

**Singapore Academy of Law Act
(CHAPTER 294A)**

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SINGAPORE ACADEMY OF LAW ACT

(CHAPTER 294A)

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

[1st November 1988]

PRELIMINARY

Short title

1. This Act may be cited as the Singapore Academy of Law Act.

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 shall not include any person admitted ad hoc under section 21 of the Legal Profession Act (Cap. 161);

“Board” means the Board of Legal Education established under section 3 of the Legal Profession Act;

“Constitution” means the Constitution of the Republic of Singapore;

“Faculty” means the Faculty of Law of the National University of Singapore;

“Judge of the Supreme Court” includes —

- (a) a person designated to sit as a Judge of the High Court or as a Judge of Appeal under Article 94(3) of the Constitution; and
- (b) a Judicial Commissioner appointed under Article 94(4) of the Constitution;

“Law Society” means the Law Society of Singapore established under section 36 of the Legal Profession Act (Cap. 161);

“legal officer” means a person appointed as a legal officer in the Singapore Legal Service;

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

“President” means the President of the Academy;

“qualified person” shall have the meaning assigned to it by section 2 of the Legal Profession Act;

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

“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. There shall be established a body to be called the Singapore Academy of Law which shall be 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 such other acts which bodies corporate may by law perform.

Functions and powers of Academy

4.—(1) The functions of the Academy shall be 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 Board ;

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- (g) to refer to the Law Society or the Board proposals and suggestions regarding matters which in the opinion of the Senate require consideration by the Law Society or the Board;

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- (h) to promote good relations and social interaction amongst 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; and
- (l) to exercise the functions and duties conferred on the Academy under any written law.

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(2) The Academy may for the purpose of performing its functions —

- (a) provide such training and educational facilities for persons practising and intending to practise the profession of law;
- (b) provide training in subjects of study relating to law, the practice of law or the administration of justice;
- (c) appoint trustees of, and to receive, manage and administer, scholarship and other funds;
- (d) establish a library and common rooms for its members;
- (e) grant prizes and scholarships and establish and subsidise lectureships in educational institutions in subjects of study relating to law;
- (f) contribute a collegiate element in the training of students and young lawyers by organising moots, lectures, talks and practical exercises;
- (g) provide facilities for social interaction amongst its members and between its members and law students;
- (h) purchase or lease any land or building required for any of the purposes of