

Anamah Tan (Singapore)

Date of Birth: 6 September 1940

Profession: Advocate and Solicitor

Qualifications: LL.B. (Hons) (Singapore), MRICS, FIAML, SIArb, Solicitor (England and Wales), PhD Hon. (Business Admin.)

Working Languages: English and Bahasa Melayu

Honours/Awards

1966 National Medal for Public Administration (Bronze)

1993 National Medal for Community Work for helping the poor, the underprivileged & women

1998 National Medal for Public Service Star

2002 Singapore Council of Women's Organisations International Women's Day Award

2003 The Millennium Women For Peace and Development Foundation First East Asian Women's Peace Award for Humanitarian Services

The Singapore Who's Who Award for the Best Lawyer in Family Law

Professional Activities (International and National)

- **International Council of Women (ICW)**
President (2003-present)
Board Member and Chair of ICW-Asia Regional Council (2000-2003)
Advisor on human rights in the Standing Committee on the Status of Women (1998-2000)
- **Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) Confederation of Women's Organisations (ACWO)**
Served in various capacities since 1992
Recent appointments: Special Advisor to ACWO (2002-2004); President (2000-2002); and Chairperson of the ACWO Organising Committee for the 8th and 10th ACWO General Assemblies (1997-1998 and 2001-2002)

- **Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation Advisory Committee on Gender Integration**
Singapore Representative (2000-2002)
- **Women Leaders Network of Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation Economies**
Focal Point for Singapore (since 1998-present)
- **Commonwealth Business Women Leaders Advisory Network**
Focal Point for Singapore (2001)
- **World Young Women's Christian Association (YWCA) (Geneva)**
Council Member & Vice President of Asia (1977-1985)
- **Singapore Council of Women's Organisations**
President (1992-2002), Vice President (1980-82) & Founding Member (1980-present)
Involved in amendments to the Singapore Women's Charter (1979 and 1996)
Involved in developing a crisis shelter in Singapore for victims of domestic violence
- **Women Against Family Violence Committee**
Member of the Inter-Ministry Committee (1997-present)
Co-Chairperson (1992-1996)
- **Singapore Association of Women Lawyers**
Executive Committee Member (1994-present)
President (1977-1981 and 1988-1995) and Founding Member (since 1974)
Lobbied for the establishment of a family court in Singapore
- **Law Society of Singapore**
Council Member (1977-1981 and 1993-1997)
Law Society Counsellor (2001-present)
- **Association of Southeast Asian Nations Law Association**
Committee Member (1997-present)
- **Prime Minister's Office**
Justice of the Peace (1998-present)
Member of Panel of Disciplinary Committee of Inquiry for the Public Service Commission (PSC) (2000-present)
- **Ministry of Community Development and Sports**
Chaired the Family Development Feedback Group (2000-2002)
Chaired the National Family Week Committee (1993 and 1994)

- **Singapore National Council of Social Service**
Vice President (2000-2004)
Chairman of Mental Health Network (2002-2004)
Board Member since 1992
- **National Crime Prevention Council**
Member of Board of Directors (1992-present)
- **Various Legal Appointments**
Referee of the Small Claims Tribunal and Mediator in the Criminal Civil and Family Justice System of Singapore (1996-present)
Member of the Tribunal for Maintenance of Parents (2003-present)

Participation in International Conferences

- *4th United Nations World Conference on Women, September 1995*
- *International Council of Women's Triennial Meeting (Ottawa), 1997 - Leader of the Singapore Council of Women's Organisations' delegation*
- *4th, 5th, 6th and 7th Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Women Leaders Network Meetings, 1998, 1999, 2000 and 2003 - Leader of Singapore's delegation*
- *High Level Inter-Governmental Meeting to Review the Regional Implementation of the Beijing Declaration & Platform for Action (Bangkok), 1999- Leader of the Singapore Council of Women's Organisations' delegation*
- *Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) Confederation of Women's Organisations Workshop ASEAN Women's Vision: Improving our Economies/The New Millennium (Bangkok), 1999*
- *ASEAN Sub-Committee on Women Meeting (Bali), 2000*
- *International Council of Women General Assembly (Helsinki), 2000 - Leader of Singapore's delegation*
- *23rd Special Session of the United Nations General Assembly ("Beijing+5 Meeting") (New York), 2000*
- *25th and 30th sessions of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW) (New York), July 2001 and January 2004*

- *5th Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Ad-Hoc Group on Gender Integration and Preparatory Committee Meeting for the APEC Second Ministerial Conference on Women (Mexico), 2000-2002*
- *Preparatory Committee for the 7th Commonwealth Women's Affairs Ministers Meeting, March 2003 & 2004*
- *47th and 48th Sessions of the Commission on the Status of Women, March 2003 and 2004*

Speeches and Addresses at International, Regional or National Meetings

- 1994
- Speaker at the 1st World Congress on Family Law (Sydney)
 - Speaker at the International Forum on Women (Hiroshima)
- 1997
- Keynote Speaker at Curtin University of Technology on *Expanding Choices for Women: Health, Work and Human Rights* (Perth)
- 2001
- Keynote Speaker on *Women Entrepreneurs and the World Markets* at the 6th Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation Women Leaders Network Meeting (Beijing)
- 2002
- Speaker and Guest of Honour at the 1st Singapore-Shanghai/Qingdao International Women's Day Business/Investment Forum 2002: *Women Entrepreneurs and World Markets*
 - Speaker at the 7th Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Women Leaders Network Meeting on Good Governance (Mexico)
- 2003
- Speaker at the 8th APEC Women Leaders Network Meeting on Human Security for Marginal Workers (Chiang Mai)
 - Speaker at the East Asia Women's Convention for Global Peace (Manila)
- 2004
- Speaker on "*The Role of Men and Boys in Achieving Gender Equality*" at a panel discussion organised by the International Council of Women and National Council of Women of the United States, in conjunction with the 48th session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW)
 - Speaker on "*Women in Conflict Prevention: A Legal Perspective*" at a panel discussion organised by the International Federation of Women Lawyers, in conjunction with the 48th session of the CSW