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Dear Members of the NUS Law Community

The rule of law, it is sometimes said, is like oxygen. Easily taken for granted — but quickly noticed in its absence.

That's true at the national as well as international level. Recent events in Ukraine are a reminder of the importance of norms governing behaviour. For smaller countries like Singapore, a rules-based order is not a luxury but an "existential issue". This explains Singapore's strong language about Russia's actions, as well as our willingness to impose sanctions against a much bigger country.

Domestically, the rule of law contributes to the stability and prosperity that we have come to expect; internationally, it is the alternative to the rule of the jungle, where might makes right.

These questions are on my mind not only because of events in Europe, but because of the pandemic. Over the past two years, our ability to welcome students from abroad and send our own students on exchange has been severely curtailed. Happily, that situation is now changing. Earlier this semester, a few dozen NUS Law students boarded flights even as their counterparts arrived at Changi Airport.



Professor Simon Chesterman (Dean, NUS Law) delivering the welcome speech at the Dean's List & Awards Ceremony held on 24 February 2022

Exchanges are important not only because they are enriching for the students who travel. They also help build global understanding, connecting individuals from different cultures and traditions in a way that can also help bridge differences between countries.

For that reason, one of my fund-raising priorities in recent years has been the NUS Law Student Support Fund, intended to help ensure that students can take advantage of the opportunities we offer without regard to financial circumstance. Above and beyond the ability to cover fees and living expenses in Singapore, we want the most meritorious students to be able to go on exchange, to participate in international competitions. If you are able to help us in this area, you'll find information about how to do so at the back of this letter.

Offering a rich legal education to a diverse and inclusive student body starts with getting them into law school in the first place. Last year, we piloted a programme in which students who were in the top five percent of their junior college who applied to NUS Law would be automatically short-listed for our written test and interview. This year, we are expanding that number to the top ten percent.

Rest assured that this will not exclude anyone from consideration. We are merely opening the doors a little wider, interviewing and testing a slightly larger group who will all compete on the same level playing field. Particularly at a time when there is much discussion about the sustainability of legal careers, we hope that it will also encourage those with a true passion or calling for the law to join us.

I do hope you enjoy this eleventh annual letter, a tradition that I launched in 2012 with a simple message on my own letterhead. The length and vibrancy of this edition is testimony to the achievements of my colleagues and our students and their impact on Singapore, the region, and the world. And it gives me hope for the rule of law, even if we must sometimes be reminded of its importance and its fragility.

Leadership Renewal

As I commenced my fourth term as Dean, we refreshed the leadership team.



Wayne Courtney



Arif Jamal

With effect from 1 July 2021, **Wayne Courtney** assumed the role of Vice Dean for Academic Affairs and Undergraduate Studies while **Arif Jamal** took on the role of Vice Dean for Graduate Studies, succeeding former Vice Dean for Academic Affairs, **David Tan**.

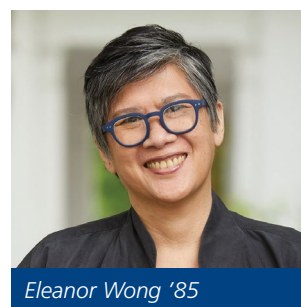
Wayne joined NUS Law in 2015, and was promoted to full Professor in 2020. In addition to being a leading expert on the law of contract, he previously

served as an Associate Dean in the Faculty of Law at the University of Sydney, and practised commercial law at a leading Australian law firm.

For his part, Arif now oversees the graduate programmes at NUS Law, including the various LLM programmes and the newly launched Juris Doctor (JD) programme. His own research focuses on law and religion, especially with reference to political theory and law in Muslim contexts. He is also the Editor-in-Chief of the *Asian Journal of Comparative Law*.

David, who served as Vice Dean for Academic Affairs since 2015, brought a strategic eye to our academic offerings, enhanced the compulsory modules while offering a rich and diverse array of electives, reviewed our class of honours for the LLB, and recruited some leading visitors to NUS Law. Working with **Gary Bell**, he shepherded in the new LLM in International Arbitration and Dispute Resolution. He also led a review of our teaching excellence initiatives — including enhancing the faculty-level awards, developing our teaching seminars, and mentoring our Sheridan Fellows. Most recently, David oversaw the design and launch of the new JD, which welcomed the inaugural cohort of students in August 2021. I'm enormously grateful to David for his many years of service to NUS Law.

Vice Dean for Student Life and Global Relations, **Eleanor Wong '85**, extended her term. Eleanor took office in 2015 and has transformed our approach to career services, broadening and deepening the opportunities for students to develop professional experience while at law school through initiatives including TalentConnect and Attorney Assessment. She has also established the Exchange Plus Programme, which now allows our students to spend their fourth year of the LLB to pursue an LLM at selected partner institutions.



Eleanor Wong '85

Damian Chalmers has also extended his term as Vice Dean for Research. Damian assumed his role in January 2019, bringing a wealth of experience including previously serving as Head of the London School of Economics and Political Science's European Institute, and Director of its Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence. In addition to overseeing our expanding research activities, including our various research centres, he has played a key role in strengthening and expanding our doctoral programme (which remains under his portfolio). He also oversaw the revisions to our website, working closely with Elizabeth Chua.



Damian Chalmers

Leadership



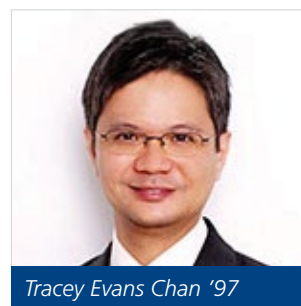
Ernest Lim '02



Ho Hock Lai '89

For the past two years, the Faculty Search and Promotion and Tenure Committees have been chaired by **Jeffrey Pinsler SC** and **Kumaralingam Amirthalingam** respectively. I'm grateful for the diligence and dedication that they applied to these roles. Hiring decisions are among the most important that any organisation can make. I am therefore very pleased that they will be succeeded by **Ernest Lim '02** (Chair, Faculty Search Committee) and **Ho Hock Lai '89** (Chair, Faculty Promotion and Tenure Committee).

Umakanth Varottil PhD '10 served as the inaugural Director of the NUS Law Academy and of Graduate Studies from July 2018 to June 2021. The Academy now boasts five Graduate Certificate Programmes and an expanding alumni base. With Arif Jamal now overseeing Graduate Studies, **Tracey Evans Chan '97**, took over as the new Director of the Academy, which oversees all non-degree coursework and related activities, including Continuing Legal Education and Continuing Professional Development.



Tracey Evans Chan '97

Sandra Booyesen LLM '03 PhD '09 has assumed the role of Chief Editor of the *Singapore Journal of Legal Studies* from **Thio Li-ann**. Sandra is also the Deputy Director of the Centre for Banking and Finance Law, and serves on the editorial board of the *International Banking and Securities Law* published by Brill.

Faculty Promotions



Teo Keang Sood, Tan Lee Meng '72, and Tan Yock Lin

Teo Keang Sood, Tan Lee Meng '72, and Tan Yock Lin have been appointed as Emeritus Professors in recognition of their distinguished careers at the faculty and outstanding contributions to the field of law.

Educated at the University of Malaya in Kuala Lumpur and Harvard Law School, Keang Sood's principal areas of research lie in real property law and strata title. The author of the leading textbook on *Strata Title in Singapore and Malaysia*, several of his works have been cited with approval at all levels of the courts in Singapore and Malaysia as well as in local and international publications. Keang Sood has served as Vice Dean of NUS Law's then Graduate Division from 2003-2006 and as General Editor of the *Singapore Academy of Law Annual Review of Singapore Cases 2000-2021*. In 2007, he was conferred the Public Service Medal

(PBM) in recognition of his contributions as the inaugural General Editor of this publication. He is also on the editorial board of the *Singapore Academy of Law Journal* and is a panel member of the Strata Titles Boards, as well as a member of the Disciplinary Panel of the Council for Estate Agencies.

Lee Meng completed his Bachelor of Laws in 1972 from the then University of Singapore. He graduated with First Class Honours, and went on to obtain a Master of Laws degree with Distinction at the University of London in 1974. He joined NUS, serving as the Master of Raffles Hall from 1980, and was promoted to full Professor of Law in 1988. He served as Dean of the Faculty of Law from 1987 to 1992, and as Deputy Vice-Chancellor from 1992 to 1997. He then commenced a distinguished career in the judiciary, prior to rejoining NUS Law in 2013. His publications include important works on shipping law and insurance, in particular *The Law in Singapore on Carriage of Goods by Sea* (2nd ed, Butterworths, 1994; 3rd ed, 2018) and *Insurance Law in Singapore* (2nd ed, Butterworths, 1997).

