

FOREWORD

I am delighted to present to you the 2024 Special Issue of the *Singapore Academy of Law Journal*, entitled “Litigation”. This publication is timely as the Rules of Court 2021 came into force almost three years ago, and the issues arising from these new rules are ripe for review.

Intentionally broadly titled, this Special Issue discusses issues concerning litigation of civil and criminal matters, and matters heard in the Singapore International Commercial Court. It also covers evidence, privilege and disclosure. Reflections by esteemed members of the Singapore legal fraternity also make the line-up.

I am most grateful to the two Guest Editors – Chua Lee Ming J and Hri Kumar Nair J – for putting together a Special Issue which is so broad in scope.

Chua Lee Ming J is Judge of the Supreme Court of Singapore. Prior to joining the Bench, Chua J served various roles in public service and in private practice. More recently, he served on the Civil Justice Commission and the Rules of Court Implementation Team, and is Editor-in-Chief of *Singapore Rules of Court: A Practice Guide (2023 Edition)* (Academy Publishing, 2023).

Hri Kumar Nair J is also Judge of the Supreme Court of Singapore. He previously served as Deputy Attorney-General, prosecuting a number of high-profile matters, and was Director at a leading disputes practice. As Judge, he hears criminal matters and also matters on complex commercial disputes, insolvency and torts, to name but a few.

We are also grateful to the authors who have given their valuable time to contributing to this issue. In alphabetical order, they are: Mr Chin Jincheng, Ms Tania Chin, Chua Lee Ming J, Ms Koh Swee Yen SC, Mr Toby Landau KC, Mr Colin Liew, Mr Lin Chunlong, Mr Samuel Low, Andre Maniam J, Mr Anand Nalachandran, Mr Shashi Nathan, Mr Ng Jun Chong, Mr Ryan David Nonis, Mr Joel Quek, Ms Sadhana Rai, Mr Thrumurgan s/o Ramapiram, Kannan Ramesh J, Mr Senthilkumaran Sabapathy, Mr Colin Seow, Mr Muhammad Taufiq bin Suraidi, Mr Tan Ben Mathias, DR Teo Guan Siew, Mr Ramesh Tiwary and Mr Nicholas Wuan Kin Lek.

The contributors occupy a variety of roles (ranging from private practice, the Judiciary and various branches of public service) and are diverse in seniority and experience. They have generously shared their expertise and experience in their respective articles, which not only contain invaluable

analysis but also nuggets of wisdom. I am confident that you will find something valuable in these works and that you will enjoy reading this Special Issue.

On a final note, I express my utmost gratitude to the team at the Singapore Academy of Law for their support in this publication.

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