

SENTENCING CONFERENCE 2022

CYBER EDITION

Sentencing Frameworks

Instructive | Communicative | Consistent Outcomes

31 October & 1 November 2022



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 Conference	10 Public CPD Points	
	Practice Area Crime	Training Level General
Day 1 4.5 Public CPD Points	Day 2 5.5 Public CPD Points	



Overview

The courts play a key institutional role in sentencing offenders. While sentencing is a highly fact-based exercise, sentencing frameworks play an important role in securing principled and consistent outcomes in discrete cases. Such frameworks also aim to be instructive (without being prescriptive) and communicative. The use of artificial intelligence as a tool in sentencing and the extent to which artificial intelligence can interact with the exercise of judicial discretion is an emerging area that merits further consideration. These matters form the focus of the Sentencing Conference 2022, as do the perennial issues of sentencing considerations and options peculiar to special classes of offenders such as youths and those afflicted with mental health issues. Participants can look forward to hearing from an array of eminent speakers and presenters from the bench, the bar, academia and various specialist agencies who will share their views on all of these aspects.

Registration Fees



Conference & Sentencing Frameworks –
Quick Reference Guide and Roadmap Book*:
SGD \$422.65 (inclusive of 7% GST)

*Book will be delivered after the event. Shipping and handling charges apply for international address.



Conference only:
SGD \$374.50 (inclusive of 7% GST)

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Programme For Day 1, 31 October 2022

9:00AM	PARTICIPANTS LOG IN TO WEBINAR FOR DAY 1 MORNING SEGMENT
9:30AM	Opening
9:35AM	Introductory Remarks by The Honourable Justice Vincent Hoong, Presiding Judge, State Courts, Singapore
9:45AM	Keynote Address by The Honourable the Chief Justice Sundaresh Menon, Supreme Court of Singapore
10:30AM	BREAK
10:45AM	Special Guest Lecture by The Honourable Justice Steven Chong, Justice of the Court of Appeal, Supreme Court of Singapore Synopsis: The courts have issued a significant number of judgments setting out sentencing frameworks for a variety of offences. Sentencing frameworks play an important role in our criminal justice landscape. This lecture will explore three main topics: first, the purpose and benefits of sentencing frameworks; second, when it may not be desirable or appropriate for sentencing frameworks to be laid down, and when the formulation and application of sentencing frameworks may not be helpful; and third, how sentencing frameworks might be developed and used most effectively.
11:30AM	Discussion with The Honourable Justice Steven Chong, and Members of the Judiciary, Prosecution and Criminal Bar Moderator: Mr Toh Han Li, Principal District Judge (Criminal Courts), State Courts, Singapore Panellists: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Honourable Justice Steven Chong, Justice of the Court of Appeal, Supreme Court of Singapore• The Honourable Justice See Kee Oon, Supreme Court of Singapore• Mr Hri Kumar Nair SC, Deputy Attorney-General, Attorney-General's Chambers• Mr Tan Chee Meng SC, Deputy Chairman, WongPartnership LLP
12:15PM	END OF MORNING SEGMENT
1:30PM	PARTICIPANTS LOG IN TO WEBINAR FOR DAY 1 AFTERNOON SEGMENT
2:00PM	Plenary Session 1: The Evolution of Sentencing in Singapore Synopsis: The session will discuss the evolution of sentencing in Singapore, with a focus on sentencing trends, principles and frameworks as discerned from Supreme Court jurisprudence between 2017 and 2022. Moderator: Mr Victor Yeo, Principal District Judge (Criminal Courts), State Courts, Singapore Panellists: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mr Mohamed Faizal Mohamed Abdul Kadir SC, Deputy Chief Prosecutor, Attorney-General's Chambers• Assistant Professor Benny Tan, Faculty of Law, National University of Singapore• Mr Kow Keng Siong, District Judge, State Courts, Singapore• Mr Chenthil Kumarasingam, Partner, WithersKhattarWong LLP
3:30PM	Experiential Learning 1: Probation and Community Rehabilitation Service Synopsis: What is probation? What are pre-court diversionary programmes? This session will utilise interactive quizzes and gameplay segments to provide an overview of how the Probation and Community Rehabilitation Service, Ministry of Social and Family Development, facilitates pathways to desistance through effective community rehabilitation. You will get a glimpse into its efforts to adopt evidence-based practices and harness technology to deliver core rehabilitation programmes to young offenders. Presenters: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ms Kurseth Begum, Manager, Probation and Community Rehabilitation Service, Ministry of Social and Family Development• Ms Selina Lim Mei Shan, Senior Probation Officer, Probation and Community Rehabilitation Service, Ministry of Social and Family Development
4:00PM	END OF DAY 1

