

# [Webinar] SAL Annual Review of 2019 Cases on Company Law

19 November 2020  
3.30pm - 5.00pm  
Webinar

## Synopsis

This seminar reviews the important developments in Company Law in 2019. It will begin by discussing the vexed issue of the objective-subjective standard that is applied to the requirement that directors act in the best interests of the company, as well as the difficult question of the relationship between the statutory duties in the Companies Act and those at common law that apply to directors. The year also saw a number of useful cases relating to share valuation and these will be outlined. There were also a number of cases involving shareholder disputes that gave rise to important cases on the derivative action, just and equitable winding up, and the oppression remedy which deserve careful study and reflection.






## Programme

3.00PM Participants to log in to Webinar

3.30PM Presentation by Professor Tan Cheng Han, *City University of Hong Kong, School of Law*  
Associate Professor Dan Puchniak, *National University of Singapore, Faculty of Law*  
Assistant Professor Alan Koh, *Nanyang Technological University (Singapore)*

4.15PM Discussion and Audience Q&A

5.00PM End of Session

 Webinar	LIFTED by 	1.5 PUBLIC CPD POINTS
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## Speakers



### Professor Tan Cheng Han, SC

City University of Hong Kong, School of Law

Professor Tan Cheng Han, SC is Dean and Chair Professor of Commercial Law at the City University of Hong Kong School of Law. From 2001 to 2011 he was Dean of the NUS law school and was the Chairman of the school's E W Barker Centre for Law and Business from 2012 to 2019. He was appointed Senior Counsel in Singapore in 2004 and has been a Visiting Professor at Bucerius Law School, Peking University, East China University of Political Science and Law, Tokyo University, and National Taiwan University. Professor Tan's present appointments include being Chairman of Singapore Exchange Regulation Pte Ltd, Deputy Chairman of Sport Singapore, and Chairman of Caritas Singapore. His academic publications include: "Veil Piercing – A Fresh Start" [2015] *Journal of Business Law* 20; "State-Owned Enterprises in Singapore: Historical Insights into a Potential Model for Reform", 28 *Columbia Journal of Asian Law* 61 (2015) (with Dan Puchniak and Umakanth Varottil); "The Agency of Liquidators and Receivers" in *Agency Law and Commercial Practice* (Oxford University Press, 2016) (with Associate Professor Wee Meng Seng); "Mixed Ownership Reform and Corporate Governance in China's State-owned Enterprises" (2020) 53 *Vanderbilt Journal of Transnational Law* 1055 (with Wang Jiangyu); and "Estoppel in the Law of Agency" (2020) 136 *Law Quarterly Review* 315.



### Associate Professor Dan Puchniak

National University of Singapore, Faculty of Law

Dr. Dan W. Puchniak is an Associate Professor at the National University of Singapore Faculty of Law (NUS Law) and an internationally recognized scholar in the field of comparative corporate law and governance in Asia. He has received numerous domestic and international awards for his academic research and teaching. Dan sits on the editorial boards of several leading Asian and comparative law journals. His research has pioneered the emerging field of intra-Asian comparative corporate law and governance. During his time at NUS Law, Dan has served as the Director of the Centre for Asian Legal Studies (CALS), Editor-in-Chief of the *Asian Journal of Comparative Law* (Cambridge University Press), and Director for Corporate Law of the EW Barker Centre for Law & Business. Dan has held visiting academic positions at leading universities around the world, including Chulalongkorn University, Columbia University, IDC Herzliya, Lomonosov Moscow State University, Melbourne University, Nagoya University, Oxford University, Queen's University, Seoul National University, Stanford University, University of Chicago, University of Tokyo, University of Trento, University of Victoria, Vanderbilt University, and Yonsei University. Dan has advised international organizations on the development of corporate law in Asia, served as an expert in high stakes complex corporate law disputes in Asia, and his research has been cited several times by Singapore's apex court. Prior to entering academia, Dan worked as a corporate commercial litigator at one of Canada's leading law firms.



### Assistant Professor Alan Koh

Nanyang Technological University (Singapore)

Dr. Alan K. Koh is an Assistant Professor of Law at the Division of Business Law, Nanyang Business School, Nanyang Technological University (Singapore), where he teaches Company Law & Corporate Governance. He was previously with the Centre for Asian Legal Studies and the Faculty of Law of the National University of Singapore (NUS).

Alan's research on comparative corporate law and governance focuses on Singapore and Japan. Other interests include comparative law and dispute resolution in Asia, especially where private international law issues arise.

His sole-authored monograph, *Shareholder Protection in Close Corporations*, is under contract with Cambridge University Press. His work is also published or forthcoming in *American Journal of Comparative Law*, *University of Pennsylvania Journal of International Law*, *Vanderbilt Journal of Transnational Law*, *Law Quarterly Review*, *Modern Law Review*, *Journal of Corporate Law Studies*, and others.

Alan earned his LL.B. at NUS and Dr. jur. (doctorate in law) at Goethe University Frankfurt. He has been a visitor at the Max Planck Institute for Comparative and International Private Law (Hamburg, Germany), and the law faculties of University of Tokyo, Nagoya University, and Osaka City University. Alan is admitted to practice law in Singapore, and fluent in Japanese and Chinese.

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