Yock Lin has served on the Singapore Academy of Law's Law Reform Committee almost since its inception. Yock Lin was the longest serving member on the Committee, and has written the largest number of law reform papers either solely or jointly. He has been very influential in various areas of law reform including illegality, trust law, conflict of laws, and evidence and procedure, and was awarded a Public Service Medal for his work on the Committee in 2008. His many books have ranged across diverse fields including Evidence, Criminal Procedure, Trusts and Equity, Conflicts of Laws, Personal Property and the Legal Profession. In NUS Law, he has taught many subjects which included Singapore Legal System, Constitutional Law, and Comparative Law.



NUS Law congratulates **Lye Lin Heng '73**, who has been made an Honorary Fellow. Since she joined the faculty in 1975, Lin Heng has devoted her professional life to NUS. She was promoted to Associate Professor with tenure in 1990, and continued teaching environmental law as an Adjunct Professor since her notional retirement in 2019.

She completed her Bachelor of Laws from the then University of Singapore, and holds Master degrees from the University of London (King's College) and Harvard University. She was an Advocate & Solicitor of the Supreme Court of Singapore and was Director of NUS Law's Asia-Pacific Centre for Environmental Law (APCEL)

from 2013-2017. She also served as Vice Dean and Director of the Faculty's Graduate Programme from 1995-1998. She chaired the University's Inter-Faculty Programme Management Committee on the multi-disciplinary MSc (Env Mgt) [MEM] programme hosted by the School of Design and Environment since its inception in 2001, to 2019.

Ernest Lim '02 was promoted to full Professor. Ernest is a graduate of NUS Law who also holds degrees from Harvard (LLM) and Oxford (DPhil and BCL). He practised corporate and securities law in international law firms for several years, including being a capital markets attorney in the New York office of Davis Polk & Wardwell. Subsequently, he took up a post at the University of Hong Kong in 2011, and was promoted with tenure in 2014. Ernest returned to NUS Law to join the faculty in 2017.

An internationally recognised expert in comparative corporate law and governance, Ernest's research has focused on sustainability, fiduciary duties, corporate attribution, and social entrepreneurship. He has also written on the legal implications of artificial intelligence. At its core, his research critically examines how the law can and should be used to not only deliver economic benefits, but also to promote social and environmental good. Since joining academia, he has taken on various administrative roles related to journal editorship, recruitment, research, joint degree programme, and student exchange programme.



Sonita Jeyapathy '03

Sonita Jeyapathy '03 was promoted to Associate Professor on the Practice Track. Sonita is a graduate of NUS Law and also holds an LLM degree from Edinburgh. She was in practice for close to a decade at Allen & Gledhill, rising to the level of partner, including a stint in London seconded to Linklaters. Sonita joined NUS in 2013 as a Lecturer on the then Teaching Track as well as Deputy Director of the Legal Skills Programme. She was promoted to Senior Lecturer on the Educator Track in early 2019, and in mid-2020, took on the role of Deputy Director at the Centre for Pro Bono & Clinical Legal Education (CPBCLE). She is also a member of the Faculty Teaching Excellence Committee and the Student Advisory Committee.

Lin Lin LLM '06 PhD '10 was promoted to Associate Professor with tenure. Lin Lin joined the Centre for International Law in 2012 and was appointed an Assistant Professor in 2014. She specialises in corporate law, corporate finance, and Chinese corporate and securities law. She has published a sole-authored monograph, *Venture Capital Law in China* (CUP 2021), and 18 articles in leading journals in her field since joining NUS. Her articles were ranked among the most cited articles in the *Journal of Corporate Law Studies* and *Asian Journal of Comparative Law*. Lin Lin is also engaged internationally, being appointed as an arbitrator and mediator in China, as well as receiving various invitations and honours, including Senior Visiting Fellow at the Harris Manchester College at University of Oxford (2019) and Senior Fellow at the University of Melbourne (2020).



Lin Lin LLM '06



Christian Hofmann LLM '13

Christian Hofmann LLM '13 was appointed the Deputy Director of the Centre for Asian Legal Studies (CALS) at NUS Law. Christian has been affiliated with CALS for years, recently especially as coordinator of the Comparative Civil Law Traditions Cluster. He will remain as Head of Financial Regulation and Central Banking at the Centre for Banking and Finance Law.

Faculty Achievements

In the latest report by London-based Quacquarelli Symonds (QS) World University Rankings by Subject 2021, NUS Law was ranked amongst the top 10 law schools in the world, and number one in the Asia-Pacific region. Having risen consistently in the rankings over the last decade, we are proud to have retained our position as the leading law school in Asia and reaffirmed our position in the legal fraternity and status as Asia's Global Law School.

NUS was also placed eighth globally for the study of Law, by the Times Higher Education (THE) World University Rankings by Subject 2022. Placed 12th in the previous ranking, it rose four notches to become the first Asian university to achieve a top 10 position in the subject.





NUS Law was recognised on 4 April 2021 at the National Day Awards with a President's Certificate of Commendation for our contributions to the successful hosting of the Singapore Convention on Mediation Signing Ceremony and Conference in 2019. **Joel Lee**, who led this initiative for NUS and who has done so much to promote mediation in Singapore and abroad, represented the faculty to receive the award. Our heartfelt congratulations to Joel and everyone who contributed to this important milestone.

Joel Lee was also recognised by "Who's Who Legal 2021" as Global Leader, and National Leader (Southeast Asia) in the area of mediation.

Chen Weitseng was appointed as a Fellow, the first from Singapore, at the Wissenschaftskolleg zu Berlin (Institute for Advanced Study in Berlin), a prestigious research institute well-known for interdisciplinary research. Founded in 1981 in Grunewald, Berlin, Germany, it is dedicated to research projects in the natural and social sciences. With the help of an international advisory board, invitations to scholars and scientists are designed to promote exchange across disciplinary boundaries and among researchers from different cultures.



Chin Tet Yung was presented with a Ministry of National Development (MND) Medallion 2021 for his service to the Disciplinary Panel of the Council for Estate Agents.

Tara Davenport Grad Dip Sing Law '03, LLM '10 was appointed as a member of the ITU-WMO-UNESCO IOC Joint Task Force on SMART Cables for Ocean and Climate Monitoring and Disaster Warning to study the feasibility of using submarine cables for monitoring of the environment. She was also appointed to be a member of the Editorial Board of the Ocean Development and International Law Journal published by Taylor and Francis, and re-appointed to the Editorial Board of the Asian Journal of International Law. She was also invited to join the Governing Board of Foundation for the Development of International Law in Asia (DILA).



Jean Ho '03 was appointed as Member of the Editorial Board, and Book Review Editor of the *Journal of International Economic Law*. In addition, she was also elected to the Steering Committee, and appointed Deputy Chair for Research of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL) Investor-State Dispute Settlement Academic Forum. As the Deputy Chair for Research, Jean steers the Academic Forum's research policy and trajectory, manages the peer-review and approval of concept papers, as well as oversees the research interests and participation of the Academic Forum's 100-plus members, who range from eminent to emerging international economic law scholars.

Kelvin Low '99's publication "Lost in Transmission: Unilateral Mistakes in Automated Contracts" (with Dr Eliza Mik), as well as his responses to the Law Commission's Call for Evidence, were cited by the Law Commission of England and Wales in its "Advice to Government on Smart Legal Contracts", which was released on 25 November 2021.

In addition, "The Law of Personal Property (3rd Edition)" by **Michael G. Bridge**, Louise Gullifer, Gerard McMeel, and **Kelvin Low '99**, has been extensively cited by the Law Commission's Electronic Trade Documents Report. Kelvin and Michael's responses to the Consultation were also quoted by the Law Commission. Kelvin with Ernie Teo's article, "Bitcoins and Other Cryptocurrencies as Property?" has also been cited by the Singapore High Court in CLM v CLN and Ors [2022] SGHC 46.

Ernest Lim '02 was elected to the Robert S Campbell Visiting Fellowship at Magdalen College, Oxford. Previous holders of this fellowship include Senior Appellate Court Judges from Australia, New Zealand and South Africa, as well as Chair Professors from McGill, Toronto, Melbourne, Hamburg, and the UK.



