From Courtroom to Clean Room: Lawyering in the R&D Industry

Event Details

Date: 07 September 2016, Wednesday
Time: 12.30am to 1.30pm (Please be seated by 12.15am)
Refreshments will be provided.

Venue: Seminar Room 4-3 (4th Floor, Block B)
National University of Singapore, Faculty of Law

Registration link: http://tinyurl.com/cr2cr7Sep16

How does it feel like to explain “consideration” to a scientist?

What’s the first thing you should look out for when advising a tech start-up in a venture capital deal?

What liability issues do self-driving cars give rise to?

How do you negotiate a technology license for a mouse model?

Can a law student thrive in a science and technology organisation?

If these issues interest you, you should come for this talk. I will share my experiences working closely with scientists and business executives on interesting deals which involve a wide variety of exciting technologies. I will also share my perspectives on the role of an in-house lawyer in a public-sector R&D organisation. Finally, I will talk about (i) the opportunities available for law students seeking a career in the R&D industry sector, particularly in the emerging areas of technology transfer, IP management, and venture capital deal making, and (ii) the skill sets and personality needed to thrive in these roles.
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Nick Sim is Legal Counsel at the Agency for Science, Technology, and Research (A*STAR). After being called to the Singapore Bar as an advocate and solicitor, he honed his craft as an intellectual property and technology lawyer in private practice. He now focuses on structuring, negotiating, and drafting technology deals. In addition, he advises on IP, corporate/commercial, data protection, and regulatory issues (particularly issues which affect human biomedical research).

Nick has authored and published articles on various aspects of IP law in the Journal of Intellectual Property Law and Practice (published by the Oxford University Press). He has lectured and spoken on intellectual asset management and R&D collaborations, at events organised by the IP Academy and the Applied Research Centre for Intellectual Assets and the Law in Asia. Nick graduated from the Faculty of Law, National University of Singapore. He holds a specialist LLM in IP Law (with Distinction) from University College London. In his free time, he serves on the A*STAR Corporate Social Responsibility Committee, and has mentored law students under the NUS Law Alumni Mentors Programme.