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## PANEL OF MOOT JUDGES (NATIONAL ROUNDS)

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## COURT OF APPEAL JUDGES

### **Yang Arif Dato' Lee Swee Seng**

Yang Arif Dato' Lee Swee Seng graduated with Bachelor of Law (Hons) from University of Malaya and obtained Master of Law from the same university. He also obtained an MBA from University of Southern Cross, Australia. He was appointed a Judicial Commissioner of the High Court of Malaya on 31.5.2010. He was called to the Malaysian Bar in February 1985 and was in active legal practice until May 2010. He has earned the Distinguished Toastmaster Award and was also a Trademarks and Patent Agent and a Notary Public before his appointment to the Bench. He was also a visiting fellow of Taylor University Law School, a part-time lecturer with UM Law Faculty for the LLM Masters Programme; a Bar Council member for 2010 before his ceasing practice at the Bar. Dato' Lee was elevated to be a Judge of the High Court of Malaya in February 2014 and in August 2019 he was elevated to the Court of Appeal. Dato' Lee is also the General Editor of the "Law and Practice of Family Law in Malaysia" by Sweet & Maxwell, 2019.

### **Yang Arif Dato' S. Nantha Balan**

Justice Datuk S. Nantha Balan is a Judge of the Court of Appeal, Malaysia. He holds the degree of Bachelor of Laws with Honours from the University of Buckingham, England, the degree of Master of Laws from the University of Malaya and the Certificate in Legal Practice. He was called to the Malaysian Bar in August 1988. He is a Member of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, London. He is also a member of the Board of Studies, Faculty of Law, University of Malaya. Prior to joining the Judiciary in 2013, he practiced as an Advocate and Solicitor for 25 years. His areas of legal practice were commercial and banking litigation, employment law, insurance/professional negligence/personal injury, probate disputes and administrative law (judicial review). He speaks regularly on trial and appellate advocacy, civil procedure, employment law, arbitration and medical negligence. He is a trainer in the Malaysian Bar's Advocacy Training Course.

### **Yang Arif Tuan Gunalan a/l Muniandy**

Yang Arif Tuan Gunalan a/l Muniandy is a Judge of the High Court of Malaya in Shah Alam. Yang Arif read law at the University of Malaya and obtained his Bachelor of Laws Degree LLB (Hons) in 1981. Yang Arif's professional field is Civil and Criminal Law and extensive field experience in the High Court and subordinate courts procedures and trials. Yang Arif started his legal career in the Judicial and Legal Services on 2.5.1981 as a Magistrate in the Kuala Lumpur Magistrate Court. In January 1982 until July 1984, he was appointed as a Magistrate in Temerloh Magistrate Court, Pahang. Since August 1984 until July 1987, Yang Arif held positions as a Senior Assistant Registrar and later as a Deputy Registrar of the Kuala Lumpur High Court and at the Malaysian Supreme Court since July 1987 until

February 1989. In February 1989, Yang Arif was appointed as a Sessions Court Judge of Alor Setar, February 1992, as a Sessions Court Judge of Melaka, October 1995, as a Sessions Court Judge of Tawau, Sabah, June 1996 as Sessions Court Judge of George Town, Pulau Pinang, Mei 2003 as a Sessions Court Judge of Klang, Selangor and since 4 February 2008 until 10.5.2010 as a Senior Sessions Court Judge of Shah Alam and was also appointed as a Director of the Selangor Courts. Yang Arif was appointed as a Judicial Commissioner of the Johor Bahru High Court since 10 May 2010 until December 2014. Since Jan 2015, he has been serving as a Judicial Commissioner in the Shah Alam High Court until he was elevated as a High Court judge. Yang Arif was elevated to the Court of Appeal in July 2020.

## **HIGH COURT JUDGES**

### **Yang Arif Dato Dr. Choo Kah Sing**

Yang Arif Dato' Dr. Choo Kah Sing is currently serving as a High Court Judge in Shah Alam and was a former practising Advocate & Solicitor. He is also currently serving as the President of the Competition Appeal Tribunal. Yang Arif Choo had served at the Alor Setar High Court and the Johor Bahru High Court prior to his transfer to the Shah Alam High Court.

### **Yang Arif Dato' Wan Ahmad Farid bin Wan Salleh**

Justice Wan Ahmad Farid has the distinction of the only Malaysian so far, to have been a member of the three branches of the government. He was a member of the Dewan Negara (2005) and a Deputy Minister (2008) before he joined the Bench in 2015. He is now a judge of the High Court of Malaya at Shah Alam. Justice Wan Farid was admitted to the Malaysian Bar on 6.9.1987. Prior to his elevation to the Bench, Justice Wan Farid was practising in Terengganu and Kuala Lumpur. Justice Wan Farid has participated in judging a number of moot and debate competitions including the Lawasia Moot Competition, the Phillip C. Jessup International Moot Court Competition and the Lincoln's Inn Alumni Association of Malaysia-Selangor Bar e-Moot Competition.

