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Dear Members of the NUS Law Community

The world has been going through an extraordinary period, and so has the Law Faculty.

We finally moved into our new premises across December 2025 and January 2026. We arrived at a beautiful campus and are now better integrated into the wider university community. At the same time, transitional difficulties were inevitable. Law is the only NUS Faculty that now sits in the middle of a residential college, with competing needs for dedicated teaching and non-teaching spaces. The Law Library is now shared with residential college students; it has also been challenging to find suitable locations for large events such as our annual careers fair, and to accommodate all the mid-size classes that we teach. Fortunately, we do now have a venue for the Chief Justice's Bicentennial Lecture on the Rule of Law, slated to take place on 2 September, which celebrates the anniversary of the Second Charter of Justice of 1826. We very much hope to see some of you there!

Headaches associated with the campus move are, essentially, teething problems. We are learning how to work with that. A more serious issue is money. At a rough estimate, the Faculty teaches our LLB degree at a loss of approximately \$10 million per year, after student fees and government subsidies are taken into account. It does so despite the fact that NUS Law salaries lag behind Hong Kong and, especially, the US (not to mention the profession), and despite the fact that our professors do more teaching than any other Faculty in the University. In the long term, the numbers are unsustainable. I started my second term as Dean on 1 January 2026, and my most important task going forward is to address that budget gap.



Professor Andrew Simester, Dean of NUS Law, delivering the welcome speech at this year's Open House, which was held at our new home on the Kent Ridge campus on 7 March 2026



NUS Law moved to the Kent Ridge campus at the start of the year

The crucial part of that challenge is to balance the books without compromising the standards of teaching and research that have propelled NUS Law to its current status as one of the world's great law schools. Once upon a time, we were known internationally by our successes in the Jessup moot, a tradition that we sustained once more in 2026. Nowadays, though, we are known for so much more besides. We have world-class researchers who are also great teachers, and that is what makes the best universities distinctive: that they offer research-led teaching. The bedrock of Singapore's modern legal system may be the 1826 Charter of Justice, but the legal system we now have was constructed with the skills and values of legal professionals who were educated at NUS—our lawyers, our judges, our civil servants, and our teachers. My colleagues and I are very proud of the contribution that NUS has made to the building of this country's legal system: it is a tradition that we are committed to maintaining.

And extending. This is no time to be complacent. One of the most exciting developments this year is the integration of new technologies into our law degree. Working with Law-AI providers like Harvey (from the US) and Lucio (India), and in collaboration with WongPartnership, we are bringing modern tools into the law degree. NUS lawyers of the future will not be afraid of AI. They will be in control of it. Similarly, in our research, we are looking to lead rather than follow. I am delighted to write that, next semester, we shall be launching a new research centre for international arbitration. Singapore has made great strides internationally as a provider of dispute resolution services. With the support of the Ministry of Law, and under the direction of Professor Stavros Brekoulakis, we intend to complement those advances with global thought leadership, further enhancing Singapore's standing in the international community.

Leadership. That's what Singapore, and NUS Law, are about. The turmoil in this world is not just a challenge. It is an opportunity.

Leadership Renewal



In July 2025, **Professor Alan Tan '93** took over as Director of the JD Programme, succeeding Associate **Professor Jean Ho '03**, who took on the role of Director of the NUS Law Academy Programme, replacing Associate Professor Tracey Evans Chan '97. Professors **Tan Cheng Han S.C., '87** and **Ernest Lim '02** joined Professor David Tan as Co-Directors of the Centre for Technology, Robotics, Artificial Intelligence & the Law, succeeding Associate Professor Daniel Seng '92.

Faculty Achievements

In the latest report by Quacquarelli Symonds on World University Rankings by Subject (Law & Legal Studies), NUS jumped four spots to become the #6 law school in the world. We are proud to retain our position as the top law school in Asia and reaffirm our status as Asia's Global Law School. This tremendous milestone reflects the strength of our faculty, researchers, staff, students and alumni who continue to drive excellence and impact globally.



Elez Ilya Akdemir

Dr Elez Ilya Akdemir became an academic fellow at the Centre for Technology, Robotics, Artificial Intelligence & the Law. He was a presenter at the ALSA Law & Technology Conference hosted by UNSW Sydney in July 2025 as well as at Melbourne Law School, in line with his research interests that lie at the intersection of law and technology. He also joined the *Asian Journal of International Law* as an Associate Editor.

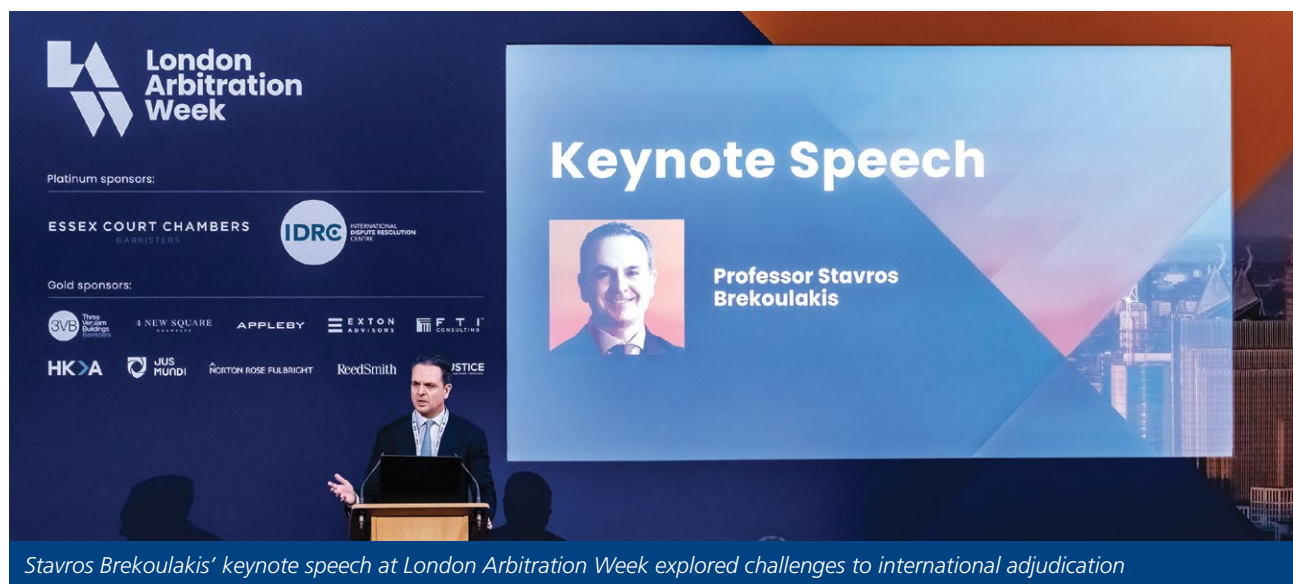


Stavros Brekoulakis

Professor Stavros Brekoulakis was recognised in *Lexology Index's* Thought Leaders Global Elite (Arbitration) 2026, based on peer and client nominations, reflecting his contributions to international arbitration across both practice and academia.

He was the keynote speaker at two events. He delivered the keynote address at an International Chamber of Commerce event in Singapore titled "Is There Any Port in a Storm? Dispute Prevention and Resolution in a Geopolitical World" in August 2025, which examined the strain on the rules-based international economic order. He also spoke at the flagship London Arbitration Week event held at the Guildhall in December 2025, focusing on "Reimagining International Arbitration and the Rule of Law", which explored the case for measured institutional reform in disputes involving public interest. This keynote was shortlisted by Global Arbitration Review (GAR) for the 2026 GAR Award for Best Lecture or Speech.

Prof Brekoulakis also co-chaired GAR Live Singapore 2025 in August, a major international arbitration conference bringing together leading arbitrators, judges, counsel, policymakers and institutional representatives.



Stavros Brekoulakis' keynote speech at London Arbitration Week explored challenges to international adjudication



Professor Mindy Chen-Wishart spoke at events held in Thailand, New Zealand and India. She delivered a plenary lecture at the 5th Asia Pacific Private Law Conference, centred on the topic “Legal Transplant: Lessons from Asian Contract Laws”. The conference, held at Thammasat University in May 2025, brought together scholars in private law from Asia and the Pacific. She was also a keynote speaker at a Chennai conference centred on “Conversations on the Foundations of Indian Contract Law” held in November 2025. This year, too, she delivered a lecture titled “Factors Affecting Asian Migrants Approach to Settlements and Litigation”, at the Annual Conference of New Zealand Judges on 13 February 2026.

Prof Chen-Wishart was appointed to the International Advisory Board for the Centre for Private Law at Hong Kong University, and sits on the Editorial Board of the *Oxford Journal of Legal Studies*.



Professor Simon Chesterman was appointed to the World Justice Project’s (WJP’s) Leadership Council. The Council is a distinguished group of global leaders that helps champion and support WJP’s mission of advancing the rule of law worldwide.

He was also appointed to the SAIGE Council of the Partnership on AI (PAI). This Council brings together interdisciplinary leaders to explore how rapidly evolving AI technologies intersect with social and technical systems, human interaction, environmental sustainability, democracy and labour. Members meet regularly to advise on PAI’s new strategic plan, with the ultimate goal of co-developing a public roadmap. Its mandate is to help build an evidence-based consensus on the current state of AI and recommend actions to ensure AI development serves the public good.



Professor Lynette Chua '03 was appointed to the Jernal Singh Khosa Professorship in Law on 1 November 2025. This appointment recognises her pioneering research in the field of socio-legal studies, focusing on how specific social groups engage with legal power and the effects of those interactions on identities, relationships and legal institutions. She also won the Socio-Legal Article Prize 2025 for her article on parental maintenance litigation in Taiwan. This is the second time she has won this annual prize.

Prof Chua was invited to serve on the Bloomsbury Academic & Professional AI Advisory Board. As an author under Bloomsbury, she joins a select group that includes other authors, series editors and external experts to shape the approach to AI in publishing.

She also delivered the Reza Banakar Memorial Lecture at Lund University, Sweden, on 10 December 2025. Her lecture, titled “Intimate Legalities: A Study of Parental Maintenance and Social Welfare”, is based on her new book in progress. The hybrid format of the event drew attendees from around the world, with 60 participants from places such as Scandinavia and Central Europe, South America, Africa and Asia.



Steven Elliott

Professor Steven Elliott was appointed to the Singapore Academy of Law's Commissioning Advisory Panel. He was also appointed Independent Counsel by the Singapore Court of Appeal in the matter of *Kuvera Properties Pte Ltd v Far East Opus Pte Ltd* on 26 December 2025. The appeal, which is to be heard in May 2026, raises difficult and novel issues concerning the application of the Limitation Act 1959 to claims to rescind contracts and to claims for damages under Section 2 of the Misrepresentation Act 1967 (Eng). As one of the authors of *The Law of Rescission* published by Oxford University Press (its third edition was published in 2023), Prof Elliott is a leading scholar in this area.



