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1 Preliminary Legal Research

This section details the resources available for conducting legal research at the preliminary stage, mainly consisting of quick reference guides.

Generally, quick reference guides are useful for gaining a basic understanding of one’s legal rights and obligations in important areas of the law which the average member of the public is likely to come into contact with. For students, they provide a practical and expedient guide to summarizing general principles of an area of law and answering frequently asked questions.

However, they are not intended to be a substitute for legal advice, and a lawyer should be consulted where legal advice is required for the client’s case.

Note that prudence and caution is urged while using these quick reference guides. Though they are clear and succinct, they may not be as helpful where:

- There are highly specific situations;
- A complex area or question of law is involved;
- Comprehensive citations of authority are required;
- In-depth research is required;
- Practical examples are needed to gain a better understanding of the law.
1.1 Know the Law Now!

*Know the Law Now!* is a publication by the Law Society of Singapore which aims to provide quick and basic information on various areas of the law for the general public. According to the Law Society, it is intended to serve as an easy-to-use, basic introduction to the law in Singapore and an initial reference point on legal issues and where to seek legal help.

**Contents**

Sections covered include: The Singapore Court System; Civil Claims; Family Proceedings; Criminal Proceedings; Employment Matters; Estate Planning and Administration; Transactional Matters; Alternative Dispute Resolution and Legal Services.

It is currently available in English and Mandarin, with editions in the other official languages possibly to come. However, note that the Mandarin publication is only available under the 2013 edition as it is still in the process of translation, while the English edition is the latest 2015 edition.

**Access**

Print: Available at the Pro Bono Services Office of the Law Society of Singapore, and at most community legal clinics

Online: Pro Bono Services Office (Law Society of Singapore)

- English Version:

- Mandarin Version:

![Figure 1: Know the Law Now!](image)
1.2 Community Legal Clinic Manual

The *Community Legal Clinic Manual* ("CLC Manual") by the Law Society of Singapore is a guide which is intended to aid volunteer lawyers providing pro bono services. According to the Law Society, the volunteer manual is the result of a systematic capture of the expertise and knowledge of practice specialists. As a resource targeted towards the legal profession, it is not available to the general public and is meant for internal circulation only.

**Contents**

The *CLC Manual* presents information in a question and answer format, tailored to meet the needs of legal practitioners answering common questions by the clients.

Sections covered include: Clinic Management; Civil Claims (General); Family Law; Bankruptcy and Insolvency; Criminal Law and Procedure; Property; Intellectual Property; Wills, Intestacy, Probate and Administration; Data Protection Law; Advance Medical Directives; Juvenile Issues; Military Law; Alternative Dispute Resolution; and the Traffic Court.

**Access**

Print: Available at most community legal clinics

Not available online (Internal Circulation only)
2 In-Depth Legal Research

2.1 Initial Stages

This section details the resources available for conducting more thorough legal research at the initial stages, such as legal encyclopedias and practitioners’ texts.

These commentaries are designed to be a first point of reference, containing narratives of core areas of the law and their general principles. Certain specialized texts also provide commentary on important practice points. As a starting point for legal research, they are able to direct students to helpful primary and secondary sources in the course of conducting deeper research.

How to use a legal encyclopedia

- The volumes are arranged by subject matter, which you can check on the cover of each volume;

- Index volumes are often available and can direct you to the relevant volume needed:
  - Subject Indexes - Indexes volumes by subject matter
  - Alphabetical Indexes - Indexes volumes by alphabetical order
  - Consolidated Tables of Cases/Statutes - Directs you to volumes containing the case law or legislation concerned.

- After finding the relevant volume, refer to the content page for headings, subheadings and keywords to narrow down the subject matter to a specific area of law;

- It should direct you to the paragraph or page containing information required.

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Figure 3: Example - Using the Consolidated Index of Halsbury’s Laws of Singapore
2.1.1 Halsbury’s Laws of Singapore

*Halsbury’s Laws of Singapore* is a legal encyclopedia, written specifically for the legal profession in Singapore by a panel of distinguished local practitioners and academics. It provides a comprehensive yet succinct narrative statement of core areas of law and practice.

Reissue Volumes are reissued when necessary to take into account changes in law and practice. To ensure that the latest legal developments are accounted for, the Current Service performs noter-up services.