### **Yang Arif Dato' Mohd Radzi bin Harun**

Yang Arif Dato' Mohd Radzi graduated with LLB (Hons) from UIA Malaysia in 1989, and LLM from University of Nottingham in 2004. He joined the Judicial and Legal Service in 1989 with first posting as a Magistrate at the Teluk Intan Magistrate's Court, Perak and thereon, served in numerous postings including as Legal Advisor to various government ministries and agencies, and as Deputy Public Prosecutor and Senior Federal Counsel at the AG's Chambers. His main area of practise is advisory with focus on international law and specialization in international organisations and international human rights. He has represented Malaysia at numerous bilateral, regional and international negotiations and meetings, including at the UN, OIC and ASEAN. Yang Arif was appointed as a Judicial Commissioner on 30 March 2018 and elevated as a High Court Judge on 25 March 2020. He is currently serving as a Judge at the KL High Court Commercial Division (Intellectual Property), commencing 13 July 2020.

**Yang Arif Tuan Ong Chee Kwan**

Ong Chee Kwan JC was appointed as Judicial Commissioner of the High Court of Malaya in May 2019. Prior to his elevation, he was the Joint Managing Partner of Messrs Christopher & Lee Ong (“CLO”). The firm, formed in 2013, was a merger of 3 firms - Messrs Lee Ong & Kandiah, Messrs Christopher Lee & Partners and Messrs Kamilah & Chong. CLO is a member of the Rajah & Tann Asia network of law firms. Ong Chee Kwan JC graduated from the National University of Singapore (“NUS”) with Honours in 1988. He obtained his Masters of Law from NUS in 1992 before returning to Malaysia. He worked in Messrs Drew & Napier, Singapore from 1988 to 1992. He had over 30 years of experience in commercial and shipping litigation practice and had acted as an arbitrator in arbitration proceedings in Malaysia and Singapore.

**Yang Arif Tuan Nadzarin Bin Wok Nordin**

Yang Arif Nadzarin Bin Wok Nordin is currently a High Court Judge at the Kuala Lumpur High Court and was a former practising Advocate & Solicitor for over 30 years. He is also a Member of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, London, a Certified Mediator, a Fellow of the Malaysian Society of Adjudicators and a former member of the Disciplinary Committee Advocates & Solicitors Disciplinary Board, a Notary Public and a President of Strata Management Tribunal before his appointment to the bench.

**JUDICIAL COMMISSIONERS****Yang Arif Puan Liza Chan**

Liza Chan is a Judicial Commissioner in the Commercial Division of the Kuala Lumpur High Court. She was a practicing lawyer for 38 years handling trial and appellate work involving banking, commercial, corporate, construction, land, arbitration and family matters before being appointed to the bench.

**Yang Arif Tuan Wan Muhammad Amin bin Wan Yahya**

Yang Arif Tuan Wan Muhammad Amin bin Wan Yahya was appointed as Judicial Commissioner of the High Court of Malaya on 10<sup>th</sup> July 2020. He currently presides over the NCC 3 Court of the Commercial Division of the High Court in Kuala Lumpur. He read law at the University of Liverpool, United Kingdom where he graduated with a Bachelor of Laws (Hons) from the said University. Tuan Amin was called to the Malaysian Bar in 1998 and practiced in, amongst others, the area of commercial, corporate, employment, land and administrative law. He has conducted lectures and courses at the Judicial and Legal Services Institute (ILKAP) as well as a talk at the Attorney General’s Chambers (Civil Division). He was a judge of the Universiti Kebangsaan’s Client Consultation Competition 2018. Tuan Amin served on the University of Liverpool’s Law School & Social Justice Advisory Board in United Kingdom prior to his appointment as Judicial Commissioner.

### **Yang Arif Nurulhuda Nuraini Bte Mohamad Nor**

Yang Arif Nurulhuda Nuraini Bte Mohamad Nor, a Judicial Commissioner at the Shah Alam (Criminal) High Court was formerly an Advocate & Solicitor before joining as legal officer with the Attorney General's Chambers for 24 years. She had background work in civil matters as Federal Counsel and a Deputy Public Prosecutor in criminal matters. She subsequently joined the Securities Commission as Executive Director of the Enforcement Division for a while before her appointment to the bench.

### **Yang Arif Dr. John Lee Kien How @ Mohd Johan Lee**

Yang Arif Dr Johan graduated with LLB (Hons) and thereafter obtained a Master of Comparative Laws degree both of which from International Islamic University Malaysia. He also obtained an MA in Economics for Competition Law from King's College London and a Ph.D in Business and Commercial Law from Monash University Australia. Prior to his elevation, he was an advocate and solicitor of the High Court of Malaya, High Court of Sabah & Sarawak, the Shariah Court and the Supreme Court of Brunei. Up till his elevation, he lectured part-time in a few local law schools. He also occasionally conducted in-house trainings to various banking institutions, governmental and semi-governmental institutions worldwide. In 2006, he was a visiting scholar to the Asian Law Centre of the University of Washington. He was a consultant to few governmental agencies as well as few government-funded banks. He is also a certified and qualified arbitrator and mediator. In April, 2021, YA was appointed a Judicial Commissioner and is currently presiding in Mahkamah Tinggi Civil 6 at the High Court in Kuala Lumpur. An international mooter during his student years, upon his graduation, he has coached few moot teams and organized numerous local and international moot competitions.