Jean Ho

Associate Professor Jean Ho '03 was appointed as Editor-in-Chief of the prestigious *Journal of International Economic Law (JIEL)*, becoming the first Asian to assume the role in the journal's nearly 30-year history. A top-tier academic publication, the JIEL is the leading peer-reviewed journal for doctrinal, empirical, theoretical and cross-disciplinary research on international economic law.



Christian Hofmann

Associate Professor Christian Hofmann LLM '13 joined the International Monetary Fund's (IMF's) database of external experts, with his first assignment in March 2025. With two economists from the IMF, he co-taught a one-week course on Central Bank Digital Currencies for central bank payment experts from 19 Asian jurisdictions at IMF's Singapore Regional Training Institute from 17 to 21 March 2025.

He also participated in the fourth edition of the Single Resolution Board (SRB) Legal Conference, centred on the theme of "Banking Crises—Law, Policy and Practice: European and Global Perspectives". The SRB is the central resolution authority within the Banking Union and it works closely with the European Commission, the European Central Bank, the European Banking Authority and national authorities.

Associate Prof Hofmann was appointed as Co-Director of the Centre for Transnational Legal Studies (CTLS) in London at the start of the year and will hold this position till 30 June 2026. Starting 1 July 2026, he will move to the CTLS Academic Board and retain this position for three years.



Kenneth Khoo

Assistant Professor Kenneth Khoo '15 won the Best Paper Award for Junior Scholars at the Asian Law and Economics Association 2025 Annual Conference in August. Co-written with Roberto Tallarita, this is the second time the paper, titled "Expanding Shareholder Voice: The Impact of SEC Guidance on Environmental and Social Proposals", has been recognised. It won the Best Academic Paper award on Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) in the Junior category at the 2024 Berkeley-ECGI Forum on Corporate Governance in November 2024.



Associate Professor Lan Luh Luh '89 was the Runner-up for the 2024 Corporate Governance: An International Review (CGIR) Best Paper Award, for the article "Board Characteristics and Firm Resilience: Evidence from Disruptive Events". This annual award recognises the most relevant and rigorous studies published in the journal. This article was also a top cited article in CGIR in 2023. Co-written with Ettore Croci, Gerard Hertig and Layla Khoja, the paper studies the contribution of board characteristics—such as independence, size, busyness and CEO duality—to firm resilience at times of firm-specific crises.



Professor Joel Lee was reappointed to the Family Justice Court's Therapeutic Justice Consultative Committee, effective 1 March 2025 for one year. He was also appointed to the International Advisory Board of the School of Law, Woxsen University, India, with effect from 21 May 2025.

He also conducted two Negotiating Success workshops in May 2025, which are part of the courses necessary to obtain the Professional Certificate in Dispute Resolution. A pioneer in mediation education and an award-winning trainer, he helped NUS Law Academy launch this certification programme, which equips legal and industry professionals with key skills in negotiation, mediation and mediation advocacy.



Professor Ernest Lim '02 was appointed to the inaugural Chan Sek Keong Professorship in Private Law on 1 November 2025, in recognition of his distinguished achievement and leadership in the field of corporate law and private law more generally. This named Professorship is a University-level Chair that acknowledges outstanding and internationally recognised faculty who have significantly advanced their work as scholars and researchers.

He was also appointed a Faculty Associate at Harvard University's Berkman Klein Center for Internet and Society, the world's leading interdisciplinary university research institute on technology. He is the first academic from Asia to be appointed. He was also appointed as a research member to the European Corporate Governance Institute (ECGI) in 2025, in recognition of his exceptional contributions to the field of corporate governance.



Associate Professor Jolene Lin Grad. Dip. Sing. Law '05 won the ESIL Collaborative Book Prize and ANZSIL Book Prize for the monograph *Litigating Climate Change in the Global South* co-written with Jacqueline Peel. The ESIL Collaborative Book Prize—awarded by the European Society of International Law (ESIL) in September 2025—recognises collaborative works that offer new perspectives and insights into international law, while the Australian and New Zealand Society of International Law (ANZSIL) Book Prize recognises works of significance, originality and rigour in public and private international law. This book is the first comprehensive study of climate litigation in developing countries across Africa, Asia and Latin America.



Associate Professor Lin Lin LLM '06 PhD '10 was a Visiting Scholar at the University of Auckland, where she taught an intensive course on fintech regulation in June 2025. She was invited to serve as an International Collaboration Researcher at the Centre for Innovative Enterprise Law, National Taiwan University, in 2025. In addition, she joined the Sustainable and Green Finance Institute at NUS as a Research Affiliate in October 2025. She was appointed Arbitrator at the Shanghai International Arbitration Court and, at the start of the year, was reappointed Arbitrator at the Hainan International Arbitration Court and a Mediator at the Hainan International Mediation Centre.



Associate Professor Dora Neo was an Academic Visitor at the Faculty of Law, University of Cambridge, in the Michaelmas Term 2025, concurrently being a Visiting Fellow at Wolfson College, Cambridge. In September 2025, she was a Visiting Scholar at Auckland Law School.



In December 2025, **Associate Professor Jaclyn Neo '03** was appointed to the International Academic Advisory Board of the Young Scholars Fellowship on Religion and the Rule of Law programme, held annually at Christ Church, University of Oxford, and sponsored by Brigham Young University's International Center for Law and Religion Studies. The three-week programme is designed for early-career academic professionals interested in the field of religion and the rule of law from an international and human rights perspective.

She was also reappointed to the International Advisory Council of the North-Rhein Westphalia Academy of International Affairs, supported by the state government of North-Rhein Westphalia and dedicated to the global challenges and structural changes in international politics in the 21st century. Additionally, she was invited to join the Advisory Board of the *International Journal of Constitutional Law (I.CON)* in August 2025 and will hold the appointment for an initial three years. *I.CON* is the leading academic journal for comparative constitutional studies.

Associate Prof Neo was reappointed to the Executive Committee of the ASEAN Law Association (Singapore) and will serve as Honorary Auditor (2026) on the Committee. The ASEAN Law Association is a regional body promoting legal collaboration across ASEAN. The Singapore Chapter is chaired by the Chief Justice of Singapore.

In April 2025, she was also invited to speak at the Singapore Small Claims Tribunals' 40th Anniversary Symposium, a judiciary-led event marking a major institutional milestone, alongside senior judges and policymakers.



Professor Andrew Simester was elected as an Academic Master of the Bench of The Honourable Society of the Inner Temple. This appointment recognises his international scholarly standing in criminal law and legal philosophy. His appointment reflects academic distinction and educational commitment: As an Academic Benchers, he joins a collegiate body that shapes high-quality legal education, promotes rigorous ethical standards, advances public legal education, and champions the rule of law internationally.

Andrew Simester with his son, Ian, who is a barrister at Fountain Court, at the election dinner



Earlier last year, **Professor Alan Tan '93** addressed the Board of Directors and senior management of Singapore Airlines (SIA). The special invitation came from Mr Goh Choon Phong, Chief Executive of SIA, who also serves on NUS' Board of Trustees. As a leading aviation specialist at NUS Law, Prof Tan shared his latest research on the aero-political climate in the Trump 2.0 era, and analysed the dynamics of airport hub competition in an increasingly challenging aero-political environment.



Professor Tan Cheng Han S.C., '87 took office as the new President of The Law Society of Singapore in December 2025. He was earlier elected as a member of its Council on 5 April 2025, until the end of the year. He is the first academic to be appointed to the Council and the appointment reflects the strong connection between the academic faculty at NUS Law and the wider legal community. In addition, he was appointed as a member of the Regulatory Workstream under the Equities Market Review Group.



Professor David Tan was appointed to the Advisory Board of the National Museum of Singapore (NMS). He was also elected to the Board of the Singapore Badminton Association as Vice-President (Business Development & Communications). At the launch of his book *Fashion and Intellectual Property* on 12 March 2026, Prof Tan delivered a talk titled "Not All Things Beautiful Are Protected By Law" at NMS to a full house of over 70 guests that included academics, lawyers, fashion designers, curators and art gallery owners. The talk covered the development of recent fashion trends such as counterfeit chic, the role of contemporary fashion in museums, and the limits of intellectual property protection in the world of fashion.



Associate Professor Tan Hsien-Li PhD '09 joined the Centre for Trade Excellence as an ASEAN Law and Policy Expert. She was also a speaker at the inaugural Global Trade Congress 2025 held in August 2025, held in conjunction with the Ministry of Law's Singapore Convention Week. Convening over 700 regional registrants representing 79 industries, the congress brought together distinguished leaders from government, industry, academia and the legal profession for two days of meaningful dialogue on the future of international trade.

Associate Prof Tan also taught "ASEAN and International Law" to public officers from a diverse range of Singapore agencies at the "Understanding ASEAN" training course on 16 January 2026 at the Civil Service College. Organised by RSIS-NTU and supported by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, this course aims to enhance public officers' understanding of Singapore's national interests vis-à-vis ASEAN dynamics.



Associate Professor Simon Tay '86 won the President's Award for the Environment, in recognition of his exemplary and sustained contributions, demonstrated through his leadership in driving Singapore's sustainable development and our green transition. As the Chairman of the Singapore Institute of International Affairs and founding Chairman of the National Environment Agency, his dedication to addressing the transboundary haze pollution and instrumental role in building regional collaborations have created significant impact at national and international levels.



Assistant Professor Marcus Teo '18 argued before a rare five-judge coram of the Court of Appeal on 7 May 2025, presenting his stance on a landmark constitutional challenge to provisions in the Misuse of Drugs Act (MDA). Representing four individuals on death row, he argued that the presumptions in the MDA are inconsistent with the presumption of innocence and the fundamental rules of natural justice, as they satisfy elements of offences which the prosecution cannot otherwise prove. He also argued that the MDA presumptions deprive accused persons of their life or liberty, contrary to Article 9.

The five-judge panel, led by Chief Justice Sundaresh Menon '86, underscored the constitutional importance and complexity of the issues raised. The court reserved judgment following over three hours of detailed arguments, with its decision issued several months later.



Assistant Professor Benny Tan '12 and **Associate Professor Helena Whalen-Bridge LLM '02** were elected as winners of the University's Annual Teaching Excellence Awards for 2025. The award recognises positive contributions to the design, development, implementation and evaluation of high-quality teaching and assessment, including the thoughtful integration of new or existing digital technology to pedagogy, at the course or programme level, in a sustained and impactful way.



