

LEGAL AID BUREAU

Commemorating 66 years of providing access to justice
1958 - 2024



1 July 1958
Havelock Road
(former Ministry of Labour Building, now Family Justice Courts)



1965
1 Empress Place
(former Empress Place Building, now Asian Civilisations Museum)



1974
Pearl's Hill



1987
Colombo Court
(now Supreme Court)



1999 till present
The URA Centre,
East Wing



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A Brief History



“... all citizens should enjoy equality before the law and...there should be no necessity for a golden key to unlock the door to the courtroom.”

(Minister for Labour and Welfare, Mr Lim Yew Hock,
Second Reading, Legal Aid and Advice Bill)

- 🔍 **4 April 1956** - The Legal Aid and Advice Bill was introduced in the Legislative Assembly
- 🔍 **6 June 1956** - The Bill was passed as the Legal Aid and Advice Ordinance, the predecessor to the current Legal Aid and Advice Act (1995)
- 🔍 **1 July 1958** – Legal Aid Bureau (LAB) commenced operations

Did you know?



Singapore was the first country in Southeast Asia to have a legal aid scheme!



LAB's registration fee used to be \$1. However, this fee was removed in 2016, and it is now free to register a case in LAB.



LAB has had 13 Directors thus far. Ms Lim Hui Min is the current Director of Legal Aid.

