

I am an Assistant Professor at the NUS Law School.

Previously I read for the DPhil at Merton College, Oxford as a Prize Scholar.

My research interests are in commercial law and legal history. I also teach and research equity and trusts, and am one of the contributing editors of Snell's Equity.

I have acted as a consultant in commercial litigation in the High Court of England & Wales. Admitted to the Singapore Bar (2016).

EMPLOYMENT

National University of Singapore, Faculty of Law (July 2017 – present)

Assistant Professor (June 2025 – present)

- Lecturer and tutor in Equity & Trusts (LC2006F)
- Lecturer and tutor in Principles of Property Law (LC2004)
- Academic Fellow, Centre for Banking and Finance Law
- Research interests in commercial law, legal history and equity & trusts (https://law.nus.edu.sg/about_us/faculty/staff/profileview.asp?UserID=lawlauj)

Sheridan Fellow (2017-2025)

Merton College, University of Oxford (October 2021 – September 2022)

Stipendiary Lecturer in Law

- Delivered classes and tutorials in trusts law to students at Merton & Pembroke Colleges on the Final Honour School
- Other responsibilities at the college included admissions interviewing and acting as college supervisor to graduate BCL students.

Rajah & Tann Singapore LLP (May 2016 – May 2017)

Associate, Commercial Litigation

- Under the supervision of Mr. Francis Xavier SC

Drew & Napier LLC (Jan 2016 – May 2016)

Trainee, Commercial Litigation

- Under the supervision of Mr. Davinder Singh SC

EDUCATION

University of Oxford, *Doctor of Philosophy in Law*, September 2020 – October 2024
Merton College
Thesis examined in January 2025 – passed without corrections.

University of Oxford, *Bachelor of Civil Law (Distinction)*, July 2020

National University of Singapore, *LL.B. (First Class Honours)*¹, July 2015

Raffles Institution, *GCE 'A' Levels*, 2008

SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

Merton College Prize Scholarship

(<https://www.merton.ox.ac.uk/prize-scholar-jeremiah-lau>)

In 2022, I was elected a Prize Scholar of Merton College, Oxford following a competition across all postgraduate research students at Merton, regardless of discipline and funding. The scholarship is awarded to research students of the ‘highest academic distinction’, and is typically awarded to no more than 4 students in the later stages of their research degrees.

Wadham College (University of Oxford) Prize for Academic Performance

In 2020, I was awarded the Wadham College Prize for Academic Performance for achieving a distinction in the Bachelor of Civil Law examination.

Montrose Memorial Prize (National University of Singapore)

In 2014 I was awarded the Montrose Memorial Prize for the best paper in Jurisprudence. I also graduated on the Dean’s List with first class honours.

GRANTS AND FUNDING

NUS Law – University of Toronto Law Research Partnerships Grant

With my collaborators James Penner and Benjamin Wong, I was awarded the NUS Law-University of Toronto Law Research Partnerships Grant 2019-2020. Our project was entitled ‘Public Data Trusts’, and was carried out in partnership with Lisa Austin and David Lie of the University of Toronto’s Faculty of Law and Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering respectively.

¹ Awarded to candidates who (a) Finish in the top 5% of their class based on numerical average for all subjects taken at NUS; and (b) Have obtained a grade of A- or better in at least 40% of the subjects taken at NUS.

Merton College Graduate Research Grant

In 2024 I was awarded a Graduate Research Grant by Merton College, Oxford. The grant covered flight expenses incurred in the course of my doctoral research.

PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

Advocate and Solicitor, Supreme Court of Singapore (August 2016)

LAW REVIEW SERVICE

I sit on the editorial committee of the Singapore Journal of Legal Studies. I have also served as peer reviewer for the following journals:

Cambridge Law Journal

Banking & Finance Law Review

Singapore Journal of Legal Studies

LIST OF PUBLICATIONS

Journal Articles

- J Lau, 'Pre-judgment Interest on Liquidated and Unliquidated Sums' [2024] Lloyd's Maritime and Commercial Law Quarterly 136-161
- J Lau, J E Penner and B Wong, 'The Basics of Private and Public Data Trusts' [2020] Singapore Journal of Legal Studies 90-114
- J Lau, 'Legal and Beneficial Entitlement to Joint Bank Accounts with Volunteers' (2018) 33(3) Banking and Finance Law Review 345-363
- J Lau, 'A Standalone Action for Singapore's Competition Law Regime: Challenges and Opportunities' (2017) 29 Singapore Academy of Law Journal 224-256

Case Notes

- J Lau, 'Limitation in Bank Fraud Claims: Effect of Account Closure' (2023) 82(2) Cambridge Law Journal 224-227
- J Lau, 'Interest in the Shape of Damages for Loss of Use' [2023] Lloyd's Maritime and Commercial Law Quarterly 203-211
- J Lau, 'That New Chestnut - The Proprietary Status of Bitcoins' [2020] Lloyd's Maritime and Commercial Law Quarterly 378-384
- J Lau, 'Computerised Mistake and Proprietised Bitcoin: B2C2 v Quoine Pte Ltd' (2019) 35 (1) Banking and Finance Law Review 205-212

Contributions to Books

- Contributing editor to *Snell's Equity* (Steven Elliott gen ed, 35th edn, Sweet & Maxwell 2025)
- I am currently responsible for Chapter 10 on Powers (pp 291-325).
- Contributor to James Penner, *The Law of Trusts* (12th edn, Oxford University Press 2022)
- My contributions included updating the chapter on charitable trusts, co-authoring a new chapter 12, 'Restitution, Unjust Enrichment, and the Law of Trusts', and contributing to text updates in other chapters.
- Contributor to James Penner, *The Law of Trusts* (11th edn, Oxford University Press 2019)
- My contributions included substantial revisions to Chapters 13 (breach of trust), 15 (third party liability for breach of trust and fiduciary obligations), and 18 (charities).

Chapters in Edited Collections

- J Lau & K Low, 'Reforming the Singapore Trust: Pushing or Breaking Boundaries?' in Y Liew & T Masayuki (eds) *Asia-Pacific Trusts Law, Volume 3: Boundaries in Context* (Hart forthcoming)
- J Lau, 'Trustees' Powers' in Mark Bennett, Lusina Ho, Adam Hofri-Winogradow and Richard Nolan (eds), *Oxford Handbook of Comparative Trust Laws* (Oxford University Press forthcoming)

Book Reviews

J Lau, Review of P S Davies & G Virgo, *Equity & Trusts – Text, Cases and Materials* (3rd edn, Oxford University Press 2019) [2019] *Singapore Journal of Legal Studies* 491-493

Judicial Citations

Janesh s/o Rajkumar v Unknown Person (“CHEFPIERRE”) [2022] SGHC 264 at [68], citing J Lau, ‘That New Chestnut - The Proprietary Status of Bitcoins’ [2020] *Lloyd's Maritime and Commercial Law Quarterly* 378