





The Singapore Government, in a major review of the domestic supply of lawyers, confirmed a shortage of lawyers in Singapore. 2007 hence marked a major milestone in the development of legal education in Singapore – the setting up of the nation's second law school.

SMU is honoured to be entrusted with this important responsibility. As Singapore's first private university and the only university here with a city campus purpose-built to its pedagogy of small class size and interactive learning, SMU will be extending its unique approach to its School of Law.

SMU's undergraduate law programme aims to mould students into excellent lawyers who will contribute significantly to society. The objective is to produce law graduates who have contextualised legal expertise and the ability to think across disciplines and geographical borders. In terms of pedagogy, SMU's seminar-style learning will be put to good effect to nurture students who are confident, articulate and analytically agile.

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Dean's Message

The School of Law was started in 2007 after a major review of legal education in Singapore concluded that it was timely to have a second law school in Singapore. Under the steady hand of founding Dean Professor Michael Furmston and the guidance of an advisory board comprising of senior judges and leading practitioners and corporate counsel, the law school graduated its first cohort of students in 2011 to the eager anticipation of the legal profession.

Organised within a management university and situated in a beautiful city campus in close proximity to where deals get made, where disputes get resolved, and where laws get made, the SMU School of Law presents a unique learning proposition. While the School of Law offers a comprehensive range of subjects, it also has a natural strength in commercial law. The objective of our undergraduate law programme is to produce excellent practitioners who will be able to contribute to the legal profession and to society in significant ways. We aim to teach the law in context, and to train graduates capable of thinking across disciplines and borders. Leading industry experts are invited to engage with our students on a regular basis. Internship and pro bono work form part of the education. There are opportunities to enrol in double-degree programmes and read majors from other schools, and to go on overseas exchange programmes. You will find yourself immersed in a very lively and exciting atmosphere, both inside and outside class.

SMU believes strongly in interactive learning. Seminar-style teaching, class participation, and individual and team projects are the norm. We aim to produce graduates who are not only equipped with the skills of legal analysis, research and writing, but who are also confident, articulate, and prepared to give back to society.

A very warm welcome to the cohort of 2013. Join us in making legal history for Singapore.

#### PROFESSOR YEO TIONG MIN

Dean, School of law Singapore Mangement University Investing in The Fundamentals

# RIGOROUS & CHALLENGING CURRICULUM

The Bachelor of Laws (LL.B.) is a 4-year meritorious honours programme with 36 course units worth of courses. The LL.B. curriculum, revised in 2011 to take into account student feedback, was originally formulated by legal academics and practitioners after extensive discussions, and endorsed by the Ministry of Law and Singapore's then Board of Legal Education.

The curriculum comprises a careful mix of University Core courses, Law Core courses, Law-related courses, Law electives as well as General Education courses to ensure that graduates possess the desired contextual and cross-border knowledge and expertise.

#### **UNIVERSITY CORE COURSES**

- 01. Analytical Skills (0.5 course unit)
- 02. Creative Thinking (0.5 course unit)
- 03. Business, Government & Society
- 04. Ethics & Social Responsibility
- 05. Leadership & Team Building
- 06. Technology & World Change

#### **GENERAL EDUCATION COURSES**

- 01. Any 2 General Education Courses
- 02. Any 1 Elective from SMU (including Law Electives)

#### LAW CORE COURSES

- 01. Commercial Conflict of Laws
- 02. Comparative Legal Systems
- 03. Constitutional & Administrative Law (1.5 course unit)
- 04. Contract Law 1
- 05. Contract Law 2
- 06. Corporate Law
- 07. Criminal Law (1.5 course unit)
- 08. Economic Analysis of Law /
  Law & Regulation (choose 1)
- 09. Law of Business Organisations
- 10. Law of Equity & Trusts (1.5 course unit)
- 11. Law of Evidence & Civil Procedure (1.5 course unit)

- 12. Law of Property (1.5 course unit)
- 13. Law of Torts (1.5 course unit)
- 14. Legal Research & Writing
- Legal System, Legal Method & Analysis
- 16. Legal Theory & Philosophy

#### LAW-RELATED COURSES

- 01. Financial Accounting
- 02. Finance for Law

#### LAW ELECTIVES (Choose 7)

- 01. Advocacy
- 02. Banking Law
- 03. Comparative Law of Sales
- 04. Complex International Litigation
- 05. Competition Law
- 06. Contract Negotiation and Drafting
- 07. Corporate Crime
- 08. Corporate Insolvency Law
- 09. Economic Analysis of Law
- 10. Entertainment Law
- 11. Family Law
- 12. Financial & Securities Regulation
- Foreign Direct Investment Law & Practice
- 14. Information Technology & the Law
- 15. Insurance Law

