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Jack graduated from the National University of Singapore in 1995 and qualified as an advocate and solicitor of the Supreme Court of Singapore the following year. After practising for about six years as a litigator with a Singapore law firm, he took up postgraduate studies at University College London on a British Chevening Scholarship and was conferred an LL.M. in 2003. He then returned to Singapore and worked as an Assistant Director for the Singapore Academy of Law, a professional association of judges, lawyers, government legal officers and law academics. Subsequently, he embarked on Ph.D. studies on a fully funded teaching assistantship at the University of Birmingham in the United Kingdom, and successfully defended his thesis on the interpretation and construction of bills of rights in January 2012.

Jack was an Assistant Professor of Law with the School of Law, Singapore Management University from November 2008 to June 2017. He held a 2009–2010 Lee Foundation Fellowship for Research Excellence, and received the School of Law's Most Promising Teacher Award 2010–2011. He served on the Law Society of Singapore's Public and International Law Committee between 2012 and 2013, and will be a member of the National Collection Advisory

Panel of the National Heritage Board from 2013 to 2017. Since April 2016, he has been a member of the International Council on Monuments and Sites (ICOMOS) Singapore, and an Expert Member of the ICOMOS International Scientific Committee on Legal, Administrative and Financial Issues (ICLAFI).

Jack has published book chapters and law journal articles on constitutional law, criminal procedure, heritage law, and other subjects. He was also a contributor to the first editions of *Halsbury's Laws of Singapore* and *Singapore Court Practice*, produced by LexisNexis. He has research interests in constitutional and administrative law, heritage law, and media law.

Selected Publications

Jack Lee at [SelectedWorks](#) and [SSRN](#)

Interpretation of Constitutions and Bills of Rights

- “Rethinking the Presumption of Constitutionality” in Jaclyn L. Neo (ed.), *Constitutional Interpretation in Singapore: Theory and Practice* (Abingdon, Oxon.; New York, N.Y.: Routledge, 2016) at 139–158
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Other Subjects

- “Teaching Law in the University – Shaping Future Generations” in Tang Hang Wu, Michael Hor & Koh Swee Yen (eds.), *The Practice of Law* (Singapore: LexisNexis, 2011) at 177–184
- “Workplace Sexual Harassment in Singapore: The Legal Challenge” (1999) 11 *Singapore Academy of Law Journal* 27–97
- “The Court of Appeal’s Lack of Jurisdiction to Reopen Appeals: *Abdullah bin A Rahman v Public Prosecutor*; *Lim Choon Chye v Public Prosecutor*” [1994] *Singapore Journal of Legal Studies* 431–447

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