## **RETIRED JUDGES**

### **Dato' George Varughese**

Dato' George Varughese read law and graduated with LL. B (Hons) from Manchester Metropolitan University in 1988 and was called to the Bar of England & Wales after having obtained the Degree of an Utter Barrister from the Honourable Society of Lincoln's Inn in 1990. In 1991, he was admitted as an Advocate and Solicitor of the High Court of Malaya. Dato' George also obtained his Masters in Law (LL.M) from University of Malaya, and later became a Member of the Malaysian Institute of Arbitrators (MMIA) and a Sports Arbitrator of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (C.I.Arb). He is also empanelled on the Asian International Arbitration Centre's (AIAC) Panel of Arbitrators, AIAC's Panel of Adjudicators and AIAC's Panel of Mediators. Years of dedication to the legal profession and to the Bar Council saw Dato' George rise to helm the Malaysian Bar as President from 2017 until 2019. During this time, he also served as a member of the Advocates and Solicitors Disciplinary Board (ASDB) and Legal Profession Qualifying Board (LPQB). Dato' George also served as the Chairman of the Ad-Hoc Disciplinary Committee, PIAM (2013-2019), a member of Technical Committee, Service Export Fund, MATRADE (2017-2019), a member of Taylor's Law School Legal Profession Advisory Panel (2017-2019) and member of Editorial Advisory Board of Sessions and Magistrate's Cases (SMC) (2017-2019). In

2019, Dato' George was appointed as a Judicial Commissioner, and in which office he served at the High Court of Malaya in Penang until 2021. Thereafter, in 2022, Dato' George returned to practice as a Consultant in Messrs George Varughese.

**Dato' Fredrick Indran X.A. Nicholas**

Dato' Fredrick Indran X.A. Nicholas has served the Industrial Court of Malaysia as a Chairman from November 2006 to February 2017, at its various divisions in Kuala Lumpur, Ipoh, Perak and Penang. He then served as a High Court Judge in the Civil Division of the superior courts of the Republic of Fiji, for a time in 2017. He then returned, with effect from January 2018, to serve once again as a Chairman of a divisional court of the Industrial Court of Malaysia at Kuala Lumpur. In November 2019, Dato' Fredrick was appointed to the position of Judicial Commissioner; and was posted to serve at the Civil Division of the High Court of Malaya at Johor Bahru with effect from December 2019 until November 2021. From 1986 to 1991, Dato' Fredrick was in the Judicial and Legal Service of Malaysia; where he served as a Magistrate in Negeri Sembilan and then as Deputy Public Prosecutor in Kelantan, followed by being appointed as Head of Prosecution for Malacca. He then practiced as an Advocate & Solicitor of the High Court of Malaya from 1991 to 2006 in Ipoh, Perak and in Kuala Lumpur. While in private legal practice, he had occasion to serve as the Chairman of the Perak Bar; and was a member of the Malaysian Bar Council from 2004 to 2006. Dato' Fredrick was called to the Malaysian Bar as an Advocate & Solicitor in 1986; was awarded the Certificate in Legal Practice by the Malaysian Qualifying Board in 1985, prior to which he graduated with an LL. B (Hons) from the University of London, England in 1984.

**OFFICERS FROM THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S CHAMBERS**

**Donald Joseph Franklin**

Mr. Donald Joseph Franklin graduated with a LL.B from University Malaya in 1990 and joined the Judicial and Legal Service in the same year. He began his career as a Magistrate at the Baling Magistrate's Court and then at the Georgetown Magistrate's Court, Penang. Thereafter, he served in various positions including as Director of Legal Aid Bureau, Federal Counsel at the Ministry of Works, Deputy Registrar at the Kuala Lumpur High Court (Commercial Division), Head of Research and Development Unit at the Judicial and Legal Training Institute, Senior Assistant Parliamentary Draftsman and Head of the Medical Negligence and Government Contracts Unit at the Civil Division of the Attorney General's Chambers. In 2010, he was appointed as the Legal Advisor to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Subsequently, he was appointed Deputy Head of the Research Division at the Attorney General's Chambers in 2013 and currently serves as Deputy Head of Division I of the Civil Division. Mr. Franklin obtained his LLM in Legal Aspects of Medical Practice from Cardiff University in 2006 and is also an accredited mediator by the Centre for Dispute Resolution, London. Mr. Franklin also serves as an external lecturer at the Judicial and Legal Training Institute.