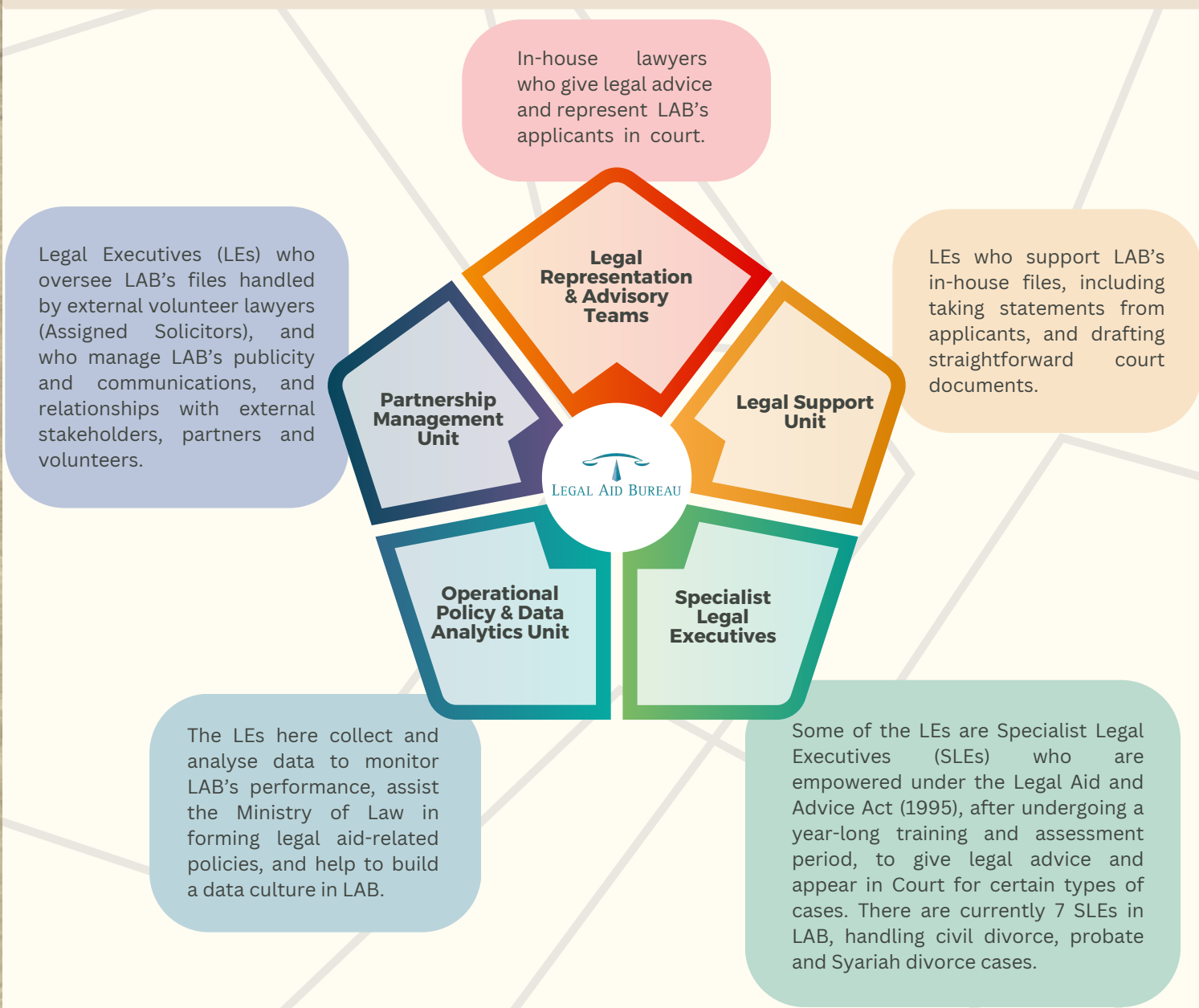


LAB represents applicants in civil proceedings, as set out in the Legal Aid and Advice Act (1995). LAB does not handle criminal proceedings – criminal defence aid is provided by the **Public Defender's Office (PDO.mlaw.gov.sg)**.

OVERVIEW of the Legal Aid Bureau

1958-1959: LAB had 854 registered cases. There were 15 staff, including 5 Legal Officers at that time.

2024: LAB has about 6,580 legal aid, assistance and advice cases a year. There are 52 staff, including 20 Legal Officers.



LAB's Services



Legal Advice

LAB operates a legal clinic during office hours on weekdays at our office at 45 Maxwell Road #07-11 The URA Centre East Wing Singapore 069118, as well as online through 24 Social Service Offices (SSOs) and 29 Family Service Centres (FSCs) island-wide.

Legal Aid

Representation in Court. Matrimonial cases form about half of LAB's caseload, with the rest being a mix of subject matters such as Syariah Court matters, Monetary Claims, Probate and Letters of Administration, and Personal Injuries.

Legal Assistance

Help in drafting documents, namely, Wills and Deeds of Separation.

NOTABLE REPORTED CASES IN THE PAST 66 YEARS

1960s:

Hoo Yan Meng v Esah
[1969] SGHC 13

LAB helped the daughter of a deceased statutory tenant from being evicted from rent-controlled premises. The High Court judgment clarified the rights of such tenants under s16(c) of the then-Control of Rent Ordinance (Cap 242, 1955 Rev Ed).

[Read more](#)



1970s:

Tan Evelyn v Tan Lim Tai
[1973] SGHC 19

LAB helped a “simple, thrifty, homely and uncomplaining kind of wife” claim her fair share of the matrimonial home which had been purchased in her husband’s sole name – and which she had helped to pay for, by entrusting her whole pay packet to him for years.

[Read more](#)



1980s:

Ng Weng Cheong v
Soh Oh Loo and another
[1993] SGCA 22

LAB helped a carpenter obtain some compensation after he was hit by a bus – even though he had been jaywalking. The Court ordered the bus driver to bear 30% of the liability – the first time a jaywalker received compensation in such circumstances.

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1990s:

Salijah Bte Ab Latef v
Mohd Irwan Abdullah
[1996] 1 SLR 63:

[Read more](#)



LAB helped a wife who was divorced in the Syariah Court to obtain a court order for her missing husband to sign documents transferring his share in the matrimonial home to her, as ordered by that Court. The Administration of Muslim Law Act 1966 was amended after this case, to allow the Registrar of the Syariah Court to execute such documents on behalf of defaulting parties.

