

Overseas Counsel: Real Talk on Interning Abroad

Ever wondered what it's like to intern overseas — and whether it could set you apart in a crowded legal market?

Join us for an informal fireside chat with students who have interned in Shanghai, Manila and Seoul, alongside representatives from two firms offering international internship opportunities.

You'll hear:

- What an overseas legal internship is really like, on and off the clock
- How students found and landed their placements
- Lessons learned and what they wish they'd known before going
- Why firms offer these roles and what they look for
- How international experience can shape your career and broaden your perspective

Whether you're already thinking about an overseas internship or simply curious about what's possible, come join us, to hear the real stories, ask questions and perhaps discover that your next internship could take you further than you think.

Date: 14 October 2026, Wednesday
Time: 3:00PM to 5:00PM (Refreshments will be provided)
Venue: C J Koh Law Library - **Seminar Room 3 (EC-02-06)**
 National University of Singapore, Faculty of Law

Register

About the Speakers:



Kelvin Tan
Director, Dispute Resolution
Drew & Napier

Kelvin read law at the National University in Singapore, and joined Drew & Napier following graduation.

Kelvin has an active practice in litigation and international arbitration. He also co-heads the Employment and Hotels and Leisure Practices. He is also a member of the firm's Recruitment Committee.

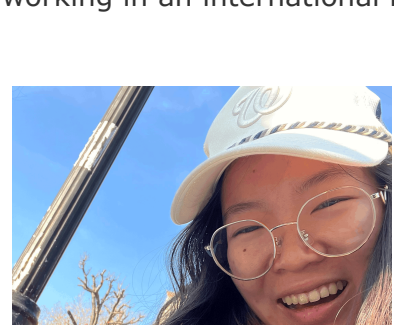
He has litigated complex commercial disputes in a wide range of areas, including insurance, intellectual property, fraud and breach of fiduciary duties, international arbitration, investment and shareholder disputes, and trusts.

He has represented clients in international arbitrations under various institutional rules such as the SIAC, ICC, LCIA, AIAC and UNCITRAL rules.



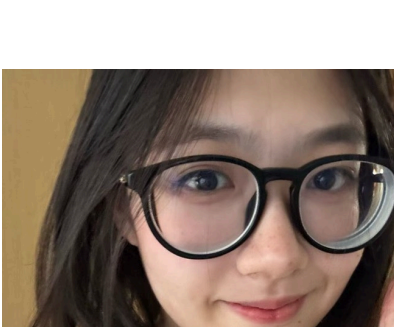
Kenneth Wong
Chief Operating Officer
Drew Network Asia

In 2025, Kenneth was appointed as the Chief Operating Officer of Drew Network Asia, a blue-chip regional network of premium legal firms including Drew & Napier LLC in Singapore, Makarim & Taira S. from Indonesia, Shearn Delamore & Co. from Malaysia, Martinez Vergara & Gonzalez Sociedad from Philippines and Tilleke & Gibbins from Thailand.



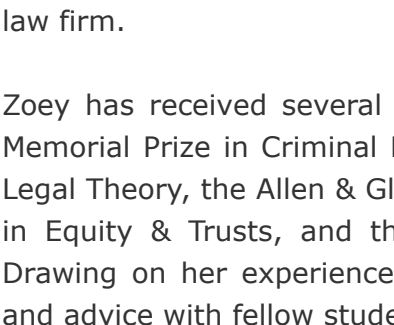
Lu Yuan LEONG
Director
Classis LLC (associated with Clyde & Co)

Leong Lu Yuan is a Senior Accredited Specialist (Maritime & Shipping) with extensive experience in high-value and complex shipping, marine insurance, international trade and commercial disputes before the Singapore Courts and in international arbitration, and has been recognised as a Litigation Star (Shipping) by Benchmark Litigation. She regularly leads regional matters involving teams and proceedings across multiple jurisdictions. Her experience offers practical insight into cross-border legal practice, collaboration across Clyde & Co's regional network and the opportunities available to interns working in an international law firm.