### **Mankiranjit Kaur a/p Mehinder Singh**

Mankiranjit Kaur is a Senior Federal Counsel attached to the Arbitration & Alternative Dispute Resolution Unit in the Civil Division at the Attorney General's Chambers, Malaysia. She graduated with a Bachelor of Law (Hons.) from University Malaya and later obtained a Master of Laws (Hons.) in 2012, also from University Malaya. Mankiranjit previously served as a judicial officer; including as a Magistrate in Kuala Lumpur and Klang, Selangor, Senior Assistant Registrar of the High Court in Kuala Lumpur and Deputy Registrar of the Court of Appeal and High Court in Shah Alam, Selangor prior to joining the Attorney General's Chambers in 2019.

### **Dato' Mohd Dusuki bin Mokhtar**

Dato' Mohd Dusuki Mokhtar graduated with the Bachelor of Law Degree (LLB. (Hons.)) from IIUM, Malaysia in 1992 and obtained a Masters (LLM) in Prosecution from the University of Wollongong, New South Wales, Australia in 2012. Dato' Mohd Dusuki Mokhtar was called to the Bar as an Advocate and Solicitor in early 1993 and he joined the Judicial and Legal Services in the same year. Dato' Mohd Dusuki served as a Deputy Public Prosecutor (DPP) in the Attorney General's Chambers (AGC) from 1993 – 2006 and was subsequently attached as a Senior Federal Counsel at the Ministry of Home Affairs from 2006 – 2009. He was then transferred to the AGC HQ in 2009 and served as a DPP in the Prosecution Division and the Appellate and Trial Division until late 2016. He then served at the Industrial Court in Kuala Lumpur as the Chairman from late 2016 - late 2017. Dato' Mohd Dusuki was then attached to the Appellate and Trial Division from late 2017 to present and he is currently the Deputy Head of the Appellate and Trial Division.

### **Nahra binti Dollah**

Nahra Dollah is currently attached to the Appellate and Trial Division, Attorney General's Chambers from May 2019. She graduated with a Bachelor of Laws (Hons) from the Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia in 2001 and obtained a Masters of Laws (LLM) in Prosecution from the University of Wollongong, New South Wales, Australia in 2011. She obtained Master of Laws in Advocacy Skills, Nottingham Trent University, United Kingdom in 2012. She joined the Judicial and Legal service in 2001 and started her career as Deputy Public Prosecutor and attached to various units in the Prosecution Division (HQ), Attorney General's Chambers until 2005. In 2005 until 2006 she attached to the Selangor Prosecution Unit. In 2006- 2007 she was a Senior Federal Counsel at the Ministry of Home Affairs. Beginning 2007 until 2014 she was again attached to the Prosecution Division (HQ), Attorney General's Chambers. In 2014 until 2015, she was again attached to the Appellate and Trial Division Attorney General's Chambers. She then served at the Malaysian Department of Insolvency from 2016 until May 2019.

### **Norinna binti Bahadun**

Norinna Bahadun graduated with a Bachelor of Laws degree (LLB. (Hons.)) from the London School of Economics and Political Science in 1998 and was admitted as an Advocate and Solicitor of the High Court of Malaya in 2000. She later obtained her Masters Degree (LLM) in International Litigation and Arbitration from University College London in 2009. Norinna joined the Attorney General's Chambers in 2003. She started her

service in the Civil Division in the Medical Negligence Unit. She later served as a Senior Federal Counsel in the International Affairs Division in the Multilateral Trade, International Arbitration and Dispute Unit. Norinna then served as Deputy Public Prosecutor in the Appellate and Trial Division primarily attending to criminal appeals. Thereafter Norinna served as Deputy Public Prosecutor in the Prosecution Division in the Transnational Crime Unit, handling Mutual Legal Assistance and Extradition matters. Currently Norinna is serving in the Office of the Attorney General as part of the Special Task Force on Asset Recovery

### **Ramesh a/I Gopalan**

Ramesh Gopalan read law at the University of Malaya and obtained Bachelor of Laws (Hons) in 2000. He was admitted to the Malaysian Bar in 2001. Ramesh joined the Judicial and Legal Service in 2002 and served as the judicial officer for almost 17 years. He held various positions including as Magistrate, Deputy Registrar of the High Court of Malaya and Sessions Court Judge. Ramesh is currently Head of the Transnational Crimes Unit in the Prosecution Division of the Attorney General's Chambers.

### **Zureen Elina binti Hj. Mohd Dom**

Zureen Elina Hj. Mohd. Dom is currently the Head of the Arbitration & Alternative Dispute Resolution Unit in the Civil Division of the Attorney General's Chambers (AGC). She graduated with a Bachelor of Laws (Hons) from the Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia in 2003 and obtained a Master of Laws (LLM in Public Law) from the University of Bristol, UK in 2012. Zureen Elina was a Senior Federal Counsel (Arbitration & Alternative Dispute Resolution Unit) at the Civil Division of the AGC from 2018 - July 2020, Senior Federal Counsel (Tort and Statutory Duties Unit) at the Civil Division of the AGC from 2012 - 2018; Deputy Public Prosecutor and Senior Federal Counsel at the Appellate and Trial Division of the AGC from April 2009 - October 2011; Federal Counsel (Tort and Statutory Duties Unit) at the Civil Division of the AGC from 2005 - April 2009; Federal Counsel at the Civil Unit and Civil Division of the AGC from 2003 - 2005.