Jaclyn Neo '03 was invited by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Brazil to sit on the International Editorial Board of *Suprema – Revista de Estudos Constitucionais*. She was also invited to sit on the editorial board of the book series, *Studies in Territorial and Cultural Diversity Governance*, published with Brill/Nijhoff (Leiden/Boston). In addition, Jaclyn was appointed as an external member of the Steering Committee of the Centre for Comparative and Transnational Law (CCTL) at The Chinese University of Hong Kong's Faculty of Law, and as a member of the International Advisory Board of the University of Otago's Centre for Law and Society.

Vincent-Joël Proulx was appointed to the List of Arbitrators of the Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre, the Reserve Panel of Arbitrators of the Singapore International Arbitration Centre (SIAC), and the Panel of Arbitrators of the Asian International Arbitration Centre.

He was also re-elected for a second term as Member of the Executive Council of the Asian Society of International Law. He was invited to reprise his role as invited faculty at the Singapore International Arbitration Academy, co-teaching sessions on general rules of international law and the investment treaty regime. He also served as invited faculty at a training workshop commissioned by the SIAC with the Office of the Government Corporate Counsel, Republic of the Philippines on the SIAC Investment Arbitration Rules, covering various topics including foundational and more advanced issues in Investor-State Dispute Settlement (ISDS), differences with other similar procedures, jurisdictional criteria, and the role of international law in ISDS.

Dan W. Puchniak was appointed by the world's leading corporate governance organisation, the European Corporate Governance Institute (ECGI) as the inaugural Editor-in-Chief (Law) of the new ECGI Blog.

M. Sornarajah was appointed as arbitrator by the Plurinational State of Bolivia to the tribunal of the Permanent Court of Arbitration at The Hague in May 2021, to decide the dispute in Zurich Insurance Corporation v. The Plurinational State of Bolivia.

Simon Tay '86 was awarded the S.E.A. Write Award for Singapore, a regional award conferred on leading ASEAN poets and writers. Simon has published poetry and short stories, such as *Middle and First* (2016), and also won the 2010 Singapore Literature Prize for his novel *City Of Small Blessings*.



2021 Faculty Annual Teaching Excellence Award
(L-R) Umakanth Varottil PhD '10, Dian Shah, Hans Tjio, Rachel Leow '11, Helena Whalen-Bridge LLM '02

Congratulations to **Hans Tjio**, **Chen Weitseng** (not in picture), **Paul Myburgh** (not in picture), **Umakanth Varottil PhD '10**, **Helena Whalen-Bridge LLM '02**, **Rachel Leow '11**, and **Dian Shah**, on being awarded the faculty-level Annual Teaching Excellence Award for 2021.

Recruiting and Retaining the Best Faculty

We welcomed new and returning faculty to NUS Law, laying strong foundations for the future of legal education and research.



Kelvin Low '99

Kelvin Low '99 rejoined us as a Professor. Kelvin read law at NUS and Oxford, and started his academic career at NUS Law. Prior to returning to his alma mater, he taught at the University of Hong Kong, Singapore Management University, and City University of Hong Kong. Kelvin's research interests span the field of private law but with a particular interest in property. He has published internationally with leading journals such as the *Law Quarterly Review*, the *Modern Law Review*, the *International and Comparative Law Quarterly*, the *American Journal of Comparative Law*, *Melbourne University Law Review*, *Lloyd's Maritime and Commercial Law Quarterly* and *Legal Studies*.

He has held editorial positions with the *Singapore Journal of Legal Studies*, the *Singapore Year Book of International Law*, *Hong Kong Law Journal*, and *Property Law Review*, and is presently a Co-Editor of *Trust Law International* and the Co-Editor-in-Chief for the *Asia Pacific Law Review*. He has also served in various key administrative roles since 2005, including Acting Director of Student Exchange and Director of Mixed Degrees at the University of Hong Kong, Associate Dean (External Relations) at the Singapore Management University, LLB Programme Director at the City University of Hong Kong, and an External Member for the University of Hong Kong's Juris Doctor Programme Review Panel in 2018.

NUS Law welcomed **Mervyn Cheong '08** as an Associate Professor on the Practice Track. Mervyn graduated from NUS Law in 2008 and was called to the Singapore Bar the following year. A litigator since the start of his legal career, he has appeared in all court levels in Singapore, including before a coram of five Justices of the Court of Appeal in February 2020 when he successfully overturned a capital conviction. He conducted the first successful case under the Innocence Project in 2014 and was one of the youngest lead counsels appointed in 2015 under the Legal Assistance Scheme for Capital Offences. Over the years, he has also diversified his practice to advise individuals, charities, SMEs, and MNCs on various pre-dispute and non-contentious matters. In October 2019, Mervyn successfully completed the inaugural Specialist Certificate in Intangible Assets Management programme, administered by the IP Academy, and received the Professor Susanna Leong Book Prize.



Mervyn Cheong '08



Benny Tan '12

Benny Tan '12 was appointed as Assistant Professor under the Practice Track scheme. Benny graduated from NUS Law in 2012 and holds a Master of Philosophy (MPhil) in Criminological Research from the Cambridge University, for which he was awarded the Manuel López-Rey Graduate Prize for being overall top MPhil student across the Cambridge Institute of Criminology. After graduating from NUS, he has served as a Deputy Public Prosecutor and State Counsel at the Attorney-General's Chambers. To support the pro bono cause and to hone his legal skills, he has also acted, on a pro bono and ad-hoc basis, as defence counsel in criminal cases and appeals between 2016 to 2018. Benny joined NUS Law in 2014 as a legal skills tutor. He was appointed Lecturer in 2016

and Sheridan Fellow in 2018. He teaches and has research interests in criminal law, and criminal procedure and evidence, with an especial specialisation in sentencing law and policy. He has also received the Faculty-level Teaching Excellence Awards for AY15/16, AY17/18 and AY19/20, as well as the University-level Annual Teaching Excellence Award for AY17/18.



Hillary Chua joined us as Sheridan Fellow. Hillary holds an LLB from King's College London and a Master of Bioethics from Harvard Medical School. She was admitted to the Singapore Bar in 2018 and practised medical law and civil litigation prior to joining NUS Law. Her research interests are in medical law, clinical ethics, and disability law. She has participated in hospital ethics committee meetings in Boston and Singapore, and has done research stints at the Hastings Center (Garrison, New York) and NUS Centre for Biomedical Ethics.

NUS Law also welcomed **Marcus Teo '18** who joined us as Sheridan Fellow. Marcus was a former researcher at the Centre for International Law who specialises in Constitutional Law, Administrative Law and Private International Law. Marcus teaches Constitutional and Administrative Law, and Singapore Law in Context, and pioneered and co-taught Private International Law with **Joel Lee**. Marcus is also an Advocate and Solicitor of the Supreme Court of Singapore, and is a consultant in public law and private international law cases.



NUS Law welcomed **Timothy Chan '18, Alfino Eu '19, Tan Ming Ren '20, and Joel Tan '21** as Teaching Assistants. Timothy graduated from NUS in 2018 with First Class Honours, received 2 academic prizes, and was placed on the Dean's List three times. His main research interests lie in the field of personal property law, equity and trusts, and the law of restitution and unjust enrichment. Prior to joining NUS, Timothy practised in a dispute resolution team in one of the biggest law firms in Singapore. He will be a teaching assistant for the Principles of Property Law module at NUS.



Alfino graduated from NUS with a Bachelor of Laws (First Class Honours). He then completed his training at a restructuring and insolvency practice of a local law firm, and was admitted as an Advocate & Solicitor of the Supreme Court of Singapore in August 2020. Alfino has a strong interest and background in restructuring and insolvency law, having obtained the

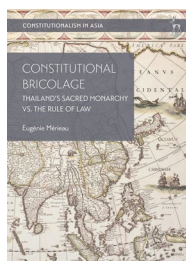
Rajah & Tann Singapore Prize in Corporate Insolvency in the fourth year of his undergraduate studies. His research interests extend to company law and other aspects of commercial law.

Ming Ren graduated from NUS with a Bachelor of Laws (First Class Honours) and Master of Laws from the University of Toronto. Ming Ren made the Dean's List every year, received academic awards and scholarships, and won prizes in essay and mooted competitions. His research interests are in Family Law and Evidence Law.

Joel graduated from NUS with a Bachelor of Laws, and from Yale-NUS College with a Bachelor of Arts (Chinese Studies Minor). Joel won several academic prizes at NUS Law for being the top student in the Law of Contract, Criminal Law, Equity & Trusts, Advanced Torts and Evidence Law. His research interests concern the ethics of blame in private and criminal law.

