

FOO CHEE HOCK DEAN, SINGAPORE JUDICIAL COLLEGE

APPOINTED <u>SENIOR COUNSEL (HONORIS</u> <u>CAUSA)</u> ON 7 JANUARY 2019

AGE: 58

### EDUCATION:

- LLB (National University of Singapore)
- LLM (Queen's College, University of Cambridge)



Former Judicial Commissioner Foo Chee Hock is the Dean of the Singapore Judicial College. He graduated with a Bachelor of Laws from the National University of Singapore and a Master of Laws from Queen's College, University of Cambridge. He had served as Registrar of the Appeals Board (Land Acquisition) and Assistant Director of the Legal Aid Bureau.

He has also held various judicial appointments, including as Senior Deputy Registrar and District Judge in the then Subordinate Courts, and as Deputy Registrar and Registrar of the Supreme Court. In his term as Registrar of the Supreme Court, he assisted the Chief Justice in the implementation of a "docket system" of case management and the end-to-end eLitigation system.

In 2015, Mr Foo was appointed to the Supreme Court Bench as Judicial Commissioner and concurrently as Dean of the College. He was the Editor-in-Chief of *Singapore Civil Procedure*. He was also a member of the Rules Committee and the Rules of Court Working Party. After completing his term as Judicial Commissioner, he assumed full-time leadership of the College.



# FOO TUAT YIEN (MS) FORMER JUDICIAL COMMISIONER, SUPREME COURT OF SINGAPORE

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AGE: 65

# EDUCATION:

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- MBA (University of Michigan)



Ms Foo Tuat Yien joined the legal service in 1976. She held appointments in the then Registry of Land Titles & Deeds and the State Courts (formerly Subordinate Courts) and was previously Registrar of Titles & Deeds and Controller of Residential Property (1991 to 2000) and a District Judge in the State Courts (2000 to 2005).

She was seconded to the Competition Commission of Singapore from 2005 to 2009 where she was appointed Assistant Chief Executive. Ms Foo graduated from the National University of Singapore with a Bachelor of Laws in 1976, and thereafter obtained her Masters in Business Administration from the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, USA.

Ms Foo was awarded the Public Administration Medal (Silver) in 2000. She also served as a Judicial Commissioner of the Supreme Court of Singapore between 2015 and 2018.



# **GREGORY VIJAYENDRAN**

PRESIDENT, THE LAW SOCIETY OF SINGAPORE PARTNER, RAJAH & TANN

APPOINTED <u>SENIOR COUNSEL</u> ON 7 JANUARY 2019

AGE: 50

EDUCATION:

• LLB (Hons) (National University of Singapore)



Mr Vijayendran graduated from the National University of Singapore and was one of the main speakers in the university's mooting team in 1992 that emerged world runners-up at the 1992 Jessup International Law Moot Competition in Washington D.C. He was thereafter admitted to the Singapore Bar in 1993 and joined Rajah & Tann LLP disputes practice as an equity Partner after starting practice in Drew & Napier and being an equity partner in Messrs WongPartnership (jointly heading its Banking and Insolvency Litigation Practice group).

Among other things, he has been judicially commended by the Supreme Court in reported judgments for "meticulous professionalism", "demonstrating what it is (and ought to be) like to practice the law in its best (indeed, its highest) tradition." and being "valiant". His present practice encompasses a specialisation in banking disputes and corporate insolvency as well as litigation and arbitration of complex commercial and shareholder disputes. He has received numerous leading directory recognitions over the years for his insolvency and restructuring expertise; more recently by Best Lawyers in Singapore (2019) for Insolvency and Reorganisation law and Who's Who Legal (2017) as an "expert" for Restructuring and Insolvency.

Mr Vijayendran presently serves as President of the Law Society of Singapore. In that capacity, he also serves on strategic and influential boards and committees impacting and developing the legal sector such as (i) Singapore Academy of Law (as Vice President) (ii) Singapore Institute of Legal Education (iii) Future Law Innovation Programme Steering Committee (iv) the Promotion of Singapore Law Committee (v) Singapore Institute of Legal Education and (vi) the Criminal Legal Assistance Scheme Steering Committee (as Vice Chairman).

He previously served as Chairman of the Law Society Insolvency Practice Committee and Deputy Chairman of Insolvency Practitioners Association of Singapore ("IPAS"). He is a Fellow of both IPAS and the Singapore Institute of Arbitrators.

For a list of some of Mr Vijayendran's important cases that he has had conduct of as lead Counsel over the years, please see his website CV in the following link : <u>Gregory's CV</u>



SIRAJ OMAR PARTNER, PREMIER LAW LLC AND RPC PREMIER LAW

APPOINTED <u>SENIOR COUNSEL</u> ON 7 JANUARY 2019

AGE: 46

EDUCATION:

• LLB (Hons) (National University of Singapore)



Mr Siraj is a Partner and Head of Disputes at Premier Law LLC and RPC Premier Law. He started practice in 1997 with the Litigation Department of Drew & Napier. In October 2002, he joined an international law firm and worked on mergers and acquisitions and corporate debt restructurings in Indonesia. He returned to litigation practice in June 2005 as a partner in a Singapore law firm.

In December 2007, he co-founded Premier Law LLC and headed up its Disputes Practice. The firm entered into a Joint Law Venture (JLV) with the English firm Reynolds Porter Chamberlain (RPC) in May 2016, forming the JLV entity RPC Premier Law.

Mr Siraj has a broad-based disputes practice with a focus on banking and financial disputes, corporate/commercial litigation as well as restructuring and insolvency-related matters. He also regularly appears in international arbitrations, both as counsel and arbitrator. He has been described as a "star" and a "senior counsel in waiting" (Legal500, 2017).