法治作为经济基础设施：摘要

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新加坡的法院是独立共和国对殖民地最高法院的延续：经《1969年最高法院司法组织法》成为国家法院，1994年摆脱枢密院的管辖，2021年进行改组。法官任职至65岁的任期及其薪酬受《宪法》第98条保护。贪污调查局成立于1952年，起因是在一批鸦片货物的劫匪中发现了警察。该局在公共部门和私营部门执行《1960年防止贪污法》，曾起诉多名部长，从1975年的黄循文（Wee Toon Boon）到2024年被判处十二个月监禁的易华仁（S. Iswaran）。新加坡的法律确定性建立在以下基础之上：易于查阅的成文法典；一套以英语为载体、已经自成体系却不失亲切感的普通法；快速而低成本的合同执行；以及一个公布并解释其规则的监管机构。国际排名将新加坡在无腐败、监管执法和民事司法方面列于世界前列，而在对政府权力的制约、开放政府和基本权利方面则处于中上水平。这种差异反映出一个强势国家之内质量极高的“薄”的法治。这一模式之所以对金融中心行之有效，是因为政治领导层把廉洁政府和可靠的法院视为国家生存的条件，但其持久性取决于这一承诺能否延续。

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