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An Act to establish the Singapore Academy of Law and for matters connected therewith.

[1 November 1988]

PRELIMINARY

Short title

- 1. This Act is the Singapore Academy of Law Act 1988.

Interpretation

- 2. In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires —
 - “Academy” means the Singapore Academy of Law established under section 3;
 - “advocate and solicitor” means an advocate and solicitor of the Supreme Court but excludes any person admitted ad hoc under section 15 of the Legal Profession Act 1966;
 - “Constitution” means the Constitution of the Republic of Singapore;
 - “foreign lawyer” has the meaning given by the Legal Profession Act 1966;
 - “Institute” means the Singapore Institute of Legal Education established under section 3 of the Legal Profession Act 1966;

“Law Society” means the Law Society of Singapore established under section 37 of the Legal Profession Act 1966;

[Deleted by Act 33 of 2021 wef 14/01/2022]

“member” includes a Fellow, honorary member, ordinary member and associate member of the Academy;

“president” means the president of the Academy;

“qualified person” has the meaning given by section 2 of the Legal Profession Act 1966;

“Senate” means the Senate of the Academy established under section 5;

“Supreme Court Judge” includes a Judicial Commissioner;

“vice-president” means a vice-president of the Academy.

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ESTABLISHMENT, FUNCTIONS AND POWERS OF SINGAPORE ACADEMY OF LAW

Establishment of Singapore Academy of Law

3. A body called the Singapore Academy of Law is established, which is a body corporate with perpetual succession and a common seal, with power to sue and be sued in its corporate name and to acquire and dispose of property, both movable and immovable, and to perform any other acts which bodies corporate may by law perform.

Functions and powers of Academy

4.—(1) The functions of the Academy are as follows:

- (a) to promote and maintain high standards of conduct and learning of the members of the legal profession in Singapore and the standing of the profession in the region and elsewhere;
- (b) to promote the advancement and dissemination of knowledge of the laws and the legal system;
- (c) to promote legal research and scholarship and the reform and development of the law;

- (d) to provide continuing legal education for its members;
- (e) to provide for the training, education and examination, by the Academy or by any other body, of persons intending to practise the profession of law;
- (f) to consider proposals and suggestions regarding matters which are referred to the Academy by the Law Society or the Institute;
- (g) to refer to the Law Society or the Institute proposals and suggestions regarding matters which in the opinion of the Senate require consideration by the Law Society or the Institute;
- (h) to promote good relations and social interaction among members and between members and law students and persons concerned in the administration of law and justice in Singapore;
- (i) to appoint persons as notaries public or commissioners for oaths and to authenticate their signatures;
- (j) to undertake activities and projects relating to the study, development and operation of laws and legal systems and the facilities, information technology and infrastructure in support thereof;
- (k) to provide consultancy and other services relating to the study, development and operation of laws and legal systems and the facilities, information technology and infrastructure in support thereof;
- (l) to hold moneys, whether as stakeholder or in any other capacity, for the purposes or members of the legal profession in Singapore or under any written law;
- (m) to certify the following aspects of documents executed in or emanating from Singapore for the purposes of their production in another country:
 - (i) the authenticity of the signature on the document;
 - (ii) the capacity in which the person signing the document has acted;