



FIRST INSTANCE ORAL ADVOCACY & COURT CRAFT

In this interactive workshop, participants will be taught how to prepare for and present oral arguments for first instance hearings.

Topics covered include:

- Preparing for interlocutory applications and trials
- Preparing witnesses and bundles for trials
- Presenting arguments at first instance
- Dealing with questions from the Bench
- Dealing with stage fright
- Examination-in-chief, cross-examination, re-examination, and mitigation pleas

Duration of Workshop

1 day

Who Should Attend

Legal practitioners with less than 7 years PQE, or any other legal practitioners who wish to attend a refresher on oral advocacy at first instance.

About Lacuna Training Solutions

Lacuna Training Solutions is a 'one-stop shop' for assessing your law firm's training needs and providing a customised legal skills Training Programme. Our Trainer also conducts one-on-one Coaching Sessions for your lawyers. To find out more about our services, please visit our website at www.lacuna.com.sg or contact us with your enquiries at enquiry@lacuna.com.sg.

TRAINER PROFILE

MS SIM KHADIJAH BINTE MOHAMMED (affectionately known as 'Ms J' by her students) graduated from the National University of Singapore (NUS) Faculty of Law in 2007, and was the winner of the Advocacy Cup in 2005. In 2008, while undertaking the Singapore Bar Course, Khadijah was awarded The Law Society's Prize for Best Student in Advocacy. Khadijah was also awarded the Kwa Geok Choo Graduate Scholarship to pursue her LLM in 2017, and graduated in 2018 with distinctions in all 7 legal subjects undertaken, specialising in international law and international disputes.



Khadijah was a commercial litigation lawyer with Rajah & Tann LLP from 2008 to 2013. She joined the Singapore Legal Service in 2013, and served as an Assistant Registrar of the Supreme Court. In 2014, Khadijah became one of the youngest persons to be appointed as a District Judge of the Family Justice Courts (FJC), where she served as a District Judge, Assistant Registrar, and Judge-Mediator from 2014 to 2016.

Khadijah is a Certified Mediator with the Singapore Mediation Centre (SMC) and the Singapore International Mediation Institute, and has mediated over 100 cases, ranging from commercial to family disputes.

Khadijah has been actively involved in training for 10 years. Other than her full-time training with Lacuna Training Solutions, she is a Legal Skills Instructor for the NUS Faculty of Law and a Mediation Trainer for the SMC. She also served as an Advocacy Trainer for The Law Society, and as a Negotiation Tutor for the Singapore Institute of Legal Education Part B Course.

Khadijah has published several legal articles, and was a contributor to the *Singapore Civil Procedure* (Sweet & Maxwell, 2015) and *Law and Practice of Family Law in Singapore* (Sweet & Maxwell, 2016). Her first full-length textbook entitled *Legal Skills: A Complete Guide* (Sweet & Maxwell, 2019) is slated to be published in April 2019. A full write-up of Khadijah's qualifications, publications, and testimonials by her former students can be found at: www.lacuna.com.sg/trainer.