- 16. Intellectual Property Law
- 17. International and
  Comparative Criminal Justice
- 18. International Commercial Arbitration
- 19. International Commercialisation of Intellectual Property
- 20. International Moots
- 21. International Patent Law and Policy
- 22. Islamic Commercial Law
- 23. Jurisprudence: Modern & Critical Theories of Law
- 24. Law and Policy of Ethnic Relations in Singapore
- 25. Law and Regulation
- 26. Law of Confidential Information, Trade Secrets and Privacy
- 27. Law of Corporate Finance
- 28. Law of International Trade
- 29. Law of Mergers & Acquisitions
- 30. Law Study Mission
- 31. Negotiation & Mediation for Lawyers
- 32. Principles of Singapore Income Tax
- 33. Public International Law
- 34. Shipping & Admiralty Law
- 35. Trade & Investment Law
- 36. WTO: Law and Policy
- 37. Directed Research

<sup>\*</sup> The curriculum is as of the date of publication and may be subjected to change.

Investing in The Fundamentals

# HOLISTIC PEDAGOGY & COURSE ASSESSMENT



Students at SMU Law School put in a substantial amount of pre-class preparatory reading and thinking and participate actively in class discussion. A significant amount of time is devoted to group presentations. SMU's experience is that the interactive participative learning environment helps students to become articulate, confident and analytically agile, attributes which will be crucial for excelling in the legal and corporate world.

A holistic approach towards course assessment is adopted. Significant assessment weightage is allocated to class participation, term assignments, oral and written presentations, whilst the end of term written examination (usually open book) typically accounts for a maximum of 50% of the final grade in a course.

A distinctive feature of the LL.B. programme is that legal practitioners from law firms and members of the judiciary are invited to participate in the classroom teaching of the LL.B. courses. This provides our students the opportunity to learn directly from their practical expertise and experience.

To hone the legal writing skills of the students, from Year 2 onwards, each student will be required to submit a substantial individual written assignment of about 2,000 to 3,000 words for one of the law courses read in each term.



# WIDE RANGE OF DOUBLE DEGREE OPTIONS

Outstanding students may apply to enrol in a 5-year double-degree programme (DDP) which combines law with other programmes in Accountancy, Business, Economics, Information Systems and Social Sciences. The DDP is only available to a small number of outstanding students on a competitive basis. It entails five years of full-time study, and the number of law electives that the students must read will be the same as for the single degree. Some law DDP students may have to undertake two internships to meet both degrees' requirements. For example, a LL.B.-BAcc DDP student would have to undertake a law internship as well as an accountancy internship.

For more information on the LL.B.and other degree programme, visit our website at http://law.smu.edu.sg

# OPTIONAL SECOND MAJOR

Students can take additional courses from other SMU schools to form a second major if they are keen to leverage on the knowledge gained from these other disciplines.

# BENEFICIAL INTERNSHIP & COMMUNITY SERVICE

Students are required to undertake a 10-week compulsory internship with:

- · Law Firms; and/or
- Legal Department of Government / Government-linked
   Corporations / Companies / Multi-national Corporations etc

The internship is intended to acquaint the students with the practical workings of the legal system and the realities of law practice in the private and public sectors. The internship may include an overseas component, as is the case of the internships arranged through our partners, the New York State Bar Association. Each student will only be allowed to intern with a maximum of 5 partners within the period of 10 weeks.

Students also perform 80 hours of attachment at a Voluntary Welfare Organisation (WWO) or organisations involved in pro-bono and legal aid work. Students enrolled from 2013 onwards are required to complete 20 mandatory hours of pro bono work in their  $2^{\rm nd}$  or  $3^{\rm rd}$  year, as part of the 80 hours of community service.

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### INTERNSHIP PARTNERS

The Law School has partnered with the following law firms and organisations for internship and is continually negotiating with other firms and organisations of interest to our students.

