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## MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF JUSTICE



In four short years, the Singapore Judicial College has established itself as a critical institution serving the developmental and learning needs of our judges and judicial officers, as well as undertaking empirical judicial research to support and drive innovative court practices and policies. In 2018, the College welcomed Mr Paul Quan as its new Executive Director. Paul takes over from Mr Tan Boon Heng who commendably completed a three-year stint at the College. I wish to express my deep appreciation to Boon Heng and I am confident that Paul will build on the good work that Boon Heng has done during the formative years of the College.

Against a backdrop of frenetic change, the College has sought to continuously strive to renew and enhance itself so that it remains relevant. It was timely and opportune therefore that the College started the year by reviewing and revamping the curricula for several programmes. Notably, the induction programme for newly appointed judges has been enhanced so that it spans a year-long period beginning with the court-specific orientation and culminating in the year-end Judiciary-Wide Induction Programme. Further, mandatory core courses such as judgment writing and case management, are to be undertaken during the course of the year, interspersed with hearings and on-the-job training. The upshot is that 24 training days are committed to equip our newly appointed judges to discharge their duties. In addition, the Masterclasses were reconceived and implemented as one-day programmes with the objective of having detailed and intensive discussions on selected issues in specialised areas

of the law. The two masterclasses on arbitration and intellectual property that were organised this year also attracted external and international participants.

As for its international work, the College built on its well-earned reputation and further extended its reach. It has to date received close to 1,300 participants from 76 jurisdictions. I am heartened by the demand for the programmes offered by the College which evidences their quality and usefulness. Besides conducting inaugural runs of its flagship case management, court technology and dispute resolution mechanisms programmes in Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar and Vietnam, the College was proud to present a customised judgment writing programme in Brunei for the Brunei judiciary. The Supreme Court of Korea's Judicial Research and Training Institute also invited the College to speak at its international conference alongside the US National Judicial College and the European Judicial Training Network. This year also saw our cooperation with the National Judges College of the People's Republic of China advance to a new level, with mutual visits for institutional exchange of ideas and perspectives on judicial training and education.

As it begins another chapter, the College will work with the Singapore Management University ("SMU") School of Law to offer for the first time, the Master of Laws in Judicial Studies programme. This programme for higher judicial learning for judges by judges is a first of its kind in the region. It will see the involvement of not only SMU faculty members, but also our judges to teach, mentor and supervise the first cohort of candidates in 2019.

This annual report details the work of the College for the past year. It is a superb effort and I congratulate the Dean and his team as well as the Board of Governors of the College for a job well done. The College has already done extremely well and I look forward to seeing the team drive it to new heights in the years to come.

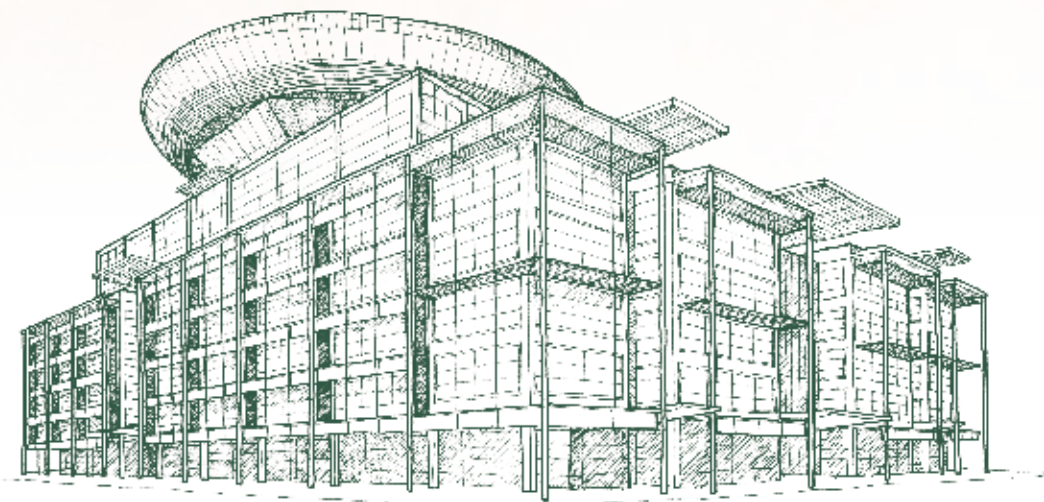
### CHIEF JUSTICE

#### SUNDARESH MENON

Supreme Court of Singapore

# ABOUT THE COLLEGE

Established under the auspices of the Supreme Court of Singapore, the Singapore Judicial College serves the learning and developmental needs of judges and judicial officers.



