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Area of Focus	Date	Description
 <p>Technology and Sciences</p>	9 Jan	<p>1. <u>Judges and LawTech: A Virtual Reality Check</u> (Judicial Education Session for Supreme Court and International Judges) Speakers: (a) Mr Yeong Zee Kin, Assistant Chief Executive (Data Innovation and Protection), InfoComm Media Development Authority of Singapore and Deputy Commissioner, Personal Data Protection Commission (b) Technology solution providers</p>
 <p>Technology and Sciences</p>	22 Jan	<p>2. <u>Legal Issues in Artificial Intelligence</u> Speaker: Mr Yeong Zee Kin, Assistant Chief Executive (Data Innovation and Protection), InfoComm Media Development Authority of Singapore and Deputy Commissioner, Personal Data Protection Commission</p>
 <p>Legal Development</p>	23 Jan	<p>3. <u>Scheme of Arrangement</u> Speakers: (a) Professor Wan Wai Yee, School of Law, Singapore Management University (b) Professor Gerard McCormack, School of Law, University of Leeds</p>
 <p>Technology and Sciences</p>	30 Jan	<p>4. <u>Probability & Statistics and Risk Assessment Profiles</u> Speakers: (a) Associate Professor Choi Kwok-Pui, Department of Statistics and Applied Probability, Faculty of Science, National University of Singapore (b) Associate Professor Tan Wei Ling, Stella, Department of Biological Sciences, Faculty of Science, National University of Singapore (c) Adjunct Assistant Professor Majeed Khader, Psychology Department, Nanyang Technological University</p>



Judges and LawTech: A Virtual Reality Check

Mr Yeong Zee Kin, Assistant Chief Executive (Data Innovation and Protection), InfoComm Media Development Authority of Singapore and Deputy Commissioner, Personal Data Protection Commission

Synopsis:

Cutting-edge technology beckons at the doorstep of the courts and Judges will have to work in a new normal. This session will endeavour to illustrate to the participants the impact of such technology on their judicial work by:

- (a) Setting out the broader context of the government's efforts in assisting the legal industry to adopt relevant technologies
- (b) Demonstrating cutting-edge technology that can be applied to the work that Judges do
- (c) Discussing the ethics, legal issues, and governance framework related to the use of artificial intelligence in the courts

Learning Objectives:

At the end of the session, the participants will be able to:

- (a) Describe how the government is helping the legal industry to embrace technology
- (b) State how the latest technology can be used in court work in a practical way
- (c) Explain the issues arising from the use of artificial intelligence by Judges and courts in their work and the responses to address such issues [\[Back to January programmes\]](#)

Legal Issues in Artificial Intelligence

Mr Yeong Zee Kin, Assistant Chief Executive (Data Innovation and Protection), InfoComm Media Development Authority of Singapore and Deputy Commissioner, Personal Data Protection Commission

Synopsis:

As society embraces new and cutting-edge technology, judges will have to grapple with the legal issues that arise from the use of such technology that may be brought before the court. In this session, participants will be introduced to artificial intelligence (AI) and the concept of data, the use of AI in the LegalTech space, the legal issues relating to the use of AI, and the regulatory model and governance framework for AI.

Learning Objectives:

At the end of the session, the participants will be able to:

- (a) State the definition of AI and data;
- (b) Describe the various uses of AI in the LegalTech space; and
- (c) Explain the issues in relation to the use of AI and the responses to address those issues.

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Professorial Series

Scheme of Arrangement

Professor Wan Wai Yee, School of Law, Singapore Management University

Professor Gerard McCormack, School of Law, University of Leeds

Synopsis:

The scheme of arrangement has historically been one of the most flexible and popular debt restructuring tools in Singapore and the United Kingdom (UK).

In this lecture, we will set out the findings on how schemes of arrangement are used as debt restructuring tools, using the dataset from the court filings, and supplemented the data with filings from Singapore Exchange (SGX) for schemes involving listed group companies. In particular, we present findings on the range of issues and problems that the schemes of arrangement have been used to solve and the outcomes for creditors (and/or shareholders). In relation to the latter, we examine the returns to the creditors and how the creditors fare vis-à-vis one another and vis-à-vis the shareholders. Further, we look at how the outcomes compare with the schemes of arrangement that are filed pursuant to the 2017 reforms.