NOTABLE REPORTED CASES IN THE PAST 66 YEARS

2000s:

Ong Tean Hoe v Hong Kong Industrial Company Pte Ltd [2001] SGHC 303



LAB helped an industrial machine operator, whose hands were crushed by a machine at work, to claim compensation (over \$700,000) from her employer.

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2010s:

Chan Tin Sun v Fong Quay Sim [2015]



LAB helped a wife who poisoned her husband (and was imprisoned for it) to get some share of the matrimonial assets. She got 7% less than what she would have otherwise obtained had she not poisoned him - but she had contributed to the family over more than 30 years of marriage and did not deserve to get nothing.

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2020s:

Dai Yi Ting v Chuang Fu Yuan [2022] SGHC 253

[Read more](#)



LAB helped an e-scooter rider who was sued by his pillion rider for compensation after an accident. This was a precedent judgment on the issue of whether to have liability and damages heard separately or together.



STORIES from LAB's Case Files - "My Most Memorable Case"

Abused by her mother-in-law, but she fought for her rights.

This case was memorable to me because of all the hardship my applicant, Letchmi*, had to go through. She was a lowly educated woman who came from overseas to marry a Singapore citizen. Her dreams of a better life in Singapore turned to dust, however.

For 20 years, she lived with her husband and his parents, and suffered constant abuse during this time. For the smallest of reasons, her mother-in-law would twist Letchmi's fingers and ear lobes, punch her, or hit her with household utensils like kitchen bowls or a mop stick. She even locked Letchmi in a room, and only allowed her to come out to use the toilet. Her husband always took his mother's side.

The last straw was when Letchmi's mother-in-law pulled her hair and threw her against the wall, causing great pain to the back of her head, and making her feel giddy afterwards.

A neighbour who was passing by heard her shouts and called the police, who brought her to the hospital.

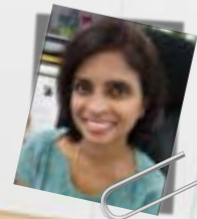
When Letchmi was discharged, she did not dare to return home, but stayed in a crisis shelter instead. She then came to LAB for help to get a divorce.

Letchmi was so eager to get out of the marriage that she told us she only wanted to claim \$300 a month in wife maintenance. She did not even want to make a claim on the matrimonial assets. However, her husband refused to pay even a cent of wife maintenance.

We spoke at length to Letchmi to encourage her to fight for her rights - and claim a share of the matrimonial assets. The lawyer on the file eventually helped her to get a court order for half of the matrimonial assets. Her share came to more than \$380,000. It was much more than what she had expected or dreamed of getting! Afterwards, she said to me:

"I did not know any English, and I was afraid that it would be difficult for me to understand the divorce process ... Without [LAB's] support, I would not have been able to get the outcome I had. The help given has truly transformed my life."

Ms Prema Nadesan
(Legal Executive)



Facing death, a mother gave up her children to their babysitter

I remember this case well because it involved a mother giving up her children - and as I am a mother myself, I was sad for her and her children.

The applicant, Mdm S*, was an elderly lady who wanted us to help her apply to be the guardian of a pair of twin girls she had been babysitting since young. They were now teenagers. Mdm S was not related to them by blood. The twins' natural mother had just asked her to help babysit the children one day, and then never came back for them. She was a single mother and had other children to care for.

We tracked down the natural mother and found out that she had end-stage cancer. She was not even 40 years old! In fact, we were the same age, which was sobering. I visited her in hospital at night, to ask her to sign the consent for Mdm S to be the twins' guardian. She was very frail and was breathless as she spoke. We spent quite a long time talking. She said she had made the right choice to leave the twins with Mdm S, who was and would be a better caregiver to them than she ever was and ever could be.

The natural mother passed away the next day. I felt very moved that I was one of the last people she had

spoken to - perhaps the last person she had an in-depth conversation with. I'm glad that I had spent some time with her and helped her to process the events of her life in the face of death.

We filed the guardianship application but the natural father then attended the hearing and promised that he would help with any official matters regarding the twins in future. Mdm S withdrew her guardianship application on the understanding that she and the father would work together to raise the children in future. The twins continued to live with her.

