

Pegasus Scholarship to Singapore, 2007
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I was fortunate enough to be awarded a Pegasus Scholarship which enabled me to spend three memorable months at Allen and Gledhill, Singapore's largest commercial law firm.

Allen and Gledhill is internationally renowned and consequently acts in the most high profile cases in Singapore. The work in which I was involved was incredibly interesting, largely of a commercial nature and often connected with Singapore's booming property market. Singapore closely follows English law and practice and even has the 'White Book' (although just referred to as the 'Civil Procedure Rules'). It was therefore easy for me to adjust to practice in the Litigation Department, which was an immensely satisfying experience.

Aside from the work, my colleagues at the firm were fantastic hosts. I was made to feel extremely welcome and was included in all the firm's activities which included two trips away, first to Thailand and secondly to Hong Kong. I met the Chief Justice and many other interesting people through my mentor, Mr Shanmugam S.C., Head of Litigation and also MP, to whom I am very grateful.

I formed several treasured friendships and have wonderful memories of my time in Singapore. I have no hesitation in recommending the Pegasus Scholarship to all junior barristers.