We will compare the Singapore experience with the UK experience (that is documented in the secondary literature and in the UK case law) and practice (given that legislative framework on schemes of arrangement is similar in the two countries).

Learning Objectives:

At the end of the session, participants will be able to:

- (a) State the regulatory framework that governs schemes of arrangement involving listed group restructurings
- (b) Explain how schemes of arrangement filed in Singapore are carried out in practice, both pre and post 2017 reforms
- (c) State the impact of the 2017 reforms on how schemes of arrangement are effected in Singapore
- (d) State the impact of recent developments on UK case law on schemes of arrangement in Singapore [\[Back to January programmes\]](#)

Professorial Series

Probability & Statistics and Risk Assessment Profiles

Associate Professor Choi Kwok-Pui, Department of Statistics and Applied Probability, Faculty of Science, National University of Singapore; Associate Professor Tan Wei Ling, Stella, Department of Biological Sciences, Faculty of Science, National University of Singapore; Adjunct Assistant Professor Majeed Khader, Psychology Department, Nanyang Technological University

Synopsis:

This session focuses on the role of statistics in risk assessment in criminal offending. The scientific and statistical assumptions relevant to risk assessment and recidivism will be discussed.

Learning Objectives:

At the end of the session, participants will be able to:



- (a) Explain how risk of recidivism is computed
 - (b) State the role of risk and protective factors in offending
 - (c) Explain how risk calculations (e.g. risk predictions) are interpreted
 - (d) State the limits to risk calculations [\[Back to January programmes\]](#)
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Area of Focus	Date	Description
 Legal Development	13 Feb	1. Noteworthy Developments in Insurance Law Speaker: Associate Professor Yeo Hwee Ying, Faculty of Law, National University of Singapore
 Legal Development	14 Feb	2. Civil Procedure Updates 2018 Speaker: Assistant Registrar Una Khng, Supreme Court
SCP-IAI Programme	18 – 22 Feb	3. Ease of Doing Business: Dispute Resolution Mechanisms ¹ Instructor: Executive Director Paul Quan, Singapore Judicial College
 Bench Skills	27 – 28 Feb	4. Judgment Writing and Oral Judgment [*] Instructors: Dean Foo Chee Hock; Executive Director Paul Quan Singapore Judicial College

¹ Conducted in Vietnam under the auspices of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Singapore Cooperation Programme (Initiative for ASEAN Integration)

^{*} International Signature Programme



Professorial Series

Noteworthy Developments in Insurance Law

Associate Professor Yeo Hwee Ying, Faculty of Law, National University of Singapore

Synopsis:

Finally, after more than 200 years, England the progenitor jurisdiction has enacted seismic changes with respect to some of the most salient doctrines in insurance law within the last few years (beginning with 2013). Many other commonwealth jurisdictions have moved on even earlier.

In contrast, Singapore is one of the legatee nations still operating under an archaic insurance regime inherited from the heydays of the British Empire. This session will focus on where Singapore is at with respect to the classic doctrines of good faith, pre-contractual disclosure and misrepresentation, warranties and (where time permits) insurable interest. In view of the tidal wave of change and disruption, there is a need to discuss what Singapore has to contend with regarding these various classic insurance doctrines. The session will also examine the appropriate responses that Singapore could consider.

Learning objectives:

At the end of this session, participants will benefit from a refresher of the salient classic doctrines applicable to insurance law and how the legal positions differ between Singapore vis the leading commonwealth jurisdictions. [\[Back to February programmes\]](#)

Ease of Doing Business: Dispute Resolution Mechanisms

Executive Director Paul Quan, Singapore Judicial College

Synopsis:

This programme gives an insight to participants into how commercial cases and disputes 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 technology in case management and adjudication. It also introduces the participants to international commercial courts and will culminate in a discussion to envision strategies to establish business-friendly courts of the future.

