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Nicholas Liu researches and writes on private law doctrine and jurisprudence, recently focusing on the law of torts. Before joining SMU in 2019, he served as a Deputy Public Prosecutor and State Counsel in the Attorney-General's Chambers, a Justices' Law Clerk at the Supreme Court, and an Associate in the commercial/general litigation practice of a leading local law firm.

PREVIOUS APPOINTMENTS

Lecturer , Yong Pung How School of Law, SMU	July 2019–June 2022
Associate Counsel , REVLaw LLC	October 2020–present
Associate , Commercial & Corporate Disputes, WongPartnership LLP (previously Practice Trainee and Legal Executive from February–July 2018)	July 2018–June 2019
Tutor , Part A Bar Examinations, Singapore Institute of Legal Education	February–April 2018; February–April 2017
Justices' Law Clerk , Supreme Court of Singapore	January 2016–January 2018
Deputy Public Prosecutor/State Counsel , Criminal Justice Division, Attorney-General's Chambers	October–December 2015

EDUCATION**Master of Laws**, Harvard University (2022)*Dean's Scholar Prize, Private Law Workshop; Dean's Scholar Prize, Law & Philosophy Workshop; Student Fellow, Project on the Foundations of Private Law***Juris Doctor (*summa cum laude*)**, SMU (2015)*Wee Chong Jin Prize for the Most Outstanding J.D. Graduate, AY 2014/2015; Kwa Geok Choo Postgraduate Scholarship, AY 2012/2013 and AY 2014/2015; various moot court competition prizes including runner-up (team) in the international championship round of the Philip C Jessup Moot (2014) and champion of the Harry Elias–SMU Moot (2013), Howard O Hunter Moot (2013), NUS Advocacy Cup (2013), and WongPartnership Commercial Arbitration Moot (2012)***Bachelor of Arts (Hons., First Class)**, National University of Singapore (2010)*Valedictorian (Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences) and NUS Society Gold Medal, AY 2009/2010; Special Book Prize for the Top Student in English Literature, AY 2007/2008***PUBLICATIONS****Book chapters**

1. "The 'Contracting Problem' Revisited: Explaining the Formation of Algorithmic Contracts under the Common Law" in *Digital Technologies and the Law of Obligations* (Zvonimir Slakoper and Ivan Tot, eds) (Routledge, 2021) ch 8

2. “In Case of Emergency, Break Contract”? The Case for a Unified Regime for Changed Circumstances in Singapore Law” in *Law and COVID-19* (e-book) (Aurelio Gurrea-Martínez, Mark Findlay, and Goh Yihan, eds) (Singapore Management University School of Law, 2020) ch 7 at pp 69–77. Available at: https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=3686357

Other publications

1. “The Broader Impact of the New Section 37 of the Civil Law Act on Professional Negligence”, REVLaw Insights (May 2021), available at: <https://www.revlawllc.com/insights-2/>
2. “Town Councillors’ Fiduciary Duties and the Legal Risks of Discontinuing the Punggol East Lawsuit”, Singapore Law Blog (30 July 2020). Available at: <https://www.singaporelawblog.sg/blog/article/248>
3. “Equitable Compensation and the *Brickenden* “Rule” After *Winsta Holding Pte Ltd v another v Sim Poh Ping and others*”, Singapore Law Gazette (April 2019). Available at: <https://lawgazette.com.sg/feature/equitable-compensation-and-the-brickenden-rule/>
4. Headnotes for 19 reported Singapore Court of Appeal and High Court judgments

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

1. Torts Law Reform in Asia and Beyond Conference, CCTL Obligations Lab Asia, Chinese University of Hong Kong (13 May 2022), “Codifying Professional Standards of Care in Negligence – Problems and Promises”
2. Asia-Pacific Private Law Conference 2021, SMU (20–21 May 2021): “Section 37 of the Civil Law Act: A Doctrinally Consistent Expression of Patient Autonomy” (revised)
3. Faculty research seminar, SMU (18 March 2021): “Section 37 of the Civil Law Act: A Doctrinally Consistent Expression of Patient Autonomy”
4. Society of Legal Scholars Virtual Conference 2020, University of Exeter (1–4 September 2020): “Resolving the Counterfactual Conundrum in Equitable Compensation for Breach of Fiduciary Duties” (revised)
5. Asian Private Law Workshop 2020, SMU (28–29 May 2020): “Resolving the Counterfactual Conundrum in Equitable Compensation for Breach of Fiduciary Duties”
6. Zagreb International Conference on the Law of Obligations 2019, University of Zagreb (12–13 December 2019): “Formation and Vitiating of Algorithmic Contracts – A Way Forward for the Common Law”

SERVICE

Committees: Member, YPHSL Futures Committee, 2020; International Chamber of Commerce Singapore Arbitration Group Next Generation Committee, 2019–2020

Moot court coaching: Philip C Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition (national round champions, 2017 and 2018); International Criminal Court Moot Court Competition (champions, 2016 and 2018; runners-up, 2017); Herbert Smith Freehills Computational Law e-Moot (runners-up, 2021)