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# THE AUSTRALASIAN COLLEGE OF LEGAL MEDICINE 2025 ANNUAL SCIENTIFIC MEETING & AWARDS DINNER



## Program

Hybrid ASM: Live event at Four Points by Sheraton Singapore, Riverview – *Robertson Room*  
+ Live Streaming + Recorded

### SATURDAY 8 NOVEMBER 2025

- 08:15 *Sign-in and welcome refreshments*
- 08:45 **DR MIKE O'CONNOR** – *ACLM President* – *President's Welcome*
- 08:50 **MS EMILY FOLLETT** – *Australian Deputy High Commissioner to Singapore* – *Opening Address*
- 09:05 GUEST SPEAKER ADDRESS: **PROFESSOR KUMARALINGAM AMIRTHALINGAM**  
*Professor of Law, National University of Singapore*  
*The Medical Duty to Advise – From Autonomy to Agency and Shared Decision-Making*
- 09:45 **PROFESSOR ROY BERAN** – *Professor and Neurologist; ACLM Joint Head of Teaching Faculty*  
*To Litigate or Not To Litigate? That is the Question*
- 10:05 **DAVID MATAS** – *International Human Rights Lawyer, Canada*  
*Transplant Tourism and Organ Transplant Abuse Abroad: Australasian Law*
- 10:25 *Morning tea*
- 10:45 **JEREMY BALANG** – *Senior Associate, MahWengKwai & Associates, Malaysia*  
*Medical Negligence and Medico-Legal Litigation In Malaysia*
- 11:05 **DR SHAMINI RAMOO** – *Adult Clinical Lead, GP – Northern Sydney Sexual Assault Service, Prevention and Response to Violence Abuse and Neglect Services*  
*Outcomes of The Lorikeet Clinic: A pilot integrated medical, forensic and psychosocial clinic for domestic and family violence survivors in the Northern Sydney Local Health District*
- 11:25 **YUE-EN CHONG** – *Advocate & Solicitor, Managing Director, Bethel Chambers LLC, Singapore*  
*A Study of Mental Capacity Laws in Singapore, Australia, and England on Patients' Possessing the Mental Capacity to Autonomously Decide to Withdraw Medical Treatment*
- 11:45 **DR JASNA KARACIC-ZANETTI** – *Head of Health Diplomacy Unit (Former UNESCO Chair in Bioethics)*  
*Patient Rights and Health Diplomacy in Cross-Border Health Crises: Ethical and Legal Challenges*
- 12:05 *Lunch*
- 13:05 GUEST SPEAKER ADDRESS: **DR AMIRALA PASHA** – *Assistant Professor of Medicine at Mayo Clinic; American College of Legal Medicine* – *Beyond Dobbs: The Current State of Reproductive Rights in the U.S.*
- 13:45 **DR VASH SINGH** – *Psychiatrist, Medical Director and Founder of Esus Centre, Western Australia*  
*Trauma-Informed Medicolegal Assessment in Historical Sexual Abuse Claims: Ethical and Forensic Perspectives from the Expert Witness Stand*
- 14:05 **DR MIKE O'CONNOR AM** – *ACLM President; Chair, Patient Care and Clinical Review, St George Private Hospital* – *Ageing Surgeons: Unmasking Impairment*
- 14:25 **PROFESSOR SHINKO ICHINOHE** – *Professor of the Department of Health Administration and Management, Dean of the Graduate School of Business Administration, Saitama Gakuen University, Japan* – *A Consideration of the Contradiction Between the Ethical Values of a Healer Toward Patients and the Qualities of a Hospital Manager*

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### SATURDAY 8 NOVEMBER 2025 (*continued...*)

- 14:45 *Afternoon tea*
- 15:05 **DR DAVID BANFIELD** – *Emergency Physician* | **DR MARK WOODROW** – *Emergency Physician; General Manager - Medical Advisory Services and Deputy Chief Medical Officer at Avant*  
*An Air of Advocacy – Unethical Expert Opinion Evidence*
- 15:35 **ATTY. JEAN JOAN POLIDO** – *Physician & Lawyer, Philippines*  
*Cultural Beliefs and Elderly Care in the Philippines: Challenges in Medical Negligence Prosecution*
- 15:55 **DR SAMUEL KIM** – *Respiratory, Sleep & Interventional Physician*  
*Balancing the Equitable Apportionment of Impairment for Pre-existing Conditions in Civil Liability Claims Based on Causation Versus Aggravation*
- 16:15 **MADELEINE BRIDGETT** – *International Human Rights Barrister, Australia*  
*Navigating the Ethical and Legal Issues of Organ Transplants in Australia*
- 16:35 **ACLM MODERATOR**  
*Day 1 Closing Comments*
- 16:40 *ASM Day 1 Ends*