# CORPORATIONS (Legal Department)

- Allianz SE Insurance Management Asia Pacific
- Asia Pacific Breweries Limited
- Coca Cola Asia Limited
- Dell Global
- ESPN Star Sports
- Financial Industry Disputes
   Resolution Centre Ltd (FIDReC),
   Hong Leong Finance Limited
- GE Healthcare
- Hewlett Packard
- LexisNexis Singapore
- Monsanto Singapore Co (Pte) Ltd
- Paypal SG
- RBC Dexia Trust Services Singapore Limited
- Siemens Pte Ltd
- Singapore Exchange Limited
- Singapore Petroleum Company
- Singpost Group
- Starwood Hotels and Resorts
- Symantec

- Tellabs Asia Pacific Pte Ltd
- Tiger Airways
- Vopak Asia Pte Ltd
- YHC Group

#### BANKS (Legal Department)

- Barclays Capital
- BSI Bank Limited Singapore
- Credit Suisse
- LGT Bank (Singapore) Ltd
- Societe Generale
- UBS AG
- UOB Limited

#### LOCAL LAW FIRMS

- Allen & Gledhill LLP
- Ang & Partners
- ATMD Bird & Bird LLP
- Braddell Brothers LLP
- Colin Ng & Partners LLP
- David Lim & Partners
- Donaldson & Burkinshaw
- Drew & Napier LLC

- Eldan Law
- Engelin Teh & Associates
- Gurbani & Co
- Harry Elias Partnership
- Keystone Law Corporation
- KhattarWong LLP
- Lee & Lee
- Michael Khoo & Partners
- Rajah & Tann LLP
- Ramdas & Wong Singapore
- RHTLaw Taylor Wessing LLP
- Robert Wang & Woo LLC
- Rodyk & Davidson LLP
- Samuel Seow Law Corporation
- Shook Lin & Bok LLP
- Stamford Law Corporation
- Tan Kok Quan Partnership
- Tan Rajah & Cheah (TRC)TSMP Law Corporation
- Wee Swee Teow & Co
- WongPartnership LLP
- Wong Tan & Molly Lim LLC
- Yeo-Leong & Peh LLC

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## INTERNSHIP PARTNERS

#### JOINT-LAW VENTURE FIRMS

- Baker & McKenzie.Wong & Leow
- Linklaters Allen & Gledhill Pte Ltd

# OFF-SHORE LAW FIRMS (Based in Singapore)

- Allen & Overy LLP
- AV & P Legal, Solicitors
- Berwin Leighton Paisner LLP
- Bryan Cave LLP
- Clifford Chance LLP
- Conyers Dill & Pearman
- Cotty Vivant Marchisio & Lauzeral
- Deacons Singapore Ltd
- DLA Piper Singapore Pte Ltd
- Duane Morris & Selvam LLP
- Holman Fenwick Willan
- Luther Rechtsanwaltsgesellschaft mhH
- Morrison & Foerster LLP
- Norton Rose (Asia) LLP
- O'Melveny & Myers LLP
- Watson Farley & Williams LLP
- White & Case LLP

# OVERSEAS GOVERNMENT ORGANISATIONS AND LAW FIRMS

#### Brussels

- FratiniVergano

#### China

- KhattarWong (Shanghai)
- Nixon Peabody LLP (Shanghai)
- WongPartnership LLP (Shanghai)

#### Hong Kong

- Clyde & Co
- Denis Chang's Chambers
- Norton Rose LLP
- Temple Chambers

#### India

- AZB & Partners (Mumbai)
- Bharucha & Partners (Mumbai)
- Luthra & Luthra Law Offices (Mumbai and Delhi)

#### Malaysia

- Raslan Loong (Kuala Lumpur)

#### Middle East

- WongPartnership LLP

#### **United States**

- Alston + Bird LLP (New York City)
- Duane Morris LLP (New York City)

#### GOVERNMENT

- Attorney General's Chambers
- Competition Commission of Singapore

- Housing and Development Board (Legal Department)
- Insolvency & Public Trustee's Office
- Legal Aid Bureau
   Internship Programme
- Ministry of Law Internship Programme
- Singapore Academy of Law Litigation Internship Programme
- Singapore Land Authority (Legal Department)
- Singapore Legal Service
- Singapore Sports Council, Legal Department
- The Subordinate Courts of Singapore Internship Programme
- The Supreme Court of Singapore Internship Programme
- The Law Society of Singapore

#### **NGOs**

- Commonwealth Human Rights Initiative (Delhi, India)

#### OTHERS

- Senior Counsel Forum

Commitment To Excellence

### SCHOLARSHIPS & AWARDS

With the generosity of the legal community at large, the Law School is proud to make available a number of scholarships and awards to recognise and encourage outstanding academic performance from our students.