**Contents**

Sections covered include: Administrative and Constitutional Law; Arbitration; Bankruptcy; Building and Construction; Carriers; Civil Procedure; Commercial Law; Communications; Company Law; Conflict of Laws; Contract; Criminal Law; Criminal Procedure; E-Commerce; Employment; Equity and Trusts; Evidence; Family Law; Finance and Banking; Insolvency; Insurance; Intellectual Property; Land; Medical Negligence; Partnership and Agency; Probate, Administration and Succession; Revenue and Taxation; Road Traffic; Securities; Shipping; and Tort.

Comes with consolidated index volumes.

**Access**

Print: C J Koh Law Library - Ref: KE5011 Hal

[http://linc.nus.edu.sg/record=b2050241](http://linc.nus.edu.sg/record=b2050241)

Online: Lexis Singapore via NUS Libraries E-Resources

[http://linc.nus.edu.sg/record=b3347082](http://linc.nus.edu.sg/record=b3347082)

Figure 4: Halsbury’s Laws of Singapore
2.1.2 Atkin’s Court Forms of Singapore

Atkin’s Court Forms of Singapore is an authoritative commentary on court procedures in Singapore, originally adapted from Atkin’s Court Forms in the UK. It contains forms and precedents for court procedures, which are also available online for ease of access. It guides practitioners through the litigation process with checklists, commentaries and procedural tables.

Contents

Contains commentary followed by forms and precedents.

Some sections covered include: Adoption of Children; Appeals; Appearance; Applications and Proceedings in Chambers; Arrest and Attachment of Property before Judgment under Debtors Act; Arrest, Examination and Imprisonment of Judgment Debtors; Banking and Bills of Exchange; Bankruptcy; Clinical Malpractice; Consolidating Proceedings; Contracts; Default Judgments; Discovery and Inspection of Documents; Electronic Filing and Services; Employment; Enforcement of Judgments and Orders; General; Evidence; Garnishee Proceedings; Interlocutory Injunctions; Interpleader; Interrogatories; Judgments and Orders; Mareva Injunctions; Mortgage Actions; Offer to Settle; Originating Summons; Personal Injury; Pleadings; Pre-Trial Conference; Probate and Family Provision; Service of Originating Process; Summary Judgment; Summons for Directions; Trial; Writs of Execution: General; Writs of Seizure and Sale; Writs of Summon (for more topics, refer to the main text)

Access

Print: C J Koh Law Library - Ref: KE5218 Ngp

http://linc.nus.edu.sg/record=b2535074

Online: Lexis Singapore via NUS Libraries E-Resources

http://linc.nus.edu.sg/record=b3347082

Figure 5: Atkin’s Court Forms
2.1.3 Civil Practice in Singapore and Malaysia

Civil Practice in Singapore and Malaysia is a specialized text on civil procedure by Jeffrey Pinsler SC. Civil practice and rules of procedure are dealt with extensively, including the most recent developments reforms which have occurred in both countries. The author deals extensively with the new rules, making reference and comparisons where appropriate to the former rules.

Contents

Sections covered include: Introduction; Initial Stages of the Action; Summary Proceedings; Pleadings; Amendment; Parties; Termination of Action Before Trial; Injunctions and Other Forms of Interim Relief; Discovery; Summons for Directions; Trial; Judgments and Orders; Costs; Appeals and Judicial Review; Enforcement of Judgments and Orders; Particular Proceedings; Appendices.

Kept up-to-date by loose-leaf supplements.

Access

Print: C J Koh Law Library - Ref: KE5190 Pin
http://linc.nus.edu.sg/record=b1904702

Online: Lexis Singapore via NUS Libraries E-Resources
http://linc.nus.edu.sg/record=b3347082

Figure 6: Civil Practice in Singapore and Malaysia
2.1.4 Woon's Corporation Law

Woon's Corporation Law is a specialized practitioners’ text on the Companies Act of Singapore. It provides annotations and section by section commentary on provisions in the Companies Act, with cross-references and analyses on case law and related legislation. It details the context of the provisions and important practice points to take into account while navigating through the Act.

