

Careers Talk: Should I Join the Public Sector or the Private Sector After Graduation from Law School?

Are you considering a career in the legal service or the private sector? Join us for an insightful discussion with senior members of the legal service as they share their perspectives on what it means to serve in the public sector and how it compares to careers in private practice or as in-house counsel. Learn about the nature of legal service work, professional development opportunities, and the impact that lawyers in the public service can make.

If you're weighing your options and wondering which path best aligns with your strengths, interests, and long-term goals, this talk will provide clarity. Gain a deeper understanding of the work, challenges, and rewards of a legal service career and how it differs from roles in law firms and corporations. Don't miss this opportunity to hear from experienced professionals and get your questions answered!

Date: 9 April 2025, Wednesday
Time: 2:30PM to 4:30PM (Light refreshments will be provided)
Venue: Block B, 4th Level, **Seminar Room 4-4**

Register

About the Speakers:



Tan Kiat Pheng
Chief Prosecutor,
Crime Division, Attorney-General's Chambers

Kiat Pheng graduated from the National University of Singapore's Faculty of Law in 1993. He completed his pupillage in the private sector before joining the Singapore Legal Service in 1994 as Assistant Director of the Legal Aid Bureau. He was then posted to the Insolvency and Public Trustee's Office in 1998 as Assistant Official Assignee, Assistant Official Receiver and Assistant Public Trustee. Kiat Pheng joined the Crime Division of the Attorney-General's Chambers in 2001 and was appointed as Deputy Chief Prosecutor of the Financial & Technology Crimes Division in 2015 before taking on the role of Chief Prosecutor of the Crime Division in 2019.

Kiat Pheng will give an overview of the structure and function of the Crime Division in the Attorney-General's Chambers and share his 30-year experience as a Legal Service Officer, in particular, a Deputy Public Prosecutor.



Jeffrey Sim
Chief of Staff, Singapore Legal Service

Jeffrey graduated from the NUS Faculty of Law and was in private practice for 10 years before he joined the Singapore Legal Service in 2000, where he served in various judicial and legal positions in the then Subordinate Courts, the Ministry of Home Affairs, the National Environment Agency and the Attorney-General's Chambers. He was appointed Chief of Staff, Singapore Legal Service in Jan 2022 when the Legal Service was reconstituted.

Jeffrey will give an overview of the Legal Service, including the broad spectrum of challenging and interesting work that officers can expect to handle, the professional training and career development opportunities available to all officers, and the opportunities for appointments and internships in the Service.



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