#### **TOP AWARDS**

- Lai Kew Chai Prize for Top First Year Law Student
- Linklaters Prize for Top Second Year Law Student
- The Punch Coomaraswamy Prize for Top Third Year Law Student
- Kwa Geok Choo Top Law Student Award
- Rajah & Tann Prize for Top Graduating Law Student
- WongPartnership Prize for Most Outstanding Law Graduate
- DBS Bank School Valedictorian Award

#### SUBJECT AWARDS

- Atkin Prize for Best Student in Law of Torts (Year 1)
- David Marshall Prize for Top Student in Criminal Law (Year 1)
- JM Nathan Memorial Prize for Best Law Student in Creative Thinking (Year 1)
- Phang Sing Eng Prize for Top Student in Contract Law (Year 1)
- The Jurist Prize for Best Student in Legal System, Legal Method and Analysis (Year 1)
- Emeritus Professor Gerald Dworkin Prize for Best Student in Intellectual Property Law (From Year 2)
- LawHub Prize for Top Student in Law of Property (Year 2)
- LexisNexis Prize for Student with Best Year Two Law Research Paper (Year 2)
- Rodyk Prize for Top Student in Corporate Law (Year 2)
- Stamford Law Prize for Top Student in Finance (Year 2)
- Tan Boon Teik Prize for Top Student in Constitutional and Administrative Law (Year 2)
- ATMD Bird & Bird Prize for Student with Best Year Three Law Research Paper (Year 3)
- Barlow Lyde & Gilbert Prize for Top Student in Insurance Law (From Year 3)
- Drew and Napier Prize for Top Student in Advocacy (From Year 3)
- Harry Elias Partnership LLP Prize for The Top Student in Family Law (From Year 3)
- Harry Elias Partnership LLP Prize for The Top Student in Negotiation & Mediation (From Year 3)
- KhattarWong Prize for Top Student in Corporate and Commercial Laws (Year 3)

- Michael Hwang Prize for Top Student in International Commercial Arbitration (From Year 3)
- Michael Khoo Prize for Best Student in Corporate Crime (From Year 3)
- Peggy Phang Prize for Top Student in Legal Theory and Philosophy (Year 3)
- Portcullis Trust Prize for Top Student in Law of Equity and Trusts (Year 3)
- Rajah & Tann Prize for Top Student in Banking Law (From Year 3)
- Rajah & Tann Prize for Top Student in Insolvency Law (From Year 3)
- Rajah & Tann Prize for Top Student in Information Technology & the Law (From Year 3)
- Rajah & Tann Prize for Top Student in Shipping Law (From Year 3)
- Stamford Law Prize for Top Student in Financial and Securities Regulation (From Year 3)
- The Amarjeet Singh SC Law Prize for Top Student in Public International Law (From Year 3)
- TSMP Law Corporation Prize for Best Student in Ethics and Social Responsibility (Year 3)
- TSMP Law Corporation Prize for Best Student in Law of Evidence and Civil Procedure (Year 3)

#### MOOT AWARDS

- Harry Elias Partnership LLP Moot Prizes for SMU-Harry Elias Partnership LLP Mooting Competition
- The Rodyk Challenge Competition and Prizes

#### **SCHOLARSHIPS**

- Kwa Geok Choo Scholarship
- Wee Chong Jin Scholarship
- WongPartnership LLP Scholarship in Law

#### **BURSARIES**

- Conyers Dill & Pearman Bursary
- Oon & Bazul Bursary
- School of Law Bursary
- Yong Pung How Bursary



# NATIONAL & INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS

As part of its commitment to holistic education, the Law School currently hosts two competitions in collaboration with the legal community – the Harry Elias Partnership LLP-SMU Moot and the Rodyk Challenge – with the promise of more, and more interesting, competitions to come to cater to our diverse student community. Our students also participate actively in national and international competitions and have consistently done us proud in these competitions. In local competitions, the Law School won 6 of the 9 competitions that were open to NUS and SMU between 2011 and 2012. In international moot competitions, the Law School has appeared in 10 finals and won 6 championships to date.

