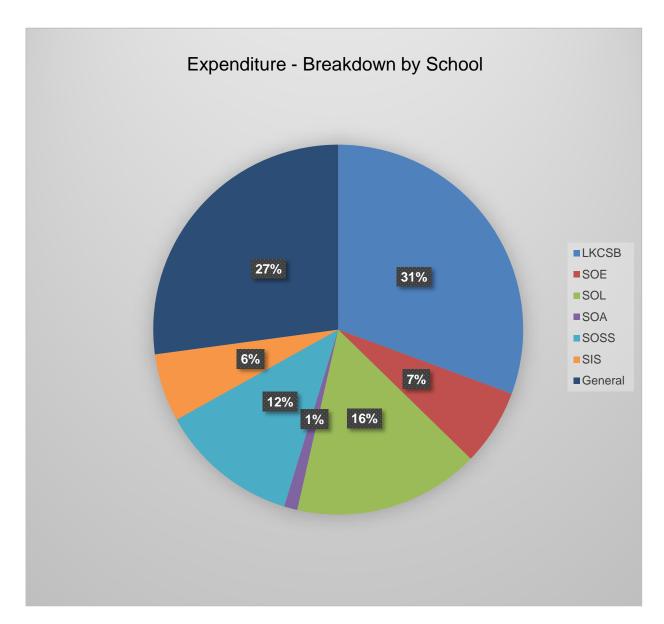


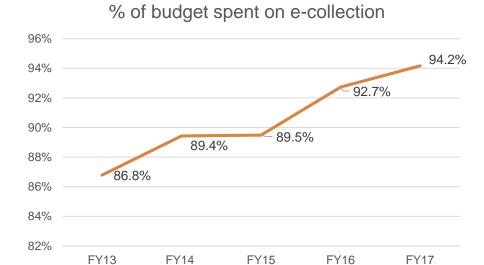


#### Libraries

# LAW COLLECTION @ SMU LIBRARIES: RAISING THE BAR FOR ACCESS & DISCOVERY

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## **SMU Libraries**





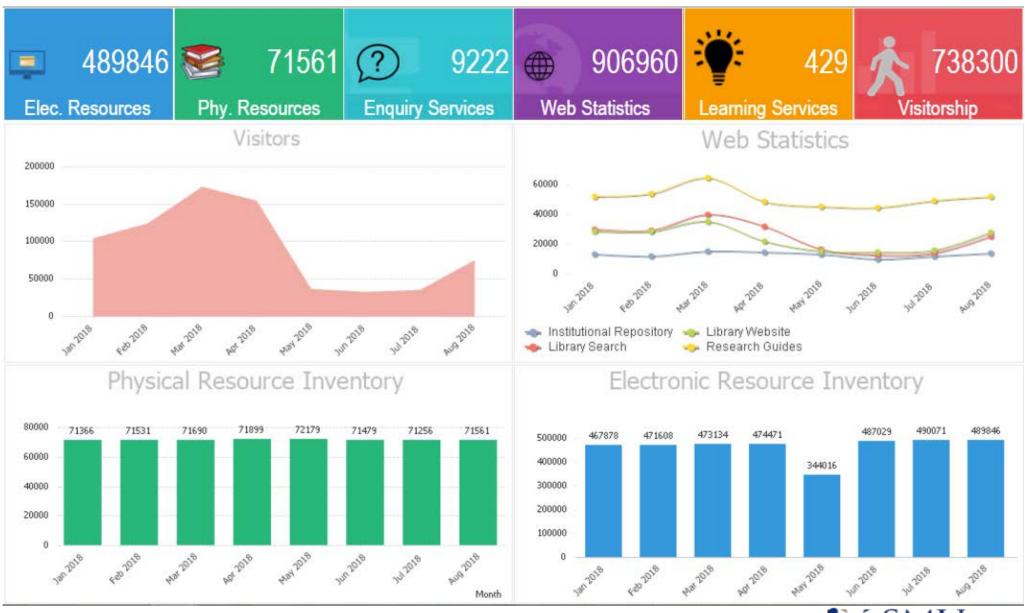
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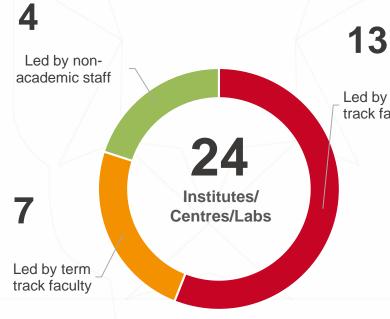




