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Capsule Biography

Dr THAM Chee Ho is a leading international scholar in the private law of finance and intangible property, focussing particularly on the law of assignment, a key legal institution relied upon and used constantly by entities such as insurers, banks, and debt factors. As the author of the only conceptually-oriented monograph on the law of assignment of intangible assets such as entitlements arising out of contracts, trusts and analogous devices within the English common law world, he is pioneering distinctive (and better) ways of understanding this important conceptual device which powers the wheels of global finance.

Building on his practical experience as a Magistrate and Deputy Registrar of the Singapore Subordinate Courts (now the Singapore State Courts), and as an attorney practising New York State law at Baker & McKenzie, and, subsequently, Sidley, Austin, Brown & Wood, Chee Ho joined the Singapore Management University (“SMU”) in 2001, was promoted to Associate Professor (with tenure) in 2007, and to full Professor in 2019. In 2019, his monograph, *Understanding the Law of Assignment*, was published by a prestigious academic press (Cambridge University Press). He is also author (solely, or with a co-author) of 12 of the 24 chapters of *The Law of Contract in Singapore*, 2nd ed (published in 2022 by the publishing arm of the Singapore Academy of Law, the statutory regulatory body for all Singaporean legal professionals). This is Singapore’s equivalent to *Chitty on Contracts*, and is one of two authoritative Singapore contract law treatises used by the judiciary and practitioners in Singapore.

Marrying his experiences in litigation and New York corporate capital-raising to a conceptual but historically-grounded approach to understanding the law, Chee Ho publishes regularly in top-tier, blind-refereed, generalist, and specialist journals in the UK, Australia, and Singapore. Drawing on the Excellence in Research for Australia 2010 Journal Ranking List, these include A*-ranked journals such as the *Law Quarterly Review*, the *Cambridge Law Journal*, the *Lloyds Maritime and Commercial Law Quarterly*, the *Conveyancer and Property Lawyer*, the *Singapore Journal of Legal Studies*, and A-ranked journals such as the *Journal of Contract Law*, and the *Journal of Equity*. Chee Ho has also been invited to contribute to collections of essays on difficult and fundamental private law issues alongside other top-tier scholars. His work encompasses cross-border private international law, as well as international arbitration, on top of his core focus on contract and assignment law. Chee Ho’s work therefore draws on and addresses the nexus of complexities that arise in multi-party disputes, such as those commonly encountered in the worlds of international commerce, trading, shipping, and finance.

Apex courts such as the UK Supreme Court, the High Court of Australia, and the Singapore Court of Appeal have cited Chee Ho’s work. It has also been cited in argument and/or submissions by counsel before the Canadian Supreme Court, the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York, and the U.S. Tax Court. Given his expertise in assignment law, by invitation of the Singapore Court of Appeal, Chee Ho acted *pro bono* as Independent Counsel (formerly ‘*amicus curiae*’) in *DGJ v Ocean Tankers (Pte) Ltd* [2024] SGCA 57 in August 2024, a rare distinction extended only to domain experts to assist the Court in cases of extreme complexity and public interest. Given Chee Ho’s expertise on the intersection of common law and equity within English and Singapore contract law, he was invited to join a Working Group in respect of an initiative of the Malaysian Prime Minister’s Office to reform the Malaysian Contracts Act 1950, focussing on retrospective termination of contracts (rescission) under Malaysian law. His work on gifts of corporate shares has also been cited by the UK Law Commission.

Chee Ho has held visiting positions at Oxford University, the University of Edinburgh, the University of New South Wales, and Hong Kong University. He has received research and teaching awards from SMU, most recently in 2023-2024 where he was made one of two SMU Lee Kong Chian Research Fellows in the Yong Pung How School of Law in recognition for research excellence.

Employment

2019 – Present day	Professor of Law (tenured), Singapore Management University.
2007 – 2018	Associate Professor of Law (tenured), Singapore Management University.
2001 – 2007	Assistant Professor of Law, Singapore Management University.
2000 – 2001	Associate, U.S. Securities Law Practice Group (Singapore Office), Sidley Austin Brown & Wood.
2000	Associate, Global Securities Practice Group (Singapore Office), Baker & McKenzie.
1995 – 2000	Magistrate and Deputy Registrar, Subordinate Courts, Singapore.

Education

2014 – 2017	D.Phil. (Oxford University; leave granted to supplicate for the degree of D.Phil. without corrections on 28 September 2016; degree awarded on 13 May 2017)
1997 – 1998	B.C.L. (Oxford University)
1990 – 1994	LL.B. (National University of Singapore)