## LOCAL WING

The Local Wing conducts core, continuing education and special programmes for the Singapore Bench. It equips new judges to discharge their duties through a signature induction programme. It also continually refreshes the bench skills of existing judges and exposes them to the latest developments in the specific context in which they make judicial decisions.

## INTERNATIONAL WING

The International Wing builds on the reputation of Singapore's legal and judicial system and lends technical assistance to other jurisdictions, as well as offers signature and flagship programmes in areas such as bench skills, judgecraft, court administration and governance, court technology, dispute resolution mechanisms and the training of judicial educators.

## EMPIRICAL JUDICIAL RESEARCH

The Empirical Judicial Research initiative provides a unique opportunity for empirical work, including quantitative and data analysis, to produce innovative judicial practices and policies.

## VISION

To achieve excellence in judicial education and research

## MISSION

To provide and inspire continuing judicial learning and research to enhance the competency and professionalism of judges



## BOARD OF GOVERNORS

### CHAIRMAN

The Honourable JUSTICE ANDREW PHANG  
Judge of Appeal, Supreme Court of Singapore



### DEPUTY CHAIRMAN

The Honourable JUSTICE QUENTIN LOH  
Judge, Supreme Court of Singapore



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Presiding Judge of the Family Justice Courts of Singapore

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### PS TO THE DEAN

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# AREAS OF FOCUS FOR PROGRAMMES OF THE COLLEGE



# CORE CURRICULUM

The core curriculum of the College centres around a signature induction programme with an emphasis on essential bench skills and judgecraft that are foundational to effective decision-making. Newly appointed judges undergo this induction programme comprising:

- A 2-week programme (Part A) where the newly appointed judges undergo orientation that is tailored specifically for them by the court to which they have been appointed. The programme consists of briefings, sit-ins and interaction with other judges.
- Core programmes (10 days) interspersed with hearings and on-the-job training.
- The annual 4-day Judiciary-Wide Induction Programme (Part B) where the newly appointed judges have the opportunity to interact with the Chief Justice to gain better perspective of the judicial philosophy and workings of the Singapore judiciary, as well as undertake "summation" modules conducted by experienced judges with the College faculty on bench skills, judicial ethics and conduct, judicial resilience, and legal development. This programme culminates in a dinner hosted by the Chief Justice and the Supreme Court Bench. As part of the programme, foreign participants are taken on immersive learning journeys to the Supreme Court, the State Courts and the Family Justice Courts. The core programmes are also open to foreign participants.



## JUDICIARY-WIDE INDUCTION PROGRAMME

13 – 16 Nov 2018



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The core programmes of the College are:

- Judgment Writing and Oral Judgment
- Case Management
- Judgment Writing: Construction of Contract
- Assessing Credibility of Witnesses
- Effective Engagement of Litigants-in-Person

## JUDGMENT WRITING AND ORAL JUDGMENT

10 – 11 May 2018

Participants of this 2-day programme were equipped with a practical framework that can be applied when writing judgments, developed a consciousness of the best practices in judgment writing, and gained confidence in delivering oral judgments. Apart from local judicial officers, there were foreign participants comprising judges from Brunei and Fiji, as well as officers from the Central Bank of Malaysia, the Competition & Consumer Commission of Singapore, the Intellectual Property Office of Singapore and the Ministry of Manpower of Singapore. A delegation from the National Judges College of the People's Republic of China also observed the programme.



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## CASE MANAGEMENT

31 Jul – 1 Aug 2018

This 1.5-day programme equipped participants with the skills to prepare for and conduct effective pre-trial conferences, hearings and trials with a robust approach to case management. The participants had the opportunity to hone their skills in a series of role-play scenarios.