Contents

Sections covered include: Corporate Administration; Corporate Finance; Corporate Management; Insolvency; Corporate Governance; Take-Overs and Mergers; Amendments; and SGX-ST Listing Manual.

Chapters under each section narrow down the scope to specific topics.

Access

Print: C J Koh Law Library - Ref: KE5109.2 Woo
http://linc.nus.edu.sg/record=b1854381

Online: Lexis Singapore via NUS Libraries E-Resources
http://linc.nus.edu.sg/record=b3347082

Figure 7: Woon’s Corporation Law
2.2 Primary Sources

This section details the resources available for conducting research on primary sources, including case law and legislation.

While preliminary research helps provide an overview of the law and answer common queries, primary sources are required where citations of authority are needed to support the legal advice rendered. It is also apposite to look at the sources of law in which these general principles arise from, as more complex queries can be initially analyzed by examining first principles.

2.2.1 Legislation

Primary Legislation

Primary legislation refers to Acts passed by the Parliament and assented to by the President. As amendments to legislation are made, the consolidation is known as the Consolidated Version of the Act. Where substantial amendments are made, this is revised by the Law Revision Commission and becomes the Latest Revised Edition - the most authoritative version.

Print:


Online:

Statutes of the Republic of Singapore: Consolidated Version - Singapore Statutes Online

Figure 8: Statutes of the Republic of Singapore
**Subsidiary Legislation**

Subsidiary legislation refers to regulations made by a body whose power has been conferred on by the Act (Primary legislation).

**Print:**


[http://linc.nus.edu.sg/record=b1735920](http://linc.nus.edu.sg/record=b1735920)


[http://linc.nus.edu.sg/record=b1203352](http://linc.nus.edu.sg/record=b1203352)

**Online:**

*Index to Singapore Subsidiary Legislation* via NUS Libraries E-Resources


*Statutes of the Republic of Singapore: Consolidated Version* - Singapore Statutes Online


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**Figure 9:** Subsidiary Legislation of the Republic of Singapore
**Bills and Explanatory Notes**

**Bills** are drafted by the legal officers in the Attorney-General’s Chambers, and have to be passed by Parliament and assented to by the President to become law (an Act).

**Explanatory notes** to bills may accompany a bill, which provide a helpful look into the legislative intent behind the bill. The Explanatory Statement is usually found at the back of the bill.

**Print:**


[http://linc.nus.edu.sg/record=b1199812](http://linc.nus.edu.sg/record=b1199812)

**Online:**

*LawNet* - NUS Faculty of Law


Bills Introduced (2006 onwards) - Parliament of Singapore


eGazette (1999 onwards) via NUS Libraries E-Resources (approach Info Desk to login)

[http://linc.nus.edu.sg/record=b2072741](http://linc.nus.edu.sg/record=b2072741)

**Parliamentary Debates and Select Committee Reports**

The **Official Reports** - **Parliamentary Debates (Hansard)** are transcribed reports of debates in Parliament and published as the official record of proceedings known as the Singapore Parliament Report or "Hansard" as it is popularly known in many Commonwealth countries.

**Select Committees** are sometimes convened to discuss the details of a Bill and report its findings back to the Parliament House. The Official Reports of the various Select Committee meetings are published by the Official Reports Department.

These publications are useful in discovering the parliamentary intent behind the bills.

**Print:**


[http://linc.nus.edu.sg/record=b1192606](http://linc.nus.edu.sg/record=b1192606)


[http://linc.nus.edu.sg/record=b1637064](http://linc.nus.edu.sg/record=b1637064)

*Proceedings of the Legislative Council of the Straits Settlements* (1876-1940) - Central Library - Ref: J615.3 SLC

[http://linc.nus.edu.sg/record=b1658477](http://linc.nus.edu.sg/record=b1658477)

*Singapore Parliament Select Committee on the ... Bill: Official Report* (1965 onwards) - C J Koh Law Library - Ref: K7524...

*Singapore Legislative Assembly Select Committee on the ... Bill: Official Report* (1955-1965) - Ref: K7274...

