SMU Law School

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.

In my experience, the SMU graduates that I have met and worked with have indeed exhibited the three core values of the law school – Integrity, Humanity and Scholarship.

• The Honorable Attorney-General •
Mr Steven Chong, S.C.

AG’s speech at the SCL Building Groundbreaking Ceremony held on 29 Jan 2014

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The School of Law was started in 2007 after a major review of legal education in Singapore. It was timely to have a second law school in Singapore, under the steady hand of founding Dean Professor Michael Fumarola 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 ideas 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 teach 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 2014. You will bear witness to the historic move to the new School of Law Building and Kwa Geok Choo Law Library in 2017. Join us in making legal history for Singapore.

RIGOROUS AND CHALLENGING CURRICULUM

The Bachelor of Laws (LLB) is a 4-year meritorious honours programme with 36 course units worth of courses. The LLB curriculum, revised in 2011 and 2013 after extensive consultation with stakeholders, 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 carefully selected 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. Any 2 General Education Courses
  - 02. Any 1 Elective from SMU (including Law Electives)

- **Law Core Courses**:
  - 01. Financial Accounting
  - 02. Finance for Law

- **Law Electives (Choose 15 Course Units)**:
  - 01. Advocacy
  - 02. Bankruptcy 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
  - 13. Foreign Direct Investment Law & Practice
  - 14. Information Technology & the Law
  - 15. Insurance Law
  - 16. Intellectual Property Law
  - 17. International and Comparative Criminal Justice
  - 20. Informational Construction Law
  - 21. International Trade

**Note**: Law electives offered each year will vary.
Students at SMU Law School put in 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.

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.

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 legal practice in the private and public sectors. The internship may include an overseas component, as is the case of the internships arranged through our partner, 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 (VWO) 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 2nd or 3rd year, as part of the 80 hours of community service.

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.

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 degree’s requirements. For example, a LL.B.-BAct DDP student would have to undertake a law internship as well as an accountancy internship.
Internship Partners

Corporations (Legal Department)
- Asonacore Pte Ltd
- Allianz SE Insurance Management Asia Pacific
- Asia Pacific Reinsurance Limited
- BP Pacific Property Pte Ltd
- CapitaDubia Asia Limited
- Chang & Jenner Group (Singapore) Pte Ltd
- Caze Cafe Far East Limited
- ESPN Star Sports
- Financial Industry Disputes Resolution Centre Ltd (FIDRC), Hong Long Finance Limited
- Fox International Channels
- GE Capital Services Pte Ltd
- GE Healthcare
- Hesston Packard
- Kepco Feli Limited
- LexisNexis Singapore
- Momensons Singapore Co (Pte) Ltd
- NTUC Income Insurance Cooperative Limited
- PAG
- Sino Capital Markets Pte Ltd
- Statim Pte Ltd
- Singapore Porsche Company
- SingPost
- Starwood Hotels and Resorts
- Symantec
- Telstra Asia Pacific Pte Ltd
- Tiger Airways Singapore Pte Ltd
- Vogel Asia Pte Ltd
- YCH Group

Joint-law Venture Firms
- Baker & McKenzie Wong & Lee
- Clyde & Co Asia Singapore Pte Ltd
- Dacheng Wan An Alliance LLP
- Duaa Morris & Salvan LLP
- Watson Locke & Williams Asia Practice LLP

Qualifying Foreign Law Practices / Foreign Law Practices Based in Singapore
- Allen & Overy LLP
- AV & J Legal, Solicitors
- Bowin Lighthouse Pannier LLP
- Bryan Cave LLP
- Clifford Chance LLP
- Conyers Dill & Pearman Pte Ltd
- Crompt Vroom Mackenzie & Latoudis (Singapore) Pte Ltd
- DLAP Piper Singapore Pte Ltd
- Horben Smith Feidhlin LLP
- Holman Fenwick William Singapore Pte Ltd
- Liddell Singapore Pte Ltd.
- Lester LLP
- Morton & Fraser (Singapore) LLP
- Nair & Turofsky Singapore
- O'Malley & Myers LLP
- Squire Sanders (Singapore) LLP
- Stevenson Howard LLP
- White & Case Pte Ltd