Justin Lim

Arjuna Dibley

Mark Ortega

Sheridan Fellow Justin Lim, Assistant Professor Arjuna Dibley and **Sheridan Fellow Mark Ortega '13** were appointed to the Executive Committee of the Asia-Pacific Centre for Environmental Law. Mr Ortega is also on the Teaching and Capacity Building Committee of the International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN) Academy of Environmental Law.



Associate Professor Stephen Phua '88 and **Assistant Professor Benny Tan '12** received Singapore National Day Awards, which celebrate individuals who have made significant contributions to the nation. Associate Prof Phua was conferred the Public Service Star Award, in recognition of his outstanding contributions to the Ministry of Education and Ministry of Home Affairs, while Assistant Prof Tan was awarded the Commendation Medal.



The Faculty-level Annual Teaching Excellence Awards, which recognises faculty members who demonstrate an exceptional commitment to education, were presented to **Professor Kumaralingam Amirthalingam**, **Assistant Professor Ivan Lee '14**, **Professor Ng-Loy Wee Loon, S.C., '87**, **Associate Professor Burton Ong '99**, **Associate Professor Tan Zhong Xing '12**, **Professor Umakanth Varottil PhD '10** and **Associate Professor Helena Whalen-Bridge LLM '02**.

Recruiting and Retaining the Best Faculty

We welcome the latest faculty members to join NUS Law, laying strong foundations for the future of legal education and research, as well as celebrate the appointments of our current faculty.



Chris Bevan

Professor Chris Bevan joined us in June 2025, specialising in land and property law. He was awarded the higher doctorate of Doctor of Letters (DLitt) in recognition of his sustained, distinguished work of considerable scholarly impact from Durham University, and received his master's and bachelor's (Hons.) law degrees from the University of Cambridge. Prof Bevan has published widely on issues of modern land law and property law from an international perspective, as well as social housing and the legal regulation of homelessness. Amongst other works, he is the author of the acclaimed textbook, *Land Law* (5th Edition, April 2026), and Case Note Editor for the *Conveyancer & Property Lawyer* journal. Before entering academia, he practised as an English barrister specialising in matters of property, housing and family law.



Jeremiah Lau

Dr Jeremiah Lau '15 was appointed as Assistant Professor in June 2025. The former Sheridan Fellow has a degree from NUS Law, and subsequently read for the Bachelor of Civil Law and the Doctor of Philosophy (DPhil) at the University of Oxford. While completing his DPhil, he was elected to a Prize Scholarship at Merton College, which is awarded to research students of the highest academic distinction. He works at the intersection of commercial law and legal history, with his recent work focused on law of pre-judgment interest and the common law's understanding of the time value of money, both historically and at present. He has published on these and other topics in the *Lloyd's Maritime and Commercial Law Quarterly*, the *Cambridge Law Journal*, the *Singapore Journal of Legal Studies*, and the *Banking and Finance Law Review*. He also researches and teaches equity and trusts, and is one of the contributing editors of *Snell's Equity* (35th Edition).



Benjamin Wong

Benjamin Wong '15 was promoted to Senior Lecturer on 1 January 2026. He holds an LLM (Distinction) from the London School of Economics and Political Science. As a Lecturer, he pioneered the Privacy & Data Protection Law course in 2018 and, since 2019, has delivered lectures on breach of confidence and data protection at the annual Developments in IP Law Seminar Series organised by IPOS International. His primary research interests are in data protection law and the law of confidential information. His publications have appeared in a range of journals, including Singapore-based journals such as *Singapore Journal of Legal Studies*, *Singapore Academy of Law Journal* and *Asian Journal of International Law*, as well as journals such as *Law Quarterly Review*, *Legal Studies and Media & Arts Law Review*.

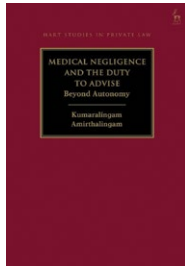


Ng Wei Siang

Ng Wei Siang '21 was appointed as Sheridan Fellow on 1 July 2025. He holds an LLB (First Class Honours) from NUS Law and was awarded the Tan Keng Feng Prize for Best Directed Research for his paper titled "Statistical Evidence and Guilt Beyond a Reasonable Doubt: A Philosophical Analysis". He practised commercial litigation and arbitration prior to joining NUS Law as a Teaching Assistant in 2023 for the Evidence Law and Introduction to Legal Theory courses. His research focuses on the doctrinal and theoretical aspects of evidence and procedural law.

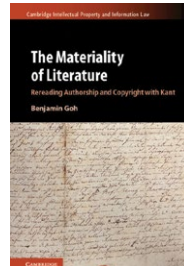
Research Excellence

We continue 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 2025 and the first quarter of 2026:



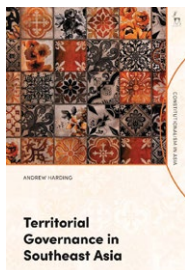
Medical Negligence and the Duty to Advise Beyond Autonomy

by **Kumaralingam Amirthalingam**
(Bloomsbury Publishing)



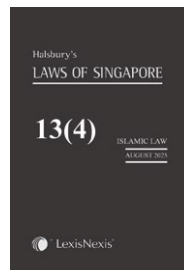
The Materiality of Literature

by **Benjamin Goh '14**
(Cambridge University Press)



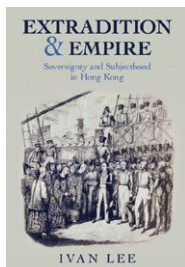
Territorial Governance in Southeast Asia

by **Andrew Harding LLM '84**
(Bloomsbury Publishing)



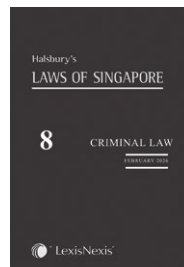
Halsbury's Laws of Singapore V 13(4) Islamic Law

by **Arif Jamal** and
Ahmad Nizam Abbas
(LexisNexis)



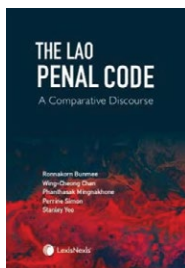
Extradition and Empire: Sovereignty and Subjecthood in Hong Kong

by **Ivan Lee '14**
(Cambridge University Press)



Halsbury's Laws of Singapore V 8 Criminal Law

by **Benny Tan '12**
(LexisNexis)



The Lao Penal Code: A Comparative Discourse

by **Stanley Yeo '76**, Ronnakorn Bunmee PhD '23, Wing-Cheong Chan, Phanthasak Mingnakhone and Perrine Simon
(LexisNexis)

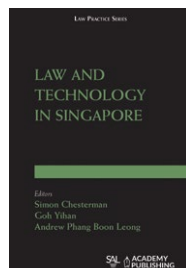
The Faculty also welcomed the following new editions:



Contract Law (7th Edition)

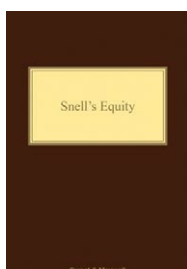
by **Mindy Chen-Wishart**
(National People's Congress Press China, 2026)

This is the first book on the common law of contract translated into Chinese since the early 1990s, and it has been on the bestseller list since its publication.



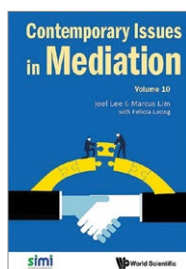
Law and Technology in Singapore (2nd Edition)

by **Simon Chesterman**,
Goh Yihan '06 and
Andrew Phang '82
(Academy Publishing)



Snell's Equity (35th Edition)

by **Steven Elliott**
(Sweet & Maxwell)



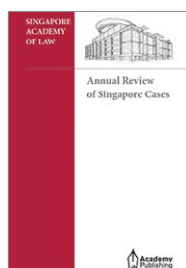
Contemporary Issues in Mediation (Volume 10)

by **Joel Lee** and **Marcus Lim '12**
(World Scientific)



Singapore Master Tax Guide 2025-2026 (44th Edition)

by **Justin Jerzy Tan '10**
and Sam Sim '97
(Wolters Kluwer)



Singapore Academy of Law Annual Review of Singapore Cases (25th Edition)

by **Teo Keang Sood**, **Tan Zhong Xing '12** and Yip Man '06
(Academy Publishing)

A number of faculty members also edited major works on a variety of topics of national and international significance. These include:



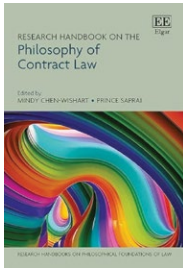
Law, Narrative and Masterplot: New Research Perspective

by **Chris Bevan** and
David Gurnham
(Routledge)



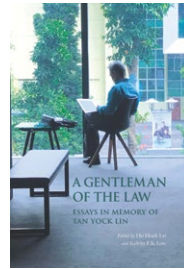
Ending and Changing Contracts

by **Mindy Chen-Wishart**,
Dora Neo and Stefan Vogenauer
(Oxford University Press)



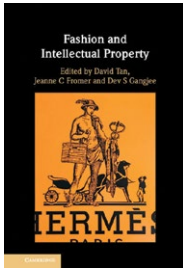
Research Handbook on the Philosophy of Contract Law

by **Mindy Chen-Wishart**
and Prince Saprai
(Edward Elgar)



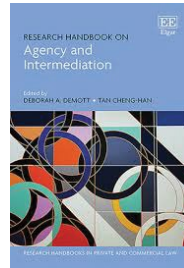
A Gentleman of the Law: Essays in Memory of Tan Yock Lin

by **Ho Hock Lai '89**
and Kelvin Low '99
(NUS Press)



Fashion and Intellectual Property

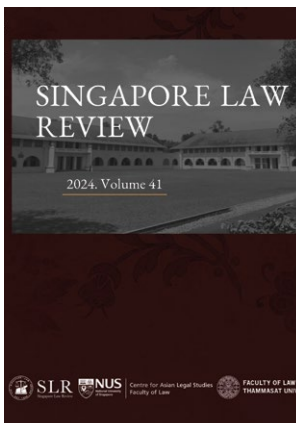
by **David Tan**, Jeanne Fromer
and Dev Gangjee
(Cambridge University Press)



Research Handbook on Agency and Intermediation

by **Tan Cheng Han S.C., '87**
and Deborah A. DeMott
(Edward Elgar)

CALS launched special volume of *Singapore Law Review*



The 41st volume of the *Singapore Law Review* (SLR) was released in July 2025. The special volume was jointly put together by SLR, Asia's oldest student-run legal publication managed exclusively by NUS Law students, and CATPLI, with CATPLI referring to a peer learning initiative between NUS Law's Centre for Asian Legal Studies (CALS) and Thailand's Thammasat University Faculty of Law (TU Law).