The Law School made its debut in international moot competitions in 2009, less than two years after admitting its first cohort, and emerged 1st runners-up at the 4th edition of the LawAsia Moot. The following year, before graduating a single student, our students tasted success in not one but two international mooting competitions – the 3rd edition of the Monroe E Price Moot and the 12th edition of the Asia Cup Moot, SMU law students also placed 1st, 5th and 7th in an international online negotiation competition hosted by Smart Settle in the same vear. Our students successfully defended the Asia Cup in 2011 and also took top honours at the 2011 edition of the International Youth for Peace competition as part of a joint team between SMU and NUS. Although they lost out narrowly to NUS at the 2011 national rounds of the Philip C Jessup Moot, our students' performance earned them an invitation to participate in the Exhibition rounds for the competition, where they prevailed to emerge champions among the Exhibition teams; they repeated this feat in 2012 amidst a field of 36 teams that included 4 former Jessup world champions. In that year as well, our Willem C Vis Moot team tied the post-2002 tournament record by winning 5 Honourable Mention awards for written and oral submissions.

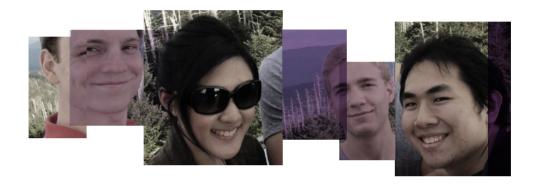
It is unheard of for a Law School of such tender years to attain quite so many achievements. The Law School remains fully committed to training and preparing its students for international competitions and firmly believes that even greater success lie down the road.

Commitment To Excellence

## INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE

Students are encouraged to maximize their learning experience by spending a term abroad. SMU has exchange agreements with more than 200 reputable universities worldwide. Most of these international exchange opportunities are available to students from the Law School

though some may require fluency in a foreign language. The SMU Law School is itself partnered with the following universities for direct law-to-law exchange and is continually negotiating with other universities to expand our international exchange programme.



#### **ASIA-PACIFIC**

#### Australia

- Bond University, Queensland

#### China

- China Youth University for Political Sciences, Beijing
- School of Law, Peking University, Beijing
- Koguan School of Law, Shanghai Jiaotong University, Shanghai

#### Hong Kong SAR

- Faculty of Law, Chinese University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong
- Faculty of Law, University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong

#### India

- NALSAR, University of Law, Hyderabad
- National Law School of India University, Bangalore

#### Republic of Korea

- Seoul National University, Seoul
- Yonsei University Law School, Seoul

#### Taiwan

- National Cheng Chi University, Taipei
- National Taiwan University, Taipei

#### MIDDLE EAST

#### Israel

- The Buchmann Faculty of Law, Tel Aviv University
- The Interdisciplinary Centre, Herzliya

#### **AMERICA**

#### **United States**

- School of Law, Emory University, Atlanta, Georgia
- College of Law, University of Illinois at Urbana-Campaign, Illinois

#### **EUROPE**

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- Universite Paris-Est-Creteil, Creteil

#### Germany

- Bucerius Law School, Hamburg
- Freie Universitat Berlin, Berlin

#### Italy

- Faculty of Law, Bocconi University, Milan

#### Netherlands

- School of Law, Tilburg University, Tilburg
- Faculty of Law, Universiteit Maastricht, Maastricht

#### Spain

- ESADE Law School, Barcelona
- Faculty of Law, Universitat Pompeu Fabra, Barcelona

#### Sweden

- Faculty of Law, Uppsala University, Uppsala

#### Switzerland

- School of Law, University of Lucerne, Lucerne
- Faculty of Law, University of St. Gallen, St Gallen

#### United Kingdom

- School of Law, University of Exeter, Exeter
- School of Law, University of Leicester, Leicester
- Faculty of Law, University of Manchester, Manchester
- Faculty of Law, University of Southampton, Southampton

Career Prospects

# RAISING THE BAR



The SMU Law School believes that legal education with a contextual orientation and a cross-border appreciation will enable its law graduates to be better lawyers. Our law students are equipped to work in a diverse array of jobs. In addition to corporate and commercial law practice in local and offshore law firms, they can choose to work in other fields such as legal practice in non-corporate and commercial fields such as in-house counsel work in a multinational corporation, state counsel/prosecution and judicial work in the Singapore Legal Service and international legal practice in a foreign law firm.

"The SMU law degree is held in high regard by Rajah & Tann. This is not only because of the sterling reputation of SMU and the standard, content and scope of the legal education and training given by the SMU School of Law to its students. We have gotten to know many SMU law students through our internship programme and in the course of working with them to sponsor or organize activities within the School and have been very impressed by their ability, diligence and spiritedness."

