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[Webinar] Facilitating Philanthropy: Taxation, Structures and Legacy Giving



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2.30pm – 4.40pm



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webinar.*



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2.0

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Private Client

Training Level:
General

About the Programme

This webinar discusses how philanthropic purposes may be facilitated and encouraged via appropriate tax mechanisms and structures. It will provide an overview of the appropriate taxation policy, structures and legacy giving options to facilitate philanthropy. This webinar is a collaboration between the Law Society of Singapore and the Singapore Management University's Centre for Commercial Law in Asia.

Programme Outline

Time	Programme
2.00pm – 2.30pm	Registrants to log on
2.30pm – 3.00pm	Taxation & Philanthropy Dr Giedre Lideikyte-Huber – Senior Lecturer, Faculty of Law, University of Geneva
3.00pm – 3.30pm	Facilitating A Client's Philanthropic Purposes: Singapore's Perspective Valerie Wu – Partner, Head of Tax & Private Wealth Asia, Pinsent Masons
3.30pm – 3.40pm	Break
3.40pm – 4.10pm	Legacy Giving via the Community Foundation of Singapore Catherine Loh – CEO, Community Foundation of Singapore
4.10pm – 4:40pm	Panel Discussion <u>Moderator</u> Tang Hang Wu – Professor of Law, Yong Pung School of Law, Singapore Management University <u>Panellists</u> Dr Giedre Lideikyte-Huber – Senior Lecturer, Faculty of Law, University of Geneva Valerie Wu – Partner, Head of Tax & Private Wealth Asia, Pinsent Masons Catherine Loh – CEO, Community Foundation of Singapore
4.40pm	End

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Speakers' Profile



Dr Giedre Lideikyte-Huber – Senior Lecturer, Faculty of Law, University of Geneva

Giedre Lideikyte Huber, PhD, is a Senior lecturer at the Faculty of Law of the University of Geneva, affiliated to Geneva Centre for Philanthropy. She specializes in tax law, and more specifically in taxation of philanthropy, corporate taxation and sustainable tax systems, including gender and climate issues in taxation. During her academic career, she has received numerous academic awards and grants (e.g. from the Swiss National Science Foundation).

Giedre Lideikyte Huber has acted as Scientific expert for the OECD Centre for Tax Policy and Administration in the elaboration of the Report on Taxation and Philanthropy in Member States and Participating Countries. She is currently the National Rapporteur for Switzerland for International Academy of Comparative Law 2022 General Congress of the on the topic "Tax policies to mitigate climate change". She is also a Member of the advisory committee on the project "The legal environment for philanthropy in Europe" of the Donors and Foundations network in Europe (DAFNE).

Her professional experience outside academia includes both the private (banking) and public sectors (Geneva cantonal tax authority).



Valerie Wu – Partner, Head of Tax & Private Wealth Asia, Pinsent Masons

Wu heads the tax & private client department in Asia at Pinsent Masons, where she is known for her adeptness in the structuring of family offices, succession planning, private trusts, and in the tax considerations thereof. She regularly advises and acts as counsel to many family offices, ultra-high net worth individuals and families, to tailor solutions and provide ongoing advice and strategies for succession planning, asset protection, philanthropic giving needs, balanced with their family dynamics and business continuity considerations. She is also sought after by financial institutions like trustees and fund managers, funds and multinational companies for her advice on strategy, risk management, regulatory and tax issues, ranging from tax incentive schemes, exchange of information, CRS, various aspects of income tax, GST and stamp duty in corporate transactions. In recent years, she is working increasingly with technopreneurs and family offices in their private equity transactions.

Valerie has also served on the Law Reform Committee of the Singapore Academy of Law since September 2016. The most recent paper she published under Law Reform Committee is <Proposed Introduction of Non-charitable Purpose Trust in Singapore>.



Catherine Loh – CEO, Community Foundation of Singapore

Catherine joined the Community Foundation of Singapore (CFS) after having spent more than 20 years in the financial industry where she held various leadership positions in Nomura, Lehman Brothers and Goldman Sachs. Catherine started her career at the Government of Singapore Investment Corporation.

Since 2012, Catherine has led CFS on a strategic growth path by increasing the number of donor funds and volume of donations, as well as raising social impact through effective grant making. She works in close partnership with the Board to ensure that the organization fulfills its vision of inspiring giving and create strategies for its future success. In the last 3 years, she built a strong management team comprising of professionals from the financial, media and social sectors to develop collaborations with leading financial institutions, legal firms and government bodies to enable philanthropy.

Catherine started volunteering in 2004 and currently serves on various committees in Assisi Hospice, Metta Welfare Association and Telok Kurau Primary School. She joined the Temasek Polytechnic Board of Governors in 2020 and recently joined the investment committee at the Institute of Wealth Management.

Catherine holds a CFA and graduated with an Honours Degree in Economics and Statistics from the National University of Singapore.



Tang Hang Wu – Professor of Law, Yong Pung School of Law, Singapore Management University

Tang Hang Wu is a Professor at the School of Law, Singapore Management University. His research interests include land law, restitution, equity, trusts, charity and non-profit law. Hang Wu has published widely and his work has been relied on by all levels of the Singapore courts and other Commonwealth countries. Hang Wu is in demand to provide training for lawyers in Singapore, Hong Kong and Malaysia and he has also provided continuing legal education for judges at the Singapore Judicial College and Family Justice Court. He is frequently instructed by law firms to act as instructed Counsel before the Singapore courts or to advise legal teams on crafting compelling case theories in litigation before the High Court and Court of Appeal. In terms of advisory work, Hang Wu has advised high net worth individuals, banks, trustees, the U.S Department of Justice and international law firms on complex property and trust issues. Outside his work in academia and practice, he serves on boards and committees of multiple non-profit organisations including the Strata Titles Board, Special Needs Trust Company and Community Foundation of Singapore. For his service, he has been presented with awards from the Law Society of Singapore, Ministry of Law, Ministry of National Development and Ministry of Social & Family Development.

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