For Select Committee Reports before 1955, refer to the *Proceedings of the Legislative Council* above.
Parliamentary Debates and Select Committee Reports (Cont’d)

Online:

LawNet (1955 onwards) - NUS Faculty of Law

Parliamentary/Legislative Assembly Debates: Official Report (1955 onwards) - Parliament of Singapore

Select Committee Reports (1955 onwards) - Parliament of Singapore
https://www.parliament.gov.sg/publications-select-committee-reports

Sessional Papers of the Colonial Government of Singapore (1946-1965) via NUS Libraries E-Resources
http://linc.nus.edu.sg/record=b2663083

Straits Settlements Sessional Papers (1867-1940) via NUS Libraries E-Resources
http://linc.nus.edu.sg/record=b2686683

Helpful Legislation Research Tools

While not primary sources themselves, these research tools are helpful in relation to legislation:

Mallal’s Digest: Legislation Citator 1932 to 2014
This citator contains a table of legislation considered by the courts.
C J Koh Law Library - Ref: K7599.3 Md 2014 (http://linc.nus.edu.sg/record=b3448152)

Singapore Law Reports (Reissue): Table of Legislation Referred to: 1965 to 2009
The citator contains a listing of legislation referred to in cases reported in the SLR(R) from 1965 to 2009.
C J Koh Law Library - Ref: K7599 SLR (http://linc.nus.edu.sg/record=b2704120)

Butterworth’s Annotated Statutes of Singapore
Detailed annotations to provisions of the Statutes of Singapore. However, it is only useful for older editions of statutes as the series has not been updated since 2001.
C J Koh Law Library - Ref: K7399 Sbas (http://linc.nus.edu.sg/record=b1904025)
2.2.2 Case Law

**Law Reports**

Case law in Singapore is mainly found in the official law reports series - the *Singapore Law Reports* (SLR).

Law reports are the published judgments of the courts. Cases are only selected for reporting if they raise or expand upon significant points of law. Therefore, only a small proportion of cases are reported, and these are mainly from the Supreme Court (i.e. High Court and Court of Appeal).

**Print:**

*Singapore Law Reports / Singapore Law Reports (Reissue)* - C J Koh Law Library - Ref: K7599 SLR

To search for cases, refer to "Subject Index 1965 to 2009" and "Comparative Table of Citations & Table of Cases Reported 1965 to 2009".

[http://linc.nus.edu.sg/record=b1196384](http://linc.nus.edu.sg/record=b1196384)


To search for cases, refer to "Consolidated Tables [Years]: Subject Index" and "Consolidated Tables [Years]: General Index and Table of Cases Reported".

[http://linc.nus.edu.sg/record=b1202625](http://linc.nus.edu.sg/record=b1202625)

**Online:**

*LawNet* - NUS Faculty of Law


*Malayan Law Journal* - Lexis Singapore via NUS Libraries E-Resources

[http://linc.nus.edu.sg/record=b3347082](http://linc.nus.edu.sg/record=b3347082)

![Singapore Law Reports](image.png)

Figure 10: *Singapore Law Reports*
Unreported Judgments

These are full text transcripts of written judgments as handed down in the State Courts, High Court and Court of Appeal. They are available online in LawNet.

Online:

LawNet - NUS Faculty of Law


Decisions of Boards/Tribunals

Decisions include those of the Copyright Tribunal; Income Tax Board of Review; Intellectual Property Office of Singapore; Military Court of Appeal; Strata Titles Boards. Most of these decisions are not available in print but are available online in LawNet.

Online:

LawNet - NUS Faculty of Law


Helpful Case Law Research Tools

While not primary sources themselves, these research tools are helpful in relation to case law:

Mallal’s Digest: Consolidated Subject Index 1808 to 2015 / 2015 Consolidated Table of Cases

Subject index of cases digested / Alphabetical table of cases digested.

C J Koh Law Library - Ref: K7599.3 Md 2016 / K7599.3 Md (http://linc.nus.edu.sg/record=b3483533)

Mallal’s Digest: Case Citator 1932 to 2013

This citator contains listings of annotated cases to help in noting up to ensure that the case is still good law.

C J Koh Law Library - Ref: K7599.3 Md 2014 (http://linc.nus.edu.sg/record=b3428602)

Figure 11: Mallal’s Digest: Case Citator 1932 to 2013
2.3 Secondary Sources

This section details the resources available for conducting research on secondary sources, such as journal articles and other general sources.