The programme centres around:

- (a) Understanding what makes a jurisdiction attractive for businesses and foreign investment
- (b) Introduction to the legal framework and court processes relating to the management and adjudication of commercial cases in Singapore
- (c) Introduction to the use of IT in the management and adjudication of commercial cases in Singapore
- (d) Globalisation and the advent of international commercial courts
- (e) Introduction to dispute resolution mechanisms other than litigation
- (f) Envisioning and strategising to enhance business-friendly courts of the future

Learning objectives:

At the end of the programme, participants will be able to:

- (a) Gain an appreciation of Singapore's experience in managing and adjudicating commercial cases in the court system



- (b) Gain exposure to pro-business legal frameworks and court processes
- (c) Understand the role of technology in case management and adjudication of commercial cases
- (d) Gain exposure to dispute resolution mechanisms other than litigation
- (e) Increase their awareness of international commercial courts
- (f) Envision and tailor strategies to enhance business-friendly courts of the future

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Judgment Writing and Oral Judgment

Dean Foo Chee Hock; Executive Director Paul Quan
Singapore Judicial College

Synopsis:

Judgment writing and the delivery of judgments are key aspects of judicial work. When judges communicate their decisions clearly through their judgments, the parties and the public are better able to appreciate and accept their decisions.

Through a distinctive pedagogy, this programme will cover:

- (a) Writing an effective judgment: contextualising, content and conciseness
- (b) Practical drafting exercises and case studies
- (c) Preparing and delivering an effective oral judgment
- (d) 360° feedback on the delivery of an oral judgment by individual participants

Learning Objectives:

At the end of the programme, participants will be equipped with a practical framework that can be applied when writing judgments, as well as develop a consciousness of the best practices and gain overall confidence in judgment writing and in delivering oral judgments.

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Area of Focus	Date	Description
<p>SCP Programme</p>	<p>4 – 8 Mar</p>	<p>1. International Dispute Resolution[#] Instructors: (a) Dean Foo Chee Hock; Executive Director Paul Quan, Singapore Judicial College (b) Mr Laurence Wong, Senior Director, Business Development, Singapore International Commercial Court (c) Ms Delphine Ho, Registrar, Singapore International Arbitration Centre (d) Mr Aloysius Goh, Executive Director, Singapore International Mediation Centre (e) Assistant Professor Ms Eunice Chua, School of Law, Singapore Management University</p>
 <p>Technology and Sciences</p>	<p>11 Mar</p>	<p>2. Big Data and Data Analytics I Instructor: Mr Yeong Zee Kin, Assistant Chief Executive (Data Innovation and Protection), InfoComm Media Development Authority of Singapore and Deputy Commissioner, Personal Data Protection Commission</p>
 <p>Social Awareness</p>	<p>13 Mar</p>	<p>3. Primer on Belt and Road Initiative Speakers: (a) Professor Locknie Hsu, Professor of Law, Singapore Management University (b) TBC</p>

[#] Conducted in Singapore under the auspices of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Singapore Cooperation Programme



 Bench Skills	20 – 21 Mar	5. <u>Assessing Credibility of Witnesses</u>* Instructors: Dean Foo Chee Hock; Executive Director Paul Quan Singapore Judicial College
 Legal Development	27 Mar	6. Criminal Procedure Updates 2018 Speaker: TBC

Assessing Credibility of Witnesses

Dean Foo Chee Hock; Executive Director Paul Quan
Singapore Judicial College

Synopsis:

Deploying a distinctive pedagogy, this 2-day programme first identifies the challenges in assessing the credibility of witnesses and introduces to participants a defensible and principled approach to undertake such assessments. It will cover:

- (a) Identifying traps and pitfalls, including reliance on mental heuristics and sources of unreliability, such as inattention blindness and confabulation
- (b) Practice class on assessing credibility of witnesses through a cross-examination role-play
- (c) Law on assessing credibility of witnesses
- (d) Analysis and Presentation: Case Study

Learning Objectives:

At the end of the programme, participants will be made aware of the shortcomings of the processes commonly deployed to assess the credibility of witnesses and through practice and positive reinforcement, gain confidence to undertake such assessments using a defensible and principled approach.