Local Law Firms
- Allen & Godwin LLP
- Ang & Partners
- ATMD Bird & Bird LLP
- Boodle + Bow LLP
- Colin Ng & Partners LLP
- Dental Law & Partners
- Deland & Burkinson
- Dew & Nairi Pte Ltd
- Elgin Law LLP
- English Tsh and Partners
- Gerard & Co
- Hanafiah & Partners
- Hary Ahsal Partnership
- Joseph Tan Jade Beryl LLP
- Joyce A. Tan & Partners
- Kehoe-Chia Partnership
- Kleinwort Hambros
- Klaveno Wong
- Lushail LLC
- Leo & Lee
- Leo Che & Bout
- MES Ananthi Gill & Co
- Michael Heng Chambers
- Michael Kho & Partners
- Ooi & Babel LLP
- Perrot Tan & Associates
- Peter Lee LLC
- Providence Law Asia LLC
- Quash Wee & Palmar LLC
- Rash & Tan LLP
- Ratan & Wong Singapore
- BBT Law LLP
- Robert Weng & Woe LLC
- Robyl & Dohle LLP
- Samuel Sue Law Corporation
- Shook Lin & Bok LLP
- Slaughter Law Corporation
- Smith Law Practice LLC
- Tan Kok Quan Partnership
- Tan Rajah & Cheah (TRC)
- TeoAmos (Pte) Ltd
- Theo & Co
- Titus & Co
- Tim Root & Co. LLP
- TNP Law Corporation
- Wire & White LLP
- Woe To Yew
- Wongs LLP
- Wong & Molly Lim LLP
- Yoo-Lung & Poh LLC

Banks (Legal Department)
- Barclays Capital Securities Pte Ltd
- Bill Hill Limited Singapore
- Bovis Leader
- ECT Bank (Singapore) Ltd
- Suez Generale
- UBS AG
- United Overseas Bank Limited

Overseas Government Organisations and Law Firms

Brazil
- Frente Vagnino

China
- Khai Ho/Wong (Shanghai)
- Nixon Peabody LLP (Shanghai)
- WongPartnership LLP (Shanghai)

Hong Kong
- Clyde & Co
- Deno Chung's Chambers
- Des Voeux Chambers
- Hargreaves Lord
- High Court Private International Law (HCCP)
- Norton Rose LLP
- Poonsamran Chambers
- Temple Chambers
- The High Court of Hong Kong

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

Malaysia
- Rashid Loong (Kuala Lumpur)

Middle East
- WongPartnership LLP

United States
- Allen & Overy LLP (New York City)
- Duaa Morris LLP (New York City)
- Epstein Becker Green (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 Internship Programme
- Singapore Land Authority (Legal Department)
- Singapore Legal Service
- Singapore Speech Council, Legal Department
- The Subordinate Courts of Singapore Internship Programme
- The Supreme Court of Singapore Internship Programme
- The Law Society of Singapore

Non-Government Organisations
- Commonwealth Human Rights Initiative (Delhi, India)

Others
- Senior Counsel Forum

Scholarships and 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 recognize and encourage outstanding academic performance from our students.

Top Awards
- Lai Kow Chai Prize for Top First Year Law Student
- The Pung Cooamaseeweny Prize for Top Third Year Law Student
- Kwan & Pi底下 Prize for Top Final Year Law Student
- Rajah & Tann Prize for Top Graduating Law Student
- WongPartnership Prize for Most Outstanding Law Graduate
- DBS Bank School Valedictorian Award

Subject Awards
- David Marshall Prize for Top Student in Criminal Law (Year 1)
- Nair Memorial Prize for Best Law Student in Creative Thinking (Year 1)
- Phang Sing Eng Prize for Top Student in Contract Law (Year 1)
- Roddy Prize for Top Student in Legal Research & Writing (Award Year)
- Emeritus Professor Gerald Devons Prize for Best Student in Intellectual Property Law (Year From 2)
- Roddy Prize for Top Student in Corporate Law (Year 2)
- Tan Boon Tak Prize for Top Student in Constitutional and Administrative Law (Year 2)
- Tan Boon Yew Prize for Top Student in Property Law (Year From 2)
- Adjourned Prize for the Best Student in Islamic Commercial Law (From Year 3)
- ATMD Bird & Bird Prize for Student with Best Year Three Law Research Paper (Year 3)
- Clyde & Co Prize for Top Student in Insurance Law (From Year 3)
- Drew and Napper 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 Top Student in Negotiation & Mediation (From Year 3)
- Michael Heng Prize for Top Student in International Commercial Arbitration (From Year 3)
- Michael Kho Prize for Best Student in Corporate Crime (From Year 3)
- Pagg Pang Prize for Top Student in Legal Theory and Philosophy (Year 3)
- Pailles 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 & Law (From Year 3)
- Rajah & Tann Prize for Top Student in Shipping Law (From Year 3)
- Stanford Law Prize for Top Student in Financial and Securities Regulation (From Year 3)
- The Arnett Singh SC Prize for Top Student in Public International Law (From Year 3)