Secondary sources are useful reference materials to aid in the interpretation and analysis of primary sources. In more complex areas of law, they are an indispensable resource for obtaining academic insight and critique, which can be helpful in forming persuasive arguments. Students should look for these sources when they require a deeper and richer understanding of the law. Note however, that they are only persuasive in nature, and where authority is required, primary sources like statutes and cases are necessary.

2.3.1 Journal Articles

Below are some common electronic databases that contain legal periodicals:

**HeinOnline**

Provides full-text access in PDF format to Anglo-American and international law reviews and journals. Most Singapore law journals including the Singapore Academy of Law Annual Review, Singapore Academy of Law Journal, Singapore Year Book of International Law (formerly Singapore Journal of International & Comparative Law) and Singapore Journal of Legal Studies may be accessed via this subscription database. Particularly useful for its collection of older journals.

NUS Libraries E-Resources [http://linc.nus.edu.sg/record=b2441917](http://linc.nus.edu.sg/record=b2441917)

**i-law**

*i-law* is a vast online database of commercial law knowledge. It provides access to Informa publications including Lloyd's Maritime and Commercial Law Quarterly and International Construction Law Review. Note that 1st-time registration is required for access to this database.

NUS Libraries E-Resources [http://linc.nus.edu.sg/record=b3300515](http://linc.nus.edu.sg/record=b3300515)

**JSTOR**

*JSTOR* is a full text database containing back issues of important scholarly journals in all subject areas, including law. Try *JSTOR* if you can't locate the required article in the usual databases. You might be surprised to find it here!

NUS Libraries E-Resources [http://linc.nus.edu.sg/record=b2073643](http://linc.nus.edu.sg/record=b2073643)

**Kluwer Arbitration**

*Kluwer Arbitration* is the world's leading online resource for international arbitration research. It contains a wealth of commentary from expert authors and an extensive collection of primary source materials. Subscribers gain access to exclusive materials including ICC cases and awards. Journals in this database include *Arbitration International, Asian International Arbitration Journal, Journal of International Arbitration and Revue de l'Arbitrage*.

NUS Libraries E-Resources [http://linc.nus.edu.sg/record=b2645236](http://linc.nus.edu.sg/record=b2645236)
**LawNet**

LawNet has mostly Singapore-based law journals and law reviews. As a local database, it also contains Singapore legislation, cases and books.


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**Lexis Singapore**

Lexis Singapore contains mainly Anglo-American law reviews and journals. The full list of subscribed international journal sources can be viewed by selecting the "i" tab next to the "Journals" option on the home page Quick Search form.

NUS Libraries E-Resources ([http://linc.nus.edu.sg/record=b3347082](http://linc.nus.edu.sg/record=b3347082))

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**WestLaw**

This is a popular legal database providing an extensive range of legislation, law reports and law journals from various jurisdictions. Contains mainly Anglo-American law reviews and journals. Note that access is available to Faculty of Law staff and students only.


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**For More Journals and Reviews**


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*Figure 12: Hein Online*
2.3.2 General Sources: Legal News and Updates

These sources are helpful in keeping abreast of the latest legal developments in Singapore, as well as current affairs.

**Singapore Law Blog**

*Singapore Law Blog* is a blog dedicated to the discussion of the latest Singapore court decisions and legal news. It also routinely showcases practically relevant law journal articles and covers Continuing Legal Education events. Where relevant to the Singapore context, the blog also discusses legal developments in other parts of the world, particularly Commonwealth jurisdictions.

It contains a database of articles on Singapore law, organized by author and subject matter. For ease of access, PDF versions of all blog entries are available for download.

[http://www.singaporelawblog.sg/](http://www.singaporelawblog.sg/)

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**Singapore Law Watch**

*Singapore Law Watch* (“SLW”) is Singapore’s foremost free daily legal news syndication site published by the Singapore Academy of Law. It features the latest Singapore law headlines, judgments, case highlights, legislation as well as a current listing of seminars and publications. All content in *SLW*, with the exception of listings under Continuing Legal Education, is archived in *LawNet*.

Users may subscribe to Daily Email updates by filling the subscription form, or distribute the information via RSS.