Publications

Monograph

1. *Understanding the Law of Assignment* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2019); i-xlvi, 1-455, 12 pp bibliography, and 8 pp index; E-book available via Cambridge Core since October 2019 (<https://doi.org/10.1017/9781108636674>).
 - Book reviews:
 - i. ‘Chee Ho Tham has here produced a remarkably well-written, erudite and thoroughly informative work, and in addition a very distinct accretion to the scholarship on assignment. I recommend it without hesitation to commercial and obligations lawyers alike.’ – Professor Andrew Tettenborn, ‘BOOK REVIEW – *Understanding the Law of Assignment*’ [2020] *Lloyd’s Maritime and Commercial Law Quarterly* 693–696.\
 - ii. ‘Equitable assignments are fundamental to many of the great agglomerations of capital in the Anglo-American world (consider the whole of securitisation and much structured finance), and yet on close analysis they are quite peculiar. ... Professor Tham’s work ... advocates a third [approach to understanding equitable assignments], based on a combination of agency and trust, which he suggests better explains the law. ... The reasoning is innovative, precise and at times quite creative. It actively engages with issues of practical importance, explaining why the correct doctrinal underpinning matters. The work does not shrink from criticising passages in decisions – even decisions of ultimate appellate courts long understood to be authoritative – and it does so with restraint and courtesy. There are many, many pages of detailed consideration of (mostly English, mostly nineteenth and early twentieth century) case law, and a very clear structure and development of the work’s claims. The sustained intellectual endeavour which has been applied on page after page is palpable. It yields many insights on familiar and less familiar decisions. In short, there is much to like. ...’ – Justice Mark Leeming (New South Wales Court of Appeal), ‘BOOK REVIEW ESSAY, *Understanding the Law of Assignment*’ (2023) 38 *Journal of Contract Law* 261–269.

- Download metrics from Cambridge Core - Full text views (PDF downloads, PDFs sent to Google Drive, Dropbox and Kindle and HTML full text views for chapters in this book), as at 15 May 2026:
 - i. Total number of HTML views: 1,846.
 - ii. Total number of PDF views: 12,203.

Journal Articles

2. “Specific Performance Availability, Executed Consideration, and the Principle of *Holroyd v Marshall*” (2025) 18 *Journal of Equity* 165 – 192.
3. “Assignments, Assignees, and the Burden of an Arbitration Clause” [2022] *Lloyd’s Maritime and Commercial Law Quarterly* 382 – 411.
4. “Equitable Fraud and Double Liability of a Debtor following Notice of Equitable Assignment of the debt” (2019) 13 *Journal of Equity* 237 – 265.
5. “Joinder of Equitable Assignors of Equitable and Legal Choses in Action” [2017] *Lloyd’s Maritime and Commercial Law Quarterly* 537 – 565.
6. “Exploding the Myth that Sub-trustees ‘Drop Out’” (2017) 31 *Trust Law International* 76 – 92.
7. “The ‘Trustee Exception’ in *Lloyd’s v Harper*: Loss, Liability and ‘Black-Holes’” (2016) 132 *Law Quarterly Review* 148 – 158.
8. “In defence of the ‘no discharge after notice’ rule: a reply” [2010] *Lloyd’s Maritime and Commercial Law Quarterly* 559 – 565.
9. “Notice of Assignment and Discharge by Performance” [2010] *Lloyd’s Maritime and Commercial Law Quarterly* 38 – 80.
10. “Ancillary Liquidations and *Pari Passu* Distribution in a Winding Up by the Court” [2009] *Lloyd’s Maritime and Commercial Law Quarterly* 113 – 134.
11. “Piercing the Corporate Veil: Searching for Appropriate Choice of Law Rules” [2007] *Lloyd’s Maritime and Commercial Law Quarterly* 22 – 43.
12. “Careless Share Giving” (2006) 70 *Conveyancer and Property Lawyer* 411 – 431.
13. “Unjust Enrichment and Unlawful Dividends: A Step Too Far?” (2005) 64 *Cambridge Law Journal* 177 – 211.
14. “Trust, not Contract: Restoring Trust in the Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Act,” (2005) 21 *Journal of Contract Law* 107 – 130.
15. “Resuscitating the Trust of a Chose in Action” (2005) 24 *University of Queensland Law Journal* 147 – 164
16. “Damages for Breach of English Jurisdiction Clauses: More Than Meets the Eye” [2004] *Lloyd’s Maritime and Commercial Law Quarterly* 46 – 71.
17. “Terrorist Property Rights in Singapore: What’s Left After the United Nations Act 2001?” [2002] *Singapore Journal of Legal Studies* 176 – 213.

Case Notes

18. “Assignees of the Benefit of a Deed and ‘Black Holes’ – *Orchard Plaza Management Company Ltd v Balfour Beatty Regional Construction Ltd* [2022] EWHC 1490 (TCC)” [2022] *Lloyd’s Maritime and Commercial Law Quarterly* 562 – 566.

19. “Different Debts for Different Purposes – *Taurus v SOMO* [2017] UKSC 64; [2017] 3 WLR 1170” [2018] *Lloyd’s Maritime and Commercial Law Quarterly* 210 – 217.
20. “Discharge of a Contract Where Both Parties are in Breach – *Alliance Concrete Singapore Pte Ltd v Comfort Resources Pte Ltd* [2009] 4 SLR(R) 602” [2010] *Singapore Academy of Law Journal* 729 – 741.
21. “What Assignments of Choses in Action are, and More – *Offer-Hoar v Larkstore Ltd* [2006] EWCA Civ 1079; [2006] 1 WLR 2926” [2007] *Lloyd’s Maritime and Commercial Law Quarterly* 286 – 292.
22. “Insolvency Proceedings and Shareholdings: When is a Foreign Judgment not a Judgment? – *Cambridge Gas Transportation Corp v Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors of Navigator Holdings plc and others* [2006] UKPC 26; [2006] 3 WLR 689; *Kamlesh Mansukhal Damji Pattni v Nasir Ibrahim Ali and Dinky International SA* [2006] UKPC 51” [2007] *Lloyd’s Maritime and Commercial Law Quarterly* 129 – 136.
23. “Restitutionary Perplexity: Election, Wrongs, Property, *Et Cetera* – *Smithkline Beecham plc v Apotex Europe Ltd* [2006] EWCA Civ 658” [2006] *Lloyd’s Maritime and Commercial Law Quarterly* 295 – 306.
24. “Equitable Relief for Breach of Contract – *Wisanggeni Lauw v Full Fledge Holdings Ltd* [2005] SGCA 21” [2006] *Singapore Journal of Legal Studies* 191 – 199.

