

FOREWORD

I am pleased to bring to you this Special Issue of the *Singapore Academy of Law Journal*. The focus of this issue is on remedies in the private law sphere. The articles provide insight into the principles and operation of private law remedies across common law jurisdictions. How has the law of remedies evolved in theory and, consequently, practice? What factors influenced its development? Do statutory remedies play a bigger role than common law remedies?

These questions, and others, are ably answered by the contributors to this Special Issue: Justice Andrew Phang Boon Leong, Professor James Penner, KarLuis Quek, Dr Katy Barnett, Professor Simone Degeling, Professor Lusina Ho, Assistant Professor Yip Man, Associate Professor Goh Yihan, Emeritus Professor Michael Bryan, Associate Professor Jessica Palmer, Associate Professor Kelvin F K Low, Assistant Professor Alvin W-L See, Nicholas J McBride, Dr Jeannie Marie Paterson and Veronica Wong. This issue is an Asia-Pacific offering of multi-jurisdictional perspectives on topical issues in the law of remedies.

The diversity of views and breadth of discussion are due to the Guest Editor, Professor Elise Bant, who has been instrumental in the careful selection of contributors and the curation of the content. She has assembled this distinguished group of contributors, and collated all the articles. Not only have the articles benefitted from her valuable input and suggestions, but each article has also received feedback from an independent reviewer. Her dedication and commitment to the role of Guest Editor are exemplified by her steadfast involvement in the entire editorial process, every editorial stage, from inception to the final product.

The result of the twofold review, Professor Bant's work ethos, and the enriching articles from the contributors, is this very fine work of scholarship you now hold in your hands.

The excellent quality of the work comes as no surprise to anyone who has read any of Professor Bant's numerous works. She is accomplished as both an author and an editor. Among the works she has to her credit are *The Change of Position Defence*, *Unjust Enrichment* and *Journal of Equity*. Additionally, Professor Bant is co-convenor of the Obligations Group at Melbourne Law School and a former Associate Dean of the Melbourne Juris Doctor degree. Her main areas of teaching and research interests lie in the fields of unjust enrichment and restitution law, property, civil remedies, equity and trusts. She has taught at Oxford and was a visiting scholar in Portugal. Before deciding to become

a full-time academic, she practised with Freehills in the field of commercial litigation.

I encourage every lawyer to take this opportunity to acquaint themselves with recent and interesting developments in the law of remedies by reading the articles within.

Lastly, I thank the staff of the Academy for their dedication and effort in producing this Special Issue.

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