2.3.3 General Sources: Legal Related and Non-Legal

**Factiva**

*Factiva* is a *newspaper database* by Dow Jones & Company, providing access to more than 32,000 sources (such as newspapers, journals, magazines, television and radio transcripts, photos, etc.) from nearly every country worldwide in 28 languages, including more than 600 continuously updated newswires. It covers the *Straits Times* (1 May 1995-), *Business Times* (30 April 1994-), *Channel NewsAsia*, *TODAY*, *The Edge* as well as *Asian Wall Street Journal*, *International Herald Tribune*, *Financial Times* and so on. It is updated daily.

*Factiva* can provide a good starting point to help identify news articles which may make mention of related cases / legislation in Singapore and foreign countries. We recommend using the “Search Form” tab on *Factiva* for more precision.

NUS Libraries E-Resources [http://linc.nus.edu.sg/record=b2305713](http://linc.nus.edu.sg/record=b2305713)

![Factiva Image](image)

Figure 14: *Factiva*

**LexisNexis Academic**

*LexisNexis Academic* is a research database that contains *access to critical news, legal and business full-text documents* from over 17,000 credible sources. The research interface is user-friendly and has easy-to-use filters that let users narrow their results sets to relevant documents quickly.

NUS Libraries E-Resources [http://linc.nus.edu.sg/record=b2316459](http://linc.nus.edu.sg/record=b2316459)

**NewspaperSG**

*NewspaperSG* is a *digital archive of current and historic Singapore and Malaya newspapers* published between 1831-2009, maintained by the National Library Board. It contains information on over 200 newspaper titles in the National Library’s microfilm collection. Note that copies of the articles cannot be downloaded.

3 Specific Research: Family Law

Questions of family law, such as divorce, matrimonial property division and child custody, form a considerable bulk of common queries which arise at legal clinics and other pro bono institutions. This section is intended to provide suggestions on possible resources in conducting family law research.

3.1 Elements of Family Law in Singapore

*Elements of Family law in Singapore* (2nd ed) is the leading textbook on family law in Singapore by Professor Leong Wai Kum. The book provides a comprehensive overview of family law in Singapore, proving to be an indispensable tool. This updated second edition follows the original, largely discussing, the developments and its impact on the state of the law currently.

Note that the text covers non-Muslim law, although Chapter 19 on Laws and Courts does touch on the relationship between Muslim family law and non-Muslim family law, and the jurisdictional issues which are likely to arise.

**Contents**

Some sections covered include: Formation of Marriage; Family Violence; Separation and Divorce; Matrimonial Proceedings; Parents; Children; Guardianship and Custody; Adoption; Maintenance; Division of Matrimonial Assets; Laws and Courts (for more topics, refer to the main text)

**Access**

C J Koh Law Library - Ref: KE5135 Leo 2013

[http://linc.nus.edu.sg/record=b3243853](http://linc.nus.edu.sg/record=b3243853)

*Figure 15: Elements of Family Law in Singapore*
3.2 Relevant Legislation and Regulations

The Family Justice Courts has helpfully listed the legislation that is commonly dealt with under this specialized body of courts. You may find one or more of these relevant in the course of your research:

**Primary Legislation**
- Administration of Muslim Law Act (Cap. 3)
- Adoption of Children Act (Cap. 4)
- Children and Young Persons Act (Cap. 38)
- Family Justice Act 2014 (Act 27 of 2014)
- Guardianship of Infants Act (Cap. 122)
- Inheritance (Family Provision) Act (Cap. 138)
- International Child Abduction Act (Cap. 143C)
- Intestate Succession Act (Cap. 146)
- Legitimacy Act (Cap. 162)
- Maintenance of Parents Act (Cap. 167B)
- Maintenance Orders (Facilities for Enforcement) Act (Cap. 168)
- Maintenance Orders (Reciprocal Enforcement) Act (Cap. 169)
- Mental Capacity Act (Cap. 177A)
- Mental Health (Care and Treatment) Act (Cap. 178A)
- Probate and Administration Act (Cap. 251)
- Supreme Court of Judicature Act (Cap. 322)
- Voluntary Sterilization Act (Cap. 347)
- Women’s Charter (Cap. 353)

**Subsidiary Legislation**
- Family Justice Rules 2014 (S 813/2014)
- Family Justice (Amendment) Rules 2015 (S 144/2015) with effect from 1 April 2015
- An Overview of the Family Justice Rules - Dialogue Session Powerpoint PDF (Updated on 27 January 2015)

**Practice Directions**
- Family Justice Courts Practice Directions 2015
- The Family Justice Courts Practice Directions Powerpoint PDF with effect from 1 January 2015
3.3 Family Justice Courts Website

The Family Justice Courts of Singapore has a highly user-friendly website that is intended to provide information on family and youth-related legal issues. It has several available online resources that are tailored to suit the needs of youth and families in distress.

