

Curriculum Vitae



Professor Leong Wai Kum

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Education Qualifications

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| 1979 | Master of Laws Harvard University |
| 1976 | Bachelor of Laws (Hons) (Class 1) University of Malaya in Kuala Lumpur |

Academic and Professional Experience

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| Jul 2020 - Present | Professor, SUSS School of Law |
| Jun 2020 - Present | Emeritus Professor, NUS Faculty of Law |
| Jan 2003 - Jun 2020 | Professor, NUS Faculty of Law |
| Oct 2015 - Jan 2016 | Visiting Professor, University of Hong Kong |
| Aug 2015 - Sept 2015 | Visiting Professor, University of Malaya |
| Mar 2012 - Apr 2012 | Visiting Professor, University of Western Australia Faculty of Law |
| Oct 2011 - Jan 2012 | Visiting Professor, University of Hong Kong |
| Jul 1990 - Dec 2002 | Associate Professor, NUS Faculty of Law |
| Nov 2002 | First Visiting Researcher, Clarke Program of East Asian Law and Culture, Cornell Law School |
| Dec 2000 | Visiting Scholar, Institute of Advanced Legal Studies, University of London |
| Sept 1992 | Visiting Scholar, School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London |
| Sept 1992 | Visiting Scholar, Uppsala University Faculty of Law |
| Aug 1985 - May 1986 | Visiting Scholar, Harvard University |
| 1989 - Present | Associate Member, Singapore Academy of Law |
| 1983 - Present | Advocate & Solicitor, High Court of Malaya |
| Jul 1981 - Jun 1990 | Senior Lecturer, NUS Faculty of Law |
| Jun 1976 - Jun 1981 | Lecturer, University of Singapore Faculty of Law |

Memberships and Professional Activities

(Selection of past 10 years)

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| Jul 2019 - Present | Supervisor, Doctoral candidate, NUS Faculty of Law |
| Jul 2019 - Present | Member of Panel of Referees, Journal of Malaysian Judiciary |
| Sept 2020 | Delivered inaugural CJ Koh Family Law Lecture |
| Aug 2019 | Speaker at Family Justice Courts' International Advisory Committee's Meeting |
| 15 Jul 2019 | Speaker at Family Judges' Learning Week |
| 5 Jul 2019 | Speaker at Law Society of Singapore Family Law Conference |
| 10 Oct 2017 | Speaker at Law Society of Singapore Family Law Conference |
| 29 Aug 2017 | Speaker at Family Justice Courts' International Advisory Council's Meeting |
| 22 May 2017 | Speaker at Family Justice Courts' JOs' Seminar |
| May 2017 | External Examiner of Doctoral Thesis submitted to University of Malaya Faculty of Law |
| Jan 2016 - Present | Member of International Editorial Board, Journal of Malaysian and Comparative Law |
| 22 Sept 2016 | Speaker at Society of Middle Temple and Singapore Academy of Law Conference |
| 28 Aug 2016 | Speaker at Law Society of Singapore International Family Law Conference |
| Jul 2010 - Jun 2016 | Member of NUS Nominating Committee for Honorary Degrees and Emeritus Professorships |
| Feb 2016 | Speaker at Judicial College of Singapore |
| Jan 2015 - Jan 2016 | Member of Family Law Review Working Group |
| 18 Nov 2015 | Speaker at Third Children's Forum at Chinese University of Hong Kong |
| Nov 2014 | Speaker at Working Party on Mediation of South East Asia Region, Hague Conference on Private International Law |
| 2013 - 2014 | Curriculum Committee of proposed UniSIM School of Law |
| May 2014 | Speaker at 11th Asian Law Institute's Conference |
| 29 Sept 2012 | Delivered Children's Society of Singapore's Annual Lecture |
| Jul 2012 | External Examiner of Doctoral Thesis submitted to University of Western Australia Faculty of Law |
| 27 Mar 2012 | Speaker at Occasional Research Conversation at University of Western Australia |
| Feb 2011 | Speaker at Singapore Academy of Law Conference |

Consultation and Executive Experience

(Selection of past 3 years)

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| Nov 2019 | <i>Amicus curiae</i> appointed to Court of Appeal in Singapore |
| Jul 2018 | Legal Opinion to Court of Sweden |

Research Interests

- Family law and practice

Selected Publications

(Selection of past 5 years)

Leong Wai Kum and Debbie Ong “Family justice in divorce proceedings in Singapore for spouses and their children” [2020] Special Issue JMJ 165-189

Elements of Family Law in Singapore Third Ed (Singapore: LexisNexis, August 2018)

Leong Wai Kum “From substantive law towards family justice for the child in divorce proceedings in Singapore” (2018) Special Issue on Children SAclJ

Leong Wai Kum “Back to the Future: The 2017 amendments of power to divide matrimonial assets” (2018) JMJ 171-192

Leong Wai Kum “Moral messaging towards harmonious living” in Anne Scully-Hill, Sala Sihombing and Katherine Lynch (eds) Reforming Hong Kong’s Child & Family Justice System: Intergrating Legal, Comparative & Multidisciplinary Approaches (Hong Kong: Chinese University of Hong Kong, 2016) pp 363-385

Leong Wai Kum “Towards the elimination of prescriptive sexual regulation in family law in Singapore” HKLJ Focus Issue (2016) Vol 46:1 pp 130-149

Leong Wai Kum, Burton Ong and Alexander Loke “The conceptual basis of the solicitor’s liability to a third party related to the client: Reconstructing the White v Jones principle in Singapore” PN (2016) 32:1 pp 32-49

Leong Wai Kum “For our children’s sake: Gentle reminders of parental responsibility” in Speaking of Children (Singapore: World Scientific, 2015) pp 113-131

Recent Talks to Legal Profession

- 15th July 2019 at Family Judges’ Learning Week (organised and delivered to Judges of the Family Justice Courts) on “The changing shape of the family in Singapore: Can current laws respond well enough?”
- 14th September 2020 The Inaugural CJ Koh Family Law Lecture at Law Society of Singapore’s Conference on Family Law on “The Structured Approach to division between the former equal marital partners of their material gains is not writ in stone”

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