

FACULTY ANNOUNCEMENT

17 January 2013

Asst Prof Goh Yihan '06 appears as Amicus Curiae before Court of Appeal

Assistant Professor Goh Yihan appeared before the Court of Appeal on 16 January 2013 as amicus curiae in *Re Zero Geraldo Mario Nalpon*.

The question posed was whether the Court of Appeal has the jurisdiction to hear the appeal against the decision of the Honourable Chief Justice Chan Sek Keong to dismiss the appellant's application (in Originating Summons No 77 of 2012), brought under s 82A(5) of the Legal Profession Act (Cap 161, 2009 Rev Ed) ("LPA"), for leave for an investigation to be made into the appellant's complaint of misconduct against a Legal Service Officer.

Prof Goh submitted that the answer to the question posed is in the negative, ie, that Court does not have the jurisdiction to hear the appeal against the decision of the Honourable Chief Justice in Originating Summons No 77 of 2012.

The Court accepted these submissions and held that it had no jurisdiction.

Prof Goh teaches and specialises in contracts and torts, and has published a key article on the inherent jurisdiction of Singapore courts ("*Demystifying the Inherent Jurisdiction and Inherent Powers of the Singapore Courts: Rethinking the Limits of Their Exercise*" [2011] *Singapore Journal of Legal Studies* 178).