I feel sorry that their own (biological) mother was not able to raise them - but they were indeed blessed to have found a guardian angel in their babysitter. It is a shame that the twins will never have the chance to know their mother as adults, though. But I am happy that LAB's intervention spurred the natural father to step up to play his part in the twins' lives. This case shows how life can be so tragic, yet so miraculous, and also, so very fragile.

Ms Latifah Hassan Ali
(Legal Executive)



STORIES from LAB's Case Files - "My Most Memorable Case"



Ms Istyana Putri Ibrahim
(Former LAB Legal Officer)

Standing up to workplace bullying, which caused PTSD

This case made a deep impression on me because it showed me how cruel some people can be in a workplace environment.

Our applicant was the mother of a 20-year-old girl, who had interned at a local bakery. On her first day, the chef and other kitchen workers asked her if she had a boyfriend, whether she had had sexual intercourse before

or had watched blue films. She said she was not taught how to bake. She was just made to wash dishes all the time, and then scolded about being too slow. She was even forced to wash the floor with bleach, without gloves. She had plates thrown at her. Unable to take all this abuse, she eventually quit.

The girl suffered from post-traumatic stress disorder and depression, and had suicidal thoughts, because of what she had been through. The girl's mother helped her file a Magistrate's Complaint against this workplace for bullying and sexual harassment, as she was still a minor. A settlement was reached with the chef after mediation. However, the chef did not pay what he was supposed to under the settlement agreement, so the mother had to borrow from friends and relatives to pay for medical treatment for the girl's mental health issues.

LAB helped the mother and daughter commence civil proceedings to get the chef to pay up. We did our best to ensure that justice was done for this case. I am glad to have been able to play my part in fighting a workplace bully, and I hope he will not do this to any other person, ever again.



Ms Hui Gan
(Legal Executive)

Fighting off being bankrupted by a "friend"

This was an unusual case - involving a tugboat. I had no idea what a tugboat was until I did this case. It is a small powerful boat that can tow or push large ships.

Our applicant, Mr Lee*, who was working in the marine industry, was asked by his friend to help him find a tugboat to buy. Mr Lee found one which cost about \$100,000. The friend paid him about half this amount, which Mr Lee paid to the tugboat owner. Sometime later, the friend said he did not want to go through with the tugboat purchase and wanted his money back.

Mr Lee did not have the money to pay back the friend, and the friend then sued him for the sum. The friend got a court order asking Mr Lee to pay back the money, and when Mr Lee did not do so, the friend applied to make him a bankrupt. Some friend he was!

LAB successfully helped Mr Lee fight off the bankruptcy application - after all, Mr Lee was only acting as a middleman, trying to do his friend a favour.

My lesson is that you should be careful who you help and how you help them. Mr Lee should have just asked the friend to pay the money to the tugboat owner himself!

STORIES from LAB's Case Files - "My Most Memorable Case"

Suffered from failed surgeries, but hospital paid compensation

My applicant, Francis*, was a dedicated yoga instructor whose life took a distressing turn when he sought treatment for chronic erectile dysfunction.

Opting for penile implant surgery seemed like a promising solution, but the surgery was botched, leaving Francis in a lot of pain and unable to urinate normally. He had to go for more surgeries to rectify the damage. Because of this, Francis was not able to continue his yoga practice, which was a source of both livelihood and joy for him. Determined to hold the hospital accountable for his ordeal, Francis turned to LAB for help.

We managed to successfully negotiate a \$70,000 settlement for him, which not only helped him financially, but offered him a sense of closure after enduring so much hardship.

This case has reaffirmed my commitment to advocating for individuals like Francis, whose lives have been forever changed by another person's negligence.



Davyd Chong
(Legal Officer)



*Not their real names

Read here for
more stories!



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My story...

I joined LAB in August 1963, and stayed for 50 years.