### SMU AT A GLANCE, **ACROSS THE 6 SCHOOLS**

**Full-time Faculty** 

361



Led by tenured/tenure track faculty

**Professional Master's Students** 

1,549

**Professional Master's Programmes** 

**Academic Research PhD Students** 

175

**Undergraduates** 

8,000

**Professional Doctorate Students** 

142

**Undergraduate Majors** 

**Doctoral Programmes** 

**Academic Research** 

**Professional Doctorate** 

**Undergraduate Programmes** 



## **Collection Policy**

- E-preferred policy
- Just-in-Time
- Ubiquitous access
- Evidence based decision making
- User-Focused & Patron Driven





### Law Collection Assessment





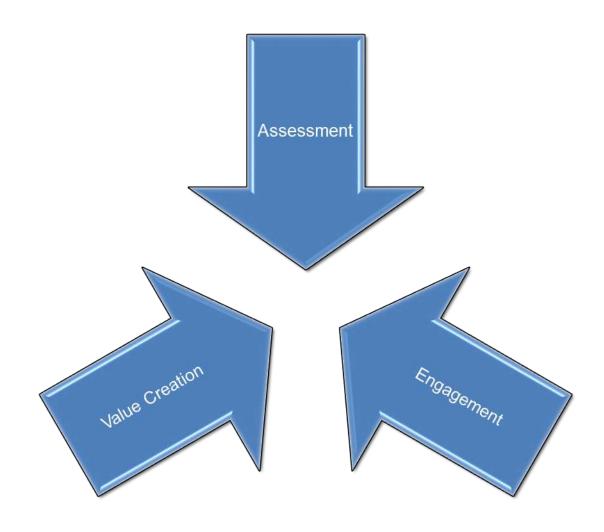
#### **HOW DOES THE LIBRARY ADD VALUE?**





### **Assessment Drivers**

- Brand new law library building
- New dean for the School of Law
- Very experienced Law Librarian
- Collection gaps?
  - Research
  - Curriculum





# Faculty Expenditure Engagement Collection Services Strength & Usage Research Feedback Support

## Addressing the Tactical







#### **RESEARCH AREAS**



**School of Law** 

- Asian and Comparative Legal Systems
- Public International Law, Regional and Trade Law
- Corporate Finance and Securities Law
- Private Law
- Innovation, Technology and the Law
- Dispute Resolution
- Legal Theory, Ethics and Legal Education
- Public Interest Law, Community and Social Justice
- Public Law



## Addressing the Operational

Spending

- Trends over the years
- Comparisons across schools

Services

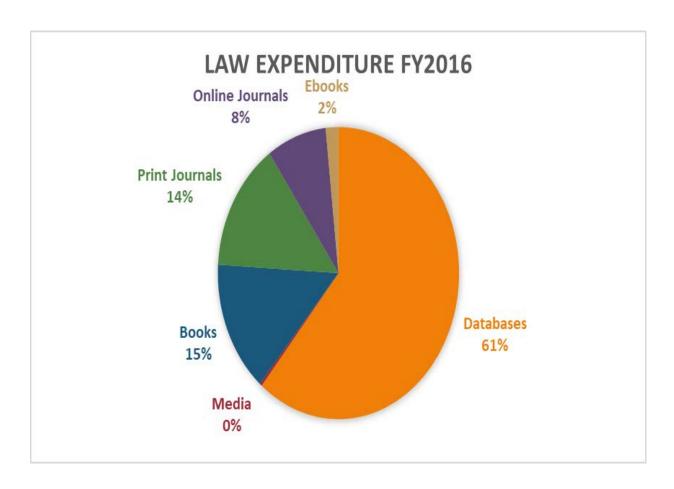
- Inter Library Loan/Document Delivery Services
- Reference Enquiries