## **LAWYERS**

### **Abdul Rahim Sinwan**

Abdul Rahim Sinwan is an Advocate & Solicitor of High Court of Malaya since 1991. He too has been a lecturer at the International Islamic University from 1991 to 1994. He holds a Masters in Comparative Laws and is an accredited Mediator from Australia. He is a civil litigator and had his cases in the Law Journals. He had represented the Bar Council against delinquent Solicitors.

### **Abu Daud Abd Rahim**

Abu Daud was called to the Malaysian Bar and admitted to the roll of Advocates and Solicitors in 2004 after obtaining his double degree in Bachelor of Law LL.B (Hons) and Bachelor of Laws (Shariah) (First Class) from the International Islamic University Malaysia (IIUM). He joined Messrs Azmi & Associates in 2003 and was elated to become a Partner



in 2011. Since then, he has been heading one of the Litigation and Arbitration Practice Group at the Firm, working on various nature of cases in vast areas of law. Abu Daud is also an adjudicator under the Construction Industry Payment and Adjudication Act (CIPAA) 2012. In his practice journey, Abu Daud has equipped himself with advocacy skills valuable to court proceedings as well as out-of-Court settlements. An avid learner, he embraces the Firm's philosophy of continuous progress by supervising the most numbers of litigation practitioners at the Firm.

### **Alvin Tang**

Alvin was called to the English Bar as a Barrister, Lincoln's Inn in 1998 and the Malaysian Bar in 1999. Alvin was formerly a partner in Messrs Shook Lin & Bok and joined Messrs Bodipalar Ponnudurai De Silva in late 2017. Alvin has represented clients in trials and appeals in all the superior courts and as counsel in both domestic and international arbitrations, as well as advocate and solicitors' disciplinary proceedings. Alvin's forte is in litigating complex contentious disputes in corporate and commercial matters, with an emphasis on shareholder disputes and boardroom tussles, both in the context of listed entities as well as private companies and family disputes. Away from the office, Alvin offers his services to train lawyers in litigation and advocacy through the Bar Council's Advocacy Training Course and also contributes articles on Malaysian developments of company and commercial law in international legal publications.

### **Andrew Chiew**

Andrew is a partner in Messas Lee Hishammuddin Allen & Gledhill. Andrew has notable experience in the areas of banker's liability, civil fraud, corporate insolvency and restructuring as well as money laundering. He acts for various financial institutions on financing obligations and security enforcement, involving conventional and Islamic financing, and asset recovery. His experience in corporate and commercial disputes covers various business sectors, including energy, hospitality, logistics and plantation. He also acts for corporations on matters concerning fraud. Clients described him as a "sharp, skillful, knowledgeable articulator" and, someone "who knows his work and produces really good arguments". Andrew is a ranked practitioner by Chambers & Partners and Benchmark Litigation. He is a contributor for a number of practitioners' guide, which includes the Law & Practice of Corporate Insolvency in Malaysia. He also frequently speaks, locally and overseas, on matters relating to his areas of practice. Andrew is also a member of the Malaysian Bar Council's Advocacy Training Committee. He conducts advocacy training around Malaysia. He has also conducted advocacy training in Australia, Ireland, United Kingdom, Singapore and South Africa.

### **Andrew Heng**

Andrew is a partner at ZMM and leads the Construction & Engineering practice area. He provides both litigation and on-going advisory services to clients in the construction, environmental services, banking and insurance, property development as well as manufacturing industries. Besides litigating before the Malaysian Courts, Andrew also represents clients in Arbitration and Adjudication proceedings. His principal practice areas are construction and industrial relations. Apart from construction and industrial

relations, his litigation work has extended across a wide range of matters including commercial disputes, banking disputes, shareholders' disputes as well as defending various tortious claims (negligence, occupiers' liability, nuisance, defamation). Further to his litigation work, Andrew is also an accredited Adjudicator empaneled with the Asian International Arbitration Centre (AIAC) and a Mediator empanelled with the Malaysian Mediation Centre (MMC) and AIAC. Andrew holds a Bachelor of Law from the University of London and completed his Master of Law at the University of Northumbria. He was admitted to the Bar of England and Wales in 2006 and the Malaysian Bar in 2008.