A total of seven student-researchers contributed to the volume as part of the CATPLI Writing Project, with three from NUS Law, three from TU Law, and one from East China University of Political Science and Law. They were joined by two guest writers, Professor Andrew Harding LL.M. '84 (CALS Visiting Research Professor) and Dr Keerakiat Pratai PhD '23 from TU Law.

Impact



The 2025 Asian Law Institute (ASLI) Conference was co-organised by the ASLI Secretariat headed by **Associate Professors Kelry Loi '99** and **Wee Meng Seng '93** and the East China University of Political Science and Law. Held at the latter's Changning campus in Shanghai from 28-29 May 2025, several of our faculty were in attendance, bringing their research to bear on the theme of "Discourses of Rule of Law: Asia's Narratives".

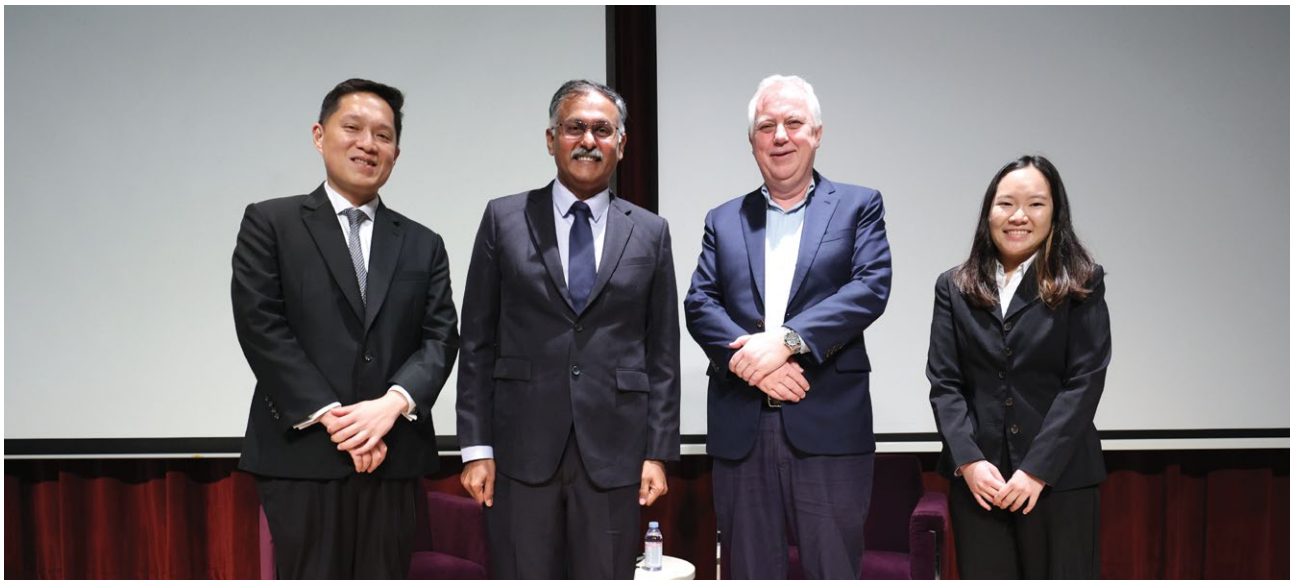
The faculty members who shared their research on Asian law included **Professor Kumaralingam Amirthalingam**, **Associate Professor Jaclyn Neo '03**, **Assistant Professor Dian Shah**, **Associate Professor Arif Jamal** and **Adjunct Professor Kevin Tan '86**. At the event, over 160 scholars and experts from around the world examined contemporary legal issues across subject areas that included environmental law, banking and finance, criminal law, information technology law and legal education.

The **Centre for Technology, Robotics, Artificial Intelligence & the Law** and the **EW Barker Centre for Law & Business** organised a transcontinental academic collaboration with law schools from Columbia, Oxford and Tsinghua in August 2025, marking the first academic collaboration of its kind across these leading global institutions. The two-day "Intellectual Property and Technology in the 21st Century" conference assembled legal scholars, practitioners and policymakers from around the world. More than 100 participants from over a dozen countries representing academia, government agencies, industry and the legal profession engaged in deep discussion on pressing IP challenges arising from rapid technological advancement.



Mr Daren Tang '97, Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization, delivered a keynote address at the two-day conference co-organised with leading law schools

Marking a milestone for Singapore's national and judicial history, the student-led ***Singapore Law Review*** (SLR) successfully inaugurated the legal bicentennial of Singapore's modern legal and judicial system with its 37th Annual Lecture held on 9 January 2026. This year's event carried immense significance as the Faculty's first major engagement following its landmark relocation to the Kent Ridge campus. Featuring **Senior Minister of State for Law & Transport, Mr Murali Pillai S.C., '92 LLM '00**, the lecture offered a profound reflection on the 1826 Second Charter of Justice and the enduring evolution of the Rule of Law. By hosting this high-level dialogue, the law school reaffirms its role as the primary custodian of Singapore's legal heritage, showcasing the capability of our students to drive national discourse that bridges centuries of tradition with the future of the legal profession.



(from left) Mr Daniel Chia '05, Managing Partner at Herbert Smith Freehills Kramer Prolegis Alliance; Mr Murali Pillai, Senior Minister of State for Law & Transport; Professor Andrew Simester, Dean of NUS Law; and Mirella Ang '27, Chief Editor of the *Singapore Law Review*

In a Faculty first, NUS Law pioneered the use of AI chatbots in class, bringing realism to courtroom training for the Trial Advocacy course. **Associate Professor Mervyn Cheong '08** and **Assistant Professor Ang Si Yi** presented their work at the National Technology Enhanced Learning (NTEL) Conference on 4 July 2025. Their presentation, titled "AI Praxis: Learn, Engage, Advocate," showcased their pioneering work on generative AI chatbots in legal education.

This innovative model has over 85% of students rating the chatbot's usefulness at four out of five or higher. Every student gets to practise their questioning techniques with an AI witness, which sharpens the students' questioning sequences. AI chatbots are not only scalable and interactive, but also invaluable in helping the next generation of lawyers develop advocacy skills.



Mervyn Cheong, Ang Si Yi (right) and Ms Ng Sook Mun from AICET showcasing their work on generative AI chatbots at a conference in July 2025

In a world first in legal publishing, NUS Law created a **podcast series based on articles from the *Singapore Journal of Legal Studies***. Produced using Google's AI-powered tool, NotebookLM, this marks the first time a legal journal has used generative AI to turn peer-reviewed legal research into accessible audio content. The initiative reflects NUS Law's commitment to building on its academic legacy while embracing new ways to share legal knowledge.

Apart from that, in a landmark move for legal innovation, **NUS Law and Google will develop a Singapore law large language model (LLM)**, to bring the power of AI directly to the practice of law. Unlike generic AI models, this domain-specific LLM will be rooted in local statutory interpretation, case precedents, and the unique nuances of Singapore's legal system.



The Undergraduate Summer School in Bhutan featured courses such as Constitutionalism in Asia for students from the region, which was taught by Jaclyn Neo (far left) and National Law School of India's Professor Aparna Chandra (far right)

The third consecutive Undergraduate Summer School in Bhutan underscores the law school's pivotal role in shaping Asian legal education. By deepening a tripartite partnership with Jigme Singye Wangchuck School of Law and the National Law School of India University, Bangalore, the **Centre for Asian Legal Studies (CALS)** continues to spearhead cross-border academic collaboration. This year's programme ran for two weeks in June 2025, with 25 students from the region given the opportunity to select two out of three intensive courses taught by CALS Director **Associate Professor Jaclyn Neo '03** and distinguished faculty from leading Asian law schools—providing students with unparalleled immersive perspectives on regional legal systems.



The Freshmen Orientation Central Committee led 179 freshmen and 55 seniors in the Rag Day performance at University Town Green on 8 August 2025

NUS Law achieved outstanding results at the 67th NUSSU Rag & Flag Day. We were awarded the Gold Award for Flag and the Silver Award for Rag, and our students raised over \$34,000 through their Flag Day efforts. All funds raised went directly towards empowering communities in need through Community Chest.

Events

We bid farewell to the Bukit Timah campus on 15 November 2025, when faculty, staff, students and alumni, along with families and friends, gathered on the school grounds to honour the cherished memories of their alma mater. About 480 guests turned up, and the afternoon was spent reconnecting with familiar faces and revisiting corners of the campus that held special meaning. Carnival games, musical performances by law alumni, a nostalgic photo gallery, instant photo booths and a cosy “Tea with Teachers” session added to the festive atmosphere. Among the highlights: A campus heritage tour led by NUS Law **Adjunct Professor Kevin Tan '86**, who brought the rich history of the campus to life with stories behind iconic spaces such as the Eu Tong Sen Building and the Manasseh Meyer Building.



On 7 March 2026, the NUS Law Open House welcomed some 2,500 visitors, marking its first back at the Kent Ridge campus in almost two decades. The event symbolised a homecoming, offering visitors a renewed vision of campus life. Through the line-up of activities including talks, masterclasses and mock moots, visitors were given a glimpse into the NUS Law experience. The sense of “homecoming” was most palpable during the student-led tours of relocated facilities such as the storied CJ Koh Law Library and the Wee Chong Jin Moot Court. These cornerstone institutions ground the law school at Kent Ridge, making it clear that this move is a return to the wider NUS community where our history and future sit side by side. At the end of the day, prospective students walked away with a clear view of the strength of an NUS Law education and the vibrancy of our campus life.



Student Appointments



(from left, back row) Edwin Lim, Li Minghan, Choi Young Jae and Chen Hao. (front row) Cherry Chong, Magdalene Leong, Anthea Cheo and Eliora Joseph

Eight of our graduates from the Class of 2025 were appointed as Justices' Law Clerks (JLCs): **Chen Hao**, **Anthea Cheo**, **Choi Young Jae**, **Cherry Chong**, **Eliora Joseph**, **Magdalene Leong**, **Li Minghan** and **Edwin Lim**. They will undertake legal research, draft bench memorandums and provide assistance to Judges of the High Court and the Court of Appeal, having earned their place in the JLC programme with their academic and extra-curricular achievements.



Elizabeth Ong-Chen (left) and Ng Ziqin

Students **Ng Ziqin '25** and **Elizabeth Ong-Chen '25** were appointed as Young IP Mediators by the Intellectual Property Office of Singapore. Every year, the top students from NUS Law's mediation programme have the chance to take on this position, with the offers made by invitation only.

Student Achievements

Our students continue to make us proud with their strong performance at both moot and dispute resolution competitions, at the local and international level.