## JUDGMENT WRITING: CONSTRUCTION OF CONTRACT

7 – 8 Aug 2018

A companion to the “Judgment Writing and Oral Judgment” programme, this 2-day programme focused on analysing and writing judgments in the specific context of construction of contracts. Associate Professor Goh Yihan, Dean of the Singapore Management University School of Law, also gave the participants a refresher on recent developments in the construction of contracts.



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## ASSESSING CREDIBILITY OF WITNESSES

30 – 31 Aug 2018

Deploying a distinctive pedagogy, this 2-day programme first took the participants through the shortcomings of the processes commonly deployed to assess the credibility of witnesses. Through practice and positive reinforcement, the participants then gained confidence to undertake such assessments using a defensible and principled approach.



## EFFECTIVE ENGAGEMENT OF LITIGANTS-IN-PERSON

27 – 28 Sep 2018

This 2-day programme saw participants having the opportunity to interact with psychiatrists from the Institute of Mental Health and appreciate the workings of the minds of litigants-in-person, especially those with personality disorders. Participants were able to apply their knowledge as well as practise their skills and techniques of engagement through interactive role-play sessions.



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# MASTERCLASSES

The Masterclasses were introduced in the curriculum of the College to expose judges to “best-in-class” views through “deep-dive” sessions on selected topics in specialised areas of the law conducted by our Supreme Court and International Judges, as well as leading local and foreign counsel.

## ARBITRATION MASTERCLASS

15 Oct 2018

Justice Judith Prakash, Judge of Appeal

Justice Bernard Eder, International Judge

This 1-day Masterclass focused on the court’s role in supervising and assisting arbitration proceedings as well as implementing arbitration agreements, with specific discussions on selected “hot topics” in the areas of jurisdiction and stay of legal proceedings, assistance to arbitration proceedings, enforcement of arbitral awards annulled/ set aside at the seat of arbitration and issue estoppel under the New York Convention. The Masterclass also welcomed judicial officers from the Supreme Court of Brunei Darussalam.



## INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY MASTERCLASS

20 Nov 2018

Judicial Commissioner Dedar Singh Gill

Justice Simon Thorley, International Judge

This 1-day Masterclass engaged participants in the areas of protection of shape marks under the law of trade marks, goodwill in the tort of passing off, groundless threats of infringement proceedings and selected issues of procedure and practice in intellectual property law. The Masterclass also saw participants from the Fiji judiciary, the Supreme Court of the Union of Myanmar, and the Supreme Court of Sri Lanka in attendance.





## LOCAL WING

Apart from the core curriculum, the Local Wing conducts continuing education programmes to keep the Singapore Bench abreast of the latest developments in cutting-edge areas relevant to their judicial work and the social context in which they make decisions.

## HIGHLIGHTS OF LECTURE SERIES

The College delivers continuing education for local judges through three main series:

- Supreme Court Bench Series conducted by Supreme Court Judges and Judicial Commissioners
- Professorial Series conducted by legal academia and faculty from other relevant disciplines
- Practitioners' Series conducted by experts in relevant practice fields

## SUPREME COURT BENCH SERIES

**JUDICIAL MODESTY:  
A VALUE THAT INFORMS ONE'S JUDICIAL PHILOSOPHY**  
13 Mar 2018

Chief Justice Sundaresh Menon  
Justice Tay Yong Kwang, Judge of Appeal  
Justice Vinodh Coomaraswamy, Judge  
Judicial Commissioner Audrey Lim

This session was a sequel to a panel discussion that the Chief Justice led in 2017 on "Unpacking Judicial Arrogance". The Chief Justice delivered a lecture on the application of judicial modesty in public and constitutional law, judicial review, statutory interpretation and the interaction of law and policy and in particular public policy. This was followed by comments on the lecture by a panel, as well as participants engaging in an interactive discussion with the Chief Justice and the panel.





# PROFESSORIAL SERIES

## **POLICING IN NEW ZEALAND; GENETICS AND NEUROSCIENCE IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE; AND THE FORENSIC BRAINWAVE PROJECT**

25 Jul 2018

Professor Robin Palmer, Director of Clinical Legal Studies, University of Canterbury

Professor Richard Jones, Director, Christchurch Neurotechnology Research Programme,  
New Zealand Brain Research Institute

Associate Professor Dr Debra Wilson, School of Law, University of Canterbury

In this session, participants had the opportunity to hear from three foreign experts on New Zealand's policing strategies, the ethical and legal impacts of the increasing use of genetics and neuroscience in the criminal justice system worldwide, and an introduction to the Forensic Brainwave Project as an example of the potential application of new forensic technology in the criminal justice system.