Shorter Articles (for professional outreach)

25. “Assignment (or novation) of indemnity policies?” (2023) 38(11) *Butterworths Journal of International Banking and Financial Law* 748 – 752 (Feature Article).
26. “Burdening assignees with arbitration agreements via ‘conditional benefits’” (2022) 37(4) *Butterworths Journal of International Banking and Financial Law* 234 – 238 (Feature article).
27. “Understanding assignments: English, comparative and private international law: some possible implications” (2020) 35(5) *Butterworths Journal of International Banking and Financial Law* 314 – 318 (Feature article).

Book Reviews

28. BOOK REVIEW, “The Law of Assignment (2nd ed.)”, by M. Smith & N. Leslie (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2013), [2014] *Journal of Business Law* 520.
29. BOOK REVIEW, “Guest on the law of assignment” by A.G. Guest (London: Sweet & Maxwell Thomson Reuters, 2012), [2014] *Journal of Business Law* 92.
30. BOOK REVIEW, “Contract Damages: Domestic and International Perspectives” edited by Djakhongir Saidov & Ralph Cunnington (Oxford: Hart Publishing, 2008), [2008] *Singapore Journal of Legal Studies* 457.
31. BOOK REVIEW, “The Law of Assignment: The Creation and Transfer of *Choses in Action*” by Marcus Smith (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2007), (2008) 124 *Law Quarterly Review* 175.
32. BOOK REVIEW, “Mental Disorders and the Law” by L.P. Kok, M. Cheang & C.K. Tee (Singapore: Singapore University Press, 1994), (1994) 6 *Singapore Academy of Law Journal* 437.

Book Chapters

ON THE LAW OF ASSIGNMENT

- *A Gentleman of the Law: Essays in Memory of Professor Tan Yock Lin*, H. L. Ho and K.F.K. Low, Gen Eds (Singapore: NUS Press, 2025):
 33. Chapter 5, “Propertising Contract: Two Kinds of Property and Two Kinds of Transfer” (with Professor K.F.K. Low (University of Hong Kong)).
 - Notable contributors to this volume include: Professor Michael Bridge (London School of Economics), Professor Adrian Briggs (Oxford University), Professor William Swadling (Oxford University), and Professor James Penner (National University of Singapore).

- *Equity Today: 150 Years After the Judicature Reforms*, B. McFarlane and S. Elliott, Gen Eds (Oxford: Hart Publishing, 2023):
 34. Chapter 3, “Section 25(6) of the Judicature Act 1873: A ‘Procedural’ Approach”.
 - Notable contributors to this volume include: Lord Briggs of Westbourne (UK Supreme Court), Justice James Edelman (High Court of Australia), Professor Henry E Smith (Harvard University); Professor Lionel Smith (Downing Professor of the Laws of England, Cambridge University – and now Professor of Comparative Law, Oxford University), Professor Janet O’Sullivan (Cambridge University), Professor David Fox (University of Edinburgh), and Professor Simone Degeling (University of New South Wales),.

- *Intermediaries in Commercial Law*, Paul S. Davies and C. H. Tan, Gen Eds (Oxford: Hart Publishing, 2022):
 35. Chapter 20, “Debt Collection and Assignment of Debts: Navigating the Legal Maze” (with Dr Jodi Gardner (St John’s College, University of Cambridge)).
 - Notable contributors to this volume include: Professor Matthew Conaglen (University of Sydney), Professor Gerard McMeel KC (University of Reading), Professor Roger Alford (University of Notre Dame), Professor Deborah A DeMott (Davod F. Cavers Distinguished Professor of Law, Duke University), Professor Louise Gullifer (Rouse Bell Professor of English Law, Cambridge University), and Professor Laura Macgregor (University of Edinburgh).

- *Contract in Commercial Law*, J. Edelman, S. Degeling, J. Goudkamp, Gen Eds (Sydney: Law Book Co, 2016):
 36. Chapter 17, “The Mechanics of Equitable Assignments: One Engine or Two?”.
 - Notable contributors to this volume include: Professor Andrew Burrows (Oxford University, and now Lord Burrows, Justice of the UK Supreme Court), Professor Mindy Chen-Wishart (Oxford University, and now, Professor, Provost’s Chair, National University of Singapore), Professor Hugh Collins (Vinerian Professor of English Law, Oxford University), Professor Ben McFarlane (University College London, and now Professor of English Law, Oxford University), and Professor Andrew Tettenborn (University of Swansea).
 - Book review: ‘... The volume is composed of 19 essays. ... Amongst the Professors and prominent members of the judiciary who contributed the bulk of the chapters, the standout essay is from an associate professor, Dr Chee Ho Tham. With impressive scholarship and careful argument, he proposes a novel thesis on equitable assignment. ...’ – Dr F. Wilmot-Smith (All Souls College, Oxford University), ‘BOOK REVIEW – *Contract in Commercial Law*’ " (2017) 133 *Law Quarterly Review* 526.