Mr. LEE Eng Beng, S.C.
Managing Partner, Rajah & Tann LLP

Visionary Campus

# CITY CAMPUS



Purpose-built over 4.5 hectares of prime Singapore land, SMU's campus is designed, integrated and constructed in the heart of a fully developed cityscape. Surrounded by museums, theatres, cafés, restaurants and a range of retail outlets, it is designed to be directed towards the challenges of the new millennium while remaining connected to the historical origins of this important district.

The campus is surrounded by trees, anchored by the park landscape of the Campus Green in the centre, and its buildings share glazed facades shaded by a veil of plants. This idyllic tableau of greenery provides a welcome backdrop to a whole range of student activity. An underground Concourse that links all of the schools provides students the convenience of moving easily between classes, rain or shine.

The SMU campus enjoys unparalleled transport connectivity amongst tertiary institutions in Singapore. It is directly connected via its underground Concourse to the new Bras Basah MRT station (Circle Line) directly beneath SMU's University Square and both City Hall MRT station (North South Line / East West Line) and Dhoby Ghaut MRT station (North South Line / North East Line / Circle Line) are located within walking distance of the campus.

A city campus also brings a palpable sense of vibrancy throughout the day. Fun is always around the corner. For students at the SMU Law School, the close proximity of the Supreme Court also means that they can pop by to attend a public trial on a whim in between classes to see law in action.

Visionary Campus

## **FACILITIES**



Classrooms in SMU are all thoughtfully configured to meet different teaching and learning needs. Each of them has been designed to meet specific requirements given by the domain experts and is equipped with state-of-the-art facilities. The seminar rooms, where most of the classes for the SMU Law School are conducted, all have access to the campus-wide wireless network and every seat is equipped with a power socket so that students can all use their laptops to take notes, search for information, or do presentations without having to worry about battery life. Their tiered and U-shaped configuration is specially designed to facilitate seminar-styled delivery.

A standard seminar room is equipped with a variety of facilities to support different instructional styles. An instructor can choose to write on the multiple layered whiteboards or project his presentations onto the screens or a document camera. If the instructor wishes to use videos or

other multimedia content to enhance learning, he can play them using either his own laptop or the DVD player or the computer inside the audiovideo closet. The ability to project wirelessly to the two screens in each room allows both the instructor and his students to share their solutions concurrently. Controls can also be passed to the students seamlessly through software specifically developed for this purpose.

The campus is also equipped with flat classrooms that are suitable for activity-based learning. To facilitate active discussions, tables and chairs are movable and configurable. In addition to the library, the campus is also equipped with a range of facilities for students to study, meet for project discussions or just hang out, including group study rooms, study benches and tables throughout the courtyards, walkways and Concourse, and scenic rooftop gardens.

Strengthening Our Relevance

# CENTRE FOR DISPUTE RESOLUTION

The SMU Centre for Dispute Resolution was established in late 2008, and is located within the School of Law. One of the objectives in establishing the Centre is to provide a vehicle for research and teaching across the range of "alternative" dispute resolution procedures. Within the University, the Centre's mandate is to foster such research and teaching activities across all the Schools and Departments at SMU, particularly as a number of academics in all Schools have been identified with research interests in dispute resolution.

In addition to research and teaching, the Centre promotes collaboration with university, professional, governmental, non-governmental and intergovernmental agencies in the promotion of effective, collaborative forms of dispute resolution and access to justice. In doing so, the Centre thus works towards promoting Singapore as the dispute resolution resource

for the region, in line with the vision of the Singapore Academy of Law and the Government.

The Centre builds on the experience already gained both within the judicial system and in the wider community in the use of mediation and non-judicial processes. It also builds on the long and diverse traditions of mediation in all countries of the region and works with the various relevant agencies in building local capacity in dispute management, for example where recent and on-going conflicts constitute challenges to security. In its most public role, the Centre hosts public lectures and seminars, including the Herbert Smith-Freehills-SMU Asian Arbitration Lecture, the Harry Elias-SMC-SMU Singapore Mediation lecture, and a regular series of Practitioner Seminars.