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## **WHAT JUDGES NEED TO KNOW ABOUT THE FUTURE OF THE MARKET FOR LEGAL SERVICES IN THE NEW GLOBAL AGE OF MORE FOR LESS**

29 Aug 2018

Professor David B. Wilkins, Lester Kissel Professor of Law, Vice Dean for Global Initiatives on the Legal Profession, Faculty Director of the Center on the Legal Profession, Harvard Law School

Participants were privileged to hear from Professor Wilkins, a leading authority from Harvard Law School on the subject of the legal profession, as he discussed the large scale forces that are transforming the market for legal services around the world, and the impact on the critical role that judges play in resolving disputes, providing access to justice, and preserving the rule of law.



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## PRACTITIONERS' SERIES

### INTRODUCTION TO CRYPTOCURRENCY AND THE LEGAL ISSUES ARISING

20 Feb 2018

Mr Nizam Ismail, Partner, RHTLaw Taylor Wessing

In this session, Mr Nizam discussed the typical legal issues arising from transactions involving bitcoins, distributed ledger technology, blockchain, smart contracts, Decentralised Autonomous Organisation, initial coin or token offerings, and how they inter-relate with securities regulations.



### SLEEP, PRODUCTIVITY AND JUDGING

16 May 2018

Dr Toh Song Tar, Unit Director, Sleep Disorder Unit, Singapore General Hospital

Besides the Creativity and Positive Psychology Samplers, this lecture was organised under the expanded focus area of personal development and resilience. Dr Toh addressed the importance of having adequate and quality sleep, and its impact on productivity and judging capacity. The participants' attention was drawn to some of the red-flags that may prompt them to seek early medical intervention to improve their sleep patterns.



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## NEW PROGRAMME SERIES

The College introduced a brand-new series comprising half-day programmes for topics that require more time than a lecture, or when a particular judicial education programme is suitable for delivery in several half-day parts.

### UNDERSTANDING THE PSYCHOLOGY OF SEXUAL ASSAULT VICTIMS

28 Aug 2018

Ms Tan Li Jen, Senior Deputy Director and Senior Principal Clinical Psychologist, Ministry of Social and Family Development

Ms Jennifer Teoh, Director and Senior Principal Forensic Psychologist, Clinical and Forensic Psychology Service, Ministry of Social and Family Development

In this inaugural session, psychologists from the Ministry of Social and Family Development shared their insights on the psychology of sexual assault victims. Participants were introduced to the relevant social science research and empirical findings from trauma and victim psychology, so as to better understand common sexual assault misconceptions and make more informed judicial decisions.



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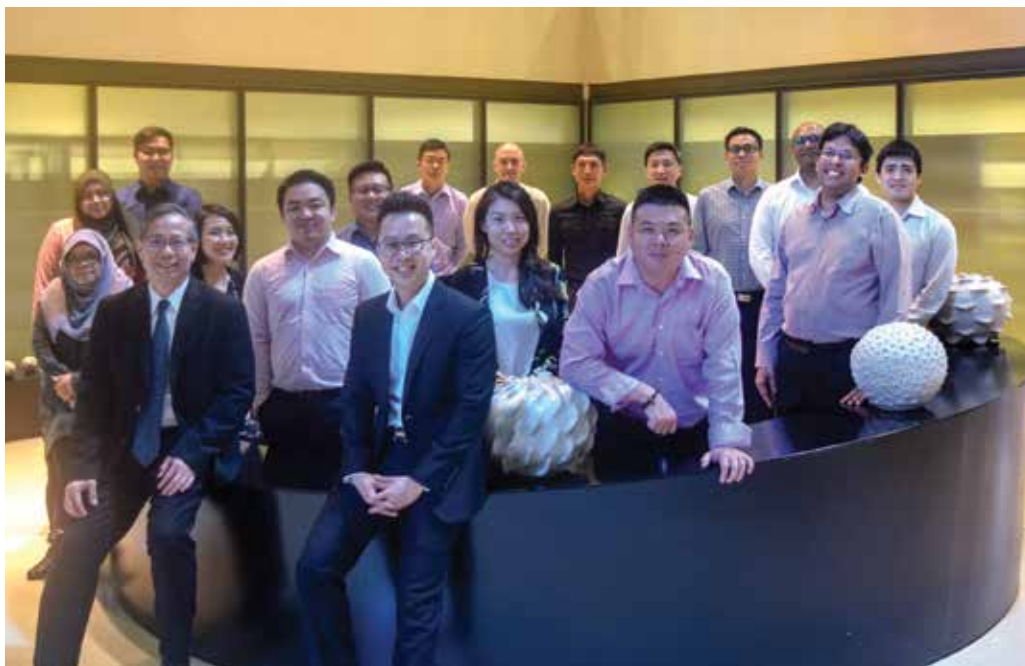