Research Excellence

NUS Law continues to produce outstanding scholarship across the spectrum of legal research. In addition to dozens of scholarly articles and book chapters, as well as scores of conference papers, the following books were published in 2021:



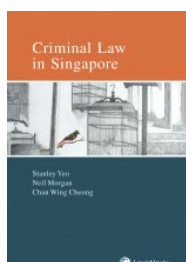
*Constitutional Bricolage:
Thailand's Sacred King versus
the Rule of Law*

by **Eugénie Mérieau**
(Hart Publishing)



*Marine Plastic Pollution and the
Rule of Law*

by **Linda Yanti Sulistiawati** and
Rose-Liza Eisma-Osorio (eds)
(KAS-UC-KLRI-APCEL)



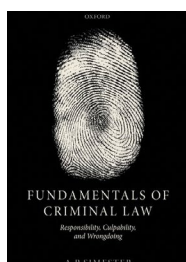
Criminal Law in Singapore

by **Stanley Yeo '76**, Neil Morgan
and Chan Wing Cheong
(LexisNexis)



*Singapore Income Tax
Concise Casebook*

by **Justin Tan '10**,
Allen Tan and Jeremiah Soh
(Wolters Kluwer)



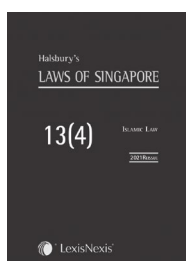
*Fundamentals of Criminal Law:
Responsibility, Culpability, and
Wrongdoing*

by **A.P. Simester**
(Oxford University Press)



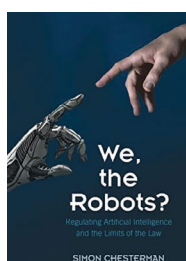
Venture Capital Law in China

by **Lin Lin LLM '06 PhD '10**
(Cambridge University Press)



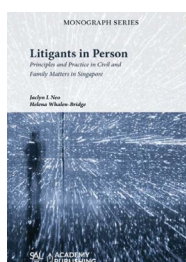
*Halsbury's Laws of Singapore
Volume 13(4) - Islamic Law*

by **Arif A. Jamal** and
Shazny Ramlan
(LexisNexis)



*We, The Robots?
Regulating Artificial Intelligence
and the Limits of the Law*

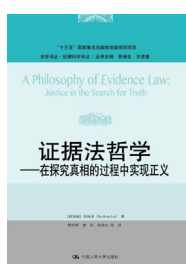
by **Simon Chesterman**
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*Litigants in Person: Principles and
Practice in Civil and Family Matters
in Singapore*

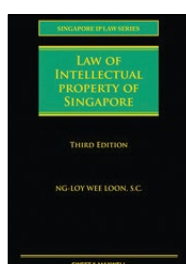
by **Jaclyn L. Neo '03** and
Helena Whalen-Bridge LLM '02
(Academy Publishing)

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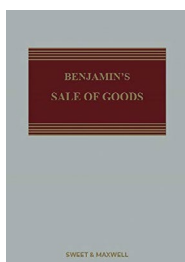
*证据法哲学:在探究真相的过
程中实现正义
(A Philosophy of Evidence Law:
Justice in the Search for Truth)
(Chinese Edition)*

by **Ho Hock Lai '89**
(China Renmin University Press)



*Law of Intellectual Property of
Singapore (3rd Edition)*

by **Ng-Loy Wee Loon '87**
(Sweet & Maxwell)



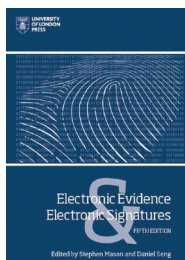
*Benjamin's Sale of goods
(11th Edition)*

by **Michael Bridge** (gen ed)
(Sweet & Maxwell)



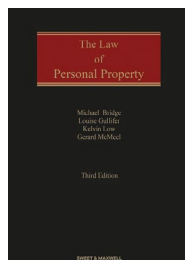
*The International Law on Foreign
Investment (5th Edition)*

by **M. Sornarajah**
(Cambridge University Press)



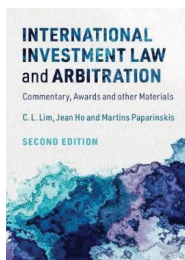
*Electronic Evidence and Electronic
Signatures (5th Edition)*

by Stephen Mason and
Daniel Seng '92 (eds)
(University of London Press)
Handbooks)



*The Law of Personal Property
(3rd Edition)*

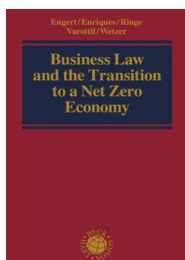
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*International Investment Law
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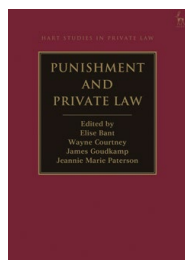
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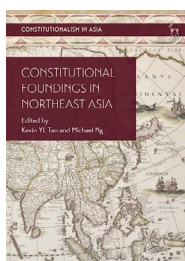
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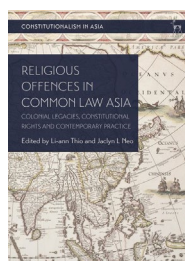
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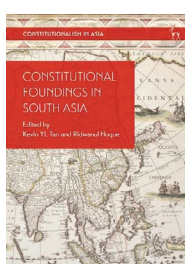
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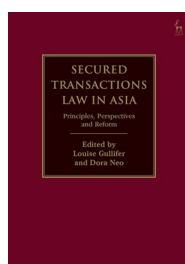
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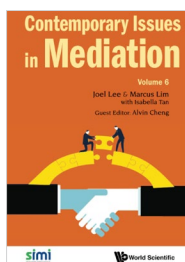
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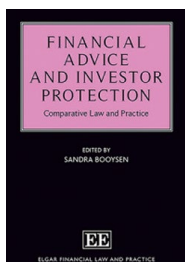
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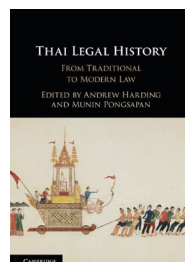
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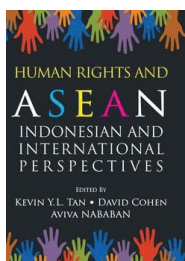
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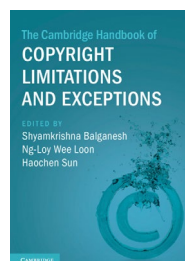
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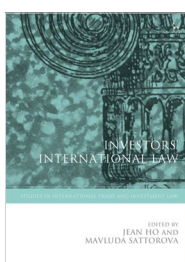
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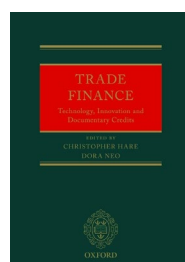
The Cambridge Handbook of Copyright Limitations and Exceptions

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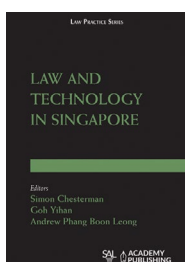
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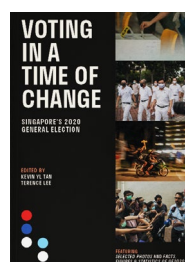
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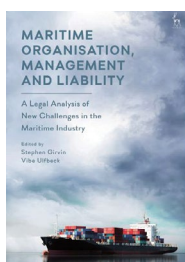
Law and Technology in Singapore

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Voting in a Time of Change: Singapore's 2020 General Election

by **Kevin YL Tan '86** and Terence Lee (eds) (Ethos Books)



Maritime Organisation, Management and Liability: A Legal Analysis of New Challenges in the Maritime Industry

by **Stephen D. Girvin** and Vibe Ulfbeck (eds) (Hart Publishing)

Impact

In addition to producing scholarship that changes the way law is thought about, many colleagues also had a direct impact on how it is practised.

Arif Jamal was invited by the Family Justice Courts of Singapore (FJC) to conduct a “Syariah Law Workshop” for Judicial Officers of the FJC on 28 June 2021. This workshop discussed the historical background of Islamic law and its sources and development in Southeast Asia and Singapore. One of our Year 3 PhD students, Alfian Yasrif bin Kuchit, was also one of the speakers at the workshop.