**Access**

Main Site

https://www.familyjusticecourts.gov.sg/Pages/default.aspx

Frequently Asked Questions


Forms

https://www.familyjusticecourts.gov.sg/QuickLink/Pages/Forms.aspx

Practice Guides

https://www.familyjusticecourts.gov.sg/QuickLink/Pages/ResourcesPracticeGuides.aspx

Brochures

https://www.familyjusticecourts.gov.sg/QuickLink/Pages/Brochures.aspx

Figure 16: Family Justice Courts Website
3.4 Office of the Public Guardian Website

The Office of the Public Guardian (“OPG”) works towards protecting the dignity and interests of individuals who lack mental capacity and are vulnerable as well as encouraging proactive planning for an eventuality of losing one’s mental capacity. Where issues involving the Mental Capacity Act and creating a Lasting Power of Attorney (“LPA”) are concerned, OPG provides practical guidance.

Access
Main Site
https://www.publicguardian.gov.sg/opg/
Frequently Asked Questions
https://www.publicguardian.gov.sg/opg/Pages/FAQQuestion.aspx
List of Guides, including LPA and deputyship
https://www.publicguardian.gov.sg/opg/Pages/Guides.aspx
Forms
https://www.publicguardian.gov.sg/opg/Pages/Forms.aspx

Figure 17: Office of the Public Guardian Website

3.5 A Guide to Family Law in Singapore

A Guide to Family Law in Singapore by Randolph Khoo, Head of Family and International Personal Relationships in Drew & Napier LLC, is a Singapore jurisdiction guide to family law in the form of a Q&A, hosted by Practical Law, the leading legal solutions provider from Thomson Reuters.

Contents
Sections covered include: Competing Jurisdiction Disputes and Conflicts of Law; Financial Disputes; Maintenance, Pre- and Post-Nuptial Agreements; Divorce, Nullity, and Judicial Separation; Children; Surrogacy and Adoption; Cohabitation; Family Dispute Resolution; Civil Partnership/Same-Sex Marriage; Controversial Areas of the Law and Future Reforms.

Access
Practical Law - Family Law in Singapore: Overview (PDF Version available)
http://uk.practicallaw.com/4-568-0826
4 Further Reference

4.1 Further Reference Materials

With the sheer amount of resources available at the NUS libraries and on online databases, this can be understandably overwhelming at times. These further reference guides offer practical guidance and step by step instruction as to how to navigate through these resources, in order to conduct meaningful and efficient research. They also help direct you to both general and specific subject matters where required.

*C J Koh Law Library Research Guide: Overview*

It contains a list of library instruction guides and tutorials to assist staff and students in locating resources in the library.

http://libportal.nus.edu.sg/frontend/ms/c-j-koh-law-library/research

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Figure 18: *C J Koh Law Library Portal: Research Overview*
NUS Libraries Library Guide: Law in Singapore

This is a subject guide by our law librarian on resources available in the law library on law in Singapore. Covers case law, legislation, books, theses, journals, databases, reference sources, legal abbreviations and citation and further library guides, which may be helpful for specific subject matters.

http://libguides.nus.edu.sg/c.php?g=145612&p=954806

C J Koh Law Library Research Guide on Legal Resources on the Web: Law in Singapore

This directory links you to online resources related to the law in Singapore.

The "Primary Sources" tab directs you to more specific types of primary sources which you may be looking for, such as treaties and codes. The "Secondary Sources" tab contains listing of useful secondary sources of law by subject matter.

The "Glossaries and Indexes" page is helpful in locating materials. It also contains links to research guides, research tools and tutorials.


4.2 End

You have reached the end of this tutorial. We hope this basic research guide has helped you in the course of your legal research.

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Thank you!