# CUSTOMISED PROGRAMMES

## PERSONAL DATA PROTECTION COMMISSION MINISTRY OF MANPOWER

20 – 21 Aug 2018; 10 – 11 Sep 2018; 1 and 8 Oct 2018

The Personal Data Protection Commission (“PDPC”) and the Ministry of Manpower (“MOM”) engaged the College to customise and deliver training programmes in the specific context of written decisions undertaken by their officers. Two runs of the 2-day programme were conducted for PDPC in August 2018 and September 2018 whereas one was conducted for MOM in October 2018.



## INTERNATIONAL WING

The International Wing offers a range of judicial education programmes for judges and government officials in other jurisdictions. Some of these programmes are offered under the auspices of the Singapore Cooperation Programme run by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Singapore, while others are customised programmes for which the College has been engaged to deliver.



# INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMMES

## JUDICIAL EDUCATORS PROGRAMME

19 – 20 Jul 2018

In this 2-day programme, participants, who are or aspire to be judicial educators responsible for training and delivering instruction to judges, learnt and applied the relevant skills, methods and techniques to conduct effective judicial education programmes that will optimise learning objectives. The programme also welcomed the Director of the Hong Kong Judicial Institute, Ms Shirley Chan.



## JUDGE-LED DISPUTE RESOLUTION: WORKSHOP ON JUDICIAL MEDIATION

14 – 17 Aug 2018

Jointly organised by the State Courts Centre for Dispute Resolution, the Singapore Mediation Centre and the College, this 4-day programme equipped participants with the key principles, best practices and techniques of judge-led dispute resolution and judicial mediation through an intensive series of lectures, discussions and role-plays. The participants also had the opportunity to engage former Supreme Court Justice Kan Ting Chiu in a discussion during a fireside chat.



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## SINGAPORE'S EXPERIENCE: PROTECTION, RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS UNDER THE WOMEN'S CHARTER

3 – 7 Sep 2018

Conducted under the auspices of the Singapore Cooperation Programme, participants from 18 jurisdictions were given an overview of the protection, rights and obligations afforded under the Women's Charter in Singapore, specifically in relation to the institution of marriage and in relation to offences against women and girls. They also participated in learning journeys at the Family Justice Courts and the Singapore Council of Women's Organisations.



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## STRATEGIES OF CASE MANAGEMENT: CHALLENGES, SOLUTIONS AND INNOVATION

3 – 6 Apr 2018 : Phnom Penh, Cambodia  
3 – 6 Jul 2018 : Hanoi, Vietnam  
9 – 12 Oct 2018 : Yangon, Myanmar  
4 – 7 Dec 2018 : Vientiane, Laos

During the 4-day programmes conducted under the auspices of the Singapore Cooperation Programme (Initiative for ASEAN Integration), participants were exposed to various strategies to address the challenges of case management, and explored the continued relevance and applicability of past strategies, their refinements and innovations to meet current and future demands on the judiciary.



## END-TO-END COURT TECHNOLOGY

26 – 29 Jun 2018 : Yangon, Myanmar  
11 – 14 Sep 2018 : Phnom Penh, Cambodia

During the 4-day programmes conducted under the auspices of the Singapore Cooperation Programme (Initiative for ASEAN Integration), participants were introduced to the use of court technology in Singapore with the attendant challenges involved in conceptualising, developing and implementing information technology ("IT") solutions for the judiciary, as well as the operating environment that is conducive to support such solutions. This culminated in an envisioning exercise for participants to tailor feasible strategies in implementing IT solutions for their courts of the future.