I started as a clerk and subsequently became a Legal Assistant filing and drafting legal documents. Towards the end of my time in LAB, I served in Partnership Management Unit (PMU) matching Assigned Solicitors to cases. The skill upgrades were a morale booster for me, and I felt very fulfilled.

Change was a constant at LAB and the biggest one was digitalisation. In the beginning, there were only the physical files, boxes and trolleys of them. We had people whose main job was to type out documents. Then we moved to having computers. In 2015, we went paperless, meaning everyone could work on the files from their computers at the same time. Cases were processed much faster, and the number of registered cases increased significantly.

But something which had stayed the same amidst all the change is the very healthy culture and rapport between colleagues at LAB. In these 50 years, my colleagues and even Directors became my good friends, and I was well respected no matter what work I did. LAB has given me a very fulfilling and meaningful career. One of my grandchildren is now pursuing a law degree and I'd like to think that I was part of that motivation!



Ramasamy Palanisamy, 82

Retiree &
LAB Pioneer

I joined LAB as a Legal Officer in 2014 but left after less than a year due to personal reasons. I was attracted by its mission of serving the less privileged. Despite my short time at LAB, I had many memorable moments, and was even involved in the development of the GENIE electronic system. After I left LAB, I worked as a lawyer in private practice, which I am still doing now. Part of my heart has always remained in LAB, and so I have volunteered in LAB as an Assigned Solicitor since 2014. This year happens to be my 10th year helping LAB applicants through LAB's Assigned Solicitor scheme.

I have seen people from many walks of life while doing such work. One memorable case I recall is an injury claim suit in which the applicant suffered an injury that led to her being unable to work and walk. This matter occurred during the COVID-19 pandemic and it was challenging to take instructions from her and her husband, who was also hard of hearing. We managed to get a favourable sum of compensation for her as well as costs of \$18,000.

I am proud to have made a positive difference in the lives of my applicants. I am committed to continuing the journey of helping the underprivileged in Singapore, and it would be great if other lawyers could also consider joining LAB's Assigned Solicitor scheme to tread down this path.



Wilson Foo, 36

Assigned Solicitor from
Lex Compass Law LLC

Former LAB Legal
Officer

OUR PEOPLE - Some LAB folks, Past & Present



Foo Xu Hui, 27
Legal Executive,
PMU

I have been at LAB for nearly 2 years now. I find the work meaningful as we are helping those who cannot afford to get help for their legal matters. In the course of my work, I do not just liaise with Assigned Solicitors and applicants on case files, but I also get the chance to do presentations to external parties on LAB's work, create publicity materials and organise events for our volunteers. This is all so we can ensure that there are enough lawyers to help all our applicants and that no one can fall through the cracks because they have not heard about LAB and its services.

Another plus point about working in LAB is that it aims to be an inclusive workspace- I have experienced this in multiple ways during my time here. I really appreciate it that my colleagues ensure that the meeting rooms for the meetings that I need to attend are wheelchair accessible, or the activities they plan would be suitable for me. My workstation was modified to be more accessible for me as well.

One highlight was the kayaking event a few of us went for earlier this year. It was my first time kayaking. I was nervous but excited! My colleagues played different roles in making the event fun, accessible, and memorable for me by helping me get equipment, transfer onto the kayak and so on. You could say that the activity was smooth sailing overall!

I joined LAB as a Legal Executive in 2020. I enjoy helping individuals through their toughest phases in life, and hopefully easing their burden. However, it is a challenge dealing with their emotions, as well as my own. I often think about a case after I leave work for the day. However, I practise self-care by going to the beach on weekends and just reading a book quietly, by myself.

One excellent experience I have had is to become a Specialist Legal Executive (SLE) for divorce matters. The training gave me a deeper understanding of the legal concept for divorce cases. As an SLE, I can help some of our applicants (those who have uncontested divorce cases where the value of the matrimonial assets is \$1 million or below) from the start, from taking instructions, to drafting court documents, to representing them in Court, right to the end of the proceedings when I give them the final court order.