Strengthening Our Relevance

# INTERNATIONAL ISLAMIC LAW & FINANCE CENTRE

The International Islamic Law and Finance Centre is a collaborative initiative between SMU's School of Law and Lee Kong Chian School of Business, which draws upon the resources of all schools in the University. The mission of the IILF Centre is to carry out research and be a thought leader in Islamic law and finance. We provide a catalyst and synergy for Islamic law and finance knowledge development and dissemination through international collaborations with other institutions, conferences and industry forums, visiting scholars, funded research grants, and IILF Centre research assistants and research fellows.

While research creates value, value must be extracted and disseminated effectively in order for its potential to be fully realized. To facilitate research, and the effective dissemination of its value to the industry through applied education and training, the IILF Centre is developing a

clearly defined and industry-focused IILF Centre Research Initiative and IILF Centre Industry-Applied Education Initiative, and it is anticipated that other specialist Initiatives will be defined and added in the future. Research, education and training programs, conferences and seminars/ forums focus on the practical aspects of Islamic law and finance and enhance our distinct role as a vehicle for developing the Islamic finance industry in Singapore and internationally. The IILF Centre works closely with all stakeholders, and in particular with the Monetary Authority of Singapore, Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Law and other public institutions, as well as with the financial industry in Singapore and abroad. Our research and education functions will have broad impact on development of the Islamic finance industry in Singapore and beyond, as well as on enhanced market connectivity, especially with other parts of Asia and the Middle East.



# PRO BONO CENTRE

The gap between the needs of indigents and state subsidized legal services or pro bono legal services exist in all societies. Singapore is not an exception. Traditionally the state and legal fraternity have assumed the responsibility to bridge this gap. Law schools on the other hand have traditionally and culturally confined themselves to the academic instruction of the law.

As stakeholders of the justice system, we advocate a pro bono culture amongst law students, through various pro bono programs we have nurtured since 2007. The Pro Bono Centre was established in 2013 in recognition of the Law School's strong commitment to pro bono. All pro bono activities will be managed and centralized under this Centre. Additionally the Centre will collaborate with Asian universities to raise the pro bono consciousness at the regional level.

The core values of the Pro Bono Centre are as follows: To instill legal professionalism and social responsibility in law students towards indigents, disenfranchised communities etc; facilitate access to justice via its campus legal clinics for indigents; sensitize law students to social justice issues; provide opportunities to law students to integrate and appreciate academic work with clinical experience; demonstrate professional and community relevance in education beyond pedagogical relevance and foster a deeper engagement in pro bono activities with other stakeholders of justice.



# ASIAN PEACE-BUILDING & RULE OF LAW PROGRAMME



The Asian Peace-building and Rule of Law Program is collaboration between Access to Justice Asia LLP and the School of Law. It serves as a focal point for coordinating cross-disciplinary human rights and good governance research within SMU. To this end, APRL conducts seminars and executive education courses, carries out innovative socio-legal research, and leads direct impact litigation in Asia. APRL has worked with leading law schools, such as Yale Law School and Berkeley Law School, and supports regional human rights mechanisms and courts.

To bridge theory and practice, APRL provides SMU students with hands-on experience working on active human rights cases and projects. The skills-training imparted through directed research instruction and simulations is applied and tested in the context of real-world advocacy. Working in partnership with the Program's director, associates and experienced international lawyers and advisers, students contribute to effecting positive social change regionally and globally as they hone their critical thinking, media advocacy and legal professional skills.

Since its inception in 2010, the Program has, among other things, represented genocide survivors in war crimes trials in Cambodia, co-written a multi-site rule of law study on ten ASEAN countries, advised the UN on trans-national corporate responsibility to respect human rights, carried out policy-relevant research in relation to post-conflict Sri Lanka, Timor-Leste and Bangladesh, and co-hosted Singapore's first Summer Institute on Human Rights & Humanitarian law.

APRL hopes to help nurture a new generation of Asian scholars, lawyers and practitioners who are equipped to refine and develop human rights and international law practice and policy in Asia.

Heeding the Best

# ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS

The School of Law Advisory Board was established in January 2007 and comprises the following legal luminaries:



Mr Lucien WONG Chairman and Senior Partner Allen & Gledhill LLP



Mr CHEN Show-Mgo Member of Parliament, Aljunied GRC



Mr CHUA Lee Ming General Counsel Government of Singapore Investment Corporation Pte Ltd



Ms Rachel ENG Managing Partner WongPartnership LLP



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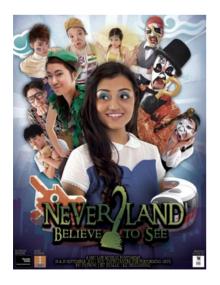
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