Competition Awards
- Duane Morris & Salvan LLP Transactional Competition
- Harry Elias Partnership LLP Most Prizes for SML-Harry Elias Partnership LLP Mentoring Competition
- Rajah & Tann Most Prizes for the Howard Hunter Internal Moots
- The Roddy Challenge Competition and Prizes

Scholarships
- Kia Geok Choo Scholarship
- Woe Cheng Jin Scholarship

Bursaries
- Conyers Dill & Pearson Bursary
- Oon & Bazal Bursary
- School of Law Bursary
- Yong Pung How Bursary
As part of its commitment to holistic education, the Law School currently hosts four competitions in collaboration with the legal community – the Howard Hunter Moots, Hamy Ellis Partnership LLP-SMU Moot, the Rodyle Challenge and the Duane Morris & Selvam LLP Transactional Competition – 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 10 of the 16 competitions that were open to NUS and SMU between 2011 and 2013. In international moot competitions, the Law School has appeared in 14 finals and won 7 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 moot 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 year. Our students successfully defended the Asia Cup in 2011 and also took top honours at the 2011 edition of the International Youth Peace competition as part of a joint team between SMU and NUS. In 2012, our Willem C Vis Moot team tied the highest-ever tournament record by winning 5 Honourable Mention awards for written and oral submissions. In 2013, SMU reached the international final of the Philip C Jessup Moot which saw a record turnout of 632 teams. Although it did not win the final, SMU set the record of being the fastest and youngest ever law school to reach the international final.

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.

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
- University of New South Wales, Sydney

**China**
- China Youth University for Political Sciences, Beijing
- School of Law, Peking University, Beijing
- Renmin School of Law, Shanghai Jiao Tong University, Shanghai
- School of Law, Tsinghua University, Beijing

**Hong Kong SAR**
- 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

**UNITED STATES**

**School of Law, Emory University, Atlanta, Georgia**

**College of Law, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Illinois**

**School of Law, University of San Diego, San Diego, California**

**MIDDLE EAST**

**Israel**
- The Beiderman Faculty of Law, Tel Aviv University
- The Interdisciplinary Centre, Herzliya

**EUROPE**

**France**
- Université Paris-Est Créteil, Créteil

**Germany**
- Bucerius Law School, Hamburg
- Free University Berlin, Berlin

**Italy**
- Faculty of Law, Bocconi University, Milan

**Netherlands**
- School of Law, Tilburg University, Tilburg
- Faculty of Law, University of 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
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

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.
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 audio-video 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.

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 venue 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 inter-governmental 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 Freehill-SMU Asian Arbitration Lecture, the Harry Elias-SMC-SMU Singapore Mediation lecture, and a regular series of Practitioner Seminars.
INTERNATIONAL ISLAMIC LAW AND 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 ILF 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 ILF 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 ILF Centre is developing a clearly defined and industry-focused ILF Centre Research Initiative and ILF 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 ILF 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 are managed and centralized under this Centre. Additionally the Centre collates with Asian universities to raise the pro bono consciousness at 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, disenchanted 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 Business & Rule of Law Initiative

The Asian Business & Rule of Law Initiative (ABRL) conducts cutting-edge research at the intersection of business, society and the ‘rule of law’ at the SMU School of Law. Bridging theory and practice, ABRL provides SMU students with hands-on experience working on active cases and research projects. The skills-training imparted to students through directed research instruction and guidance is applied in the context of real-world legal advocacy.

Since its inception in 2010, ABRL has represented genocide survivors in trials in Cambodia; co-authored a multi-site rule of law study on ASEAN; advised the UN on transnational corporate responsibility; and carried out policy-relevant research in relation to post-conflict Sri Lanka, Timor-Leste and Bangladesh. ABRL has had the privilege of working with leading law schools, including Yale, Berkeley and Santa Clara.

ABRL has also co-hosted two summer courses on international human rights law with established international universities, and has co-organized the 2013 Singapore Forum on Business & Human Rights with the UN and other stakeholders. Working in partnership with our advisors, ABRL contributes to effecting positive social change regionally as we hone our critical thinking, legal advocacy and professional skills.
The international experience of our Law Faculty is reflected in their profiles and they hold postgraduate degrees from renowned universities worldwide such as Harvard and Oxford. The diversity in legal research and teaching is apparent from the list of global publications of the faculty and the spectrum of courses being offered in various areas of law. The faculty are also very actively involved in service within the university, the legal fraternity and in society.