Teammates (from left) Yeo Wei Shain, Julia Ho, Tricia Low, (from right) Cassandra Koh and Howra Manasawala, with the judges

At the Dentons Rodyk Moot held in Singapore in April 2025, **Julia Ho '28** emerged as the champion. **Cassandra Koh '28** and **Yeo Wei Shain '28** were named first and second runner-up respectively while **Tricia Low '28** and **Howra Manasawala '28** were joint third runner-up. The Dentons Rodyk Moot was structured such that the topics submitted by each mooter were based on their LARC (Legal Analysis, Research & Communication) moot topics, which included insurance law, property law and POFMA.



TJ Rideshkumar and Emmanuel Wong

In a historic milestone, NUS Law advanced to the semi-finals of the Inter-American Human Rights Moot Court Competition for the first time. Only two English-speaking teams have won this competition in its entire 30-year history. **TJ Rideshkumar '27** and **Emmanuel Wong '27** prevailed against their opponents with arguments on gender discrimination, human trafficking and human rights violations of unidentifiable victims, based on the unique Inter-American system. The competition held in Washington, DC, in May 2025 saw participants from over 60 law schools across 20 countries arguing in English, Spanish and Portuguese.



Donny Christanto and Jeslyn Chng

Jeslyn Chng '27 and **Donny Christanto '27** clinched the top spot at the ALSA Singapore Moot Competition held in May 2025, with the latter taking the Best Speaker award. The moot problem centred on whether an innocuous neck massage, requested by a complainant, would be considered an outrage of modesty under Section 354 of the Penal Code because of the presence of a neck fetish. The problem also explored what is considered valid consent, and whether there is a misconception of fact absent of any active misrepresentation which vitiates consent.



Teammates (second from left) Nur Namirah binte Abdul Rahim '25, Lin Jiasheng, Bryan Liow Jia Rong '26 and (far right) Jeremy Lok Jie Kang '26, with Mr Wu Muyu and NUS Law Professor Stephen Girvin

Our students emerged as first runner-up at the 25th International Maritime Law Arbitration Moot (IMLAM) competition. **Lin Jiasheng '25** was also crowned as the Best Speaker in the General Rounds. Held in Sydney in July 2025, the dispute revolved around a cargo claim arising from the carriage of a cargo of soya beans and required consideration of the Inter-Club New York Produce Exchange Agreement.



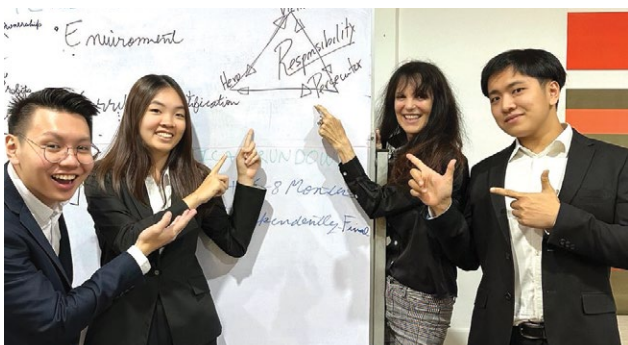
(second from left) Oh Yu Han, Taesha Tan, Soong Hung Hao, Christoffer Eillertsen and judges

The NUS Law team delivered an outstanding performance at the 2025 WongPartnership Transaction Competition in July. **Oh Yu Han '27** and **Taesha Tan '27** emerged as champions, while **Christoffer Eillertsen '27** and **Soong Hung Hao '27** were named first runner-up. It was a double celebration for Taesha who was named Best Negotiator. This year's competition delved into the complexities of transactional negotiations between a founder and an investor in the context of a restaurant acquisition.



(from left) Janna Casaje, Jeremiah Neoh, Caleb Tan and Jeremiah Tan

At the Asia Cup International Law Moot Competition held in Tokyo in August 2025, the NUS Law team emerged as champion in the National Rounds, placed first out of 16 Asian teams in the General Rounds, then took the first runner-up spot at the Grand Finals. The team also received the Best Memorial Award and were ranked second in the Best Counter-Memorial Award category. **Jeremiah Tan '26** and **Janna Casaje '26** were named the third and fourth in the category of Best Respondent Oralists, while **Caleb Tan '26** and **Jeremiah Neoh '27** ranked as the seventh and eighth in the Best Applicant Oralists category respectively. The Asia Cup is considered one of the leading international law moot competitions in Asia. The moot problem involved an e-waste dispute in the context of the Basel Convention.



(from left) Chua Guang Rong, Hsiao Jia Ying, judge Kathleen Ruane Leedy and Soong Hung Hao

At the International Investor-State Mediation and Arbitration Competition (IIMAC) that took place in August 2025, **Chua Guang Rong '28**, **Hsiao Jia Ying '28** and **Soong Hung Hao '27** were named the Best Team in Mediation Advocacy. Held by the Moot Court Bench of Sri Lanka, the competition required participants to navigate a complex commercial scenario which involved an investor-state dispute, requiring knowledge of investment expropriation, energy sector legislation and international treaties.



(from left) Samadrita Sen, Kye Tan, Chandrasekaran Krisnujith and Gwen Chong

At the APIIT Law School International Negotiation Competition held in Colombo, Sri Lanka, in August 2025, **Gwen Chong '28** and **Chandrasekaran Krisnujith '28** received the award for Best Teamwork Between Client and Counsel, while **Samadrita Sen '27** and **Kye Tan '28** emerged as second runner-up overall.

The competition was hosted by APIIT Law School and featured complex, real-world problems integrated into a rigorous three-day negotiation schedule. The event provided participants with a unique opportunity to engage international alternative dispute resolution techniques and navigate diverse commercial interests in a high-pressure setting.



Arjun Chhabra '27 and **Nathania How '28** clinched second runner-up in the Negotiation Plan category at the 10th Herbert Smith Freehills NLU Delhi International Negotiation Competition. The competition was held in New Delhi, India, in August 2025, where teams handled complex negotiation simulations involving mergers and acquisitions and intellectual property rights across medical, creative and technology-driven contexts.



NUS Law achieved excellent results at the inaugural Covenant Chambers Equity & Trusts Moot Competition. **Tyrone Tham '27** and **Shaun Wittberger '27** emerged as champion, while **Roshan Jogesh Doshi '27** and **Jann Goh '27** were named first runner-up. **Aloysius Ling '26** and **Jeremy Lok '26** were placed as second runner-up. Shaun was also named Best Speaker.

In addition, **Chiu Yu Cheong '27**, **Feng Lihang '26**, **Tricia Ng '27** and **Thet Hninn Zin '26** received the Best Memorial award. Held in September 2025, the competition centred on the Court's equitable jurisdiction to grant an applicant relief against the forfeiture of a deposit.



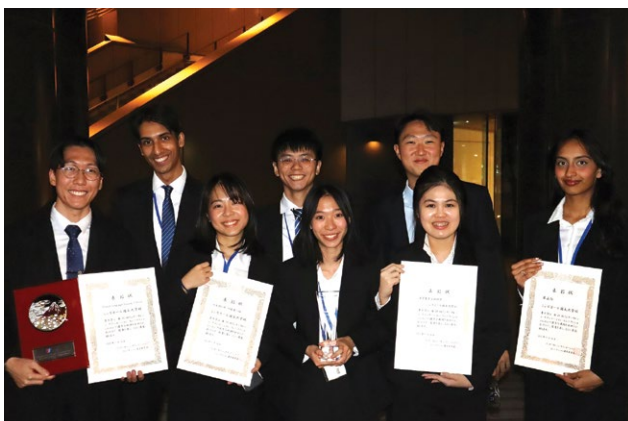
NUS Law made a clean sweep at the 2025 edition of the B.A. Mallal Moot held in Singapore in October. **Jeremiah Tan '26** emerged as champion and clinched the Best Memorial Award, while **Isabella Rotschaedl '27** was the first runner-up. **Terence Foo '26** and **Yeo Dai En '29** were joint second runner-up. They advocated on a novel issue concerning how medical negligence principles apply when artificial intelligence is integrated into a psychiatric clinic's treatment process.



(from left) Renee Phua, Hana Carlesater and Ng Rui Shi

NUS Law attained excellent results at the 22nd Annual Brenau University Mediation Tournament. **Hana Carlesater '27** was named Overall Top Scoring Performer and, together with **Ng Rui Shi '28**, achieved second place in the category of Client-Advocate Pairing. Hana and **Renee Phua '28** were placed fifth and fourth in the Mediator category respectively. As a team, NUS achieved overall fourth place in the Negotiators category and placed second overall in the Mediators category.

Held in Gainesville, Georgia, in October 2025, the competition was hosted by Brenau University and organised by the International Academy of Dispute Resolution. The issues raised in the competition incorporated distinctive aspects of local culture and commerce, including scenarios centred around the region's well-known fried chicken industry, adding a unique and immersive dimension to the disputes.



(from left) Ian Yam, Arjun Chhabra, Tianna Pay, Jonathan Tan, Karen Lee, Bryan Ong, Tan Yan Han and Rdu Dillon

The NUS Law team achieved exceptional results at the 24th Intercollegiate Negotiation Competition held at Sophia University in Tokyo in November 2025. Teams were required to participate in both international arbitration and cross-border negotiation rounds.

The Japanese Division team, comprising **Karen Lee '26**, **Bryan Ong '26** and **Tianna Pay '26**, clinched first place in the Arbitration Round and won the Herbert Smith Freehills Kramer Award. This marked the first time a team comprising only non-native Japanese speakers has won the award.

The English Division team, comprising **Arjun Chhabra '27**, **Rdu Dillon '26**, **Jonathan Tan '27**, **Tan Yan Han '26** and **Ian Yam '27**, were second runner-up in their division. The team finished fourth runner-up in the overall rankings and was awarded the Steering Committee Special Award for outstanding bilingual performance in the competition.



(from left) Chan Shao Wei, Dorian Han and Isabelle Guan

At the 49th edition of the Jean-Pictet Competition held in Dilijan, Armenia, in February 2026, **Chan Shao Wei '27**, **Isabelle Guan '26** and **Dorian Han '28** emerged as first runner-up. The team was required to operationalise International Humanitarian Law (IHL) by adopting the personas of diverse stakeholders, ranging from the Minister of Defence and military commanders to legal delegates for international actors, such as the United Nations and the International Committee of the Red Cross.



(far right) Celeste Tong, (third from right) Chin Guan Wei and (fifth from right) Sarah Sorfina Ow, with judges and other participants

At the WongPartnership International Commercial Arbitration Moot 2026, **Chin Guan Wei '28** emerged as the winner, while **Sarah Sorfina Ow '29** was named second runner-up. **Celeste Tong '28** received the Best Memorial Prize. The moot was held at the Wee Chong Jin Moot Court on NUS Law's new Kent Ridge campus in March 2026. It stood out for its arbitration-focused format, with participants arguing on key contract law issues such as incorporation and interpretation of contractual terms.