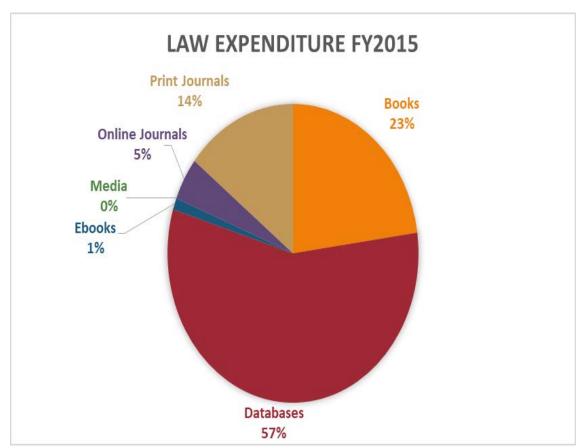
Research Support

- Citation Study
- Interviews



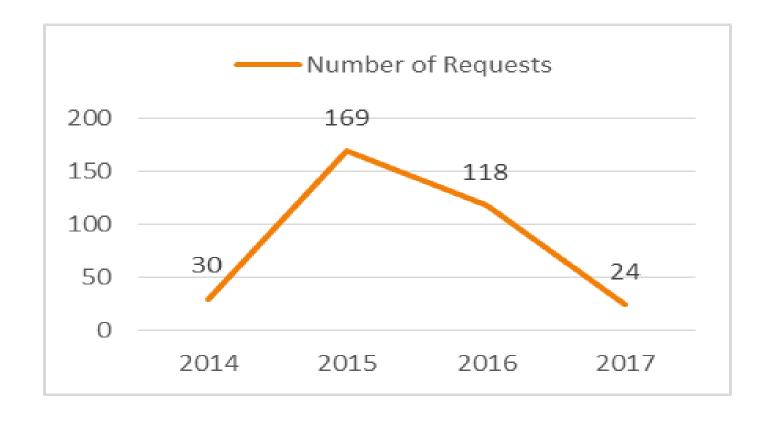
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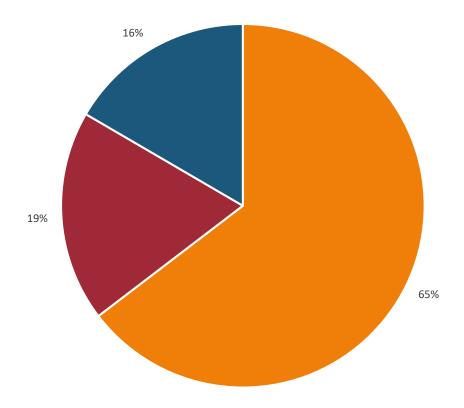
## Inter Library Loan/ Document Delivery Services





# Citation Study

#### **Total Citations Studied**



Citations Available in our Collection

- Citations not available in our collection but available on open access
- Citations not available in our collection or on open access



# Findings

- School of Law (SOL) has a disproportionate collection expenditure over the years.
- Decline in ILL/DDS transaction
- Decline in print usage



# Findings

- The citation study indicated that the Library was able to provide access to over 80% of the resources cited in faculty publications based on the sample size.
- Follow-up interviews identified areas for specialization focus in the coming years

- Law and technology
- Dispute Resolution
- Commercial Law



# Findings

No major gaps in the collection.

Importance of reinforcement of awareness and outreach