## EASE OF DOING BUSINESS: DISPUTE RESOLUTION MECHANISMS

30 Oct – 2 Nov 2018: Yangon, Myanmar

Conducted under the auspices of the Singapore Cooperation Programme (Initiative for ASEAN Integration), participants of this 4-day programme were given an insight into how commercial cases are managed and adjudicated in Singapore, including her pro-business legal framework and court processes, dispute resolution mechanisms other than litigation, and the use of electronic case management systems. The programme culminated in a discussion to strategise how business-friendly courts of the future could be established in Myanmar.





## CUSTOMISED INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMMES

In support of the Council of ASEAN Chief Justices' areas of focus for judicial education and training, the College customised four workshops for ASEAN judges. The workshops were attended by some 90 participants, comprising local and international participants. Separately, the College also conducted a judgment writing programme customised for the Brunei judiciary.

### FUNDAMENTALS OF ENFORCEMENT OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS

6 Feb 2018



### ENVIRONMENTAL LAW: OVERVIEW AND CHALLENGES IN THE ASEAN REGION

17 Apr 2018



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### CROSS-BORDER INSOLVENCY LAWS

24 Jul 2018



### HARMONISING ASEAN COMMERCIAL LAWS

2 Aug 2018



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## JUDGMENT WRITING PROGRAMME FOR BRUNEI JUDICIARY

18 – 20 Oct 2018: Bandar Seri Begawan, Brunei

The College conducted a 3-day judgment writing programme in Brunei that was attended by participants from the Civil Court, Syariah Court, and the Attorney General's Chambers. Through a series of presentations, drafting exercises and role-plays, participants had the opportunity to apply various skills and techniques that were taught for effective judgment writing and delivery of oral judgments.



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## PROGRAMME OFFERINGS IN 2018

AREA OF FOCUS	DATE	NAME OF PROGRAMME
<b>BENCH SKILLS</b>	10 Jan	Judicial Education Session on Concurrent Expert Evidence (for Supreme Court and International Judges)
	10 – 11 May	Judgment Writing and Oral Judgment
	19 – 20 Jul	Judicial Educators Programme
	31 Jul – 1 Aug	Case Management
	7 – 8 Aug	Judgment Writing: Construction of Contract
	14 – 17 Aug	Judge-led Dispute Resolution: Workshop on Judicial Mediation
	30 – 31 Aug	Assessing Credibility of Witnesses
	27 – 28 Sep	Effective Engagement of Litigants-in-Person
<b>COURT LEADERSHIP</b>	26 Apr	Balancing Judicial Work and Managerial Functions
<b>JUDICIAL ETHICS</b>	23 Jan	An Emphatic Plea for the Empathic Judge
	13 Mar	Judicial Modesty: A Value that Informs One's Judicial Philosophy
<b>LEGAL DEVELOPMENT</b>	4 Jan	Highlights of Civil Procedure 2017
	30 Jan	Noteworthy Legal Developments in Building & Construction Contracts
	8 Feb	Review of the Recent Changes to the Practice of Bankruptcy Law in Singapore

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AREA OF FOCUS	DATE	NAME OF PROGRAMME
<b>LEGAL DEVELOPMENT</b>	20 Feb	Introduction to Cryptocurrency and the Legal Issues Arising
	22 Feb	Family Justice Rules: A Departure from the Rules of Civil Procedure – the “Judge-led” Approach and Robust Case Management
	8 Mar	Tax Policies During SG50 and the Fiscal Challenges to SG100
	20 Mar	Talking Points from Magistrates’ Appeals cases of 2017
	22 May	Noteworthy Legal Developments in Trade Mark Law
	21 Jun	The Logic and Limits of the UNCITRAL Model Law on Cross-Border Insolvencies
	11 Jul	Judicial Education Session on Carbon Pricing (for Supreme Court Judges)
	10 Oct	Trends in Civil Litigation
<b>PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT &amp; RESILIENCE</b>	16 May	Sleep, Productivity and Judging
	6 Jul	Creativity Sampler
	14 Sep	Positive Psychology Sampler
<b>SOCIAL AWARENESS</b>	11 Jan	Rewriting Children’s Rights Judgments
	13 Feb	Do Better Paid and/or Qualified Lawyers Win More Often in Court?