(from left) Ryan Teo, Oh Yu Han, NUS Law Assistant Professor Ang Si Yi, Justice Vinodh Coomaraswamy '90, judge Kelvin Tan, Beatrice Lau and Dorthy Wang

NUS Law triumphed at the Drew & Napier Advocacy Cup 2026, which was also held at the new Wee Chong Jin Moot Court. **Ryan Teo '27** emerged as champion, **Dorthy Wang '27** was named first runner-up, while **Beatrice Lau '28** and **Oh Yu Han '27** were jointly awarded the second runner-up position. Held in March 2026, the finals centred around the abetment of suicide of a man who may have lacked mental capacity.



Coach Mitchell Yeo '14 (centre) with (from left) TJ Rideshkumar, Faye Guo, Evan Sim and Samuel Khor



Coach Samuel Wee '24 (right) with (from left) Qu Chenxin, Darryl Lee, Tham Mei Shuen and Nicholas Chin

Two NUS Law teams had a strong showing at the 33rd Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot (Vis Moot) held in Vienna, and the 23rd Willem C. Vis (East) International Commercial Arbitration Moot (Vis (East) Moot) held in Hong Kong SAR.

In March 2026, the Vis team—comprising **Faye Guo '26**, **Samuel Khor '27**, **Evan Sim '27** and **TJ Rideshkumar '27**—advanced to the Round of 64 in Vienna and received Honourable Mention awards for Best Team Orals and Best Claimant Memorandum. Evan was the second runner-up for the Martin Domke Award for Best Individual Oralist, ranking third out of over 2,500 competitors.

The Vis (East) team— comprising **Nicholas Chin '26**, **Darryl Lee '26**, **Tham Mei Shuen '26** and **Qu Chenxin '27**—received two Honourable Mention awards for Best Individual Oral Advocate in Hong Kong, with Mei Shuen and Chenxin placing in the top 10% of competitors.

The Vis and Vis (East) are sister moots that form the largest moot competition focusing on international commercial arbitration, with over 550 teams vying for two trophies. This year's moot problem was based on Singapore International Arbitration Centre (SIAC) rules, with questions on the new disclosure rules for third-party funding under SIAC Rules 2025, and on the exemption of liability provisions under the UN Convention on Contracts for the International Sale of Goods.



The team comprising (first row, from left) Vetrivel Sandiran, Gracelyn Lim, Ella Yan, (back row, from left) Sammi Goh '29, Kenneth Goh '29 and Lim Xin Ci '29

At the XII 2TG RMLNLU International Mediation Competition held in Lucknow, India, in March 2026, **Ella Yan '29** and **Vetrivel Sandiran '29** took home the Best Negotiator and Runner-up Negotiator awards respectively. **Gracelyn Lim '28** clinched the Best Mediator award and, together, Ella and Gracelyn were awarded the Best International Team. The three-day competition—hosted by the ADR Wing of Dr Ram Manohar Lohiya National Law University (RMLNLU) and sponsored by London's 2 Temple Gardens (2TG) barristers—challenged students to multiple rounds of negotiations and mediation, with a focus on providing participants with a unique opportunity to engage real-world alternative dispute resolution techniques in a commercial setting.



(from left) Hilary Chan, To Rui En and Matthew Ting

At the 24th Annual INADR International Law School Mediation Tournament, held at Loyola University Chicago School of Law in March 2026, **Hilary Chan '29, Matthew Ting '28** and **To Rui En '29** took home the overall champion award for the best Advocate-Client Team and placed overall sixth for the best Mediator Team. Matthew and Hilary were also awarded Individual fourth place for the best Advocate-Client Pair. Participants took on the roles of advocate, client and mediator across simulated disputes, with the competition testing not only legal analysis, but also the ability to understand underlying interests, manage emotions and work towards practical solutions.



The team comprising (from left) Charlotte Lim '27, Darrell Low, Ila Mishra, Lim Tze Kai and Jared Goh '29

At the XIV NLIU-Trilegal International Mediation Tournament 2026, **Lim Tze Kai '28, Darrell Low '28** and **Ila Mishra '28** and took home the title of first runner-up. Held at the National Law Institute University Bhopal (NLIU) in March 2026, the competition centred on collaborative discussions revolving around simulated commercial disputes, with the aim of working towards a mutually beneficial outcome that would satisfy competing parties' interests.



(from left) Natalie Koh, Caleb Tan, Phoebe Chan, Lee Dawn Gene and Tan Kai Han

After a 25-year wait, the NUS Law team emerged victorious at the 67th Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition. This win marked a significant moment in the school's history: This is the faculty's fifth Jessup world title and the first since 2001. NUS has made the grand final some 13 times, easily the most of any law school in the world.

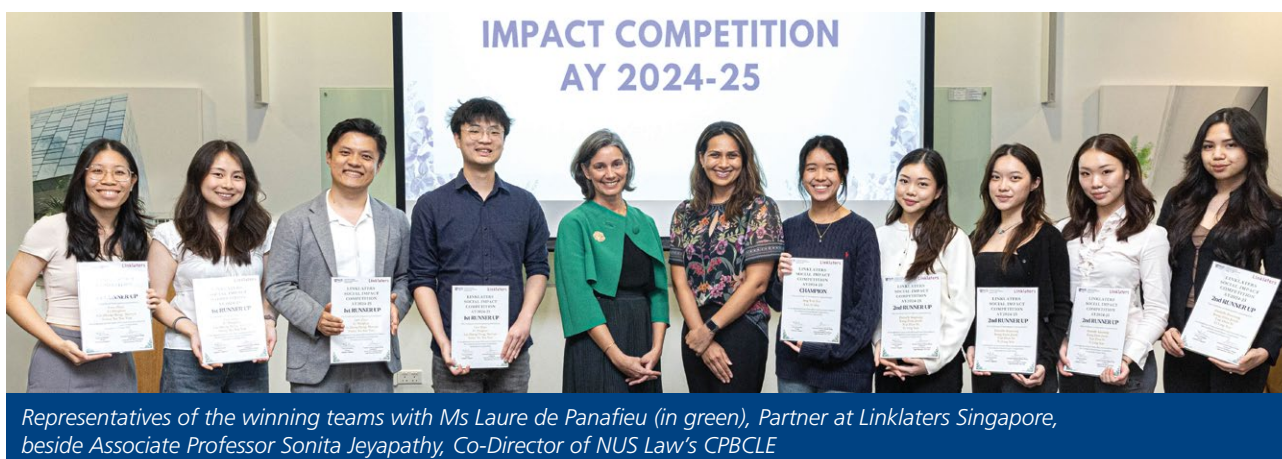
Facing off against over 800 teams from more than 100 jurisdictions this year, the NUS Law team—comprising **Phoebe Chan '26, Natalie Koh '26, Lee Dawn Gene '26, Caleb Tan '26** and **Tan Kai Han '26**—secured the world championship in Washington DC after an intense final round against Ateneo de Manila University. The team tackled complex public international law issues ranging from the consultation of indigenous peoples regarding sacred lands to the intricacies of sovereign immunity for state-owned enterprises.



Huang Fan PhD '28 was awarded the prestigious Fox International Fellowship at Yale University for the academic year 2026-2027. The Fellowship is highly competitive, seeking outstanding individuals who demonstrate academic excellence and a commitment to research that would offer insight into pressing global challenges. Fan's research focuses on the Third World, legal argumentation and international dispute settlement. In particular, he explores how the division between developing and developed countries has been used as an argumentative tool for legal reasoning in disputes before international courts and tribunals.



Kanika Jamwal PhD '26 was awarded the Max Weber Fellowship at the European University Institute. Renowned for its excellence, the programme is highly selective, accepting fewer than 5% of applicants for just 55 to 65 fellowships across the Institute's academic units. Kanika's doctoral research undertakes a socio-legal inquiry into community-based water governance in India. Her research examines how informal institutions manage scarce water sources in rural areas.



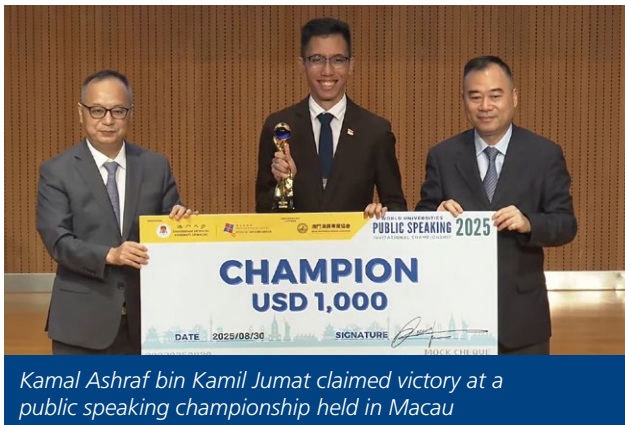
Representatives of the winning teams with Ms Laure de Panafieu (in green), Partner at Linklaters Singapore, beside Associate Professor Sonita Jeyapathy, Co-Director of NUS Law's CPBCLE

At the second Linklaters Social Impact Competition organised by the Centre for Pro Bono & Clinical Legal Education (CPBCLE), NUS Law students were in the top three multi-disciplinary teams feted at the finale event on 24 April 2025. The competition encouraged students across different faculties to come together to tackle the use of plastics, and the inclusion of our students in the winning teams shows how law students are involved in making sustainable environmental impact. The second runner-up team included **Tsai Hsin-Ni '27**, the first runner-up team included **Li Minghan '25**, and the winning duo included **Lim Yi Shu '26**.



Prof Joanne Roberts, President of Yale-NUS College, with Ellisha Khairi

The 2025 Sheila N. Hayre Prize for Outstanding Capstone Project in Law and Liberal Arts went to **Ellisha Khairi '25** for "Blue Helmets Off: Unmasking Sexual Misconduct in UN Peacekeeping and Proposing Reforms to Maximise Justice for Victims". The prize recognises students who have produced a capstone project that exemplifies academic rigour and originality, and contributes to the field of study.



Competing against students from 11 prestigious universities, **Kamal Ashraf bin Kamil Jumat '26** emerged victorious at the inaugural World Universities Public Speaking Invitational Championship 2025 hosted by the University of Macau on 30 August 2025. Competitors hailed from universities such as Tsinghua University, Korea University, the University of Oxford and the University of British Columbia.



Clara Cher Shining '26, a student with hearing loss, was awarded the bond-free Asia Pacific Breweries (APB) Foundation Scholarship for Persons with Disabilities in October 2025. Her passion for advocacy has seen her involved in a wide range of pro bono projects, such as the Criminal Legal Aid Scheme, University Court Friends, and Office of the Public Guardian, as well as co-designing a water remediation initiative during a community development project in Chiang Mai.