Ernest Lim '02 is one of the co-authors of the “Legal Opinion on Directors’ Responsibilities and Climate Change under Singapore Law”, the first opinion of its kind in Singapore to demonstrate that directors have a duty to consider and address climate-related risks. He is also the author of “Directors’ Liability and Climate Risk: White Paper on Hong Kong”, which was the subject of a panel discussion involving the Hong Kong Stock Exchange and law firms, organised by the Asian Institute of International Financial Law.

Jaclyn Neo '03 was invited to deliver the Professor Shah Alam Memorial Lecture on “Freedom of Religion in the Age of Social Media” on 24 June 2021 at the opening of the 2nd Professor Shah Alam Constitutional Law Virtual Moot Court Competition 2021. The event was organised by Empowerment through Law of the Common People (ELCOP), an organization of law professors and students from different universities in Bangladesh. In her lecture, Jaclyn discussed rapid digitalization and the rise of social media, and considered the impact of this phenomenon on how religion is understood and experienced.

Susanna Leong '89, David Tan, Benjamin Wong '15, and Yeong Zee Kin '97 contributed their perspectives on the developments in copyright, trade marks, patent and breach of confidence/data protection laws in the 8th Annual Developments in IP Law Series attended by almost 1000 practitioners over four sessions. This series is co-organised by IPOS International and the EW Barker Centre for Law & Business.

Student Appointments



(Top L-R) Ong Kye Jing '21, Ryan Kwan '21, Jasmine Goh '21
(Bottom L-R) Jerry Wang '21, Gwendolyn Oh '21,
Wee Jong Xuan '21, Lai Weng Han '21

Congratulations to seven of our alumni from the Class of 2021, who have been appointed as Justices’ Law Clerks (JLC) at the Singapore Supreme Court.

As JLCs, **Ong Kye Jing '21, Ryan Kwan '21, Jasmine Goh '21, Jerry Wang '21, Gwendolyn Oh '21, Wee Jong Xuan '21, and Lai Weng Han '21** will undertake legal research, draft bench memorandums, and provide hearing-related assistance to Judges of the High Court and the Court of Appeal.

We congratulate them for having earned their places in the JLC programme with outstanding academic and extra-curricular achievements.



One Kye Jing '21



Samuel Teo '21

The Intellectual Property Office of Singapore (IPOS) launched the “Young IP Mediator” initiative in 2020, with the aim of building awareness and promoting interest in mediation for IP disputes. As part of the initiative, Young IP Mediators have the opportunity to participate in the mediation of a real-life IP dispute, as well as other projects related to the field of Intellectual Property mediation.

This year, two NUS Law alumni were appointed to the programme – **Samuel Teo '21** and **Ong Kye Jing '21**. This follows their recent accreditation as SIMI Level 1 Accredited Mediators under the SIMI Credentialing Scheme.

Student Achievements

After being cancelled in 2020 and 2021 due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we were finally able to celebrate our students' hard work and academic achievements for the Academic Year 2020/2021 with the in-person Dean's List and Awards Ceremonies on 24 February 2022. Close to a hundred students made it onto the Dean's List and close to 50 awards were given out, with some students winning multiple awards.

Some of this year's winners also had the privilege of being presented their awards and prizes by the respective donors. The donors and named honorees who attended the ceremony include:

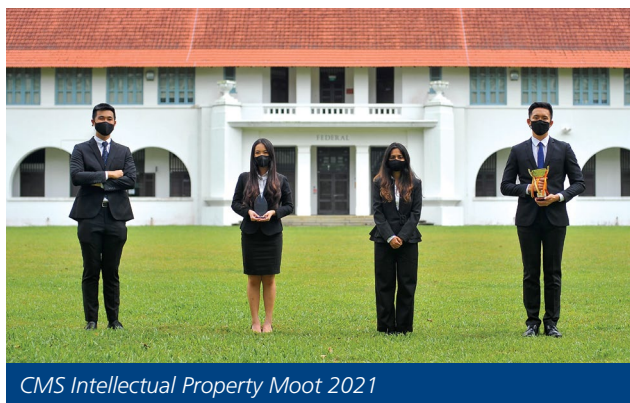


Lam Chung Nian '97 (President of Asian Patent Attorneys Association c/o Wong Partnership LLP) presenting the APAA Patent Law Prize for Law of Intellectual Property to Zhao Junning '21

1. **Lam Chung Nian '97** (President of Asian Patent Attorneys Association c/o Wong Partnership LLP), who presented the APAA Patent Law Prize for Law of Intellectual Property
2. **Paul Sandosham Dip Sing Law '95** (Partner at Clifford Chance Asia and Managing Partner at Cavenagh Law), who presented the Clifford Chance Prize for International Commercial Arbitration
3. **Joseph Liow '92** (Managing Partner of Joseph Liow Chambers), who presented the Joseph Liow Prize in Construction Law
4. **Loh Guo Wei, Melvin '11**, who presented the Peacemakers' Prize in Mediation
5. **Leong Wai Kum**, NUS Law, who presented the prize named in her honour, the Leong Wai Kum Prize in Family Law
6. **Tracey Evans Chan '97**, NUS Law, as representative of the donors towards the Leong Wai Kum Prize in Family Law
7. **Benny Tan '12**, NUS Law, who presented the Most Improved Student Award
8. Chloe Wong (Senior Marketing Manager in SEA, LexisNexis), who presented the Peter English Memorial Prize for Criminal Law

Our heartiest congratulations to all the Dean's Listers and prize winners!

Despite the challenges our students face with the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, it is wonderful to see how our students have adapted to the new normal, and continue to win numerous mooting competitions.



CMS Intellectual Property Moot 2021

NUS Law congratulates our students for winning the CMS Intellectual Property Moot 2021. **Benson Fan '22** emerged as the Champion, **Shannen Leong '23** as the First Runner-Up, and **Tan Wei Sze '21** and **Audity Tareq '22** as the Second Runners-Up. The competition saw 60 competitors battling it out, and after several gruelling online rounds, the finals were held on 19 January 2021 at the CMS Singapore Office.



NUS Law students performed spectacularly at the 6th VMSCL-AIDR International Dispute Resolution Competition (Lex Infinitum VI) held virtually from 21 to 27 February 2021. After 9 intense rounds of mediation and negotiation against 35 other international teams, **Sarfaroj Ahmed Malik '24** was named Champion in the Mediator category, while **Ong Hui Wen '22** and **Kaezeel Yeo '24** emerged as First Runners-Up in the Negotiating Team category. This is the second year running that NUS Law has clinched the Mediator championship and third year in a row that our Negotiating Team has finished 2nd place or better at Lex Infinitum.



The Grand Finals of the International Commercial Arbitration Moot (ICAM) 2021 was held at the Wee Chong Jin Moot Court on 3 March 2021. Congratulations to **Chew Qing Xuan Kyna '23** who emerged as Champion, **Ryan Jay Naidu '23** as the First Runner-Up, **Don Loke Song Ze '24** and **Melvinder Singh '23** as the Second Runners-Up, and **Goh Cheng Wei Benjamin '24** who was awarded the Best Memorial.



Well done to **Jolene Gina Abelarde '23**, **Joshua Lim Jing Kai '23**, and **Edwin Chan '24** for emerging as Champions (Client and Counsel Team) at the 9th National Law Institute University and International Academy of Dispute Resolution (NLIU INADR) International Mediation Tournament. Held virtually, the competition took place from 10 to 14 March 2021, and featured 42 skilled teams from India, Lithuania and the United States.



The 2021 Advocacy Cup Finals was held on 31 March at the Wee Chong Jin Moot Court. Well done to **Noah Lim '23** who came in top, **Suraj Lingaraj Bagalkoti '22** as the First Runner-Up, and **Teo Jin Yang Anthony '23** and **Vishnu Menon '23** as the Second Runners-Up.



The NUS Law team represented Singapore and competed in the World Finals of the Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition on 17 April 2021. The international rounds, usually held in Washington, D.C., were held online due to the pandemic, and the Championship Final was judged by three sitting judges of the International Court of Justice. Congratulations to the NUS Law team of **Abhishek Srivastava '21**, **Rebecca Loo '21**, **Timothy Chong '21**, **Arjit Pandey '22**, and **Bay Jia Wei '22** emerged as First Runners-Up. **Bay Jia Wei '22** and **Abhishek Srivastava '21** were named the Best Oralist in the Championship Round and Preliminary Rounds respectively.



