

Curriculum Vitae



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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 - Sep 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 |
| Sep 1992 | Visiting Scholar, School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London |
| Sep 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)

Jan 2024 – Present	Member of Therapeutic justice Consultative Committee
Nov 2023	Speaker at Inaugural SUSS School of Law Family Law Seminar
16 Nov 2023	Commentator at SG Courts' Conversations with the Community
Jul 2019 - 2023	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

Consultancy and Executive Experience

Nov 2019	Amicus curiae appointed to Court of Appeal in Singapore
Jul 2018	Legal Opinion to Court of Sweden

Research Interests

- Family law and family practice

Textbooks

- Leong Wai Kum *Elements of Family Law in Singapore 3rd Edition* (Singapore, LexisNexis: 2018)
- Leong Wai Kum *Elements of Family Law in Singapore 2nd Edition* (Singapore, LexisNexis: 2013)
- Leong Wai Kum *Elements of Family Law in Singapore* (Singapore, LexisNexis: 2007)
- *Halsbury's Laws of Singapore Reissue 2006* (contributed by Leong Wai Kum) (Singapore, LexisNexis: 2006)
- *Halsbury's Laws of Singapore* (contributed by Leong Wai Kum) (Singapore, LexisNexis: 2001)
- Leong Wai Kum *Cases and Materials of Family Law in Singapore* (Singapore, Butterworths Asia: 1999)
- Leong Wai Kum *Principles of Family Law in Singapore* (Singapore, Butterworths Asia: 1997)
- *Butterworths' Annotated Statutes of Singapore Volume 6 Family* (contributed by Leong Wai Kum) (Singapore, Butterworths Asia: 1997)
- Leong Wai Kum *Family Law in Singapore: Cases and Commentary on the Women's Charter and Family Law* (Singapore, Malayan Law Journal: 1990)

Selected Articles and Book chapters

- Leong Wai Kum "Definition of property as matrimonial asset through the lens of therapeutic justice" [2024] SAL Prac 4
- Leong Wai Kum and Debbie Ong "Justice Phang and therapeutic justice: With head and heart in equal measure" in Goh Yihan (gen ed) *Pursuing Justice and Justice Alone* (Singapore: Academy Publishing, 2022)
- Leong Wai Kum and Debbie Ong "Family justice in divorce proceedings in Singapore for spouses and their children" [2020] Special Issue JMJ 165-189
- Leong Wai Kum "From substantive law towards family justice for the child in divorce proceedings in Singapore" (2018) Special Issue on Children SAclJ 587-616
- 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

- Leong Wai Kum “Marital agreements and private autonomy in Singapore” in Jens M Scherpe (ed) *Marital Agreements and Private Autonomy in Comparative Perspective* (Oxford, Hart Publishing: 2012) 311-349
- Leong Wai Kum “Parental responsibility as the core principle in legal regulation of the parent-child relationship” in Yeo Tiong Min, Hans Tjio and Tang Hang Wu (gen eds) *Developments in Singapore Law between 2006 and 2010: Trends and Perspectives* (Singapore, Academy Publishing: 2011) 244-271
- Leong Wai Kum “Fifty years and more of the Women’s Charter of Singapore” [2008] SingJLS 1-24
- Leong Wai Kum “The just and equitable division of gains between former equal partners in marriage” [2000] SingJLS 208-240
- Leong Wai Kum “Formation of marriage in England and Singapore by contract: Void marriage and non-marriage” (2000) 14 IJLPF 256-280
- Leong Wai Kum “Solemnisation of marriage: Conceptualisation and statutory interpretation” [1995] SingJLS 283-314
- Leong Wai Kum “Division of matrimonial assets: Recent cases and thoughts for reform” [1993] SingJLS 351-400
- Leong Wai Kum “Reform of the law of nullity in the Women’s Charter” [1992] SingJLS 1-39
- Leong Wai Kum “Common Law and Chinese marriage custom in Singapore” in Andrew Harding (ed) *The Common Law in Singapore and Malaysia* (Singapore, Malaya Law Review: 1985) 177-194
- Leong Wai Kum “Spouses as witnesses: Some aspects” (1976) 18 MalLR 225-229

Recent Talks to Legal Profession

- 9th November 2023 The Inaugural SUSS School of Law Seminar “Division of matrimonial assets from the lens of therapeutic justice: An Update and Review”
- 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”
- 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?”

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