Mirella Ang Yuan Ning
LL.B Year 4, NUS Law

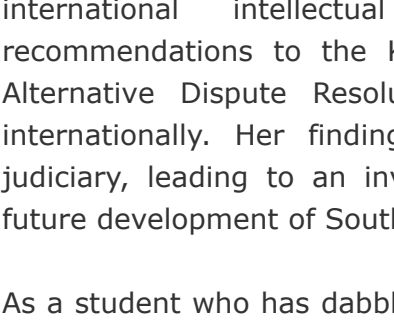
Mirella Ang is a fourth-year undergraduate at NUS Law who spent two weeks in July 2026 interning at Martinez Vergara & Gonzalez Sociedad (MVGS) in Manila. MVGS is a leading Philippine law firm and a member of Drew Network Asia, a "firm of firms" that includes Singapore's Drew & Napier and spans nine Southeast Asian countries. Her internship covered a bit of everything under the sun: client meetings, court sessions, court filings, and research on company structures. Her biggest challenge was figuring out where to find the right legal resources, and her favourite part was the laid-back office and strong camaraderie. Her advice to fellow students: put yourself out there, try new things, and go exploring!



Phua Zo Ey
LL.B Year 3, NUS Law

Phua Zo Ey is a third-year law student who recently completed an internship with Clyde & Co in Shanghai. During the internship, Zoey gained experience in litigation and arbitration. She assisted with drafting both English and Chinese submissions and helped with writing articles on developments in China's maritime law. The overseas stint offered insight into legal practice in a different jurisdiction and the cross-border nature of work at an international law firm.

Zoey has received several academic book prizes, including the Peter English Memorial Prize in Criminal Law, the Clyde & Co Clasis Prize in Introduction to Legal Theory, the Allen & Gledhill Prize in Company Law, the Lai Kew Chai Prize in Equity & Trusts, and the Rajah & Tann Prize in Legal Systems of Asia. Drawing on her experience in Shanghai, she is happy to share practical tips and advice with fellow students interested in pursuing overseas internships.

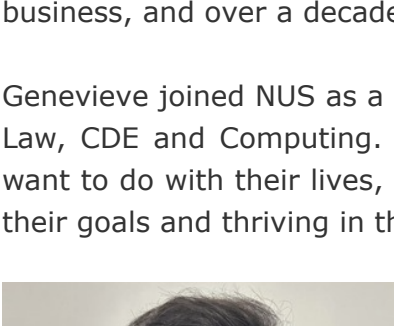


Nathania How
LL.B Year 3, NUS Law

Nathania How is a Year 3 law student who recently completed a month-long internship at the Intellectual Property High Court of Korea over the summer. During her internship, she assisted the Presiding Judge with comparative international intellectual property law research and proposed recommendations to the Korean judiciary on strengthening South Korea's Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) framework, both domestically and internationally. Her findings were presented to members of the Korean judiciary, leading to an invitation to speak at a judicial colloquium on the future development of South Korea's ADR landscape.

As a student who has dabbled in international dispute resolution competitions, Nathania was fortunate to see these skills come into play while observing an on-site mediation process and criminal trial respectively. The experience also deepened her understanding of the role of WIPO in intellectual property dispute resolution, as well as Singapore's approach to mediation and arbitration. Overall, the internship had provided a valuable foray into intellectual property law and equipped her with a comparative legal perspective through interactions with her colleagues and legal professionals.

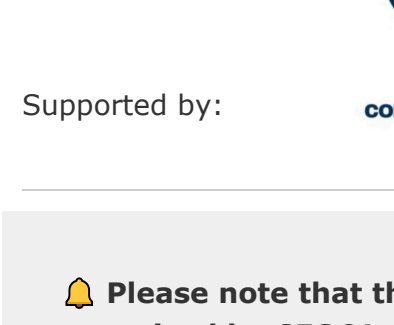
About the Moderators:



Genevieve Chia
Careers Advisor, NUS Law

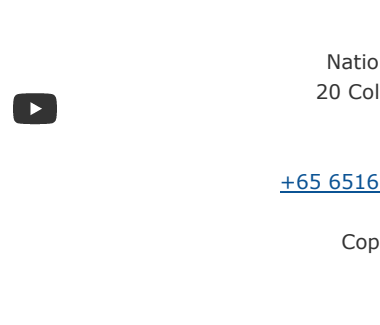
An NUS Law alumna and a Singapore qualified lawyer, Genevieve has broad experience which includes contentious and non-contentious practice with leading local firms, a stint with an international bank, running a small business, and over a decade in specialist legal recruitment.

Genevieve joined NUS as a Career Advisor in 2016 and now leads the teams at Law, CDE and Computing. She enjoys helping students figure out what they want to do with their lives, and supports them as they work towards achieving their goals and thriving in their chosen careers.



Ibrahim Siddiqui
President
NUS Commercial Law Careers Society

Ibrahim is a Year 3 Law undergraduate and the President of the NUS Commercial Law Careers Society (CLCS). CLCS is a student-run society that seeks to inform students about different pathways in commercial law by connecting practitioners with students.



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