Legal500 Southeast Asia Awards – Rising Star of the Year, Litigation, 2023.



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We thank the following alumni for returning to teach as adjuncts:

<b>Aaron Yoong'19</b>	Business Law	<b>Gerome Goh'20</b>	LRW II and Business Law
<b>Allen Chong'21</b>	Business Law	<b>Ian Mah'20</b>	The Singapore Legal System
<b>Andrew Chia'21</b>	LRW I	<b>Jacie Lim'22</b>	Legal Theory & Philosophy
<b>Brian Wong'22</b>	Ethics	<b>Joel Fun'22</b>	Ethics
<b>Chang Wen Yee'22</b>	Evidence Law	<b>Louis Lau'21</b>	Business Law
<b>Charles Li'13</b>	Financial Crimes	<b>Low Jia Na'21</b>	LRW II
<b>Chia Chen Wei'18</b>	Business Law	<b>Lu Huiyi'21</b>	LRW II
<b>Chow Zi En'17</b>	LRW II	<b>Melissa Ng'18</b>	International Moots II
<b>David Koh'17</b>	Business	<b>Nick Chiam'17</b>	Ethics and Legal Theory & Philosophy
<b>Dennis Saw'17</b>	LRW II	<b>Patrick Tay'15</b>	Company Law
<b>Dhiraj G Chainani'19</b>	Ethics	<b>Rennie Whang'20</b>	LRW II and Business
<b>Dominic Liew'18</b>	LRW II and Business Law	<b>Samuel Chan'22</b>	Business Law
<b>Don Ho'22</b>	Business Law	<b>Samuel Ng'12</b>	Ethics and Company Law
<b>Eden Li'16</b>	International Moots I	<b>Shriram Jayakumar'18</b>	Company Law
<b>Fong Wei Li'12</b>	Law & Psychology and LRW I	<b>Soh Kian Peng'21</b>	Business Law
<b>Francis Chan'12</b>	Employment Law	<b>Terence Yeo'20</b>	Business Law

## POSTGRADUATE STUDIES

<b>Michelle Yap'23</b>	<p>Completed the Master of Law (LLM) programme with First Class Honours at the University of Cambridge, on a Singapore Smart Nation Scholarship.</p> <p>Awarded The George Long Prize for Jurisprudence (top LLM student in Jurisprudence) and the Simms Prize for Educational Achievement.</p>
<b>Robin Chee'11</b>	<p>Awarded a full scholarship to pursue a PhD in Asian Urbanisms at the College of Integrative Studies at SMU, 13 years after graduating as a proud member of the inaugural batch of JD students at SMU.</p>
<b>Nur Shukrina binte Abdul Salam'21</b>	<p>Awarded Fulbright Scholarship, Duke Merit Scholarship and LBKM Post-Graduate Merit Scholarship.</p> <p>Awarded LLM degree from Duke University with the honours designation of cum laude.</p> <p>Won a Pro Bono All Star award, the highest honour given to graduating students for exceptional commitment to pro bono service throughout their time at Duke Law School.</p> <p>Selected to go on Duke's Fall Pro Bono Criminal Expunction trip to Asheville, NC.</p>
<b>Shriram Jayakumar'18</b>	<p>Graduated with an LLM (Honors) from Columbia Law School; admitted to the New York bar.</p>





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