- *Exploring Contract Law*, J. Neyers, R. Bronaugh, & S. Pitel, Gen Eds (Oxford: Hart Publishing, 2009):
 37. Chapter 14, “The Nature of Equitable Assignment and Anti-assignment Clauses”.
 - Notable contributors to this volume include: Professor Mindy Chen-Wishart (Oxford University, and now Professor, Provost’s Chair, National University of Singapore), Mark Gergen (Robert and Joann Burch D.P. Professor of Tax Law and Policy, UC Berkeley Law), Professor Stephen A Smith (McGill University), Professor Stephen Waddams (University of Toronto), Professor Robert Stevens (University College London, and now Herbert Smith Freehills Professor of English Private Law, Oxford University).

ON GENERAL CONTRACT LAW

- *The Law of Contract in Singapore*, 2nd ed, Justice Andrew Phang Boon Leong, Gen. Ed. (Singapore: Academy Publishing, 2022):
 38. Chapter 8, “Formalities and the Effect of Non-Compliance” (with Professor Goh Yihan);
 39. Chapter 14, “Privity of Contract” (with Justice Andrew Phang Boon Leong);
 40. Chapter 15, “Exceptions to the Rule of Privity” (with Justice Andrew Phang Boon Leong);
 41. Chapter 16, “Discharge by Performance, Tender of Performance, and Partial Performance”;
 42. Chapter 17, “Discharge by Breach”;
 43. Chapter 18, “Discharge by Agreement”;
 44. Chapter 19, “Frustration” (with Associate Professor Z.X. Tan, National University of Singapore);
 45. Chapter 20, “Introduction to Judicial Remedies and Common Law Damages” (with Associate Professor Z.X. Tan, National University of Singapore);
 46. Chapter 21, “Damages Based on Compensation I – Quantification of Loss” (with Associate Professor Z.X. Tan, National University of Singapore);
 47. Chapter 22, “Damages Based on Compensation II – Quantification of Damages to be Awarded” (with Associate Professor Z.X. Tan, National University of Singapore);
 48. Chapter 23, “Non-compensatory Remedies I: Specific Remedies at Common Law and in Equity” (with Associate Professor Z.X. Tan, National University of Singapore);
 49. Chapter 24, “Non-compensatory Remedies II: Remedies arising under the Law of Restitution”(with Associate Professor Z.X. Tan, National University of Singapore).
- *Studies in the Contract Laws of Asia V: Ending and Changing Contracts*, M. Chen-Wishart, S. Vogenauer, *et al*, Gen Eds (Oxford: OUP, forthcoming, 2025):
 50. “Termination”.
- *Principles of Singapore Business Law*, 2nd ed., W.L. Loo & G. Shenoy, Gen. Eds. (Singapore: Cengage Learning, 2013):
 51. Chapter 16, “Performance, Breach and Agreement”;
 52. Chapter 18, “Remedies for Breach of Contract”.

- *The Law of Contract in Singapore*, Justice Andrew Phang Boon Leong, Gen. Ed. (Singapore: Academy Publishing, 2012):
 53. Chapter 8, “Formalities and the Effect of Non-Compliance” (with Professor Goh Yihan);
 54. Chapter 14, “Privity of Contract” (with Justice Andrew Phang Boon Leong);
 55. Chapter 15, “Exceptions to the Rule of Privity” (with Justice Andrew Phang Boon Leong);
 56. Chapter 16, “Discharge by Performance or Operation of Law”;
 57. Chapter 17, “Discharge by Breach”;
 58. Chapter 18, “Discharge by Agreement”;
 59. Chapter 19, “Frustration”;
 60. Chapter 20, “Introduction to Judicial Remedies and Common Law Damages”;
 61. Chapter 21, “Damages Based on Compensation I – Quantification of Loss”;
 62. Chapter 22, “Damages Based on Compensation II – Quantification of Damages to be Awarded”;
 63. Chapter 23, “Non-compensatory Remedies”.

- *Principles of Singapore Business Law*, W.L. Loo and G. Shenoy, Gen. Eds. (Singapore: Cengage Learning, 2008):
 64. Chapter 16, “Performance, Breach and Agreement”;
 65. Chapter 18, “Remedies for Breach of Contract”.