■ International programmes

AREA OF FOCUS	DATE	NAME OF PROGRAMME
<b>SOCIAL AWARENESS</b>	24 Apr	Crime Trends Briefing; Changes to Community Based Sentencing Eligibility Criteria and Reformatory Training Regime
	27 Apr, 4 May	Overview of Family Systemic Theory and Experiencing the Family Genogram
	29 Aug	What Judges Need to Know About the Future of the Market for Legal Services in the New Global Age of More for Less
	24 Oct	Access to Justice in a Digital Age
<b>TECHNOLOGY &amp; SCIENCES</b>	25 Jan	Lessons on DNA Evidence Adduced in Court
	27 Mar	Inflicting Bodily Injury Sufficient in the Ordinary Course of Nature to Cause Death
	25 Jul	Policing in New Zealand; Genetics and Neuroscience in Criminal Justice; and the Forensic Brainwave Project
	20 Aug	Document Dating for Criminal and Civil Cases
	28 Aug	Understanding the Psychology of Sexual Assault Victims
	18 Sep	Probability and Statistics

■ International programmes



TYPE OF PROGRAMME	DATE	NAME OF PROGRAMME
<b>MASTERCLASSES</b>	15 Oct	Arbitration Masterclass
	20 Nov	Intellectual Property Masterclass
<b>CUSTOMISED PROGRAMMES</b>	6 Feb	CACJ Workshop: Fundamentals of Enforcement of Intellectual Property Rights
	17 Apr	CACJ Workshop: Environmental Law: Overview and Challenges in the ASEAN Region
	3 – 6 Apr	Strategies of Case Management: Challenges, Solutions and Innovation <i>Phnom Penh, Cambodia</i>
	26 – 29 Jun	End-to-End Court Technology <i>Yangon, Myanmar</i>
	3 – 6 Jul	Strategies of Case Management: Challenges, Solutions and Innovation <i>Hanoi, Vietnam</i>
	24 Jul	CACJ Workshop: Cross-Border Insolvency Laws
	2 Aug	CACJ Workshop: Harmonising ASEAN Commercial Laws
	20 – 21 Aug	Judgment Writing (for Personal Data Protection Commission)

■ International programmes

TYPE OF PROGRAMME	DATE	NAME OF PROGRAMME
<b>CUSTOMISED PROGRAMMES</b>	3 – 7 Sep	Singapore's Experience: Protection, Rights and Obligations under the Women's Charter
	10 – 11 Sep	Judgment Writing (for Personal Data Protection Commission - 2nd run)
	11 – 14 Sep	End-to-End Court Technology <i>Phnom Penh, Cambodia</i>
	1, 8 Oct	Judgment Writing (for Ministry of Manpower)
	9 – 12 Oct	Strategies of Case Management: Challenges, Solutions and Innovation <i>Yangon, Myanmar</i>
	18 – 20 Oct	Judgment Writing (for Brunei Judiciary) <i>Bandar Seri Begawan, Brunei</i>
	30 Oct – 2 Nov	Ease of Doing Business: Dispute Resolution Mechanisms <i>Yangon, Myanmar</i>
	4 – 7 Dec	Strategies of Case Management: Challenges, Solutions and Innovation <i>Vientiane, Laos</i>
<b>INDUCTION</b>	13 – 16 Nov	Judiciary-Wide Induction Programme for Newly Appointed Judges and Judicial Officers

■ International programmes

**FOR PROGRAMME OFFERINGS IN 2019, ACCESS:**  
<http://www.supremecourt.gov.sg/sjc/programme-offerings>

# EMPIRICAL JUDICIAL RESEARCH INITIATIVE

The Empirical Judicial Research initiative provides a unique opportunity for empirical work, including quantitative and data analysis, to produce innovative judicial practices and policies.