I am currently a part-time law student in SUSS and this scheme has been a boost because I am already getting mediation experience which my classmates will only explore in Year 4! I cannot thank LAB enough for this rare opportunity.



Siti Raudah Tajuddin, 27
Specialist Legal Executive,
LSU

I joined LAB from private practice and have been here for 7 years now. I love doing family work with complex legal issues and there is a lot of such work in LAB. Being able to help the applicants resolve their issues without litigation (e.g by helping them consider other options such as mediation or reconciliation) is the most meaningful.

One of my hobbies is learning languages. I speak, in addition to English and Mandarin, Malay, Japanese and French. I often have to use Mandarin and Malay when advising our applicants, but once I got a chance to use Japanese for a case. It was a child abduction matter where a Japanese father had taken his son to Singapore without the Japanese mother's consent. The Japanese mother was desperate to get her son back and appointed us as her lawyers. As she was not conversant in English, I had to take her instructions entirely in Japanese. In fact, when she attended court mediation with the Japanese father and his lawyers, I had to translate the session from English to Japanese and vice versa while negotiating for her to stay in Singapore with her son. I'm glad that they were eventually reunited and that I could assist in a small way with my language skills.



Darren Chan, 37
Legal Officer

Assigned Solicitors

Lawyers from the private sector who take on LAB cases for an honorarium.

LAB currently has 156 active Assigned Solicitors who have each taken on a legal aid case or sat on a Legal Aid Board meeting (to decide on the grant of aid for cases) in the past year.

Volunteer Assistant Directors of Legal Aid (VADLAs)

Lawyers or former lawyers who are academics, retirees, or homemakers, helping with LAB's work during office hours.

There are currently 7 VADLAs.

NUS-LAB Clinical Legal Education (CLE) Programme

Under the NUS-LAB CLE programme, law students from the National University of Singapore can work on LAB files under the supervision of their professors, for course credit.



Ms Lee Yen Yin

Assigned Solicitor
Tan Rajah & Cheah

It has been a great privilege working with LAB, and seeing firsthand the important work of facilitating access to justice and ensuring that the rule of law is equal to all regardless of socio-economic status.

I am always in awe of the helpfulness and efficiency of the LAB officers.

OUR VOLUNTEERS



Mr Mohamed Muzammil

Assigned Solicitor
Muzammil & Company

I consider myself fortunate to be part of the legal aid scheme. LAB plays an important role in assisting those who do not have the means to engage the services of a private counsel to be legally represented. No person should be deprived of legal representation just because he or she cannot afford to have one. The greatest satisfaction as an Assigned Solicitor is not only to complete the assignment with your best efforts but on hearing the words 'thank you' coming from your legal aid client.

To the officers and staff of LAB, without your help and understanding, I would not be able to carry out my duties and responsibilities as an Assigned Solicitor to my best. A great thank you to the Officers and Staff of LAB.



Ms Ang Si Yi

VADLA and
Assistant Professor, NUS

I started volunteering with LAB in 2021 when I joined NUS to run the Pro Bono Family Litigation Clinic with LAB (i.e. the NUS-LAB CLE programme). I also started assisting with weekly duty officer sessions.

It's been a challenge having to act concurrently as a counsellor, educator, and lawyer on LAB files. Some applicants are frustrated because of the expectation that problems can be resolved immediately, and always to their favour.

For the students, having to bridge the gap between theory and practice sometimes results in culture shocks. Many students also do not have any exposure to community law. Others are uncomfortable dealing with sensitive or emotionally charged issues, such as family violence. LAB cases are a good exposure for them.



Ms Rachel Ooi

Final-Year Law Student, NUS and
participant in the NUS-LAB CLE
programme

The CLE programme has given me greater insights as to how I can better prepare myself for my training contract, from drafting skills to interpersonal and communication skills when interacting with vulnerable clients or fellow lawyers.