- *Singapore Academy of Law Annual Review of Singapore Cases* (Singapore: Academy Publishing (formerly Singapore Academy of Law prior to 2008)):
 66. “Contract Law”, *Singapore Academy of Law Annual Review of Singapore Cases 2024* (2024) 25 SAL Ann Rev 334–388; with Associate Professor Z.X. Tan (National University of Singapore).
 67. “Contract Law”, *Singapore Academy of Law Annual Review of Singapore Cases 2023* (2023) 24 SAL Ann Rev 321–363 (Singapore: Academy Publishing, 2024); with Associate Professor Z.X. Tan (National University of Singapore).
 68. “Contract Law”, *Singapore Academy of Law Annual Review of Singapore Cases 2022* (2022) 23 SAL Ann Rev 359–400 (Singapore: Academy Publishing, 2023); with Associate Professor Z.X. Tan (National University of Singapore).
 69. “Contract Law”, *Singapore Academy of Law Annual Review of Singapore Cases 2021* (2021) 22 SAL Ann Rev 367–403 (Singapore: Academy Publishing, 2022); with P.W. Lee and Y. Goh (SMU).
 70. “Contract Law”, *Singapore Academy of Law Annual Review of Singapore Cases 2020* (2020) 21 SAL Ann Rev 403-445; with Y. Goh & P.W. Lee (SMU).
 71. “Contract Law”, *Singapore Academy of Law Annual Review of Singapore Cases 2019* (2019) 20 SAL Ann Rev 319-369; with Y. Goh & P.W. Lee (SMU).
 72. “Contract Law”, *Singapore Academy of Law Annual Review of Singapore Cases 2018* (2018) 19 SAL Ann Rev 312–394; with Y. Goh & P.W. Lee (SMU).
 73. “Contract Law”, *Singapore Academy of Law Annual Review of Singapore Cases 2017* (2017) 18 SAL Ann Rev 304–364; with Y. Goh & P.W. Lee (SMU).
 74. “Contract Law”, *Singapore Academy of Law Annual Review of Singapore Cases 2016* (2016) 17 SAL Ann Rev 299–365; with Y. Goh & P.W. Lee (SMU).
 75. “Contract Law”, *Singapore Academy of Law Annual Review of Singapore Cases 2015* (2015) 16 SAL Ann Rev 307–373; with Y. Goh & P.W. Lee (SMU).

76. “Contract Law”, *Singapore Academy of Law Annual Review of Singapore Cases 2014* (2014) 15 SAL Ann Rev 217–268; with Y. Goh & P.W. Lee. (SMU)
 77. “Contract Law”, *Singapore Academy of Law Annual Review of Singapore Cases 2013* (2013) 14 SAL Ann Rev 221–272; with P.W. Lee (SMU) & Y. Goh (National University of Singapore).
 78. “Contract Law”, *Singapore Academy of Law Annual Review of Singapore Cases 2012* (2012) 13 SAL Ann Rev 195–239; with P.W. Lee (SMU) & Y. Goh (National University of Singapore).
 79. “Contract Law”, *Singapore Academy of Law Annual Review of Singapore Cases 2011* (2011) 12 SAL Ann Rev 182–226; with P.W. Lee (SMU) & Y. Goh (National University of Singapore).
 80. “Contract Law”, *Singapore Academy of Law Annual Review of Singapore Cases 2010* (2010) 11 SAL Ann Rev 239–305; with P.W. Lee (SMU).
 81. “Contract Law”, *Singapore Academy of Law Annual Review of Singapore Cases 2008* (2008) 9 SAL Ann Rev 212–246; with P.W. Lee (SMU).
 82. “Contract Law”, *Singapore Academy of Law Annual Review of Singapore Cases 2007* (2007) 8 SAL Ann Rev 150–195; with P. Koh & P.W. Lee (SMU).
 83. “Contract Law”, *Singapore Academy of Law Annual Review of Singapore Cases 2006* (2006) 7 SAL Ann Rev 171–210; with P. Koh & P.W. Lee (SMU).
 84. “Contract Law”, *Singapore Academy of Law Annual Review of Singapore Cases 2005* (2005) 6 SAL Ann Rev 160–198; with P. Koh & P.W. Lee (SMU).
 85. “Contract Law”, *Singapore Academy of Law Annual Review of Singapore Cases 2004* (2004) 5 SAL Ann Rev 162 – 207; with P. Koh & P.W. Lee (SMU).
- *Basic Principles of Singapore Business Law*, A. Phang, Gen. Ed. (Singapore: Thomson Learning, Revised Edition, 2004):
 86. Chapter 9, “Discharge by Performance, Breach and Agreement”;
 87. Chapter 15, “Remedies for Breach of Contract I: Damages”;
 88. Chapter 16, “Remedies for Breach of Contract II: Specific Remedies and Injunctions”.

Selected Academic Presentations

Lectures, conference presentations, and seminars

The following lists some of the presentations which have been delivered at leading academic institutions in England, Scotland, Australia, Canada, and Singapore. Many of these were given at the invitation of the organisers.

1. SINGAPORE MANAGEMENT UNIVERSITY, YONG PUNG HOW SCHOOL OF LAW, 6 May 2026 (in-person): SEMINAR on “Constructive Trusts Over Purchase Monies and the Vendor’s Equitable Lien in Contracts for the Sale of Land
2. SINGAPORE MANAGEMENT UNIVERSITY, YONG PUNG HOW SCHOOL OF LAW, 29 Apr 2026 (in-person): SEMINAR on “Could or Would? Vendor-Purchaser Constructive Trusts, Transfers of Risk, and Specific Performance”.

3. UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG, FACULTY OF LAW, 26 March 2026 (invited presenter, in-person): SEMINAR on “Vendor-Purchaser Constructive Trusts, Transfers of Risk, and Specific Performance” – presented at the 6TH ASIA-PACIFIC PRIVATE LAW CONFERENCE.
4. LONDON SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS, May 2025 (invited lecturer, in-person, together with Professor K.F.K. Low (University of Hong Kong, Faculty of Law): LECTURE on “Propertising Contract: Two Kinds of Property and Two Kinds of Transfer”.
 - This lecture grew out of the chance meeting with Professor Low at the Journal of Equity Conference in 2024 where Professor Low and I presented papers which intersected at various points. This led to a fruitful collaboration resulting in a chapter in a *Gedaechtnisschrift* in remembrance of Professor Tan Yock Lin (published in 2025), as well as this lecture at the London School of Economics.
5. UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE, MELBOURNE LAW SCHOOL, July 2024 (invited presenter, in-person): “Equitable assignment of equitable property: English and Australian law, compared” – Paper presented at the JOURNAL OF EQUITY CONFERENCE – EQUITABLE PROPERTY organised by the Journal of Equity and Melbourne Law School.
 - For this conference, I was one of five invited presenters, among whom included leading theoreticians and scholars in the field of property law such as Professor James Penner (National University of Singapore) and Professor Kelvin F.K. Low (University of Hong Kong).
 - My session was chaired by Professor Ying-Khai Liew (University of Melbourne), who is the current editor of *Guest on Assignment*, one of two authoritative practitioner-oriented textbooks on the law of assignment in England and Wales.
6. OXFORD UNIVERSITY, April 2022 (invited presenter, in-person): “Section 25(6) of the Supreme Court of Judicature Act 1873 and its Use of Procedural Means to Achieve Substantive Results” – Paper presented at the “EQUITY: 150 YEARS AFTER THE JUDICATURE REFORMS” CONFERENCE organised by the Private Law Research Group, Oxford University.
 - This conference was organised by Professor Ben McFarlane (Oxford University) and Steven Elliott KC (One Essex Court, UK, and now, Professor (Professional Practice), National University of Singapore) in commemoration of the 150th anniversary of the enactment of the Supreme Court of Judicature Act 1873, a foundation stone of modern-day legal practice in England, and in the wider Commonwealth.
 - Many leading figures in the field were invited to present, including: Lord Briggs of Westbourne (UK Supreme Court), Justice James Edelman (High Court of Australia), Professor Henry E Smith (Harvard University); Professor Lionel Smith (Downing Professor of the Laws of England, Cambridge University – and now Professor of Comparative Law, Oxford University), Professor Janet O’Sullivan (Cambridge University), Professor David Fox (University of Edinburgh), and Professor Simone Degeling (University of New South Wales), to name a few.
 - My presentation focussing on a key provision of the Supreme Court of Judicature Act 1873 dealing with the law of assignment was chaired by Lord Sales, UK Supreme Court.
7. UNIVERSITY OF ABERDEEN, February 2024 (online and in-person): “How do you convey half a debt (and other puzzles of the law of assignation)?” – WORK-IN-PROGRESS SEMINAR at the University of Aberdeen School of Law.
8. UNIVERSITY OF EDINBURGH, February 2024 (online and in-person): “How do you convey half a debt (and other puzzles of the law of assignation)?” – WORK-IN-PROGRESS SEMINAR at the University of Edinburgh School of Law, Edinburgh Centre for Commercial Law.
9. UNIVERSITY OF EDINBURGH, February 2022 (online): “Assignments, assignees, and the burden of an arbitration clause” - WEBINAR organised by the University of Edinburgh School of Law, Edinburgh Centre for Commercial Law.

- This online webinar was chaired by Lady Wolffe, formerly a judge in the Scottish Court of Session, and (since late-2021) Professor at the University of Strathclyde, and Honorary Professor at the University of Edinburgh.
10. OXFORD UNIVERSITY, November 2021 (online): ‘Assignments, assignees, and the burden of an arbitration clause’ – SEMINAR at Oxford University Faculty of Law, Institute of European and Comparative Law.
 - The seminar was chaired by Professor Birke Haecker, Oxford University while I was visiting the Institute of European and Comparative Law.
 - It was conducted online to avoid difficulties arising from COVID restrictions imposed by the UK Government, some of which were still in place at the time.
 11. UNIVERSITY OF MANCHESTER, November 2021 (in-person): “Assignments, assignees, and the burden of an arbitration clause” - SEMINAR at University of Manchester Law School.
 12. UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE, November 2021 (in-person): “Assignments, assignees, and the burden of an arbitration clause” – WORK-IN-PROGRESS SEMINAR at the University of Cambridge Law Faculty, Private Law Centre.
 13. UNIVERSITY COLLEGE LONDON, in collaboration with CITY UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG, NOTRE DAME LAW SCHOOL, and the NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF SINGAPORE, June 2021 (online): “Debt Collection and Assignment of Debts: Navigating the Legal Maze” (with Dr Jodi Gardner, St John’s College, University of Cambridge) – Paper presented at the INTERMEDIARIES IN COMMERCIAL LAW CONFERENCE organised by University College London in collaboration with City University of Hong Kong, Notre Dame Law School and the National University of Singapore.
 14. UNIVERSITY OF DURHAM, May 2020: “Unravelling the mysteries of the law of assignment” (online) – WEBINAR organised by the Durham School of Law, University of Durham.
 15. BRITISH INSTITUTE OF INTERNATIONAL AND COMPARATIVE LAW, London, UK, January 2020 (invited keynote speaker, in-person): “Understanding Assignments: English, Comparative and Private International Law – Some Possible Implications” – SEMINAR organized by the British Institute of International and Comparative Law.
 - The paper which I delivered as the keynote speaker was commented on by Mr Justice Marcus Smith (Chancery Division, High Court of England & Wales (and who is co-author of *The Law of Assignment*, one of two authoritative practitioner-oriented textbooks on the law of assignment in England and Wales), Professor Sir Roy Goode (Oxford University), Professor Adrian Briggs (Oxford University), and Dr Jonathan Hardman (University of Edinburgh). The event was chaired by Professor Andrew Dickinson (Oxford University).
 16. NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF SINGAPORE, August 2019 (invited speaker, in-person): “Termination of contract in Singapore” – Paper presented at the STUDIES IN THE CONTRACT LAWS OF ASIA VOL V: ENDING AND CHANGING CONTRACTS CONFERENCE co-organised by the National University of Singapore Faculty of Law EW Barker Centre for Law & Business, and Max Planck Law, in Singapore.
 17. SINGAPORE MANAGEMENT UNIVERSITY, February 2019 (invited speaker, in-person): “Equitable fraud and the ‘equitable jurisdiction of the common law courts’” – Paper presented at the JOURNAL OF EQUITY ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2019 – EQUITABLE FRAUD co-organised by the Journal of Equity with the Centre for Cross-Border Commercial Law in Asia (Singapore Management University) in Singapore, 14 February 2019.
 18. UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE, MELBOURNE LAW SCHOOL, July 2018 (in-person): “Is the rule in *Dearle v Hall* a mandatorily formal rule?” – Paper presented at the OBLIGATIONS IX conference co-organised by the University of Melbourne, Melbourne Law School and Oxford University Faculty of Law, in Melbourne, Australia.
 19. SINGAPORE MANAGEMENT UNIVERSITY, July 2017 (invited speaker, in-person): “Exploding the myth that sub-trustees ‘drop out’” – Paper presented at the USE AND ABUSE OF TRUSTS