NUS Law hosted the International Negotiation Competition (INC) virtually from 28 June to 3 July 2021, and comprised both INC International Rounds 2020 and 2021. After winning the Singapore National Round in May 2020, the NUS Law team comprising **Isabella Tan '21** and **Nikhil Angappan '21** went on to represent Singapore in the International Round. This year, 28 teams from over 19 countries participated. All three rounds of competition (which included both two-party and four-party negotiations) explored various contractual arrangements concerning space, construction, intellectual property, law and technology. Through the three days of competition,

the Singapore team negotiated with teams from the United States, Indonesia, Brazil, India and Wales, and emerged winners of the 2020 INC.



Chan You Quan '22, **Charmaine Sng '22**, **Jeriel Teo '24**, and **Vivien Tan '24** won first place at the 2021 International Bar Association-Vienna International Arbitral Centre (IBA-VIAC) Mediation and Negotiation Competition 2021. The competition took place virtually from 10 to 14 July 2021 which saw 33 shortlisted international student teams from different countries such as Brazil, the United States, Israel, Germany, India, and Italy.



4th INTA Asia-Pacific Moot Court Competition

NUS Law triumphed at the 4th INTA Asia-Pacific Moot Court Competition. The 2021 competition featured an additional stipulation – for teams to work independently, with no external help from professors or alumni. Kudos to **Chen Rong '21**, **Benjamin Ho '21**, **Song Yihang '22**, and **Richmond Xiao '22** who took first place; and **Adriel Ho '24**, **Lo Yin Peng '24**, **Navneeth Kanagavelu '24**, and **Jarrett Chen '24** for coming in second.



ALSA International Moot Court Competition 2021

Well done to the Team Strandburg Champions – **Toh Ding Jun '22** (Team Leader and Best Speaker in the Finals), **Austen Lim '23** (2nd Best Speaker in the Preliminary Rounds), and **Perl Choo '23**, who won at the ALSA International Moot Court Competition 2021 that took place from 3 to 5 September. Ding Jun also took home the Ex Curia International Final Round Best Advocate Award, which is awarded to the best speaker of the final round.



International Youth Legal Exchange Conference

Zephan Hwang '24 and **Glenda Tan '24** clinched the “Best Presentation Award” at the International Youth Legal Exchange Conference (IYELC) organised by the International Youth Legal Exchange Federation and the Department of Justice of the Government of Hong Kong Special Administrative Region. The virtual competition, which saw delegations from 11 jurisdictions, took place on 11 September 2021.



APIIT Law School International Negotiation Competition

The NUS Law team, comprising **Ernest Chua '22**, **Shannen Chua '23**, **Heather Ng '24**, and **Nicholas Phang '24**, emerged as Champions of the inaugural APIIT Law School International Negotiation Competition (ALSINC) 2021. The competition is Sri Lanka's first international negotiation competition of any kind, and took place virtually from 17 to 19 September 2021, with 16 international student teams from different countries including Norway, India and Sri Lanka.



Samuel Wee '24, **Karthik Vyas '24**, and **Nguyen Minh Tri '24** emerged as Champions at the LAWASIA International Moot Competition 2021. This marks the first time that NUS has won the competition. **Karthik Vyas '24** was awarded the Mah Weng Kwai Trophy as the Best Mooter for his exceptional performance throughout the competition; **Nguyen Minh Tri '24** was the top-ranked speaker in the Final Round and **Samuel Wee '24** was the top-ranked speaker in the Semi-Final Round.



NUS Law clinched the top awards, emerging as the top 4 finalists from over 70 competitors, at the Grand Finals of the B.A. Mallal Moot on 22 October 2021. **Audity Binta Tareq '22** won the B.A. Mallal Moot 2021, **Johan Ding '24** as the First Runner-Up, and **Dakshayani Ravindran '24** and **Elizabeth Koh '24** as Joint Second Runners-Up.

Five of our NUS Law teams performed excellently at the International Mediation Singapore (IMSG) 2021, which was held across two weekends – 22 to 24 October and 30 to 31 October – virtually.

	Team	Mediation Advocacy	Mediator
Team 35	Kaezeel Yeo '24 Don Loke '24 Leanne Chee '24 Ben Ng '24	Gold	Gold
Team 36	Wayde Chan '24 Tay Teck Hong '24 Joshua Toh '24 Rebecca Sim '24	Bronze	Bronze
Team 37	Melvin Seto '25 Gracia Chua '25 Darius Lee '25 Sia Yun Xin '25	Gold	Gold
Team 38	Benjiro Tan '22 Andrew Chen '22 Gracia Goh '22 Ng Ziqin '25	Bronze	Bronze
Team 39	Ernest Chua '22 Muhammad Syazwan '24 Sachna Kaur '24 Jotham Ng '24	Gold	Bronze



NUS Law won the 20th Intercollegiate Negotiation Competition Sophia 2021, which was held on 6 and 7 November 2021. The 20th Intercollegiate Negotiation Competition Sophia saw participation from Asian law schools across countries such as Japan, Australia, and Thailand amongst other countries. The NUS contingent was crowned overall champions and received the prestigious Sumitomo Competition Award. Additionally, the contingent received the CI Arb Award as the university contingent with the highest total points in the arbitration component. NUS Team A comprised of **Damian Lee '25**, **Khor Jia Wei '25**, **Whang Chia Ning '25**, and **Samuel Tay '25**. NUS Team B comprised of **Feng Yuxin '25**, **Vivien Sim '25**, **Nicholas Ong '25**, and **Kenneth Tan '25**.

Student Life

It has been a tradition for the graduating class of NUS Law to curate and stage a musical production — both as a swan song to their years in school, and to raise funds for charity. Due to the evolving COVID-19 pandemic, the Class of 2021's performance was recorded and premiered on YouTube on 29 May 2021. *Law IV 2021: Simple Majority* is a musical that consisted of light-hearted and dark parts where lawyers and their clients are unwittingly forced to survive a twisted game show. Revenue collected from ticket sales went to the selected beneficiary, TOUCH Community Services. *Law IV: Simple Majority* is available for viewing from <https://bit.ly/lawiv2021>.



Law IV 2021: Simple Majority
(L-R) Celeste Lee '21, Lim Jia Ren '21, Nasyrah Rohim '21, Shreshya Vishwanathan '21, Elizabeth Teo '21, Joshua Ng '21, Mitchell Leon '21, and Jonathan Lee '21

Service to the Community

Centre for Pro Bono & Clinical Legal Education



Tan Yean San '23

Congratulations to **Tan Yean San '23**, for winning the 2021 Outstanding Court Volunteer (Student Category) Award issued by the Supreme Court, State Courts and Family Justice Courts. The Outstanding Court Volunteer Award recognises individuals who have contributed significantly as committed volunteers with the State Courts and Family Justice Courts.

Yean San received this award for the fantastic work she did under the State Courts Student Representatives Programme (SCSRP), which is a Singapore Institute of Legal Education approved pro bono project run by the Centre for Pro Bono and Clinical Legal Education (CPBCLE) in collaboration with the State Courts. The SCSRP provides the vital service of helping disadvantaged litigants-in-persons (LIPs) in the Community Justice and Tribunals Division of the State Courts. Typically, LIPs require assistance from court volunteers in applying for remedies under the Protection from Harassment Act or Community Disputes Resolution Act. NUS Law students involved in the SCSRP are supervised by **Benny Tan '12**, Deputy Director of CPBCLE.

Besides completing core tasks of assisting LIPs under the SCSRP, Yean San was also appointed a Senior Representative and took on the additional responsibilities of managing the cohort of student volunteers, recruiting new student volunteers as well as training and supervising her juniors.

"I would definitely recommend more NUS Law students to join SCSRP (or any pro bono project in general). I learnt a lot of soft skills which are not usually taught in the classroom – how to communicate effectively with members of the public about the law, what questions should be asked, and how to go about asking them, what information is required to draft the LIPs' claims etc. Your ability to handle LIPs as well as your general grasp of the relevant law and legal processes will also improve over time as you gain experience.

Most importantly, there is a strong sense of purpose when you are able to apply your legal knowledge to real life situations and help people."

- Tan Yean San '23

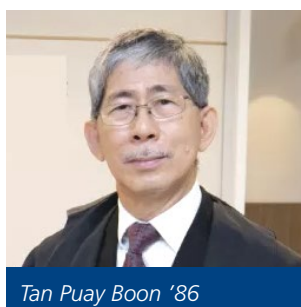
For any pro bono or clinical legal education enquiries, please contact CPBCLE at probono@nus.edu.sg.