The faculty community is a closely-knit and collegial one and, in conjunction with the relatively small size of the school, engenders a sense of being part of an extended family amongst our students.

For more information on our faculty full profiles, visit our website at https://law.smu.edu.sg/directory/faculty/full-time
FACULTY

Michael Philip FURMSTON
Professor of Law (Practice)
Areas of Specialisation:
- Contract Law
- Commercial Law
- Construction Law

Henry GAO
Associate Professor of Law
Areas of Specialisation:
- WTO
- Free Trade Agreement
- International Trade Law
- International Law
- Chinese Law
- Law and Economics

Anna HOWARD
Lecturer of Law
Areas of Specialisation:
- Competition Law

LOW Kee Yang
Associate Professor of Law
Areas of Specialisation:
- Law of Guarantees
- Law of Torts
- Law Affecting Financial Advisors
- Corporate Law
- Misrepresentation and Envelope

IAN MACDUFF
Associate Professor of Law (Practice)
Director, Centre for Dispute Resolution
Areas of Specialisation:
- Dispute Resolution
- International Conflict Resolution
- Mediation (Domestic and International)
- Online Dispute Resolution
- Diversity, Ethnicity and Conflict Management

Elisa MIK
Assistant Professor of Law
Areas of Specialisation:
- Contract Law
- Internet Law
- Information Technology and the Law

Pasha L. HSIEH
Assistant Professor of Law
Areas of Specialisation:
- WTO and International Economic Law
- Public International Law
- China, ASEAN and International Law
- Legal Issues of Cross-Taiwan Strait Relations

Locknie HSU
Associate Professor of Law
Areas of Specialisation:
- International Trade and Investment Law
- Trade and Investment Dispute Mechanisms

Howard HUNTER
Professor of Law
Areas of Specialisation:
- Consumer and Commercial Law
- American Constitutional Law
- Competition Law

Jack LEE
Assistant Professor of Law
Areas of Specialisation:
- Constitutional and Administrative Law
- Comparative Human Rights Law
- Cultural Property and Heritage Law
- Media Law

LEE Pey Woon
Associate Professor of Law
Areas of Specialisation:
- Corporate Law
- Private Law

Jeremy LEONG
Assistant Professor of Law
Areas of Specialisation:
- Interdisciplinary Analysis of International Law
- International Financial and Commercial Law
- Corporate Restructuring

Pearlie KOH
Associate Professor of Law
Director, Continuing Legal Education
Areas of Specialisation:
- Corporate Law

Rathna N. KOMAN
Associate Professor of Law (Practice)
Director, Pro Bono Centre
Areas of Specialisation:
- Contract Law
- Criminal Law
- Dispute Resolution: Negotiation, Mediation, Arbitration and Litigation
- Law of Armed Conflict
- Legal Research and Writing
- Advocacy Skills

LOO Wee Ling
Associate Professor of Law (Practice)
Areas of Specialisation:
- Contract and Commercial Law
- Credit and Security Law
- Consumer Law

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- Equity and Trusts
- Property Law
- Law of Remission

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Assistant Professor of Law
Areas of Specialisation:
- Behavioural Law and Economics
- Neoliberal
- European Contract Law
- European Consumer Law
BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

Tertiary education is about more than just studying, even at SMU where the classroom is the world at large. No university experience is complete without a range of activities completely unrelated to the classroom. With over 100 core curricular activities (COAs) to join, SMU students are true all-rounders. From sports and outdoor adventure to community service and the arts and culture, there’s something for everyone.

Not only does SMU’s location ensure that fun is always just around the corner, it is also cleverly designed to facilitate a range of student activities. Sports facilities include a stunning rooftop swimming pool, one of the best equipped gymnasiums within the city and a multi-purpose sports hall equipped with a rock wall. The campus is also equipped with facilities to stir budding artists, including an Arts & Culture Centre, a multi-purpose hall, a basement studio, the Campus Radio Studio and The Box, a multi-purpose space for such diverse activities as film-talks, seminars, multi-media presentations, art-space or even craft demonstrations.

“it is Friday, 20th November midnight, with a week to go before my exams. As an SMU student, I was spending my time the only way I knew how: with my professor completing, collectively, 666 laps (633.3m) at the pool for charity. SMU Law School isn’t just a school. It’s an experience. Warning: not for the faint-hearted."

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