One of my most memorable moments in the programme was when I attended a mediation with Asst Prof Ang in the Family Justice Court. It was interesting to see how the judge had to be both a patient and understanding mediator, and also a factfinder, in order to help parties divide their matrimonial assets fairly.

OUR PARTNERS

Beyond
Legal
Services

Providing social service referrals for vulnerable applicants

ADULLAM
LIFE COUNSELLING

INSTITUTE
of MENTAL
HEALTH
National Healthcare Group

Fei Yue 飞越

MontfortCare

MSF
MINISTRY OF
SOCIAL AND FAMILY
DEVELOPMENT

aic
agency for
integrated care

Star
shelter

PAVE

CasaRaudha
Ltd

LAB applicants often have non-legal issues in addition to their legal issues, including housing problems, family violence, neglect, debt challenges and severe family conflict. We refer such applicants, with their consent, for social services, as needed.

If you are an Assigned Solicitor and you encounter applicants who may require social services, please contact your PMU Liaison Officer so that we can refer them to the appropriate organisation.

If you are from a social service organisation which is interested to collaborate with LAB, please contact us via ERU@lab.gov.sg so that we can connect with you.

Words from our partners:



PAVE

LAB goes beyond providing legal assistance to showing sensitivity to the needs and other aspects of their clients' lives. This led to the partnership with PAVE years ago in establishing a referral protocol for clients who have experienced family violence.

We are impressed with the team for your professionalism, for being client-centric, and for delivering services with such care and commitment.



MSF

Not all superheroes wear capes! From preparing the cases before going to court, to supporting families through the legal process and fighting for them in court, LAB staff are the superheroes who help families in need!



To ensure equal access to justice for persons of limited means, LAB works closely with the Singapore Prison Service to provide legal advice and legal aid to eligible inmates.

Mr Palani Thangaveloo
Offender Administration Officer,
Sentence Management Branch, Singapore Prison Service

We are proud to work
with the partners whose
logos are on this page.

LAB has constantly developed and used legal technology to work more efficiently and provide better service to our applicants. These are the tech initiatives we have created and launched over the years.

**2015
GENIE**

LAB was one of the first law firms in Singapore to go paperless, by adopting an electronic case management system, called the “Green End to End Intelligent E-System”, or “**GENIE**”, for short!



**2020
iLAB**

iLAB is a chatbot that gives tailored legal information on a variety of topics (divorce, civil cases, employment). iLAB can also help with drafting a Memorandum of Appearance for civil divorce cases.



**2022
Divorce
AIDE**

Divorce Aide provides an estimate of the share of the matrimonial assets the user is likely to get upon divorce, which he or she can use to come to an amicable settlement on the issue. It also educates the user on matrimonial asset division principles.



**2023
eBANTU**

eBantu is an online form-filling assistant for Syariah Court divorce matters, which also educates the user on the grounds of divorce, children, property and maintenance issues under Syariah law. We are currently working on translating the tool into Malay.



Message from the
Director of Legal Aid,

Lim Hui Min



“Would you like to read my manifesto? I have invented my own religion.”

The applicant who said these words to me had come for advice on whether he could fight for a share of his deceased’s mother’s estate, and somehow the conversation had veered into the meaning of life, as advice sessions sometimes do. I was a fairly young lawyer in LAB then.

“Yes, please!”, I said. It was a good read. The manifesto explained, amongst other things, that we each have a part to play in ensuring world peace and harmony, and we should thus be unselfish, and not tether ourselves to material needs. The applicant’s mother’s will did not give him a share of the estate, and was legally unchallengeable, as far as I could see. I explained this to the applicant.

“But how about me? Shouldn’t I get my fair share?” he asked. I referred him to his manifesto, and ventured the view that he could contribute to world peace and harmony by letting go of the fight for a share of his mother’s estate. To my surprise, he nodded, said he agreed with me, and left the room! I thought this was an excellent example of the meaning of integrity – acting in accordance with your words.

I was in LAB as a lawyer for over 3 years and expanded not just my legal knowledge and skills, but my understanding of human nature. The applicants were my teachers. I then left for another department, before returning to LAB more than 9 years ago as the Director of Legal Aid.



