

HIGHLIGHTS OF 2021

11 JANUARY

Opening of the Legal Year

For the first time, this annual event was streamed live from the State Courts' Havelock Hall to about 1,000 participants on Zoom.



12 AND 13 JANUARY

Singapore International Commercial Court Conference

The Singapore Bench and International Judges of the Singapore International Commercial Court (SICC) came together virtually to discuss and assess legal developments, as well as chart the course for the year ahead. The theme this year was "Transforming Justice in Pursuit of a New Normal".



10 MARCH

Singapore International Commercial Court Symposium

Themed "Trends & Developments in International Commercial Litigation", the live webinar brought together key players in the international commercial dispute resolution landscape. Distinguished local and international speakers engaged in in-depth panel discussions on the new procedural rules of the SICC, emerging trends and opportunities for commercial courts, and other dispute resolution options in a post-pandemic world.

SINGAPORE INTERNATIONAL COMMERCIAL COURT SYMPOSIUM 2021
Trends & Developments in International Commercial Litigation
Wednesday, 10 March 2021 | 8.45 am – 6.00 pm Singapore time (SGT +8) | Virtual event

Don't miss the opportunity to hear from our distinguished speakers

Visit <https://www.siccsymposium2021.sg/>

or scan the QR Code to find out more.
Early bird rates are valid until 31 January 2021, 11.59pm Singapore time (GMT +8). Group rates for registrations of 10 or more participants are available.

ACCREDITED CIPD Activity	No. of Public CPD Points	5.5
SILE	Practice Area	Contemporary issues in legal practice
	Training Level	General

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1 JUNE

Protection from Harassment Court in Session

A new specialised court was established in the State Courts to hear all criminal and civil matters under the Protection from Harassment Act.



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23 AND 24 AUGUST

Mass Call

A total of 457 newly minted Advocates and Solicitors were called to the Bar virtually this year. In Chief Justice Menon's speech titled "The Legal Profession Amidst the Pandemic: Change and Continuity", he said the pandemic had brought the use of technological tools into the mainstream of many legal tasks and processes and accelerated the migration of traditional processes to a digital format.



14 SEPTEMBER

Courts (Civil and Criminal Justice) Reform Bill Becomes Law

Legislation designed to transform and future-proof the legal system was passed in Parliament. The Bill will support the digital transformation of the Courts and the implementation of the new Rules of Court, provide a statutory framework for the Attorney-General to intervene in court proceedings, enable courts to grant freestanding interim relief, and harmonise and enhance court processes.



3 NOVEMBER

Judicial Service Commission Gets Approved

Parliament approved the creation of a new commission that effectively separates the judicial and legal services in Singapore. It comes after six decades under an "integrated" system where a single Legal Service Commission oversaw officers deployed to both the judicial and legal branches. The structural changes aim to put both services on a better footing by allowing them to reap the benefits of greater specialisation and prepare for future challenges.

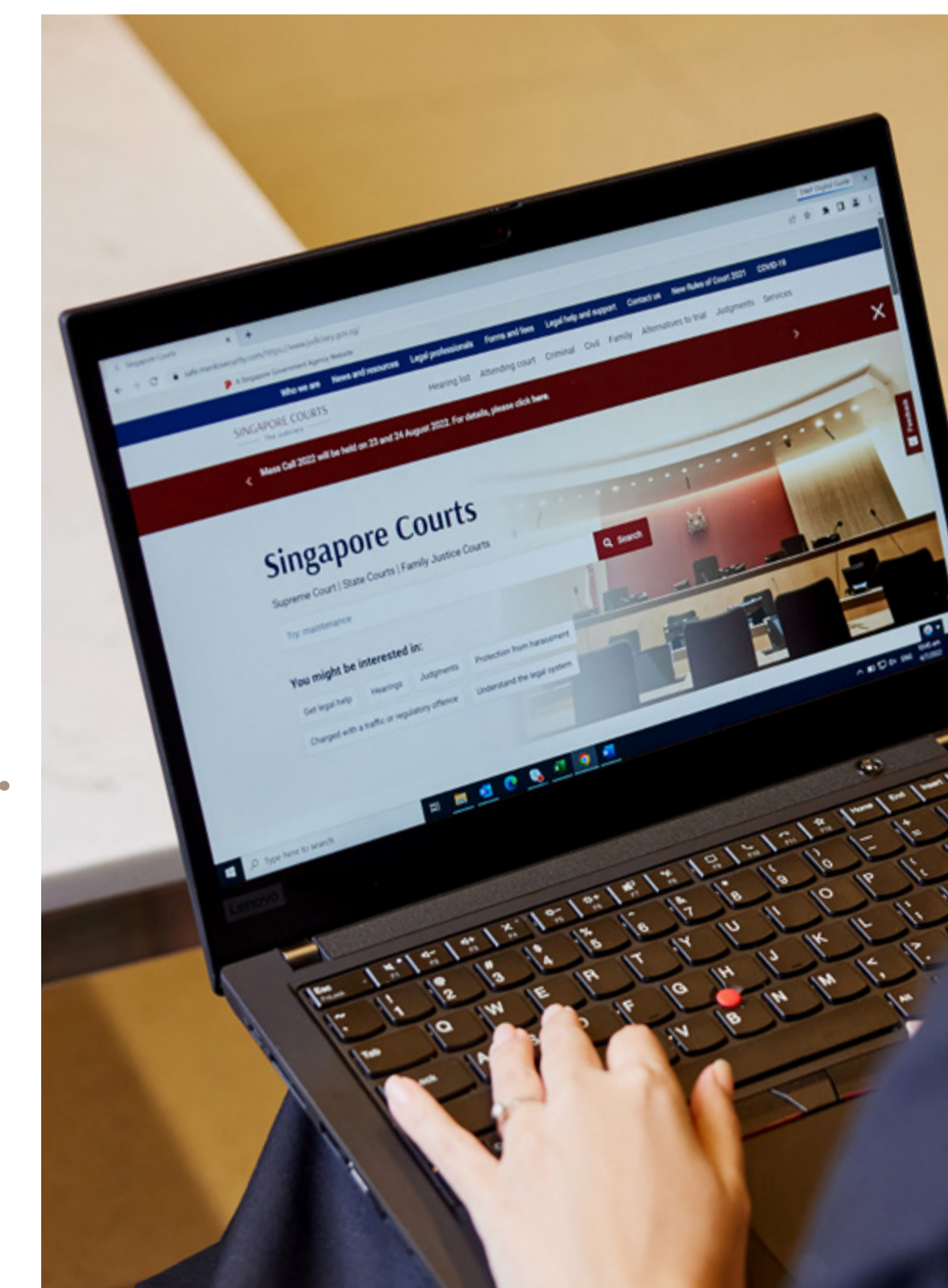


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19 NOVEMBER

SG Courts Website Is Launched

The new website at www.judiciary.gov.sg provides an integrated gateway to information on the Judiciary of Singapore, with information presented in layman's terms to demystify court processes alongside user-friendly and intuitive features.



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1 DECEMBER

New Rules of Court Are Gazetted

The Rules of Court 2021 aim to transform the nation's civil litigation process by enhancing the efficiency and speed of adjudication while keeping legal costs reasonable.

