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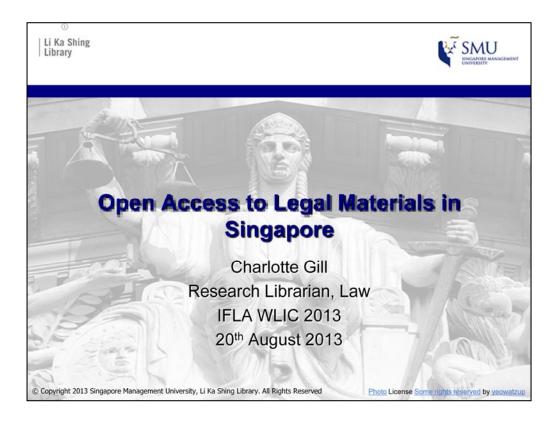
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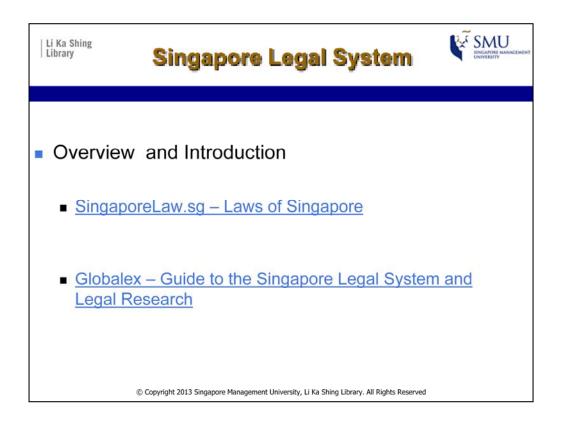
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Singapore has inherited the English common law tradition

There is heavy influence of common law in traditional areas such as Contract, Tort and Restitution

In other areas such as Criminal Law, Company Law and Law of Evidence, Singapore is more influenced by jurisdictions such as India and Australia.

Singapore is a sovereign republic, with a legal system based on the English common law.

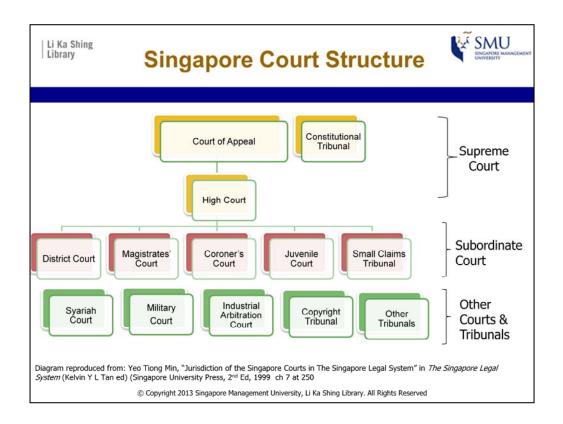
The Constitution lays down the fundamental principles and basic framework for the three organs of state, namely, the Executive, the Legislative and the Judiciary.

The Executive comprises the <u>Cabinet</u>, which is responsible for the general direction of the Government and accountable to Parliament

The Legislature comprises the <u>Parliament</u> and is the legislative authority responsible for enacting legislation. More information on the history of Parliament, Parliament House and activities of the House can be obtained from its website.

The Judiciary's function is to independently administer justice. The Judiciary is safeguarded by the Constitution.

The Prime Minister of Singapore is appointed by the President of Singapore under Article 25 of the Constitution. The President, acting on the advice of the Prime Minister. also appoints other Ministers from among the Members of Parliament.

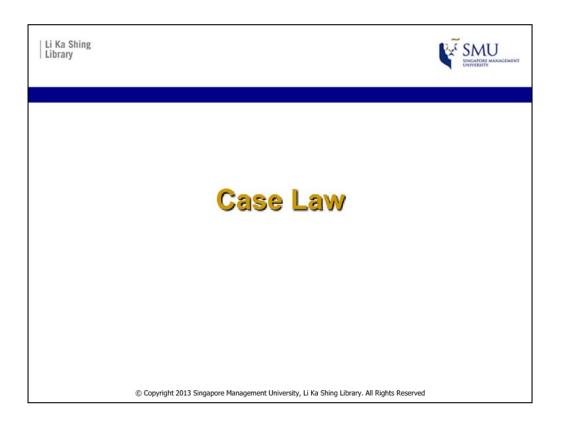


The Court of Appeal

The highest court of the land is the permanent Court of Appeal, which hears both civil and criminal appeals emanating from the High Court and the Subordinate Courts.

The High Court hears both criminal and civil cases as a court of first instance. The High Court also hears appeals from the decisions of District Courts and Magistrate's Courts in civil and criminal cases, and decides points of law reserved in special cases submitted by a District Court or a Magistrate's Court. In addition, the High Court has general supervisory and revisionary jurisdiction over all subordinate courts in any civil or criminal matter.

With a few limited exceptions, the High Court has the jurisdiction to hear and try any action where the defendant is served with a writ or other originating process in Singapore, or outside Singapore in the circumstances authorised by Rules of Court; or where the defendant submits to the jurisdiction of the High Court. Generally, except in probate matters, a civil case must be commenced in the High Court if the value of the claim exceeds \$250,000.00. Probate matters are commenced in the High Court only if the value of the deceased's estate exceeds \$3,000,000.00 or if the case involves the resealing of a foreign grant. In addition, ancillary matters in family proceedings involving assets of S\$1,500,000.00 or more are also heard in the High Court.









