



SINGAPORE JUDICIAL SERVICE

We invite you to consider a career as a JUDICIAL SERVICE OFFICER in the SINGAPORE JUDICIAL SERVICE and to be initially deployed to the [Syariah Court](#).

Established in 1958 under the Administration of Muslim Law Act 1966 (AMLA), the Syariah Court (“SYC”) determines disputes relating to Muslim marriage and divorce, and issues inheritance certificates for Muslim estates.

The mission of SYC is to (i) save and salvage marriages, (ii) settle divorces amicably, and (iii) deliver just outcomes.

Beyond adjudication, SYC is committed to the broader objective of strengthening Muslim families. Even when a marriage ends, SYC strives to ensure that family relationships are preserved, and the welfare of children is protected. Recognising that the resolution of family disputes requires a multi-disciplinary collaborative effort, SYC works closely with the legal, social science and religious fraternities. To this end, SYC has been driving legal education, public education, community outreach and stakeholder engagement initiatives pertaining to the administration of Muslim family law in Singapore.

With its recent transformation efforts, including digitalisation and court reforms such as the establishment of a court counselling framework, SYC offers a challenging yet fulfilling experience for those with the passion and drive to serve Muslim families.

As a Judicial Service Officer deployed to the SYC, you will carry out and exercise the statutory functions, powers and duties under the AMLA and the Muslim Marriage and Divorce Rules (MMDR) and hear and determine proceedings in accordance with the AMLA.

Requirements

Experiences

- Relevant legal training and be a “qualified person” as defined in the Legal Profession Act 1966/the Legal Profession (Qualified Persons) Rules.
- At least 7 years of litigation or relevant post-qualification experience.

Competencies

- Has good knowledge of Muslim family law and practice, a sound understanding of the philosophy underpinning the family justice system in Singapore, and a firm grasp of procedural law.
- Possess judicial competencies such as effective case management skills, the ability to control proceedings and manage parties, the exercise of judgment in a fair manner and with empathy.
- Able to contribute to setting directions and standards of legal practice applicable to the Syariah Court and its practitioners.
- Able to contribute to legal policy work, legal knowledge management, and inter-agency work.
- Able to uphold the Syariah Court’s standing as an adjudicatory body and inspire public confidence in the Syariah Court.

Personal Traits

- Keen interest to strengthen Muslim families, and an appreciation of Malay/Muslim community culture and trends.
- Good judicial temperament.
- Diligent, responsible, self-motivated, willingness to learn.
- Able to work independently.
- Able to lead and inspire others, drive teamwork.

Eligible applicants are invited to submit the Application Form (at <http://www.jsc.gov.sg>) by 23 September 2024. Successful applicants will receive structured training curated by the Singapore Judicial College and developmental/learning opportunities to nurture and support their judicial careers. Email jsc_sec@jsc.gov.sg for queries.