Programme For Day 2, 1 November 2022

9:00AM PARTICIPANTS LOG IN TO WEBINAR FOR DAY 2 MORNING SEGMENT

9:30AM Keynote Address by Mr Tai Wei Shyong SC, Deputy Attorney-General, Attorney-General's Chambers

Synopsis: The Prosecutor is a necessary party to every criminal case. Over time, prosecutors have become more involved in assisting the court in the sentencing process, especially with the advent of judicial sentencing frameworks. What is the Prosecution's approach in Singapore to assisting the court in sentencing? In what ways is the Prosecution best-placed to contribute? What factors guide the Prosecution when doing so? The session will explore these and other questions, such as how AGC's role has been impacted by, and has evolved alongside judicial practices and societal expectations.

10:15AM BREAK

10:30AM Experiential Learning 2: Institute of Mental Health

Synopsis: Evidence-based literature suggests that individuals with mental health issues are over-represented in all stages in the criminal justice system, and this has led to the development of mental health diversion programmes around the world targeted at providing more effective criminal justice responses to this group of offenders. This session outlines the principles of mental health interventions that an offender with mental illness would receive and undergo in Singapore, including forensic psychiatric evaluation and risk assessment in the pre-sentencing phase, psychiatric treatment in the community or psychiatric and correctional facilities in the post-sentencing phase, as well as continued psychiatric care and rehabilitation upon completion of the sentence.

Presenter: Dr Jason Lee, Consultant & Deputy Chief, Department of Forensic Psychiatry, Institute of Mental Health

11:00AM Plenary Session 2: Sentencing of Special Classes of Offenders

Synopsis: For certain classes of offenders, such as youthful offenders or offenders with mental conditions who commit minor offences, rehabilitation is often the dominant sentencing consideration. The law empowers the courts to impose rehabilitative sentences such as community sentences, probation and reformatory training. This session brings together a panel of experts and practitioners to explore these sentencing options from a legal, practical and operational perspective. It will provide insights into the considerations and processes that apply in the imposition of such sentences, as well as the rehabilitative processes that apply post-sentence.

Moderator: Mr Kessler Soh, District Judge, State Courts, Singapore

Panellists:

- Mr Senthilkumaran Sabapathy, Deputy Director (Criminal Policy), Criminal Policy Division, Ministry of Law
- Ms Diana Ngiam, Associate Director, Quahe Woo & Palmer LLC
- Dr Christopher Cheok Cheng Soon, Senior Consultant & Chief, Department of Forensic Psychiatry, Institute of Mental Health
- Ms Carmelia Nathen, Chief Probation Officer and Director, Probation and Community Rehabilitation Service, Ministry of Social and Family Development
- Ms Karen Lee, Director, Community Corrections Command, Singapore Prison Service, Ministry of Home Affairs

12:30PM END OF MORNING SEGMENT

1:30PM PARTICIPANTS LOG IN TO WEBINAR FOR DAY 2 AFTERNOON SEGMENT

2:00PM Experiential Learning 3: Singapore Prison Service

Synopsis: This session provides an overview of the Singapore Prison Service's rehabilitation approach and the evidence-based models that inform its rehabilitation work. The presentation includes the key components for effective rehabilitation and the programmes by the Singapore Prison Service, Yellow Ribbon Singapore and our community partners. An ex-offender will also share his rehabilitation and reintegration journey.

Presenter:

- Ms Caroline Lim, Director, Rehabilitation & Reintegration Division, Singapore Prison Service, Ministry of Home Affairs

2:30PM **Plenary Session 3: Artificial Intelligence in Criminal Justice**

Synopsis: Technology plays a critical role in efforts to grow the legal industry, and the proliferation of technology in the legal sector is not an unanticipated trend. We discuss current technological tools in sentencing and explore the tension between the publication of data to educate the public and ensuring that such data is meaningful, given the nature of algorithms and artificial intelligence. In exploring if there is room for 'algorithmic justice', panellists will address concerns surrounding ethics, the erosion of judicial discretion and the risk of obscured programmed biases.

Moderator: Mr Toh Yung Cheong, Principal District Judge (Strategic Planning and Technology), State Courts, Singapore

Panellists:

- Professor Julian V. Roberts, Faculty of Law, University of Oxford
- Professor Jesper Ryberg, Department of Communication and Arts, Roskilde University
- Assistant Professor Chen Minhao Benjamin, Faculty of Law, University of Hong Kong
- Mr Christopher Ong Siu Jin, Deputy Public Prosecutor, Senior Director, Commercial and Technology Crimes, Crime Division, Attorney-General's Chambers

4:00PM **Closing Remarks by The Honourable Justice Vincent Hoong, Presiding Judge, State Courts, Singapore**

4:15PM **END OF CONFERENCE**