## ANNUAL AWARDS DINNER

- 18:45 - 22:00 **Live event only:** *Four Points by Sheraton Singapore, Riverview – Robertson Room*  
Formal seated dinner commences 19:00, with beverages with live music  
Presentation of College Awards  
After dinner speech by guest speaker:

### SHAWN SEAH

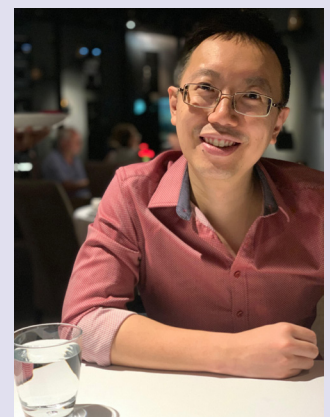
Shawn Seah is a Singaporean published author and public speaker, renowned for historical storytelling.

He has written non-fiction books on Singapore's history, which weave together local and personal family history, including non-fiction works for the general reader like *My Father's Kampung: A History of Aukang and Punggol* as well as the children's non-fiction series *Our Amazing Heroes* and *Our Amazing Pioneers*.

Shawn is an accomplished public speaker who enjoys bringing history to life through talks at libraries, museums, cultural institutions, and has been a frequent guest lecturer at the National University of Singapore.

Shawn's historical storytelling raises awareness of some lesser-known chapters of Singapore's history. In 2023 Shawn was conferred the Outstanding Young Alumni Award by the National University of Singapore.

To read Shawn's full biography, visit <https://shawnseah.com/about/>



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### SUNDAY 9 NOVEMBER 2025

- 08:30 *Sign-in and welcome refreshments*
- 09:00 **ACLM MODERATOR**  
Opening Comments
- 09:05 **ANDRA MAZRIMAITE** – *Legal Academic, Mykolas Romeris University, Vilnius, Lithuania; Law firm Ellex Valiūnas ir partneriai, Vilnius, Lithuania*  
*Mediation as a Legal Tool: A Patient-Centered Approach to Safety and Trust in Healthcare*
- 09:25 **PROFESSOR CHRISTIAN GERICKE** – *Consultant Neurologist and Epileptologist at Canberra Hospital, Calvary Bruce Private Hospital and Clinical Professor of Medicine at the Australian National University*  
*The Implications of an Extended Time Window for Acute Stroke Clot Retrieval for Medical Negligence Litigation*
- 10:05 **GUEST SPEAKER ADDRESS: DR PETER CHOW** – *Singapore Medical Association - Centre for Medical Ethics and Professionalism (SMA CMEP) - Deputy Academic Director; Senior Consultant Geriatrician and Chairman of Clinical Ethics Committee of Changi General Hospital Singapore; Co-lead, Bioethics, SingHealth Dukes-NUS Medical Humanities Institute*  
*Ethical Dilemma in Clinical Medicine – The Role of Clinical Ethics Committee in Singapore*
- 10:25 *Morning tea*
- 10:45 **DR JESSICA DEAN** – *Intensive Care Specialist, Non-Executive Director and Lawyer*  
*Increasing the 'Duty to Warn': A Patient's Right to Information*
- 11:05 **ADJ. ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR SHELAT VISHALKUMAR** – *Senior Consultant General Surgeon; Board member of Chapter of Surgeons, College of Surgeons, Singapore; Teaching Faculty for the Singapore Medical Association Centre for Medical Ethics and Professionalism*  
*Defensive Medicine: Impacts on clinical decision-making and patient outcomes, and strategies to reconcile legal, ethical, and medical priorities*
- 11:25 **ASSISTANT PROFESSOR MAN TENG IONG** – *Assistant Professor, Faculty of Law, University of Macau, China* – *Rethinking Informed Consent in the Age of AI-Driven Healthcare*
- 11:45 **DR MARC WALDEN** – *Pain Medicine Physician and Anaesthetist; Medical Director, Index Medicolegal*  
*From Concept to Courtroom – Practical Insights into Expert Conclaves*
- 12:05 **DR SANJAY POORAN** – *Public Health & Infectious Diseases Physician*  
*Ethics, Medicine, and Law at the Intersection of Infectious Disease Early Warning Systems: Navigating Complexities for Effective Implementation*
- 12:25 **ACLM MODERATOR**  
ASM Closing Comments
- 12:30 *ASM Ends (with lunch provided)*