New High Court judge

JUDICIAL Commissioner Andrew Phang Boon Leong has been appointed a judge of the High Court.

Yesterday’s appointment brings the number of High Court and Court of Appeal judges to 14.

Dr Phang, 47, was appointed judicial commissioner in January for a one-year term. There are now no judicial commissioners on the Bench.

He was one of the first two academics appointed as senior counsel last year. The other is Professor Tan Cheng Han, dean of the National University of Singapore (NUS) law faculty.

Dr Phang was professor of law and chaired the department of law in the business school of Singapore Management University (SMU) before he was made judicial commissioner.

He is known for a long list of publications, including a textbook on contract law in Singapore. He joined SMU in 2000 after teaching at NUS for 18 years.

He graduated from NUS with first-class honours in 1982. In 1984, he obtained his master’s and in 1988, a doctorate of juridical science, both from Harvard Law School.

Arguably one of the best known law lecturers at NUS, he was made a full professor of law in 1999, before leaving the following year to join SMU.