Alumni Relations & Development

As we adapted to yet another year of living with the pandemic, the achievements of our alumni were a great source of encouragement and pride to all of us at NUS Law, spurring us on as we strive to provide the best legal education possible to our students. The following illustrates just a fraction of their stellar accomplishments in the past year.

In judicial appointments, **Mohan Ramamirtha Subbaraman '92** was elevated from Judicial Commissioner to Judge of the High Court, and **Chan Seng Onn '86** was appointed Senior Judge in November 2021.

Once again, all three Senior Counsels appointed at the start of this year were alumni from NUS Law. They are **Tan Puay Boon '86**, **Marina Chin '89**, and **Koh Swee Yen '04**.



Tan Puay Boon '86



Marina Chin '89



Koh Swee Yen '04



Adrian Tan '91

We were also delighted that **Adrian Tan '91** was elected as the new President of the Law Society of Singapore, taking over the reins from **Gregory Vijayendran '92**, who is the longest-serving Law Society President to date.

Dilhan Pillay Sandrasegara '88 was appointed as the new Chief Executive Officer of Temasek Holdings. He also received the Distinguished Alumni Service Award at the *NUS Alumni Awards 2021* for his exemplary leadership and consistent community involvements in nurturing the next generation. Another prominent alumnus, Minister **Desmond Lee Ti-Seng '01**, received the Distinguished Alumni Service Award for his outstanding contributions to public service and his commitment to the betterment of the society.



Dilhan Pillay Sandrasegara '88 and Minister Desmond Lee '01 receiving their Distinguished Alumni Service Awards from the President of NUS, Professor Tan Eng Chye (Photo: NUS Office of Alumni Relations)

During the National Day Awards 2021, the late **Richard Magnus '68 LLM '75** received the Distinguished Service Order, **Philip Loh Hai Fee, BBM '80** was awarded the Public Service Star (Bar), while **Kim Seah Teck Kim, JP, PBM '77, Abdul Rohim Sarip, PBM '88, and Kuah Boon Theng '90** all received the Public Service Star.

The Public Administration Medal (Gold) was awarded to **Raja Kumar s/o Thamby Rajah '85** and **Daphne Hong Fan Sin '91, LLM '95**, while **June Celine Low Li Mei '82, Fletcher Diane Cecilia '88, Ong Chin Rhu '93, LLM '02, Peter Koy Su Hua '95, Daphne Chang Wei Hsian '96, LLM '03, Paul Yuen Kar Kit '98, and Amy Tung Chew Ming '01** were all recognised for their contributions with the Public Administration Medal (Silver). In addition, **Eleanor Wong Siew Yin '85, Gay Hui Yi '08, and Sanjna Rai d/o Rajeshwar Rai '09, LLM '16** were awarded the Public Administration Medal (Bronze).

Other recipients were **Loh Yi Ren Donovan James '09** and **Bryan Fang Hao Wen '13**, who received the Commendation Medal, and **Noor Mohamed Marican '75, Hamidah Binte Ibrahim '76, Joyce Agnes Tan Sok Kheng '83, Chua Eng Hui '86, Tan Chee Meng '86, Edward Stanley Tay Wey Kok '92, Anand Nalachandran '99, Grad Dip '09, and Abel Ang Boon Thong Grad Dip '06**, who were all awarded The Public Service Medal. Finally, **Lee Lit Cheng '95, Siow Peng Han '89, Kor Min Yee Vincent '92 LLM '95, Teh Hwee Hwee '92, Ong Chin Rhu '93, LLM '02, Tan Ley Pheng '93, Miranda Yeo Eng Joo '94, Wang Lan Jee, Janet '95, Hui Choon Kuen Grad Dip '96, Lee Ming En, Jeanne Grad Dip '96, Chong Kah Wei '96, and James Elisha Lee Han Leong '96** all received the Long Service Medal.

At the Asian Legal Business' (ALB) Southeast Asia Law Awards 2021, **Koh Swee Yen '04** was recognised as the Woman Lawyer of the Year (Law Firm), and **Foo Yuet Min '06** as the Young Lawyer of the Year (Law Firm).

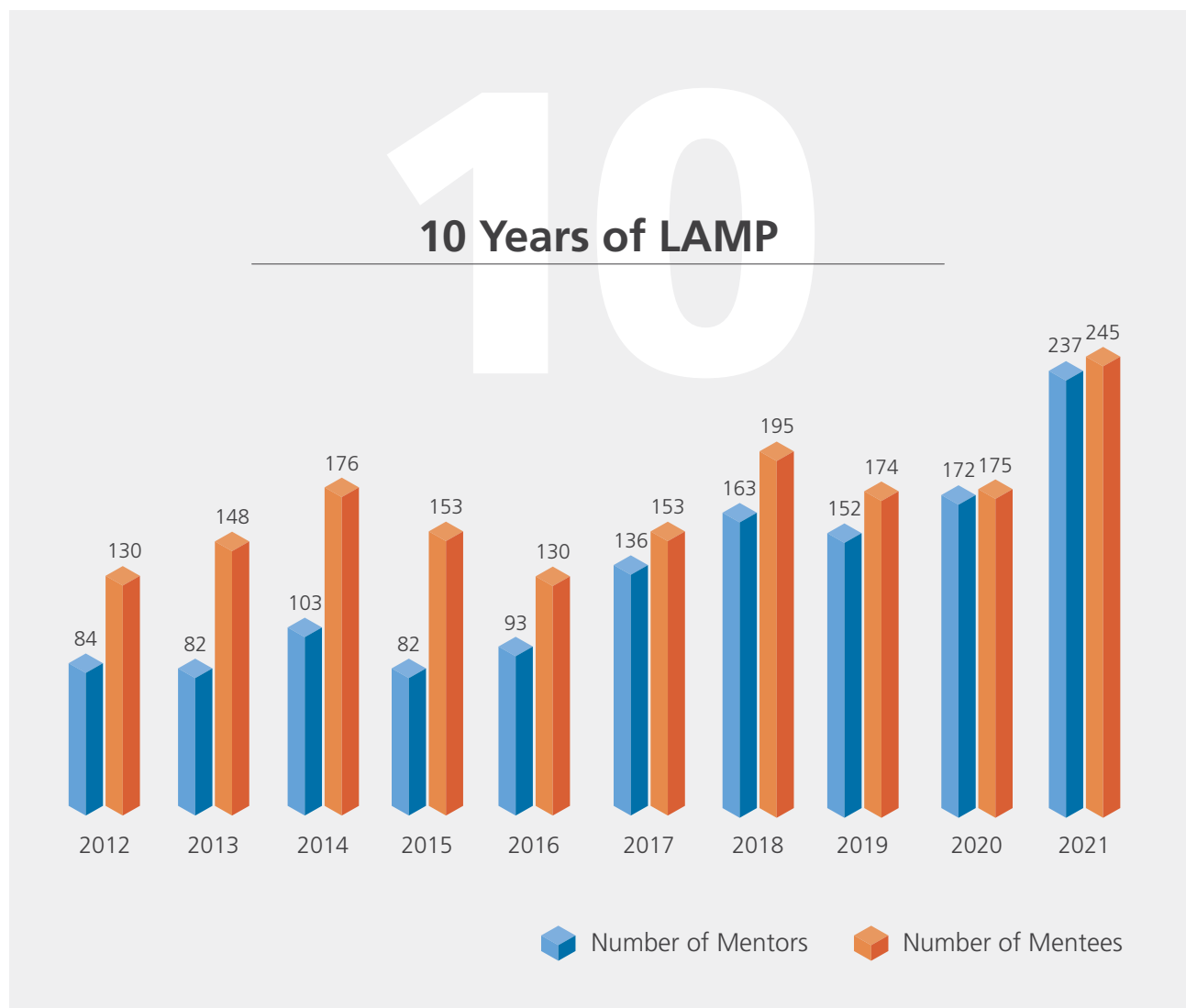


Our alumnae also had a good showing in the inaugural ALB Women in Law List 2021, which recognises the exceptional performance of women lawyers in law firms and in-house. **Rebecca Chew '90** received the award for Health and Wellness Advocate of the Year, **Christy Lim '96** was named Dealmaker of the Year for SE Asia, and **Blossom Hing '96** was Litigator of the Year, SE Asia. Further afield, **Vivien Teu '97**, who is practising in Hong Kong, was named Thought Leader of the Year for North Asia, and **Nisha Kaur Uberoi LLM '05** was named Private Practitioner of the Year for India and Middle East. Nisha also won the Global Competition Review's Global Dealmaker of the Year Award.

