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To Prospective 2015 Graduates from Overseas Scheduled Universities

## **SINGAPORE INSTITUTE OF LEGAL EDUCATION PART A BAR EXAMINATIONS**

The arrangement under which the NUS Faculty of Law conducted the Part A Bar Examinations ended in 2014. Starting from 2015, the SILE has assumed conduct of the examinations, with the changes outlined below.

2. The SILE Part A Bar Examinations will for the first time involve faculty from both the NUS Faculty of Law and the SMU School of Law. The SILE is pleased to have secured the appointments of the following Subject Coordinators for the five examinable subjects:

Company Law:	Professor Walter Woon, SC (NUS)
Criminal Law:	Associate Professor S. Chandra Mohan (SMU)
Evidence Law:	Professor Jeffrey Pinsler, SC (NUS)
Land Law:	Professor Tang Hang Wu (SMU)
Singapore Legal System:	Associate Professor Goh Yihan (SMU)

Each of these Subject Coordinators is an outstanding academic with recognised practical experience. The updated curriculum, developed with input from practitioners, aims to sensitise candidates to practical aspects of the subjects in preparation for legal practice in Singapore.

3. Next, commencing 2016, future preparatory courses for the Part A Bar Examinations will commence in January with the examinations being held in April. This change takes into account feedback we have received on the scheduling of the examinations. This will be less disruptive as graduates from the overseas scheduled universities who have completed their relevant legal training, practice or work can progress directly from the Part A Bar Examinations to the Part B Bar Course and Examinations. Thereafter, they can proceed with their practice training period, leading up to their admission to the Singapore Bar.

### **Transitional Arrangements for 2015**

4. 2015 will therefore be a transitional year. Graduates returning from their overseas studies in mid-2015 can choose to sit for the examinations conducted in October 2015<sup>1</sup> or join the optional Part A Bar Course starting in January 2016 in preparation for the examinations in April 2016. In either case, there is no anticipated delay to their admission to the Singapore Bar.

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<sup>1</sup> The examinations will be conducted from 19 to 23 October 2015.

5. In this transitional year, the SILE will not be conducting the optional preparatory course. Candidates who choose to sit for the 2015 session of the examinations in lieu of the 2016 session are expected to prepare for the examinations on their own, guided by the subject reading lists, using the recommended textbooks and accessing primary materials through LawNet. To complement their self-preparation for the examinations, all candidates will be given a personal LawNet account, access to the NUS Law Library, and access to online lectures on key topics for each subject. The 2015 transitional examinations will follow closely the format of the examinations set by the NUS Faculty of Law.

6. With the above resources and arrangements in place, candidates should be able to adequately prepare for the transitional examinations without the need for additional tuition or lessons. For the avoidance of doubt, the SILE has not authorised, accredited or approved any third party provider of preparatory classes for the 2015 session of the Part A Bar Examinations.

Yours faithfully



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