### **Annou Xavier**

Annou Xavier graduated from the London University and was admitted to the Honourable Society of Lincoln's Inn in 1996. He was later called to the Malaysian Bar in October 1997. Since then, he has been an active practitioner in a wide variety of commercial and civil disputes and litigation with many of his cases being reported in the Malayan Law Journal, Current Law Journal (cljlaw.com) and All Malaysia Reports. He has conducted many seminars at the State Bars on topics relating to Digital Evidence and Citizenship. Annou has also been involved in some high profile human rights and constitutional law cases on child citizenship, religious conversion and aboriginal rights which have constantly being highlighted in the media sphere.

### **Andrew Teh**

Andrew is a barrister-at-law from Gray's Inn, England and was admitted to the Malaysian Bar in 1992. He is currently a partner and Head of Litigation at Wong Lu Peen & Tunku Alina, a KL-based law firm. Andrew's principal practice area is in civil litigation, with an emphasis in banking and insurance law. Andrew was Deputy Chairman of the Court Liaison Sub-Committee of the Kuala Lumpur Bar Committee from 2007-2008 and prior to that, had served in the sub-committee for legal aid for several terms. He is a member of the Insolvency Practitioners Association of Malaysia. Andrew has been serving as a judge in the Strata Management Tribunal since July 2018. He was most recently reported in the Federal Court decisions of *Dubon Berhad v Wisma Cosway Management Corporation* [2020] 4 MLJ 288 and *See Leong Chye v United Overseas Bank (Malaysia) Bhd* [2021] MLJU 739.

### **Azlan bin Abd Ro'ni**

Azlan bin Abd Ro'ni hails from Penang and he obtained his law LL.B (Hons) degree from Universiti Teknologi MARA. Azlan served his pupillage at Messrs. Zaid Ibrahim & Co under the tutelage of Ms Peh Lee Kheng and he was called to the Bar in 2008 at the Kuala Lumpur High Court. Azlan has served in PetroliaM Nasional Berhad (Petronas) as Legal Counsel as well as in Malaysian Airlines System (MAS) as Senior Legal Counsel. He is currently the Managing Partner of Messrs. Roni & Co, a firm that practices civil matters and criminal defense advocacy, appellate matters, conveyancing, and Syariah practice. He also teaches in Universiti Teknologi MARA on the arts of Civil Trial and Advocacy. Azlan lives by 3 maxims: "The most important thing for a judge is -- (written) judgment."- Lord Patrick Devlin, "A victorious army wins its victory before seeking battle, an army destined for

defeat fights in the hopes of winning.” Sun Tzu. Chapter IV, and Measure twice, cut once. Azlan plays basketball in his free time.

### **Bahari Yeow**

With over 20 years’ experience in the fields of Intellectual Property and litigation, Bahari built and headed a Legal 500 Tier 1 Intellectual Property, Technology, Media and Telecommunications team. Bahari also led his previous firm to debut on WTR 1000 as the Top IP Firm in Malaysia notwithstanding being a fresh entry, before joining Gan Partnership together with his teams. Bahari is ranked a Legal 500 Leading Individual. Legal 500 described him as “undoubtedly very knowledgeable in his field of practice — his commitment, passion and enthusiasm are commendable”. Chambers Asia Pacific who ranks Bahari as a Ranked Lawyer described him as “often engaged by leading global and domestic brands on trade mark infringement cases”, noted for his expertise in all types of IP litigation”, “particularly hands-on and very conversant with IP matters in Malaysia," and "customer-centric approach and adaptability to economic changes”. Due to his humble, approachable but solution driven personality, he was awarded Commended External Counsel of the Year by In-House Community. A natural-born litigator, Bahari brings with him years of litigation experience applied onto the field of Intellectual Property. Bahari and his teams advise on every aspect of Intellectual Property.

### **Bailey Leong Pui Yee**

Bailey graduated with LLB (Hons) from University of Northumbria at Newcastle in year 2010 and is a Barrister-at-Law of Lincoln’s Inn. Bailey was admitted as an Advocate & Solicitor of the High Court of Malaya in year 2012. Bailey is a partner in the Litigation practice group at Messrs Zul Rafique & Partners. Bailey’s key practice area is in corporate and commercial litigation with an emphasis on corporate insolvency or liquidation, restructuring of debts and schemes of arrangements, receivership and shareholders disputes. In addition, her work also comprise of advisory work on debt recovery matters concerning banking and financial institutions, intellectual property, tortious claims as well as land disputes. She also has extensive knowledge and experience in conducting pre-litigation assessment and management exercises and in conducting litigation forensic exercises which involve:- (i) managing potential disputes before they occur; (ii) assessing and managing risks associated with potential disputes and litigation; and (iii) conducting litigation forensic exercises to determine pitfalls, merits and thereafter crafting strategies for potential disputes.

### **Cheah Poh Gek**

Poh Gek is an Advocate & Solicitor of the High Court of Malaya and was admitted to the Malaysian Bar in 1985. She is the senior partner of Messrs Cheah Poh Gek & Associates, a Selangor-based law firm. Her principal practice area is in conveyancing, with an emphasis in family matters. Poh Gek served as the Head of the Conveyancing Sub-Committee at the Selangor Bar from 1996-2004 and as a member on the Conveyancing Sub-Committee of the Malaysian Bar for many years. She obtained her Certificate of Mediation from LEADR (Australia) in 2001 and is registered as Mediator with the

Malaysian Bar. She is also an Associate Member of The Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, U.K.