Xu Chong '27 won the NUS Achievement Award (Commendation) under the Leadership category in November 2025, for his contributions as President of the Criminal Justice Club. This recognises him as a student leader who has significantly enhanced student life through his leadership qualities and the embodiment of the core values of NUS. The NUS Achievement Awards is the most prestigious and only University-level award that honours the exceptional achievements of student life beyond academics.

The **Public Legal Awareness for Youth (PLAY) mentorship programme** was honoured by SHINE Children and Youth Services for the third consecutive year at the SHINE Givers Connection 2025 held in November 2025. PLAY is an NUS Law student-led initiative that partners SHINE to engage over 160 secondary school students from challenging backgrounds each year, across four secondary schools. Workshops on public speaking and legal awareness are aimed at empowering the youth and helping them build confidence, with each workshop supported by 60 NUS Law student mentors.

Service to the Community



This year's Pro Bono Awards Ceremony saw a total of 23 awards given out across three categories, including the newly established Pro Bono Dedication Award. In total, our students have completed over 4,000 hours of mandatory pro bono work for AY 2024/2025 and supported nearly 30 beneficiary organisations

The Centre for Pro Bono & Clinical Legal Education's (CPBCLE's) 10th Pro Bono Awards Ceremony was held on 4 February 2026. Graced by Guest of Honour Mr Dinesh Dhillon '94, Chairman of Pro Bono SG, the event saw a total of 23 awards given out across three categories: Special Recognition Award, Pro Bono Innovation Award and the newly established Pro Bono Dedication Award. This new award honours the top three students who have demonstrated exceptional dedication to pro bono work—with winners **Chan Shao Wei '28**, **Ryan Chong '26** and **Ma Xinyue '27** having contributed the highest number of approved pro bono hours in an academic year.

Their contribution covers, but is not limited to, supporting the Criminal Legal Aid Scheme (CLAS) with beneficiary interviews, legal research, and mitigation drafting for accused persons of limited means, as well as participating in weekly Meet-the-People sessions, supporting residents with legal and social issues while working across public agencies.

The Pro Bono Innovation Award went to **Ernest Chua '27**. Since 2024, Ernest has been leading the PAP Mountbatten Branch Legal Clinic as its founding student director. Through his grassroots volunteer work there, he identified persistent gaps in legal awareness about the Lasting Power of Attorney (LPA) among elderly and vulnerable residents. This led him to organise several LPA campaigns within the Mountbatten constituency and, later, expand the initiative islandwide.

In total, our students have completed over 4,000 hours of mandatory pro bono work for AY 2024/2025 and supported nearly 30 beneficiary organisations. All this goes beyond simply fulfilling graduation requirements; it shows their dedication to serving the community through a slew of projects.

The Pro Bono Special Recognition Awards were given to 19 students involved in different projects:

Criminal Justice Club – CLAS

- **Cheng Xi Jodi '27**
- **Tang Jun Ngan '26**

Project Parachute

- **Lumiere Chew Ming Xuan '27**
- **Calista Tan Jia Xin '27**

Project Law Help (PLH)

- **Daren Lim Shaowei '27**
- **Noah Tang Kaijun '27**

Project Law & You

- **Donny Christanto '27**
- **Mark Theng Kaijun '27**

Legal Education and

Awareness Programme (LEAP)

- **Kirsten Tasha Anthony '27**
- **Gabriel Lee Jian Wei '27**
- **Mark Lui Zhi Heng '27**

Syariah Law Friends (SLF)

- **Hana Carlesater '27**
- **Hilal Iman bin Mohammad '27**

NUS-Financial Industry
Disputes Resolution Centre
(FIDReC) Collaboration

- **Lee Bao Yu '27**
- **Yan Hai Rong '27**

NUS-Rajah & Tann PDPA

Compliance Assistance Scheme

- **Rae Ang Sze Wee '26**

NUS Pro Bono Group

- **Huang Hung Yu '27,**
President
- **Ethan Yeo '27,**
Vice-President (Internal)
- **Rebecca Wong Yin '27,**
Vice-President (External)

Through the generous financial support of three donors, eight pro bono projects received financial support to fulfil their goals of reaching their beneficiaries.

NUS Law Class of 1992 Pro Bono Grant, presented by representative Mr Joseph Liow '92

Building of Bridges, NUS-FIDReC Collaboration, Project Parachute, Project Law Help

Building of Bridges aims to educate migrant workers on their legal rights while the NUS-FIDReC Collaboration focuses on raising awareness among vulnerable consumers about scam prevention, financial disputes, and self-help remedies like mediation. Project Parachute helps train students in sexual assault response, updates legal guidebooks, and expands outreach via exhibitions and the Respect and Consent course for incoming NUS students. Lastly, Project Law Help assists voluntary welfare organisations in understanding key laws like POFMA, POHA, the Charities Act, PDPA, and the Employment of Foreign Workers Act.

NUS Law Class of 2017 Pro Bono Grant, presented by representative Mr Yee Guang-Yi '17

Legal Education & Awareness Programme (LEAP), Project Law & You, Project Legal Awareness for Youths Mentorship (PLAY)

LEAP aims to raise legal awareness among two groups of young people: youth-at-risk and youth who are interested in the law. Project Law & You educates migrant domestic workers on their legal rights through workshops and conducts year-long legal research with the Ministry of Manpower and Beyond Our Borders to refine policies affecting them. The PLAY project focuses on mentoring at-risk students through weekly legal workshops, in collaboration with SHINE Children and Youth Services.

RHTLAW Asia Subhas Anandan Pro Bono Grant, presented by Ms Ashley Phua

Thai-ed with Love

Thai-ed with Love is an annual overseas pro bono initiative that is the result of a longstanding partnership with Thammasat University (TU). This year's edition has NUS Law students working with their peers in Malaysia for the second year running, marking a growing partnership between law students in the neighbouring countries as they embark on pro bono work in Thailand.

What sets this year's theme apart is the focus on scam awareness, particularly online love scams, e-commerce scams and online gambling scams. Deliberately chosen in response to the rapid rise of digital fraud targeting young people across Southeast Asia, scams have been identified as one of the most prevalent digital threats facing young people in Thailand.



Our students also supported crowdfunding charity Ray of Hope in their joint initiative, Kopi Teh Makan (KTM) Project, with Flour Power SG. The latter is a Lifelong Learning Centre that provides open access to learning opportunities.

KTM trains young people on the autism spectrum in basic F&B skills and creates meaningful work opportunities by bringing them into real corporate spaces, while offering a safe, supportive environment to build their confidence and social readiness. Through the Corporate Law Clinic, NUS Law students supported the project by identifying potential legal risks from Ray of Hope's perspective and preparing simple documentation to support the collaboration and youth participation.

Alumni Relations & Development

Alumni Achievements

I am delighted to highlight the outstanding accomplishments of our alumni in this issue—achievements that reflect not only professional excellence, but also the resilience, purpose and steadfast commitment to service that have long defined the NUS Law community.



Over the past year, Justice **Steven Chong '82** was reappointed as Justice of the Court of Appeal, alongside Justice **Hri Kumar Nair '91** and Justice **Ang Cheng Hock '95** who were newly appointed. Judicial Commissioners **Sushil Sukumaran Nair '89**, **Kristy Tan '04** and **Mohamed Faizal Mohamed Abdul Kadir '05** were appointed Judges of the High Court. **Low Siew Ling '03** was appointed Judicial Commissioner of the Supreme Court of Singapore for a two-year term commencing 1 October 2025. Justice **Christopher Tan Pheng Wee '98**, who was also appointed Judge of the High Court on 1 August 2025, was subsequently appointed Presiding Judge of the State Courts from this year. Yang Arif Tuan **Ong Chee Kwan '88 LLM '92** was elevated to Judge of the Court of Appeal in Malaysia.



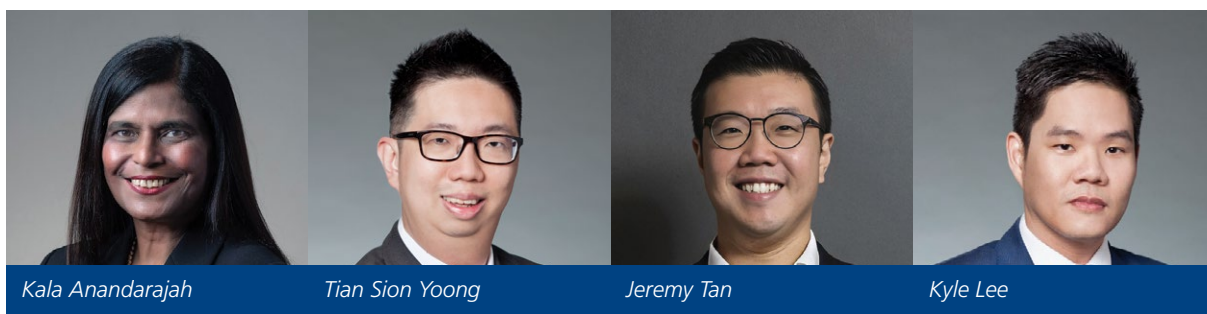
Early this year, **Danny Ong S.C., '99** was conferred the title of Senior Counsel, a testament to his exceptional legal ability and the high standards of professionalism and service that the title represents.

We are also very proud of alumna **Foo Chi Hsia '94**, who was appointed to three concurrent Second Permanent Secretary positions, with effect from 1 April 2026: Second Permanent Secretary (Digital Development) at the Ministry of Digital Development and Information, Second Permanent Secretary (Smart Nation) at the Prime Minister's Office, and Second Permanent Secretary (Development) at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Next, I extend my warmest congratulations to our alumni who were recognised for their distinguished service to Singapore at the National Day Awards 2025. **Davinder Singh '82** was conferred The Meritorious Service Medal. **Chandra Mohan s/o Rethnam '86** and **Raymond Lye '90** were awarded The Public Service Star (Bar), and The Public Service Star was awarded to **Salehah Johari '77**.

Tan Kiat Pheng '93 received The Public Administration Medal (Gold), while **Bryan Chew '93 LLM '97**, **Han Ming Kuang '95**, **Wendy Chee '92**, **Carol Liew '97** and **Tham Tong Kong '88** received The Public Administration Medal (Silver). **Liu Junhao '12** and **Terri Lim '07** were awarded The Public Administration Medal (Bronze).

Jovian Tan '11 received The Commendation Medal, while **Steven Lo '95** received The Public Service Medal. The Long Service Medal was presented to **Sharon Ong '95**, **Hon Yi '01 LLM '12**, **Jill Tan '97**, **Ainon bte Mohamed Osman '98**, **David Lee '02**, **Lynette Yap '99** and **Peter Sim '80**.



