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As Principal Lecturer in Law, Ee Ing's focus and expertise is in teaching legal research & writing. She teaches *Legal Research & Writing* to both undergraduates (LLBs) and postgraduates (JDs and LLMs), and *Advanced Legal Writing: Student Publishing*. Ee Ing also teaches *Ethics & Social Responsibility* as well as the *Law of Mergers & Acquisitions* (a capstone SMU-X course under YPHSL's Corporate Transactions track). Her teaching incorporates her experience in legal practice, and focuses on the need to integrate both theory and practice in the law. She has received several teaching awards, for both undergraduate and postgraduate teaching. Most recently, she was awarded the SMU Excellent Teacher Award (2024). Ee Ing is involved in curriculum development at YPHSL and SMU, including the appropriate uses of AI in teaching and grading. She was also a two-term member of the SMU Faculty Senate.

Ee Ing aims to create a culture of writing and scholarship at YPHSL. She helms the Allen & Gledhill YPHSL Legal Writing Programme, part of the Allen & Gledhill Fund at SMU. Created to further encourage a writing culture in YPHSL, the programme comprises: a) an annual legal writing competition; b) a student publishing initiative where students work with graduate mentors to craft legal articles for publication; c) a collaboration where students work with A&G lawyers on articles for the public; and d) a writing assistance programme for 1st and 2nd year students who need help in their writing.

She is also faculty advisor for SMU Lexicon, a student-run platform which publishes legal articles by YPHSL students <<https://smulexicon.com>>. Lexicon articles are also cross-posted on other law-related websites. In addition, Lexicon is engaged in a collaboration with the Supreme Court, where students write case summaries on selected Supreme Court judgments. These are published by the Supreme Court, and distributed to other stakeholders. In a follow-up collaboration, students pen articles on issues concerning the rule of law to foster greater public awareness of how cases are decided as well as the legal processes involved; these are also circulated by the Supreme Court. Finally, Ee Ing oversees the publication of the Singapore Law Journal, a Lexicon publication and YPHSL's flagship student journal. The inaugural volume was published in 2021; it is now on its 5th edition.

Ee Ing conducts research on legal pedagogy, focusing on ways to improve student learning and writing in the legal field. She wrote the *Guide to Legal Analysis and Writing* (LexisNexis, 2017; 2nd Ed, 2023) which discusses the fundamentals of legal research, analysis and writing, in a rigorous yet accessible manner, for both students and practitioners. The second edition includes a new chapter on client communications; further tools for effective legal writing and analysis; and updates based on significant changes in Singapore laws and regulations. She has also written about the need to rethink our traditional methods of teaching, in the light of lessons learnt during COVID-19. Her current focus is on the value and uses of AI and technology in education. Her latest article "Learning by Writing: Exploring Authentic Legal Learning Through Case Summaries", is available at <https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/10.1177/23220058261448108>.

Ee Ing's other research interests include the intersection of AI and Ethics. She (together with her co-author) conducted an empirical study regarding Singapore residents' ethical perspectives on privacy issues with regard to corporations' data mining practices. Part of the results have been published in "Gauging The Acceptance Of Contact Tracing Technology: An Empirical Study Of Singapore Residents' Concerns And Trust In Information Sharing" (Ee-Ing Ong and Wee-Ling Loo), in *Regulatory Insights on Artificial Intelligence: Research for Policy* (eds Findlay, M & et al.) (Edward Elgar, 2022). The chapter focuses on the advent of the COVID-19 pandemic and reactions to the government's drive for the population to adopt contact-tracing technology.

Before joining SMU, Ee Ing was a corporate lawyer. During her time in practice, she worked on a wide range of complex international finance and merger and acquisition transactions, including: direct investment transactions, loan restructuring, leveraged finance, private equity, and other corporate transactions across Asia and other jurisdictions. She also worked on cross-border securities offerings, including equity offerings, rights offerings, debt offerings and high yield offerings for companies located in the Asia-Pacific region. Her clients included large corporations, private equity investors, and leading banks and financial institutions. Ee Ing was named a recommended lawyer in The Legal 500 Asia Pacific 2012's editorial. She is currently admitted to practice in New York and the District of Columbia.