#### **Chu Ai Li**

Chu Ai Li is a partner of Azman Davidson & Co., and has more than 20 years' experience as a lawyer. Her core practice areas are construction law, arbitration and adjudication. She is on the panel of arbitrators as well as the panel of adjudicators of the Asian International Arbitration Centre.

#### **Chong Phow Yew**

Chong was called to the Bar on 13/8/1988. He has been in active practice handling mainly civil and commercial litigation. He is married with 3 daughters. He holds an external honours degree in law from the University of London and a 2nd Upper Honours in the Certificate in Legal Practice and is presently the senior partner in the firm of Kamaruzaman Arif, Amran & Chong in Shah Alam. He is also a Commissioner For Oaths and a Notary Public.

#### **Darren Lai**

Darren Lai graduated with an LL.B (Hons) degree from University of Tasmania in 2005. He obtained his Certificate of Legal Practice in 2008 and was admitted as an Advocate and Solicitor of the High Court of Malaya in November 2009. He was admitted as a Partner of Richard Wee Chambers on 1st July 2021. His area of practice is in corporate and commercial dispute resolution. He has appeared and acted in a wide range of disputes in all levels of Court in Malaysia and in arbitration, amongst others shareholders disputes, commercial terms deadlocks, liquidation, tenancy disputes as well as defamation and libel matters. Apart from his work in dispute resolution, Darren has also advised his clients on various corporate regulatory compliance and with his keen interest in environmental law, recently advised on the Environmental, Social & Governance ("ESG") framework.

#### **Daniel Tan Chun Hao**

Daniel is the proprietor of the law firm Messrs TAN CHUN HAO. He holds dual qualifications in both civil engineering and law, and is a practising lawyer. He was admitted to the Malaysian Bar in 1993. Daniel has over 25 years experience in the provision of contractual advice to local and international contractors and owners in the engineering and construction industries. He has been principally involved in arbitrations / dispute resolution, contract management and advisory services on a wide spectrum of projects. He acts as advocate in arbitrations. He is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators and both panel arbitrator and accredited mediator with the Asian International Arbitration Centre, and accredited mediator with the Construction Industry Development Board, Malaysia.

#### **Dato' W.S.W. Davidson**

Dato' W.S.W. Davidson began his career in London in 1957 before serving as Crown Counsel and legal draughtsman in the Attorney General's Chambers, Hong Kong from 1960 to 1963. He has been in legal practice in Malaysia since 1964. He is currently

Consultant with Azman Davidson & Co. He has over 50 years of legal practice appearing in High Courts in Hong Kong, Malaysia and Brunei and before the Privy Council in London. He is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, United Kingdom and Malaysian Institute of Arbitrators. He is also a Panel Member, of Kuala Lumpur Regional Centre for Arbitration and Singapore International Arbitration Center. He sits as arbitrator in international and domestic arbitrations. Dato' Davidson was the chief draftsman for the Bar Council's draft for the new Malaysian Arbitration Act and was Chairman of Bar Council sub-committee dealing with amendments to new Malaysian Arbitration Act.

**Dato' Dr. Abd Shukor Ahmad**

Dato' Shukor is a Partner and Head of Dispute Resolution at Shukor Baljit & Partners. He read law at the University of Malaya and went on to obtain Bachelor's as well as Master's degree from that University. He was admitted to the High Court of Malaya in 1997. Whilst his practice primarily involves civil and commercial dispute resolutions he is also adept at corporate exercises of mergers, acquisition, financing and securitization. He has appeared regularly at the Superior Courts. He is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (CI Arb), Malaysian Institute of Arbitrators (MI Arb), the Arbitrators and Mediators Institute of New Zealand (AMINZ) as well as the Asian Institute of Alternative Dispute Resolution (AIADR). He is also a qualified Mediator and Adjudicator. He has appeared as counsel in domestic as well as international arbitrations. He has also been appointed as sole arbitrator in ad hoc and institutional arbitrations. He secured his degree of Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) from the International Islamic University in 2013. He has also published articles in scholarly journals and has authored texts entitled "Legal Aspects of Hire Purchase" -2nd Edition in 2019 and "Habeas Corpus in Malaysia" in 2021. He has been regularly invited to judge the International Humanitarian Law Moot and Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competitions as well as other mediation and arbitration competitions.