“WHAT LIES AHEAD”

During all this time, there have been many changes, many initiatives – to our means test, our systems, our people. LAB’s mission of helping the less privileged get access to justice is unchanged, but we have transformed how we do it, how fast we do it, and how effectively we do it. For example, today, we offer legal advice sessions to applicants from SSOs and FSCs across the island. In future, we hope to offer legal advice sessions to applicants from the comfort of their homes.

We are experimenting with using AI to draft certain court documents. We are exploring a new tech tool to link litigants with therapeutic support. We are determinedly pursuing more cases which can help to develop the law, shape policy or change the practices of major institutions in order to protect the most vulnerable in our society.

My wish for LAB is that amidst our drive to do things ever better, our thrill in using technology, our satisfaction in building networks of partners, our pride in doing notable cases in court, we keep our applicants and their needs at the centre of our thoughts and endeavours. It is easy to be so caught up in what you are doing, that you sometimes forget who you are doing it for.

There are a few applicants who will never fade from my memory – in addition to the manifesto guy, there is the man whose daughter died from Stevens-Johnson syndrome after being given some drugs to treat what seemed like bad flu. He would call me over the phone and cry for more than an hour each time. And then, one day, he stopped crying, thanked me for listening to him, and never called again. From him, I learned how to sit with grief. There was the blind applicant who, far from being helpless, was a caregiver to his elderly grandmother. He taught me resilience. And the old lady whose husband became paralysed after an accident – she would smile and thank me repeatedly for my help each time I saw her. That was an embodiment of grace.

It is these applicants I hold in my mind every day, as I go about even the most administrative of tasks in LAB. Every legal officer, legal executive and volunteer in LAB would have their own particular set of applicants and experiences which encapsulate for them why they are working here, and why the work is meaningful. I would like to end with a tribute to all the LAB folk who have helped our applicants over the decades. They have, in big ways and small, been living out the LAB tagline – “Help with a Heart”.



CONTACT US



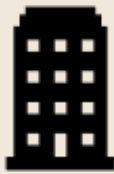
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volunteer lawyer**
with LAB



Access the **list** of participating
FSCs & SSOs with
videoconferencing
arrangements with LAB



Access **LAB's
Applicant Portal**



GETTING HERE

Nearest MRT station:
Maxwell (Thomson - East Coast Line)

We are located opposite Maxwell Food
Centre. Click **here** to view the entrance
of the URA Centre (East Wing)

Wheelchair access / by private transport:

There is a drop-off/pick-up point near the
entrance of the CPF Maxwell Services Centre.

Once you alight, you will see the entrance to
The URA Centre (East Wing), which leads to
the lift lobby of The URA Centre (East Wing).

If you are coming from the drop-off area in
front of the Singapore City Gallery (where the
Samsui women statues are located), enter
the Singapore City Gallery and take the lift
up to Level 3. From there, turn right and look
for the sign that points to The URA Centre
(East Wing).

This will bring you to the link bridge that
connects the Singapore City Gallery to the
adjoining URA Centre (East Wing) building.

Take the lift at The URA Centre (East Wing) to
Level 7.



LEGAL AID BUREAU

FIND US

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#07-11
The URA Centre (East Wing)
Singapore 069118



COUNTER OPERATING HOURS

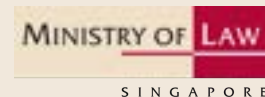
Monday to Friday, 8:30am to 5:00pm
(Last queue ticket will be issued at 4:30pm)

To avoid the crowd, you are advised to
visit between 8:30am to 11:00am and
preferably, register yourself on LAB's
Applicant Portal (see QR code above).

Closed on weekends and public holidays.

ENQUIRY LINE OPERATING HOURS

Monday to Friday, 8:30am to 5:00pm
Closed on weekends and public holidays.



MINLAW ENQUIRY PAGE

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to send us your
feedback & enquiries.