# ACCREDITATION

The Master of Laws in Judicial Studies was officially launched in July 2018 and will be jointly offered by the College and the Singapore Management University ("SMU") from August 2019. A first of its kind in the region, the new postgraduate degree programme is designed to provide advanced judicial training for serving judges and judicial aspirants both in and outside Singapore. The salient features of the new programme are:

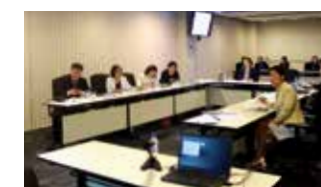
- DIVERSE CURRICULUM** : Enhance knowledge and competencies in core areas of law alongside practical judgecraft
- TEACHING FACULTY** : SMU professors with experienced Singapore judges, supported by the College
- IMMERSIVE EXPERIENCE** : Attachment programme with the Singapore judiciary and dissertation supervised by judges for selected empirical judicial research
- NETWORKING** : Graduates will join a new and growing alumni of judges
- FLEXIBILITY** : Full-time or extended duration



# INTERNATIONAL OUTREACH

## NATIONAL JUDGES COLLEGE OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA

The National Judges College ("NJC") of the People's Republic of China visited the College in May 2018. Led by Vice President Professor Feng Wenli, the NJC delegation was introduced to the work of the College and was brought on learning journeys at the Supreme Court, the State Courts and the Family Justice Courts. The College also hosted a dialogue session with NJC where potential areas of collaboration were discussed. The College made a reciprocal visit to NJC in Beijing in December 2018, and the itinerary included further discussions with NJC as well as a dialogue with Justice Hu Yunteng from the Supreme People's Court and NJC President Huang Wenjun.





## JUDICIAL AND RESEARCH TRAINING INSTITUTE OF THE SUPREME COURT OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA

The Judicial and Research Training Institute ("JRTI") of the Supreme Court of the Republic of Korea invited the College to speak at its international conference on emerging issues in judicial education in November 2018, alongside the US National Judicial College and the European Judicial Training Network. The College also had a dialogue with Supreme Court Justice Cho Hee-dae and JRTI President Sung Nack-song as well as entered into a memorandum of understanding with JRTI to advance judicial education.



## INTERNATIONAL ALUMNI

Since 2015, close to **1300** foreign judges and officials from **76** jurisdictions are alumni of the College.



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|------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. Afghanistan   | 27. Kiribati         | 53. Saint Lucia         |
| 2. Azerbaijan    | 28. Laos             | 54. Serbia              |
| 3. Bahamas       | 29. Latvia           | 55. Seychelles          |
| 4. Bahrain       | 30. Lesotho          | 56. Slovak Republic     |
| 5. Bangladesh    | 31. Liberia          | 57. Solomon Islands     |
| 6. Belize        | 32. Lithuania        | 58. Sri Lanka           |
| 7. Bhutan        | 33. Malaysia         | 59. Sudan               |
| 8. Botswana      | 34. Maldives         | 60. Swaziland           |
| 9. Brunei        | 35. Malta            | 61. Taiwan              |
| 10. Cambodia     | 36. Mauritius        | 62. Tanzania            |
| 11. China        | 37. Mexico           | 63. Thailand            |
| 12. Colombia     | 38. Micronesia       | 64. Timor-Leste         |
| 13. Cook Islands | 39. Mongolia         | 65. Togo                |
| 14. Egypt        | 40. Myanmar          | 66. Tonga               |
| 15. Ethiopia     | 41. Nepal            | 67. Trinidad and Tobago |
| 16. Fiji         | 42. Nigeria          | 68. Tunisia             |
| 17. Grenada      | 43. Oman             | 69. UAE (Dubai)         |
| 18. Ghana        | 44. Pakistan         | 70. Uganda              |
| 19. Guyana       | 45. Palau            | 71. Ukraine             |
| 20. Hong Kong    | 46. Palestine        | 72. United Kingdom      |
| 21. Hungary      | 47. Panama           | 73. Uzbekistan          |
| 22. India        | 48. Papua New Guinea | 74. Vietnam             |
| 23. Indonesia    | 49. Philippines      | 75. Zambia              |
| 24. Japan        | 50. Qatar            | 76. Zimbabwe            |
| 25. Jordan       | 51. Romania          |                         |
| 26. Kazakhstan   | 52. Russia           |                         |