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Masterclasses	5 Apr	1. Insolvency Masterclass* Instructors: (a) Justice Vinodh Coomaraswamy, Judge, Supreme Court of Singapore (b) TBC
 Legal Development	17 Apr	2. Family Procedure Updates 2018 Speaker: District Judge Adriene Cheong, Family Justice Courts
 Bench Skills	23 - 24 Apr	3. Judgment Writing: Construction of Contract* Instructors: Dean Foo Chee Hock, Singapore Judicial College

Judgment Writing: Construction of Contract Dean Foo Chee Hock, Singapore Judicial College

Synopsis:

A companion to the “Judgment Writing and Oral Judgment” programme, this 2-day programme will focus on judgment writing in the context of construction of contracts and will cover:

- (a) A refresher on recent developments in the construction of contracts
- (b) Group discussion and analysis of a hypothetical exercise
- (c) Practice on writing a judgment and group presentation
- (d) Analysis of written judgments related to the construction of contracts

Learning objectives:

At the end of the programme, participants will:

- (a) Be updated on the relevant developments in contract law
- (b) Learn how to engage in practical “issue-spotting” in a contract interpretation scenario

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(c) Gain familiarity in analysing and writing judgments relating to construction of contracts

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Area of Focus	Date	Description
 Technology and Sciences	8 May	1. Probability & Statistics and DNA Speakers: (a) Associate Professor Choi Kwok-Pui, Department of Statistics and Applied Probability, Faculty of Science, National University of Singapore (b) Associate Professor Tan Wei Ling, Stella, Department of Biological Sciences, Faculty of Science, National University of Singapore
 Bench Skills	15 – 16 May	2. Effective Engagement of Litigants-in-Person* Instructors (TBC): (a) Dean Foo Chee Hock; Executive Director Paul Quan, Singapore Judicial College (b) Dr George Joseph Fernandez, Senior Consultant, General Psychiatry/Psychotherapy, Institute of Mental Health (c) Dr Derrick Yeo, Consultant, Forensic Psychiatry, Institute of Mental Health
 Technology and Sciences	22 May	3. Big Data and Data Analytics II Instructor: Mr Yeong Zee Kin, Assistant Chief Executive (Data Innovation and Protection), InfoComm Media Development Authority of Singapore and Deputy Commissioner, Personal Data Protection Commission
SCP Programme	27 – 31 May	4. Technology and Courts of the Future[#] Instructors: (a) Dean Foo Chee Hock; Executive Director Paul Quan, Singapore Judicial College (b) TBC

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Effective Engagement of Litigants-in-Person

Singapore Judicial College

Synopsis:

The number of Litigants-In-Person (LIPs) has been steadily rising in the Singapore courts. This phenomenon is not peculiar to Singapore and many jurisdictions are also encountering the same trend. It is here to stay and set to increase. Judges therefore need to be better equipped to manage LIPs, especially the challenging ones. In this 2-day programme, there will be a specific focus on the handling of LIPs with personality disorders.

Learning objectives:

At the end of this session, participants will acquire skills, techniques and best practices in handling LIPs (including those with personality disorders), making them more effective in engaging or disengaging LIPs. [\[Back to May programmes\]](#)



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Area of Focus	Date	Description
 Legal Development	11 - 13 Jul or 18 – 20 Jul (TBC)	1. New York Convention and Arbitration (for ASEAN judges) [@] Instructors: (a) Mr Albert Jan van den Berg, former President, International Council for Commercial Arbitration (b) TBC
 Personal Development and Resilience	17 Jul	2. Mindfulness for Judges I Instructor: Dr Kinjal Doshi, Principal Clinical Psychologist, Singapore General Hospital
 Bench Skills	22 – 24 Jul	3. Case Management* Instructors: Dean Foo Chee Hock; Executive Director Paul Quan Singapore Judicial College
 Personal Development and Resilience	31 Jul	4. Mindfulness for Judges II Instructor: Dr Kinjal Doshi, Principal Clinical Psychologist, Singapore General Hospital

[@] International programme customised for the Council of ASEAN Chief Justices as part of its judicial education and training programme for ASEAN judges in 2019

* International Signature Programme



Case Management

Dean Foo Chee Hock; Executive Director Paul Quan
Singapore Judicial College

Synopsis:

This 3-day programme is intended for judges responsible for managing cases at the pre-trial and trial stages. During the first half of the programme, **foreign** judge participants will:

- (a) Be introduced to Singapore's experience in dealing with case backlog in her courts in the early 1990s.
- (b) Explore the challenges that foreign jurisdictions face and the relevance of the various strategies adopted by Singapore in terms of the legislative framework, case management framework and philosophy and the use of technology in this process.

