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**APPOINTMENT OF MR SUNDARESH MENON, S.C.  
AS JUDGE OF APPEAL**

**FACT SHEET**

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Mr Sundaresh Menon S.C., 50, was appointed as Attorney-General on 1 October 2010. During his term as Attorney-General, Mr Menon spearheaded numerous initiatives and introduced many structural changes to the Attorney-General's Chambers.

As the Public Prosecutor, Mr Menon re-organised the Criminal Divisions of the Attorney-General's Chambers and revamped the work processes and distribution for the Deputy Public Prosecutors (DPP). He oversaw the implementation of the Criminal Procedure Code 2010 which made sea changes to the criminal case process, including introducing a structured Criminal Disclosure Procedure. During his term, Mr Menon initiated many projects, in consultation or collaboration with the criminal bar, aimed at improving the criminal justice system. These include a study on measures to identify and assist offenders with mental disabilities and a review of the criteria for eligibility for community sentencing options.

In the area of civil and international law work, Mr Menon oversaw the advisory and drafting work undertaken by Chambers, and in particular, in relation to the General and Presidential Elections, public finance issues, regulatory matters concerning the casino operations and the new media, land acquisition matters, trade and taxation matters. He also directed the legal work in connection with the relocation of the KTMB Railway Station from Tanjong Pagar to Woodlands and the handover of the waterworks under the 1961 Water Agreements to Johor.

Under his charge, professional training and development has become a hallmark of the Attorney-General's Chambers which aims to become the best place for a lawyer to develop his professional skills. AGC has structured training programmes conducted by in-house and overseas legal experts together with attachments training for its lawyers. AGC also has a highly rated internship

programme for law students. Mr Menon also chaired a Committee that reviewed the human resource policies governing the Legal Service during his term in office.

Mr Menon also oversaw the growth in the manpower of AGC to ensure that adequate resources would be available to meet the Government's need for a sufficient level of legal services in an increasingly complex environment. Also, during his term, the decision was taken to relocate AGC to its own premises and this will come to fruition sometime towards the end of this year.

Mr Menon, as Head of the Legal Branch of the Legal Service, also forged a whole of Government view by instituting a forum for the Legal Branch heads. He has also been actively involved in the development of Singapore as a legal hub and chairs a committee that is looking into the emerging issues stemming from the internationalisation of the legal profession. Throughout his tenure, Mr Menon has also been involved in efforts to promote the provision of pro bono legal services by the legal profession to members of our society, who may not otherwise be able to afford these services, so as to ensure adequate access to justice.

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Mr Sundaresh Menon S.C., will relinquish his appointment as the Attorney-General of Singapore on 25 June 2012. He will assume appointment as Judge of Appeal on 1 August 2012.

Commenting on his term as Attorney-General, Mr Sundaresh Menon S.C. said:

*“Serving as the Attorney-General and being entrusted with the considerable responsibilities that accompany that appointment have been the greatest privilege of my professional life. The office of the Attorney-General provides a broad platform from which one has the opportunity to make a difference in the course of one’s professional work.*

*As the Public Prosecutor, I have greatly benefitted from the support of the Bar which has whole-heartedly embraced my view that we are engaged in a collaborative venture to assist in the administration of criminal justice and I am very grateful for all we have been able to do, working closely together. And as the Government’s Chief Legal Advisor, I have greatly appreciated the support I received and the gracious way in which our advice has been received on a wide range of issues.*

*I also wish to record my immense gratitude to the team of outstanding officers who have supported me throughout my term in office. Their dedication and commitment to the public interest has inspired me from my first day in office.*

*I extend my best wishes to Justice Steven Chong, who is well-placed to take over this office from me.*

*I look forward to continuing in the Public Service in my new role.”*

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