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- *Constitution*, Arts 23-26

(3) *The Attorney-General and Deputy Attorneys-General*

- Pages under “Our Roles” on the website of the Attorney-General’s Chambers: [http://www.agc.gov.sg](http://www.agc.gov.sg)
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- Second Reading of Singapore Academy of Law (Amendment) Bill: Singapore Parliamentary Debates, Official Report (27 September 1995) vol 64, cols 1539-1543 (Assoc Prof Ho Peng Kee, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Law)

(3) The Legal Services Regulatory Authority

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- “Press Release: Government Welcomes Key Recommendations of the 4th Committee on the Supply of Lawyers”, Ministry of Law (28 May 2013) [Document link](#)

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- Kevin YL Tan, Introduction to Singapore’s Constitution, (Talisman, 2014)
- Chan Hiang Leng Colin v PP [1994] 3 SLR(R) 209 at [50]
- Jeyaretnam Joshua Benjamin v PP [1989] 2 SLR(R) 419 -- note the difference between judicial review of legislation and of executive action for constitutionality

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- V K Rajah, “Interpreting the Constitution” The Straits Times, 30 May 2015 (Article link)
- Ong Ah Chuan v PP [1979 – 1980] SLR(R) 710
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- Thio Li-ann, A Treatise on Singapore Constitutional Law (Academy Publishing, 2012), 541–567
- Marcus Teo, ‘Making meaning: Tan Cheng Bock, the Interpretation Act and purposive conflicts in constitutional interpretation’ (Singapore Law Watch Commentary, Issue 1/Oct 2017) (available through LawNet)

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● Yong Vui Kong v AG [2011] 2 SLR 1189
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● Kevin YL Tan & Thio Li-ann, Constitutional Law in Malaysia & Singapore (LexisNexis, 3rd ed, 2010), 814–816

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- Constitution, Art 93
- Tan Seet Eng v AG [2016] 1 SLR 779
- Chng Suan Tze v Minister for Home Affairs [1988] 2 SLR(R) 525
- Sundaresh Menon, “Executive Power: Rethinking the Modalities of Control” (2019) 29 Duke Journal of Comparative & International Law 277 (Document link)

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- Supreme Court of Judicature Act, ss 18, 27, 29A and First Schedule, Paragraph 1
- Rules of Court, O 15 r 16, O 29 r 1 and O 53
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- Borissik Svetlana v Urban Redevelopment Authority [2009] 4 SLR(R) 92 at [21]
- Wham Kwok Han Jolovan v AG [2016] 1 SLR 1370 at [45]
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- *Tan Eng Hong v AG* [2012] 4 SLR 476
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- Lines International Holding (S) Pte Ltd v Singapore Tourism Promotion Board [1997] 1 SLR(R) 52
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- *Teng Fuh Holdings Pte Ltd v Collector of Land Revenue* [2006] 3 SLR(R) 507

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- *Muhammad Nabill bin Mohd Fuad v PP* [2020] 1 SLR 984

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- *Chiu Teng@Kallang Pte Ltd v Singapore Land Authority* [2014] 1 SLR 1047
- *SGB Starkstrom Pte Ltd v Commissioner for Labour* [2016] 3 SLR 598
- Tham Lijing, “Substantive Legitimate Expectations: Slow and Steady” Singapore Law Gazette, July 2016 (Document link)

(7) *Legislative Attempts to Oust Judicial Review*

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● Goh Yihan, “Statutory Interpretation in Singapore: 15 Years on from Legislative Reform” (2009) 21 Singapore Academy of Law Journal 97 (Article link)

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- *Glengary Pte Ltd v Chief Assessor* [2012] 4 SLR 1130
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● “About Singapore Law” (on the Singapore Law Watch website), Chapter 1: https://www.singaporelawwatch.sg/About-Singapore-Law/Overview (section 8)

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● Sundaresh Menon, “Keynote Address at the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators International Arbitration Conference 2013” (Document link)
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