

CURRICULUM VITAE – DENNIS TAN LIP FONG

Born on 31 August 1970, Dennis received his early education at Nanyang Primary School, Raffles Institution and Raffles Junior College.

Dennis studied law at the University of Nottingham. After graduating with a Bachelor of Laws (Hons) in 1994, he went to bar school in London. After becoming a Barrister-at-Law at the Middle Temple, London, he came back to Singapore. He became an Advocate and Solicitor, Supreme Court of Singapore in 1997. He re-qualified as a Solicitor, Supreme Court of England & Wales, in 1999 while working in an English law firm, Stephenson Harwood. After working as a shipping lawyer for a few years, he obtained a Masters in Maritime Law at the University of Southampton in 2005.

Dennis practised as a shipping lawyer from 1997 to the present date, doing both contentious and non-contentious shipping legal work. He was previously a partner in shipping law firm, Ang & Partners, before starting the shipping law firm, DennisMathiew in 2005 with another partner. He is also a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, United Kingdom.

Dennis started as a volunteer with the Workers' Party during the 2011 General Election, becoming a member in early 2012. In September 2013, he was co-opted as a member of the party's Executive Council. In July 2014, he was elected to the party's Executive Council and became the party's Vice-Chair, Media Team. He was the Treasurer of the party between 2016-2018 and has been its Organising Secretary since 2018.

In the 2015 General Election, he was the party's candidate for the Single Member Constituency (SMC) of Fengshan. He obtained 42.5% of the polled votes and became a Non-Constituency Member of Parliament. He spoke regularly in Parliament and some of the issues he regularly spoke on involve transport, defence and national service training safety, environment, law, corporate governance of companies and employment.

He became the Member of Parliament for Hougang after polling 61.2% in the 2020 General Election.

Dennis is married to Hui Tsing and they have a daughter, Abigail. Dennis enjoys running and cycling. Dennis enjoys reading non-fiction, history, politics and biography.