

Student Disciplinary Assistance Scheme

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How Can SDAS Help You?

Our volunteers are undergraduate students from the NUS Faculty of Law who have been **specially selected** and have **undergone mandatory training**.

1. Volunteers will **guide** you through the NUS disciplinary process, including explaining your charge(s) and the relevant rules and procedures.
2. Volunteers will **provide a listening ear**, from a non-judgmental and peer perspective.
3. Volunteers will **discuss** with you the evidence and possible arguments, and **assist** you with preparing materials and documents for submission to the Board of Discipline to help you put your best case forward.



“NUS students going through disciplinary proceedings will invariably be anxious and that is where SDAS volunteers can value-add by offering peer support to them.”

Benny Tan Zhi Peng

Asst. Prof, NUS Law
Faculty Advisor to SDAS

“Our volunteers are rigorously selected and trained to be competent in providing effective support, be it as an advisor, or as a friend.”

Eleanor Wong Siew Yin

Assoc. Prof, NUS Law
Associate Provost (Special Projects)



About SDAS

The SDAS was started in 2017 with the aim of providing free support and assistance to students facing disciplinary proceedings in NUS.

Types of Cases

SDAS volunteers are trained to assist **ALL NUS students** charged with **ANY offence** under the NUS Regulations, regardless of whether you are intending to: **(i) plead guilty; (ii) contest the charges; or (iii) appeal against the Board of Discipline's decision.**

Even if you intend to plead guilty, SDAS volunteers can assist you in the mitigation process.

“It was an extremely daunting experience to receive an official letter of reprimand from NUS. As such, I am really glad for SDAS's prompt and clear replies with regards to matters such as whether to appeal, editing appeal drafts and clarifying facts of the case... The advice and perspectives shared really helped give me peace of mind and make an informed choice.”

Aaron

SDAS user in AY 20/21

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How to Apply

Should you require SDAS assistance or further information, do drop us an email at probono.sdas@nuslawclub.com with the following details:

1. Full name
2. Matriculation number
3. Volunteer gender preference (if any)
4. Contact details – email address, phone number
5. Brief summary of events
6. Brief information about charge
7. Copy of charge sheet and other relevant documents sent by the NUS Board of Discipline

Disclaimers

Availability: All applications for SDAS assistance are subject to volunteer availability.

Limitations: All SDAS volunteers do not give legal advice and will not prepare materials for submission on your behalf.

Any feedback or complaints can be made to us at probono.sdas@nuslawclub.com at any time. All feedback will be taken seriously and kept strictly confidential.

Confidentiality

You can be safely assured that all matters discussed with student volunteers would remain **confidential**, subject to any disclaimers made known to you before assistance is given.

All volunteers agree to (and are reminded of) their duty to maintain the confidentiality of all documents and information that they handle when providing assistance to you.

Discharge

If you wish, you can drop and cease receiving SDAS assistance **at any time**.

“SDAS was pivotal in helping me address issues brought upon during my Board hearing. The volunteers provided great guidance, information about the proceedings and how we could work with the claims brought upon us.”

Katherine

SDAS user in AY 19/20