During the later half of the programme, local participants from the Singapore courts will join the foreign participants in sessions on how to conduct effective pre-trial conferences, as well as how to prepare and conduct trials and hearings.

Learning objectives:

At the end of the programme, participants will be able to:

- (a) Identify particular challenges of managing the case-loads in their courts
- (b) Analyse the effectiveness of applying various case management strategies to meet the challenges identified
- (c) Practise the judge-led approach to case management as well as develop skills and techniques as a pro-active case manager in practice sessions with constructive critique through a 360° review

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Area of Focus	Date	Description
 Technology and Sciences	21 Aug	1. Probability & Statistics and finger-printing, DNA, drug exhibits in criminal cases Speakers: (a) Associate Professor Choi Kwok-Pui, Department of Statistics and Applied Probability, Faculty of Science, National University of Singapore (b) Associate Professor Tan Wei Ling, Stella, Department of Biological Sciences, Faculty of Science, National University of Singapore
 Bench Skills	28 - 29 Aug	2. Judicial Educators Programme* Instructors: Dean Foo Chee Hock; Executive Director Paul Quan Singapore Judicial College

Judicial Educators Programme

Dean Foo Chee Hock; Executive Director Paul Quan
Singapore Judicial College

Synopsis:

This 2-day programme is intended for participants who aspire to be or who are judicial educators responsible for training and delivering instruction to judges. The programme will focus on:

- (a) Understanding Pedagogy in Judicial Education
- (b) Distinctive Pedagogy of the Singapore Judicial College
- (c) Pedagogical Methods and Techniques in Judicial Education
- (d) Practical Application of Pedagogical Methods and Techniques

Learning objectives:

At the end of the programme, participants will be equipped with relevant skills, methods and techniques to conduct effective judicial education programmes that will optimise learning objectives. They will also have an opportunity to apply what they learn in a practice class and receive constructive critique through a 360° review. [\[Back to August programmes\]](#)

* International Signature Programme



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Area of Focus	Date	Description
SCP Programme	16 – 20 Sep	1. Leadership in Court Governance[#] Instructors: (a) Dean Foo Chee Hock; Executive Director Paul Quan, Singapore Judicial College (b) TBC

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Area of Focus	Date	Description
 Legal Development	7 Oct	1. Omnibus Insolvency Bill Speakers: Judicial Officers from the Supreme Court Registry
Induction	21 – 25 Oct	2. Judiciary-Wide Induction Programme for Newly Appointed Judges and Judicial Officers* Instructors: (a) The Honourable Chief Justice Sundaresh Menon (b) Dean Foo Chee Hock; Executive Director Paul Quan, Singapore Judicial College (c) TBC

Judiciary-Wide Induction Programme Singapore Judicial College

Synopsis:

This annual 5-day programme is the induction programme for all newly-appointed judges and judicial officers of the Singapore judiciary. It also includes an optional fieldtrip programme for foreign participants consisting of learning journeys to the Supreme Court, the State Courts and the Family Justice Courts.

The programme consists of 7 modules on bench skills, judicial ethics and conduct, judicial resilience, and legal development.

It is an immersive experience with an opportunity to gain insight into the judicial philosophy and workings of the Singapore judiciary, as well as train and interact with the Chief Justice and experienced Singapore judges, culminating in a dinner hosted by the Chief Justice and the Supreme Court Bench.

Learning objectives:

At the end of the programme, the participants will be able to:

- Explain how judicial modesty as a value shapes one's judicial philosophy
- Identify the elements of good judgment writing and how to deliver effective oral judgments
- Identify ways to manage cases as well as how to prepare and conduct trials effectively

* International Flagship Programme



- (d) Demonstrate how to assess witness credibility in a defensible and principled manner
- (e) Demonstrate techniques to engage litigants-in-person effectively
- (f) Identify ways to maintain judicial authority in the courtroom
- (g) Explain the elements of proper judicial conduct both in and out of court
- (h) Identify ways to optimise time and resources
- (i) Identify stressors of judicial office, the importance of sleep and how it affects judicial productivity and decision-making, as well as ways to balance professional duties and private obligations
- (j) State current developments in Singapore's civil, criminal and family procedural laws

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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