AND OTHER WEALTH MANAGEMENT DEVICES conference co-organised by the Singapore Academy of Law, the Singapore Management University, and the University of York.

20. QUEEN MARY UNIVERSITY OF LONDON, June 2017 (in-person): “Joinder of equitable assignors of equitable and legal choses in action” – Paper presented at the Queen Mary University of London, Centre for Commercial Law Studies and Singapore Management University, School of Law Seminar 2017.
21. UNIVERSITY OF NEW SOUTH WALES, December 2015 (in-person): “The mechanics of equitable assignments: one engine or two?” – Paper presented at the University of New South Wales CONTRACTS IN COMMERCIAL LAW Conference 2015 in Sydney, Australia.
22. NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF SINGAPORE, January 2013 (in-person): “What is lost when a contract is breached?” – Paper presented at the HKU-NUS-SMU Symposium 2013 on RIGHTS IN ASIA: NAMING, BLAMING AND CLAIMING jointly organised by the National University of Singapore, School of Law and the Singapore Management University, School of Law.
23. UNIVERSITY OF WESTERN ONTARIO, SCHOOL OF LAW, Canada, January 2008 (Invited speaker, in-person): “The Nature of Equitable Assignment and Anti-Assignment Clauses” – Paper presented at a symposium on EXPLORING CONTRACT LAW organised by and conducted at the University of Western Ontario School of Law, Canada, on 10 January 2008.
24. SINGAPORE MANAGEMENT UNIVERSITY, September 2006 (in-person): “Remedies for Breach of Copyright and Contract: Compensation, Restitution and Performance” – Paper prepared for and presented at the *Journal of Contract Law Conference 2006* on CONTRACT AND THE COMMERCIALISATION OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY held at the Singapore Management University, Singapore.

Papers commented on (by invitation)

25. NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF SINGAPORE, “*Studies in the Contract Laws of Asia Volume VI: Illegality and Public Policy*” Conference, 25 and 26 September 2024:
 - For this conference, I was invited by Professor Mindy Chen-Wishart, National University of Singapore (formerly Dean, Faculty of Law, Oxford University) to comment on a paper entitled, “Public policy and morality in Japanese contract law” presented by Dr Eriko Taoka, of Rikkyo University, Japan.
26. NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF SINGAPORE, “*Studies in the Contract Laws of Asia Volume IV: Invalidity*” Conference, 16 and 16 March 2018:
 - For this conference, I was invited by Professor Stefan Vogenauer, Max Planck Institute of European Legal History to comment on a paper entitled, “Invalidity of Contracts in Thai Law: Defects in Consent” presented by Dr Munin Pongsapan of Thammasat University, Thailand.

Professional Presentations

27. SINGAPORE JUDICIAL COLLEGE, September 2024 (presenter, online and in-person, with Associate Professor Z.X. Tan (National University of Singapore)): “Year-in-Review 2023: Lecture on Contract Law” – Lecture for judges and judicial officers from the Singapore Judiciary (Court of Appeal, High Court, and State Courts).
28. SINGAPORE JUDICIAL COLLEGE, October 2023 (presenter, online, with Associate professor Z.X. Tan (National University of Singapore)): “Year-in-Review 2022: Lecture on Contract Law” – Lecture for judges and judicial officers from the Singapore Judiciary (Court of Appeal, High Court, and State Courts).

29. SINGAPORE MANAGEMENT UNIVERSITY, November 2022 (online): “Understanding how ‘statutory assignments’ under section 4(8), Civil Law Act 1909 ‘pass’ debts and other choses in action” – Online webinar for legal practitioners organized by the Singapore Management University, Yong Pung How School of Law, Centre for Commercial Law in Asia.
 - The webinar was chaired by Professor David Fox, University of Edinburgh.
30. SINGAPORE ACADEMY OF LAW, April 2020 (presenter, online): “Unravelling the mysteries of the law of assignment” – Online webinar for legal professionals and other members of the Singapore Academy of Law.
 - The commentators for this presentation included Justice Vinodh Coomaraswamy (High Court of Singapore).