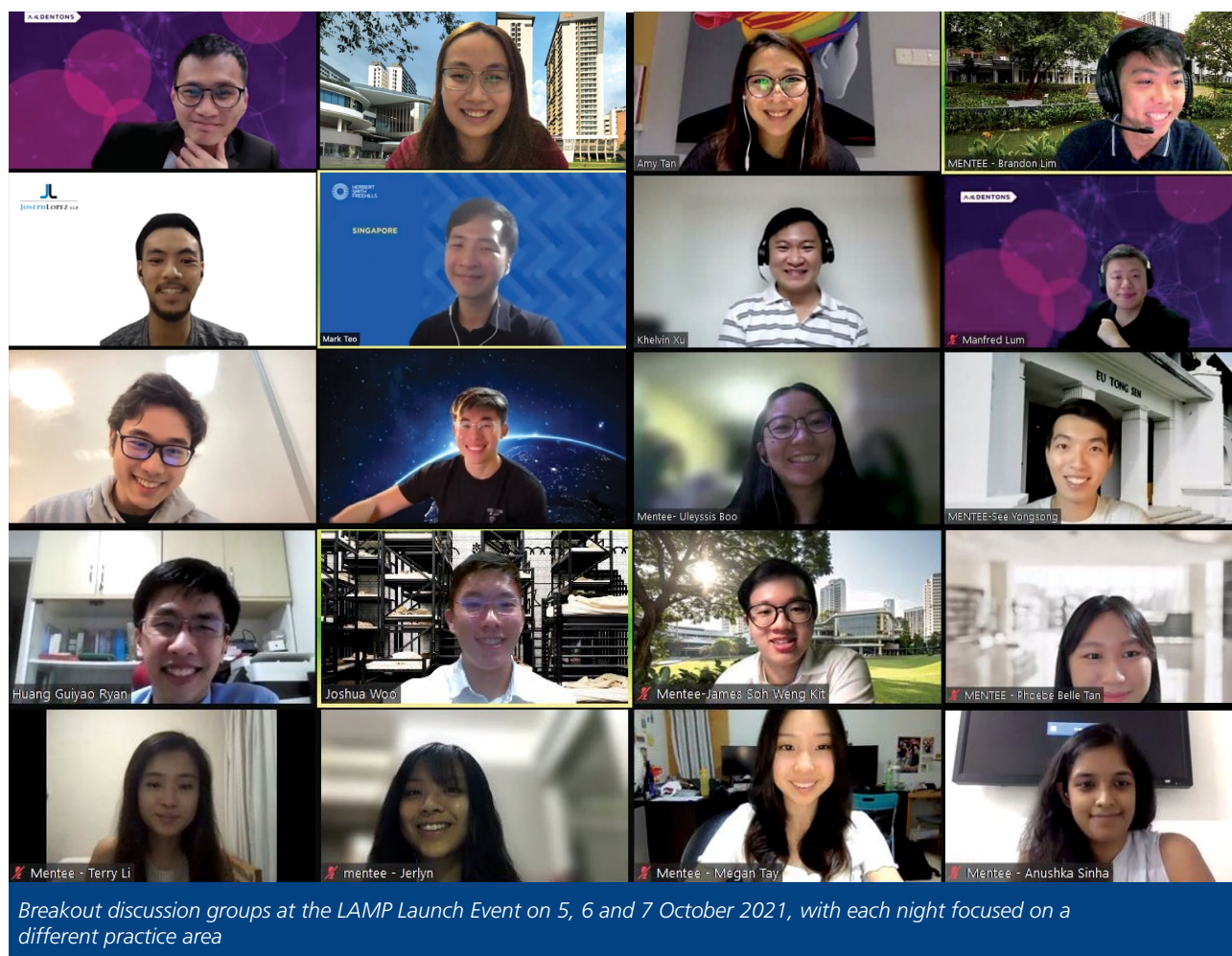
NUS Law alumni were again featured prominently in ALB's 40 Under 40 List 2021, which recognised 40 of the most accomplished lawyers across Asia, who are below the age of 40. Included in this list are **Chew Jie Min Jasmine '05, Eunice Yao '06, Penny Koo '06** (who was also a Finalist in the Singapore Corporate Counsel Association's Chief Legal Officer Awards), **Lauren Tang Dip Sing '07, Pardeep Singh Khosa '08, Amy Tan '11, Keith Han '11, Tang Chong Jun Dip Sing '09, and Mahardikha Sardjana LLM '12.**

It was heartening to note that throughout the challenges brought on by the pandemic, our alumni continued to demonstrate their support for NUS Law and our students by giving of their time and expertise as mentors, adjunct professors, coaches for moot competitions, speakers at our career talks and advisors to student groups such as the Pro Bono Group.

The current Academic Year 2021/2022 marks the tenth anniversary of the Law Alumni Mentor Programme (LAMP), which has grown from strength to strength. The numbers shown in the chart are a testament to the generosity and unwavering support of our alumni who have always been eager to share their experiences and advice. With your help, we have hit a new high this year with 237 mentors who have volunteered to help 245 first year, second year, Masters and Juris Doctor students.



Since its inception in 2012 with just 130 mentors and 84 students, the programme has expanded steadily to meet the growing demand and we are extremely grateful to all of you who have responded to the call to volunteer. To date, more than 1,200 alumni have served as mentors to 1,500 mentees.



Our alumni and other supporters also made important financial contributions to support future generations of NUS Law students.

Walter Woon '81 set up the **Woon Chow Tat Memorial Bursary** in memory of his late grandfather. The bursary will assist financially disadvantaged students with the cost of law school. In addition, **Tan Cheng Han '87** made a donation to endow the Tan Hock Kim Prize in Advanced Contract Law in memory of his father.

Various donors supported the **Ahmad Ibrahim Prize in Islamic Law**, which was championed by the Muslim Law Practice Committee of the Law Society of Singapore. Established in memory of Professor **Ahmad Ibrahim LLD '65**, who was Singapore's first Attorney-General and who contributed significantly to the development of Islamic Law in Singapore, the prize will reward the top performing student in the module Islamic Law with effect from this Academic Year.

The **Joseph Liow Prize in Construction Law** was established with a gift from alumnus **Joseph Liow '92**, a long-time practitioner in this area of the law. In addition, Rajah & Tan Singapore LLP made a donation to set up the **Rajah & Tann Singapore Prize in Corporate Deals**, which is a compulsory module for second year law students.



The Class of 1992 is hoping to organise a physical reunion in the second half of 2022 to celebrate their 30th anniversary. If you are from this class, or if your class is celebrating a milestone reunion, do update your particulars here: https://law1.nus.edu.sg/alumni/alumni_update_particulars.asp so that we can keep you informed of events and news. To find out more about the support provided for reunions, please contact **Jo-Ann Chan '97** (joann.chan@nus.edu.sg; 6601 2248).

I cannot overstate how much our alumni have contributed to the successes of NUS Law. Your achievements inspire and challenge us all, raising our profile and establishing our reputation. The opportunities you create for our students, through advice, internships, and employment are what transform these young men and women into lawyers. Your financial support makes possible our mission of being one of the very best law schools in the world — while making sure that no deserving student is left behind.

This year, we continue to direct your attention to the **NUS Law Student Support Fund** which is intended to enable all of our students to make the most of the opportunities available without being held back by finances. Since its launch in 2017, financial aid has been awarded from this fund to help needy students with tuition fees, and to enable students to participate in enriching programmes and activities. If you would like to make a contribution, you may use the attached donation form, or scan the QR code on the right to make an online gift. Alternatively, if you would like to discuss any of the ways in which you might advance the mission of NUS Law, please feel free contact **Jo-Ann Chan '97** (joann.chan@nus.edu.sg; 6601 2248) or myself directly.



NUS Law welcomed prospective students to our Open House on 5 March 2022

Stay in Touch

I hope that you have found these annual updates on NUS Law interesting. If you would like to know more, or if you think there may be ways in which you could get involved with the faculty, please do not hesitate to let me know.

On behalf of all of us at NUS Law, we wish you all the very best in 2022. May it bring you peace, happiness and fulfilment.



A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to be 'Simon Chesterman'.

Simon Chesterman
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