

Part A of the Singapore Bar Examinations

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Professor Walter Woon is currently the David Marshall Professor of Law at the Law Faculty of the National University of Singapore and concurrently Dean of the Singapore Institute of Legal Education. He is also Chairman and senior consultant of the firm RHT Law Taylor Wessing, as well as a member of the Chancery Bar Association of England and Wales and of the Criminal Practice Committee of the Law Society of Singapore. He was Attorney-General from 2008 to 2010, having previously served as Solicitor-General from 2006 to 2008.

Professor Woon read law at the National University of Singapore on a DBS Scholarship from 1977 to 1981. He graduated with First Class Honours and was awarded the Adrian Clark Memorial Medal (top student, 1981), the Leow Chia Heng Prize (1981), the External Examiners' Special Cash Prize (1981) and the Law Society Book Prize thrice (1978, 1979, 1980). He passed the Postgraduate Practice Law Course (the precursor of the Bar Examinations) in 1981, winning the Aw Boon Haw & Aw Boon Par Memorial Prize (top student, 1981) and the Tan Ah Tah Book Prize for Professional Ethics (1981). He then proceeded to Cambridge University on a Commonwealth Scholarship, graduating with an LL.M (First Class Honours) in 1983. He was awarded the Whytehead Scholarship (1983) and the Wright Prize (1983) by St John's College Cambridge.

He has been awarded a Faculty Teaching Excellence Award thrice (2013, 2014, 2015) and a University Teaching Excellence Award twice (2014, 2015).

Professor Woon was called to the Bar in 1984 and was appointed Senior Counsel in 2007. He has appeared in the High Court and Court of Appeal on numerous occasions, including representing the President in Constitutional Reference No 1 of 1995, which is the only case heard by the Constitutional Tribunal to date.

Between 1989 and 2001 he was a director of Intraco Ltd (serving as chairman of the audit committee) and Natsteel Ltd, both companies listed on the Stock Exchange of Singapore. He currently is a director of St John's Cambridge (Singapore), a charitable public company set up by St John's College Cambridge, and of Asian SIL Holdings Pte Ltd, which was established to help administer the Asian Society of International Law. In 2011 he was inducted as an Honorary Fellow of the Singapore Institute of Directors.

Professor Woon was Chairman of the Steering Committee for the Revision of the Companies Act, which submitted its final report in April 2011. This Report forms the basis of the 2014

amendments to the Companies Act. In April 2016 he was appointed Special Counsel to the Steering Committee for Re-writing the Taiwan Company Act.

Professor Woon is the author of several law books, including *Walter Woon on Company Law* (now in its third edition, edited by Professor Tan Cheng Han) and *The Companies Act of Singapore: An Annotation* (originally co-written with Andrew Hicks, now forming the basis of *Woon's Corporations Law*, of which he is General Editor).

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