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Synergy between science and law in the criminal justice system: the case of Public Prosecutor v Pramanik Liton



About the speaker

Associate (Adjunct) Professor Stella Tan is the only person in Singapore who has received postgraduate academic qualifications in Science, Law and forensic science. Besides an LLB (Hons) under a government scholarship for accelerated graduate program in law, she holds a Masters of Science in Cell & Molecular Biology from NUS as well as a Masters of Forensic Science from Henry C Lee's College of Forensic Science and Criminal Justice at the University of New Haven, where she graduated top of her class. She has been lecturing in forensic science and evidence to over 5000 undergraduates for the past 12 years and forensic science remains one of the hottest modules in NUS. Many of her former students are now senior police officers, forensic scientists, teachers, psychologists, doctors and lawyers among others. She was awarded the Dean's Meritorious Teaching Awards for two consecutive years in Academic Year 2007/2008 and 2009. She was previously seconded to the Health Sciences Authority as the Director of Legal Policy and Prosecution, providing legal advice to the forensic scientists and forensic pathologists on aspects of their work and court testimonies.

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Crimes of passion always capture the public's eye, especially tales of greed, loathe and lust. Serious sexual offences are uncommon in Singapore, in particular "stranger-on-stranger" rape incidents in public areas. Who would believe that such a diabolic encounter is even possible in our "crime free" Singapore? We will examine the recent case of PP v Pramanik Liton, where a female jogger was raped by a stranger in the middle of MacRitchie Reservoir, a familiar place for most of us. We will take a look at how forensic evidence helped to crack the case and how it was used to mount a successful prosecution. Adjunct Assoc Prof Stella Tan will give you her personal insights as the lead prosecutor in one of the most sensational rape cases in recent times. This is a landmark decision where the new sentencing framework for serious sexual offences laid down by the Court of Appeal this year was applied for the first time.

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