

## **Part A of the Singapore Bar Examinations**

**Subject: Criminal Law**  
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Dr Chandra Mohan is currently an Associate Professor of Law at the Singapore Management University. He teaches criminal law and corporate crime at both undergraduate and postgraduate level. In 2014 he was the law school's nominee for the SMU Postgraduate Teaching Excellence Award.

Dr Mohan holds the LL.B (Hons) and LL.M degrees from the University of Singapore. Upon graduation, he joined the Singapore Legal Service where he held a number of senior posts including that of a senior Judge of the District Court, Director of Legal Aid, Official Assignee/Official Receiver, Public Trustee and Director of Legal Policy (Ministry of Law). He has served on numerous public service committees. In 1988 he was awarded a PhD by the University of London for his dissertation on "The Control of Corruption in Singapore". He has attended training courses on the administration of justice, on a Colombo Plan award, at the UN institute in Tokyo, the US National College of the State Judiciary and studied the UK criminal justice system on a UN Human Rights Fellowship. He taught at the NUS law faculty as an adjunct until 2006 and at the Postgraduate Practical Law Course until 1999. In 2004 he became a consultant with a law firm and joined the Singapore Management University School of Law in June 2007 at its inception.

Whilst in the judiciary, Dr Mohan heard a number of high-profile criminal trials. His proposals that arrest cases be classified as DAC, MAC and JAC, are still in use. During his term as Official Receiver he was a member of the United Nations Working Group which drafted the UNCITRAL Model Law on Cross-Border Insolvency in 1997. For outstanding work in bankruptcy administration and for initiating major reforms in insolvency law, he was conferred the Public Administration Medal (Gold) at the Singapore National Day Honours in 1999. Under his leadership, in 2003, the Law Ministry's Legal Policy Division won the United Nations Public Service award for the creation of the "Polygon of Good Laws", a method devised to determine good legislation.

Dr Mohan was a Visiting Fellow at United Nations Asia and the Far East Institute for the Prevention of Crime and Treatment of Offenders (UNFEI) in Tokyo in 1996 and 2001 and is also an Academic Counsellor with the Asia Crime Prevention Foundation. He was appointed a UN Expert at the 11th UN Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice in 2005. In February 2010 he became a member of the Advisory Board of the Lesotho Civil Legal Reform Technical Assistance Project. He was a consultant to the Ministry of Law Committee on changes to the Death Penalty and is a consultant with the Law Society's Criminal Practice Committee.

Dr Mohan regularly gives legal opinions to lawyers in Malaysia and Singapore. He has also written widely on criminal law and procedure, evidence and insolvency law and practice. He is the author of *Bail in Singapore* and *Understanding Criminal Law* and is the contributing editor of the 3 volume series on *Criminal Procedure in Singapore & Malaysia*.