Several of our alumni were also celebrated for their exemplary contributions to the legal profession at the Asian Legal Business (ALB) SE Asia Law Awards in May 2025. For the second consecutive year, the late **Patrick Ang '89** was recognised as Managing Partner of the Year (Singapore). We were saddened to learn of his passing in June 2025. **Kala Anandarajah '89** was honoured as Woman Lawyer of the Year (Law Firm). **Tian Sion Yoong '06** received recognition as Fintech Lawyer of the Year (a new award category), while **Jeremy Tan '07** was named Data Privacy and Protection Lawyer of the Year. **Kyle Lee '09** was named Young Lawyer of the Year (Law Firm).

Alumna **Blossom Hing S.C., '96** was also once again recognised in the ALB Top 15 Female Lawyers 2025.

In addition, some were featured in the ALB Asia 40 Under 40 2025, which recognises 40 of Asia's most outstanding lawyers under the age of 40. Those selected in the Law Firm category included **Tng Sheng Rong '11**, **Timothy Lin '12**, **Brandon Tee '13**, **Sara Ng '14**, **Jaime Lye '15** and **Basil Lee '16**.

Our alumni were also honoured for their contributions to the University at the prestigious NUS Alumni Awards 2025. The Lifetime Service Award was bestowed upon **Andrew Lim '85 LLM '88**. **Justice Judith Prakash '74** and **Ng Wai King '90** were conferred the Distinguished Alumni Award. **Zamiq Azmeer bin Borhanudin '18** was awarded the Outstanding Young Alumni Award.



Last but definitely not least, **Daren Tang '97** was reappointed for a second six-year term as Director General of the United Nations' World Intellectual Property Organization.

My heartiest congratulations to all our alumni on their appointments and well-deserved accolades. We are immensely proud of all that you have achieved and grateful for the way you continue to uphold the values of the profession and bring distinction to NUS Law.

Alumni Support

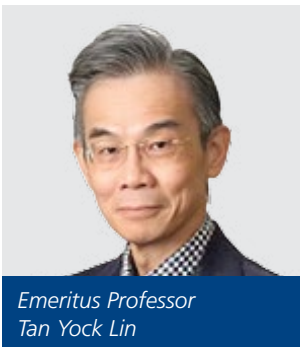
Our alumni continue to demonstrate their deep commitment to NUS Law and our students, giving generously of their time, wisdom and encouragement. Many serve as mentors, coach our moot teams, speak at career programmes and advise at student-led initiatives.



Students and alumni mentors coming together at the LAMP AY2025/2026 launch event

The Law Alumni Mentor Programme (LAMP), a signature initiative of the Faculty, has evolved significantly over the years. In this academic year, we received the support of a total of 244 mentors for 253 mentees across our first- and second-year undergraduates, as well as our Masters and Juris Doctor students. To all our mentors and alumni volunteers, I offer my heartfelt thanks for your steadfast support and for helping to guide and uplift the next generation of NUS Law students.

Beyond their service, alumni and other friends of the Faculty have also contributed financially, strengthening our programmes and helping us to invest in future generations.



*Emeritus Professor
Tan Yock Lin*

With the support of many colleagues, friends and former students, we have met the fundraising target for the **Tan Yock Lin Memorial Prize**. This has enabled the Faculty to establish an endowed prize in memory of the late Emeritus Professor Tan Yock Lin. The Prize will be awarded to the top student across the suite of courses taught by Professor Tan.

Setia Law LLC has also set up the **Setia Prize in Law of Contract (JD)**, which will recognise the best Juris Doctor student in the compulsory course, Law of Contract. In addition, the **D.S. Lee Foundation** has supported the Faculty through the **Malathi Das Regional Internship Grant**, established in honour of the late Malathi Das '92. The Grant will provide financial assistance

to students undertaking internships within Asia.

On behalf of everyone in NUS Law, I extend my sincere appreciation to all donors for their generosity and for the lasting impact of their support on our programmes and students. Your belief in NUS Law strengthens our community and helps ensure that our students are equipped not only to succeed, but to serve.

Alumni Reunions and Events



A joyful reunion as the Class of 2010 commemorated their 15-year milestone

Milestone anniversary celebrations remain a highlight of our calendar. Over the past year, the **Classes of 1980, 1990, 1995, 2005, 2010 and 2015** gathered to celebrate their anniversaries, with the **Classes of 2012 and 2013** holding belated reunions. We also hosted an alumni reunion in Kuala Lumpur in August 2025, as well as an informal get-together in London in October 2025, which I greatly enjoyed as an opportunity to reconnect with alumni based overseas. It is always heartening to see our graduates around the world thriving and excelling wherever they may be.



At their 30th anniversary reunion, the Class of 1995 came together to reconnect and renew their support for the Class of 1995 Award

These reunions also provide an opportunity to invite each class to reflect on how they might support the next generation of law students, whether by giving time and sharing expertise, or through financial contributions. In this spirit, the Class of 2015 launched a meaningful initiative to establish the **Class of 2015 Andrew Wang Grant**, in tribute to their late classmate Andrew Wang. Likewise, the Class of 2004 established the **Class of 2004 Grant** in celebration of their 20th anniversary. The Class of 1995 also demonstrated their continued commitment by contributing to the **Class of 1995 Award**, while the Class of 2013 sustained their efforts in support of the **Class of 2013 Grant**.

Looking ahead, the **Classes of 1976, 1986, 1996 and 2006** have begun planning their anniversary gatherings. If you are part of a milestone batch (i.e. **Classes of 1961, 1966, 1971, 1981, 1991, 2001 or 2016**) and would like to reconnect, please contact Ms Madelyn Kia (madelyn.kia@nus.edu.sg; 6516-2117) and we will be happy to share more about organising a reunion.

In line with the University's efforts on sustainability, our publications are now distributed primarily in digital format. If you prefer to receive a hard copy of future publications such as *LawLink* and *Letter from the Dean*, please opt in at <https://tinyurl.com/nuslawparticularsupdate>. If you have changed your contact details and want to stay updated on our alumni events and activities, please update your particulars through the same link.

My colleagues and I look forward to staying in touch with you as an integral part of our NUS Law community!

I am deeply grateful for the many ways our alumni have contributed to the success of NUS Law. Your achievements inspire us, strengthen our standing and uphold the Faculty's reputation. Just as importantly, the opportunities you create for our students—through guidance, internships and employment—help shape their transition from students to members of the profession. Your philanthropic support enables us to pursue our mission of being among the world's leading law schools, while ensuring that no student is left behind.

We continue to highlight the **NUS Law Student Support Fund**, which helps students benefit from available opportunities without financial constraints. Since its inception, the Fund has aided numerous students in financial need, including support towards tuition fees and participation in enriching programmes and activities. If you would like to contribute, a donation form is attached to this letter. Alternatively, if you would like to explore other ways to advance NUS Law's mission, please feel free to contact Ms Madelyn Kia (madelyn.kia@nus.edu.sg; 6516-2117) or reach out to me directly.

Special Visits



Thai parliamentarians looked to Associate Professor Stephen Phua for his unique expertise, discussing fiscal policies in relation to the taxation frameworks of casinos and social controls

Thai Parliament members visited NUS Law on 13 June 2025 to learn more about Singapore's fiscal policies from **Associate Professor Stephen Phua '88**, who is a tax law expert that has served for more than a decade on each of the three tax tribunals in Singapore—the Income Tax Board of Review, the Goods and Services Tax Board of Review and the Valuation Review Board.

The 10 Parliament members—part of a 31-strong delegation led by Mr Nattacha Boonchaiinsawat, Member of Parliament, Chairman of the Standing Committee on Social Welfare of the House of Representatives—looked to Associate Prof Phua for fiscal expertise, holding a robust discussion on the taxation frameworks of casinos, redistribution and social controls in the light of their plans then to debate on a Bill to construct an entertainment complex comprising MICE, a resort and a casino, in the Parliament of Thailand.



The participants included (first row, centre, from left) Mr Chan Sek Keong '61 LLD '10, former Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Singapore; The Honourable Justice Datuk Vazeer Alam bin Mydin Meera, Federal Court Judge of Malaysia; and NUS Law Emeritus Professor Tan Lee Meng '72

NUS Law also welcomed a Malaysian delegation led by The Honourable Justice Datuk Vazeer Alam bin Mydin Meera, Federal Court Judge of Malaysia. The **EW Barker Centre for Law and Business** organised a discussion workshop on Malaysian Contract Law Reform on 27-28 June 2025, hosting a working group comprising senior members of the Malaysian Bench, Bar and academia to examine proposed reforms to Malaysia's Contracts Act 1950.

The delegation sought feedback from various subject matter experts in Singapore, including past and present contract law teachers from the Faculty. Mr Chan Sek Keong '61 LLD '10, former Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Singapore, delivered the keynote speech.



Her Excellency Tun Tengku Maimun binti Tengku Mat underscored the need to promote a transparent and merit-based system to foster gender equality within the profession.

We were also honoured to welcome Her Excellency Tun Tengku Maimun binti Tengku Mat, the former Chief Justice of Malaysia and the current President of the Asean Law Association, for a fireside chat on 10 July 2025. Organised by the **Centre for Asian Legal Studies**, the event centred on the timely and urgent theme, "Justice for All: Advancing Gender Equality in the Law".

Her Excellency Tun Maimun shared her reflections on the significant progress made by the Federal Court in advancing gender equality, and emphasised the importance of judges and legal practitioners remaining vigilant against unconscious gender bias. She further highlighted the importance of instituting professional development programmes, training courses and continuous legal education to address subconscious gender bias.



The Right Honourable Beverley McLachlin, P.C., C.C., former Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Canada, and Ms Sushma Jobanputra, Partner-in-Charge, Jones Day Singapore, with (from left) NUS Law Professor Tjio Hans, Chief Justice Sundaresh Menon '86 and NUS Law Associate Professor Tan Zhong Xing '12

We were just as privileged to organise a lecture by The Right Honourable Beverley McLachlin, P.C., C.C., former Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Canada, on 22 January 2026. Jointly hosted by Jones Day and the **EW Barker Centre for Law and Business**, the Jones Day Distinguished Lecture event was a vibrant and timely exchange on the rule of law and commercial dispute resolution, held at The Westin Singapore. Chief Justice McLachlin's address drew deeply from more than six decades of engagement with the law, courts, and public institutions, and she spoke about the pressures confronting the rule of law across jurisdictions.

Stay in Touch

I hope that you have enjoyed reading these annual updates. If you would like to know more, or if you think there may be ways in which you could get involved with the Faculty, do let me know.

On behalf of all of us at NUS Law, we wish you the very best.



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Andrew Simester".

Andrew Simester
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