



LAW CAREERS FAIR 2025

# FIRESIDE CHAT

22 January 2025  
1700h - 1930h  
SR4-4



Hang Ying Yao '18

Parvathi Menon '13



# MEET OUR PANELISTS



## **ISTYANA IBRAHIM, CLASS OF 2010**

Istyana Ibrahim is a Deputy Director with the Legal Policy Group, Civil & Legislative Policy Division at the Ministry of Law. Her experience spans a variety of areas, namely civil, family and criminal litigation. Her current role involves the review of laws, proposing reforms and pursuing new initiatives in areas such as civil and family justice, as well as matters relating to the rule of law, governance and access to justice. She collaborates with stakeholders and partners in the process of policy reviews, to develop practical solutions to issues of national significance.

Before joining the Legal Policy Group, Istyana was a Team Lead in the Legal Aid Bureau, co-heading the Civil and Syariah Cases Practice Groups as well as the Legal Tech Committee. Prior to that, she was a partner in Rajah & Tann Singapore LLP, practising commercial and criminal litigation. Istyana also co-authored the books, "Muslim Family Law in Singapore" (2022) and "Financial Crimes in Singapore" (2014). In her personal time, Istyana enjoys reading, playing football with the Law Society's women's team, as well as spending time with her husband, a time-strapped practitioner at one of the Big Four law firms, and their two primary-school-aged children.



## **ASST. P. BENNY TAN, CLASS OF 2012**

Benny is currently Assistant Professor (Practice) at NUS Faculty of Law. He was a Deputy Public Prosecutor and State Counsel at AGC from 2012-2014. From 2016-2018, he acted as defence counsel in criminal cases and appeals, on both pro bono and ad-hoc bases. He has been appointed independent counsel by the High Court and Court of Appeal (Singapore) to assist the respective courts in cases involving novel or complex issues of the law.

He is presently also Professorial Fellow with the AGC-Legal Service Academy. As an academic, he mainly divides his time between being the best teacher that he can be to his students, and in research and writing. His research interests are in criminal law (particularly on sentencing issues), law of evidence and criminal procedure, statutory interpretation, and pedagogy.

In his spare time (which is unfortunately not much), he enjoys exercising, reading, watching YouTube videos, and gaming.

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## **LOUIS LIM, CLASS OF 2017**

Louis currently serves as an Assistant General Counsel at the Government Technology Agency (GovTech), where he provides legal counsel on technology-driven initiatives and projects that shape Singapore's digital transformation. Before transitioning to an in-house role, Louis was a legal associate at Harry Elias Partnership LLP, specialising in dispute resolution and international arbitration.

Louis graduated from NUS with a Double Degree in Law and Economics in 2017, and earned a Master in IP & Innovation Management from SUSS in 2023.

Beyond his professional pursuits, Louis enjoys singing and frequently engages in hybrid training.



## **JERRY WANG, CLASS OF 2021**

Jerry graduated from the National University of Singapore, Faculty of Law in 2021, with an LLM from New York University.

Jerry started his career as a Justices' Law Clerk in the Supreme Court of Singapore where he clerked for the Chief Justice and other Judges of the Supreme Court. He is currently working as a disputes lawyer in the International Commercial Arbitration Department of Rajah & Tann Singapore LLP.

Outside of his work, he is a basketball enthusiast and a big fan of courtroom dramas on Netflix.

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## **RACHEL CHAN, CLASS OF 2021**

Rachel is an Associate in the Transactional (Mergers & Acquisitions) practice group at Baker McKenzie.Wong & Leow. Her work comprises a range of corporate and transactional work, including mergers & acquisitions, corporate reorganisations and corporate advisory matters for a diverse clientele.

Rachel graduated from NUS Law in 2021 and was called to the Singapore bar in 2022. As someone who considers herself a fairly involved member of the NUS Law community, Rachel was a part of the Freshmen Orientation Central Committee and a member of the Law Club, where she formed some of the closest friendships and ties. She can also often be found in the (former) student lounge playing a game of foosball. Rachel was also a member of the College of Alice & Peter Tan and always looks back fondly on her time staying on campus.

In her free time, Rachel enjoys yoga, baking and exploring new hiking trails.



## **JAYESH MELVANI, CLASS OF 2022**

Jayesh is an associate at Shook Lin & Bok LLP's Litigation & Dispute Resolution Practice. Prior to entering private practice, he spent a year at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs' Southeast Asia I Directorate, where he gained valuable insights into regional diplomacy and international relations.

During his university days, Jayesh excelled academically and in extracurriculars, winning Best Speaker in the 2022 John H. Jackson Moot Court Competition and starring in an original play in his final year of study.

Outside of work, Jayesh is a singer with The Island Voices, an award-winning a cappella group that has performed at prestigious events, including the 2022 and 2023 National Day Parades. The group has also gained international recognition, earning multiple accolades at festivals in Taiwan and Austria.