Appearances in Court as Independent Counsel (*Amicus Curiae*)

31. *DGJ v Ocean Tankers (Pte) Ltd (in liquidation) and another appeal* [2024] SGCA 57
 - I was invited by the Court of Appeal to provide an opinion to the Singapore Court of Appeal as an Independent Counsel (*Amicus Curiae*) in this appeal on issues related to the law of assignment, and mergers of cause of action and judgment. Owing to the complexity of the appeal, oral submissions were heard on 5 August 2024, in-person, before a Court of five judges (instead of the usual three)

Subjects Taught

- YONG PUNG HOW SCHOOL OF LAW, SINGAPORE MANAGEMENT UNIVERSITY

At SMU, the undergraduate Contract Law syllabus is taught over two semesters within an academic year in two separate courses: Contract Law 1, and Contract Law 2. The former covers topics relating to the formation, content, and termination (discharge) of contracts. The latter covers topics relating to the retrospective termination (rescission) of contracts owing to factors such as mistake, misrepresentation, duress, undue influence and illegality/public policy, as well as remedies for breach of contract.

1. Contract Law 1 (LAW101) – Law Core module – Course coordinator and instructor

2. Contract Law 2 (LAW102) – Law Core module – Instructor

LAW4065 is a law elective for advanced year LLB and JD students, comparing and contrasting the ways in which dealings in tangible personal property (in sales of goods) differ from dealings in intangible personal property (such as assignments of debts).

3. Introduction to Dealings in Personal Property (LAW4065) – Law elective - Instructor

- UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG, FACULTY OF LAW

LLAW3184 is a law elective for advanced year LLB students at HKU. introducing students to the core ‘true’ security interests found in common law systems such as Hong Kong’s, namely, the pledge, the lien, the mortgage, and the charge, as well as the different legislative regimes under the Bills of Sale Ordinance and the Companies Ordinance which regulate them.

4. Law of Credit and Security (LLAW3184) – Law elective – Instructor

Law School / University Administration

1. Hearing Officer (Past-Chair), Singapore Management University, Faculty Grievance Commission: August 2022 to July 2023.
2. Chair, Singapore Management University, Faculty Grievance Commission: August 2021 to July 2022.
3. Chair-Elect, Singapore Management University, Faculty Grievance Commission: August 2020 to July 2021.
4. Member, School of Law Undergraduate Teaching & Curriculum Committee: 2017 to date.
5. Associate Dean for Research, School of Law: 2012 to 2013.
6. Member, Hiring Committee: 2005 to 2017.
7. Member, Curriculum Review Committee: 2008 to 2017.
8. Member, Dean Search Committee: 2011.
9. Member, University Faculty Senate: 2009.

Public Service

1. Member, Working Group 1 for *Contracts Act 1950 (Malaysia) Reform* project – 2024 to 2026 (estimated timeframe).
2. Member, Advisory Board for the *Global Studies in Commercial and Financial Law* Book Series (University of Edinburgh Press) – 2022 to 2024 (three-year appointment).
3. Member, Editorial Committee of the *Common Law World Review* – 2022 to date.
4. Assessor, Panel of Assessors for COVID-19 Temporary Relief (PACT), pursuant to the provisions of the COVID-19 (Temporary Measures) Act 2020 – April 2020 to November 2022.
5. Member, Singapore Academy of Law: Promotion of Singapore Law Committee (currently chaired by Justice Vinodh Coomaraswamy, High Court of Singapore) – September 2011 to March 2021.
6. Member, Editorial Board of the *Singapore Law Reports (Reissue)* – 2007 to 2009.
7. Deputy Registrar, Subordinate Courts, Singapore (ad-hoc) – 2007 to 2009.

AWARDS

I Fellowships

1. ACADEMIC VISITOR (January–February 2024) – University of Edinburgh, Edinburgh Law School.
2. LEE KONG CHIAN FELLOW, 2023 (July 2023–June 2024) – Awarded by the Singapore Management University, Yong Pung How School of Law.
3. ACADEMIC VISITOR, Trinity Term (April–June 2022) – Institute of European and Commercial Law, Faculty of Law, Oxford University.

4. ACADEMIC VISITOR, Michaelmas term (August–October 2021) – Institute of European and Commercial Law, Faculty of Law, Oxford University.
5. VISITING FELLOW, Trinity term 2017 (April–June 2017) – Commercial Law Centre at Harris Manchester College, Oxford University.
6. UNIVERSITY OF NEW SOUTH WALES VISITING RESEARCH FELLOW (2009–2012) – Awarded by the University of New South Wales for a period of three years commencing from 1 March 2009.
7. LEE KUAN YEW FELLOWSHIP FOR RESEARCH EXCELLENCE, 2006 – Awarded by the Singapore Management University.

II Research

- July 2023–June 2024:
Singapore Management University Lee Kong Chian Fellow.
- Academic Year 2011/12:
2011 Singapore Management University School of Law Research Excellence Award.
- Academic Year 2006/07:
Singapore Management University 2006 Lee Kuan Yew Fellowship for Research Excellence.

III Teaching

- Academic Year 2004/05 Term 1:
Lee Kong Chian School of Business, Dean’s Teaching Honour.