Panel Discussion: Finding Meaning in Law

Brief Synopsis: According to a recent Straits Times article, within the first decade of work in a law firm, 3 out of 4 local lawyers would have left their practice. Burnout and unhappiness - is this the fate that awaits you?

Too often the meaning of what we do as lawyers is buried under the daily grind and the desire to make money. In today’s increasingly digitized and disrupted world, to stay relevant you will need to be versatile, inquisitive, collaborative and innovative. You can’t achieve those things if you don’t love what you do.

Each member of this panel is a leader in their field, and has found meaning and success in their work. Come join us at this discussion and hear their stories. Learn from their experiences and insights, and start thinking about what choices you can make now in order to find happiness and fulfilment in your own careers.

Event Details

Date: 17 January 2018, Wednesday
Time: 1230H to 1400H (Please do not be late)
Lunch will be provided.
Venue: Blk B, 4th Level, Seminar Room 4-4
National University of Singapore, Faculty of Law
Registration: https://tinyurl.com/y7f25l4h

SPEAKERS

Neoh Sue Lynn
Legal Director, Xilinx
(Vice-President, Singapore Corporate Counsel Association)

Neoh Sue Lynn holds an LL.B. and LL.M. from the University of London, and is called to the Bar of England and Wales. She is currently a non-practising Advocate and Solicitor of the Supreme Court of Singapore, and is the APAC Legal Director of a US MNC’s Singapore regional headquarters in the semiconductor industry. Sue Lynn started off in the litigation department of a local law firm before going inhouse in 1998. She is an Associate Mediator accredited by the Singapore Mediation Centre (SMC), and is a volunteer Mediator in the State Courts, and also conducts training when called upon by SMC. Sue Lynn is regularly invited to chair, moderate, speak or be part of panels at various legal- and mediation-related events.
Vikna Rajah
Partner, Rajah & Tann Singapore LLP
Head Tax, Trust & Private Client

Vikna Rajah is recognised as a leading lawyer in both Tax and Trust & Private Client practices. He is praised in the legal directories as being an “experienced litigator” with “extensive tax knowledge”, who is “an extremely intelligent man” and is “excellent to work with”.

Vikna, who also has a degree in accountancy, led the tax practice to clinch Singapore’s Tax Disputes and Litigation Firm of the Year (Asia Awards, International Tax Review 2017). In addition, he was recently recognised by The Asia Legal Awards 2017 as Private Client Lawyer of the Year.

He is recommended by Chambers High Net Worth Guide 2016 as a leading individual in Tax and in Chambers Asia Pacific (2016 Edition) as a recognised practitioner in Tax. The Legal 500 Asia Pacific (2016 Edition) ranks him as one of only two individuals as Band 1 for Private Wealth and is noted as an expert in Private Client practice by Who’s Who Legal 2017. In addition, he was listed as one of Singapore’s Top 40 Under 40 movers and shakers in Prestige (September 2017 Edition) and was also recognised by the Singapore Business Review 2015 as one of Singapore’s Top 40 most influential lawyers aged 40 and under.

Jeremy Poh
Head of In-House, Singapore
Taylor Root Asia

Jeremy graduated from University College London before training and qualifying as a finance solicitor with Baker & McKenzie in London. He subsequently moved in-house to join UBS AG in Singapore, and joined Taylor Root’s Singapore office in January 2011. Jeremy has been extensively focused on recruiting for the legal and compliance market, and was formerly based in the London office from 2013 to 2014. Jeremy currently heads up the in-house legal and compliance recruitment team in Singapore.

Peggy Pao-Keerthi
Director/ Deputy Senior State Counsel
Attorney-General’s Chambers

Peggy joined the Singapore Legal Service in 2007 as a Justices’ Law Clerk in the Supreme Court and was posted to the Attorney-General’s Chambers in 2009. Her prosecutorial experience includes High Court and State Court trials and appeals for offences such as homicides, rioting, drug trafficking and immigration offences. She is currently the Director in charge of Ministry and Statutory Board prosecutions and related matters in the AGC.
Lynette Ooi
Corporate Counsel
Amazon

Lynette is a lawyer with a passion for driving positive change in the workplace and beyond. She has 10 years of legal and compliance experience, with particular expertise in the tech and telco industries. Lynette is qualified to practise as a solicitor in both Singapore and Hong Kong. Geographically, her work has covered ASEAN, Australia, India, Korea, Greater China, the US and the UK. Lynette is currently Corporate Counsel at Amazon, and recently supported the launch of Prime Now and Prime membership in Singapore.

Lynette is active in pro bono activities and in promoting workplace diversity and inclusion. She currently volunteers with the Singapore Corporate Counsel Association, and plays a leadership role in the Singapore chapter of Lean In, an organisation dedicated to helping women achieve their professional and personal goals. Lynette also provides legal advice to Global Clinic, an acclaimed humanitarian organisation that sends Singapore doctors to needy communities around the world.