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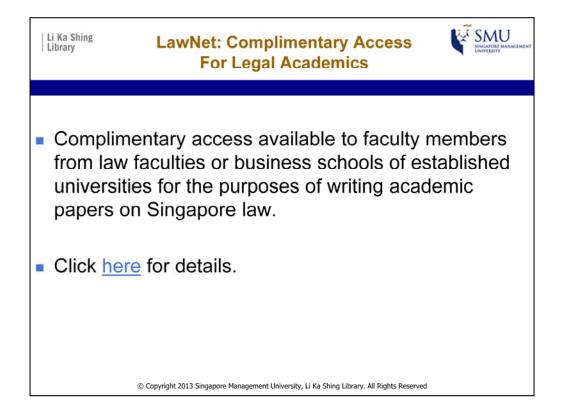
The Malayan Law Journal, provided by LexisNexis, is the only local series of law reports to be published continuously since 1932, except during the war years. It includes cases from Singapore prior to full independence in 1965, as well as from the Straits Settlements, Federated Malay States, Malayan Union and Federation of Malaya. The Malayan Law Journal currently reports judgments of the Malaysian Federal Court, Court of Appeal and High Courts; the Brunei Court of Appeal and High Court, and appeals from Brunei to the Privy Council.

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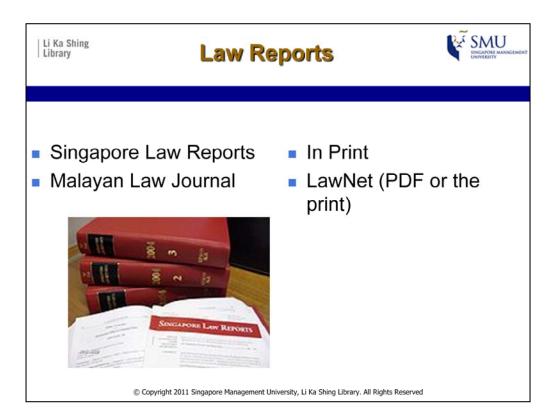
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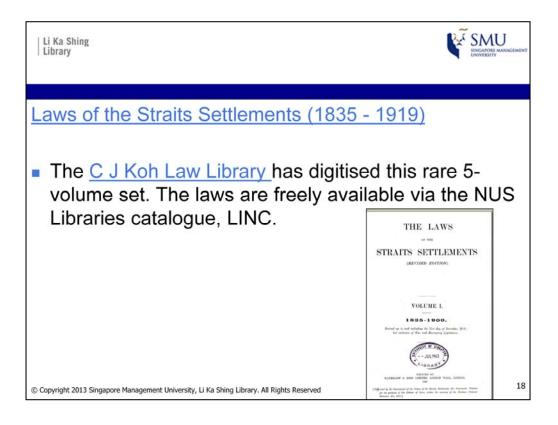








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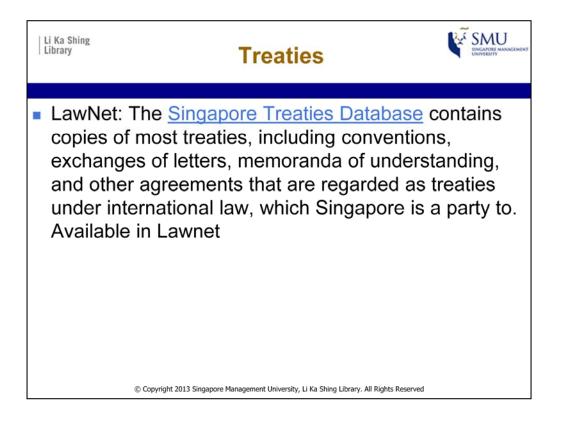
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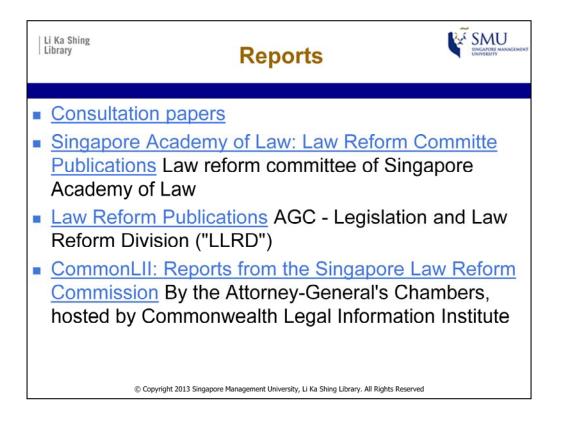
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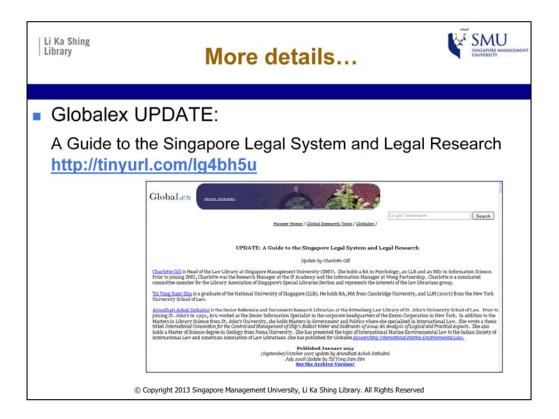
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