**Dato' Hj. Kamaruzaman bin Muhammad Arif**

Dato' Hj. Kamaruzaman bin Muhammad Arif graduated from the University of East Anglia, United Kingdom with Bachelor of Laws (Hons) in 1997 and passed his certificate of Legal Practice (CLP) examination in 1998. Dato' Haji Kamaruzaman started his legal career in a reputable firm in Petaling Jaya as a legal assistant before joining two local authorities as the Head of Legal Department and took charge in various civil suits, prosecutions, legal advice, drafting and amending by-laws. He had been invited by various agencies and an active speaker on local government laws including UiTM, Polis DiRaja Malaysia, Kastam DiRaja Malaysia, Persatuan Pihak Berkuasa Tempatan ("MALA"), Majlis Perbandaran Kota Bharu, Majlis Perbandaran Alor Gajah and Pusat Latihan Penguatkuasaan Negeri Selangor. In 2003, Dato' Haji Kamaruzaman joined Malaysia Airlines (MAS) as a Counsel where he gained expertise in corporate and commercial laws, privatizations and outsourcing of services. He had worked together with a leading legal firm in Sydney for a mega IT outsourcing project. In 2005, the state of Selangor appointed Dato' Hj. Kamaruzaman to be a Consultant in drafting the unified by-laws for all local authorities in Selangor. He managed to complete this task successfully and over 27 standardised by-laws have been introduced in Selangor. Dato' Kamaruzaman also authored two books

pertaining to enforcement in Selangor local authorities, copies which were circulated to all Selangor local authorities. Dato' Hj. Kamaruzaman holds knowledge and experience in various of legal areas covering diverse matters and his pursuit for legal knowledge and expertise never ends and continued throughout his entire legal career and practice. He holds excellent records in civil litigation, delivering legal solutions on disputes in major joint venture projects, administrative laws, corporate banking and conveyancing.

### **Elaine Yap**

Elaine Yap has been in active legal practice in Malaysia since 1999 as a litigator, arbitration counsel and arbitrator. She is experienced in handling civil, commercial, and administrative disputes in various state Courts and tribunals in Malaysia as well as in institutional and ad hoc arbitrations on a variety of subjects. She established Elaine Yap Law Office in 2017 and runs a niche dispute resolution practice based in Kuala Lumpur and specialises in assisting local and foreign companies and individuals to manage, mitigate and resolve complex disputes with a solutions-oriented approach. Elaine is a member of the Malaysian Bar Council Arbitration Committee and a Fellow of the Malaysian Institute of Arbitrators, Chartered Institute of Arbitrators.

### **Farah Shuhadah Razali**

Farah Shuhadah Razali is a partner in the Litigation practice group. She obtained her Bachelor of Laws Degree from Universiti Teknologi Mara and was admitted as an Advocate & Solicitor of the High Court of Malaya in 2008. Farah has experience in a wide range of commercial litigation including companies or corporate disputes involving shareholders and directors, winding-up disputes, contractual disputes and tortious claims. Whilst her area of special interest is defamation as well as public and administrative law, Farah also regularly renders advise and act for both local and international clients in matters involving land and tenancy disputes, probate and administrative disputes and various debt recovery and insolvency matters. Farah has appeared as co-counsel and counsel at all tiers of the Malaysian Courts and played a key role in many noteworthy cases in Malaysia which are reported in the law journals. Apart from Court appearances, Farah also has been involved in commercial arbitration under the Arbitration Act 2005 and mediation under the Conciliation / Mediation Rules of the Kuala Lumpur Regional Centre for Arbitration (KLRC).

### **Gabriel Daniel**

Gabriel Daniel is a graduate of University of Malaya and an Advocate & Solicitor of the High Court of Malaya. He joined the legal fraternity and has been serving in various capacities for the past 26 years. Gabriel Daniel is currently a Senior Partner in a leading law firm in Kuala Lumpur and has wide experience in various areas including construction law, commercial and company disputes, insolvency practice, administrative law, arbitration and contractual disputes. He has appeared in several landmark cases in Malaysia relating to land, company and administrative law issues. Additionally, Gabriel Daniel regularly advises on corporate and commercial issues to both domestic and international clients.

**Gan Khong Aik**

Gan Khong Aik graduated from the University of Malaya. Khong Aik is the Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, UK and a mediator with the Malaysian Mediation Centre. Throughout his practice since 1995, Khong Aik regularly acts as Counsel focusing on corporate governance and commercial disputes including property disputes, company restructuring & liquidation, insolvency, employment and industrial relations disputes with particular reference to restrictive covenants, protection of trade secrets and confidential information as well as defamation at all tiers of the Malaysian Courts and arbitration. Khong Aik is also an arbitrator of the International Arbitration Court in Ganjiang, China and an Adjunct Professor to the Shi Liang College of Law, University of Changzhou, Jiangsu China.

**Han Li Meng**

Li Meng is a Partner in Christopher & Lee Ong's Dispute Resolution & Litigation Practice Group. Li Meng's portfolio covers a wide area of civil litigation with special focus on disputes relating to infrastructure and construction, telecommunications, industrial relations. Li Meng is also a qualified Adjudicator empanelled with the Asian International Arbitration Centre and advises clients on adjudication matters under the Construction Industry Payment and Adjudication Act 2012. The breadth of Li Meng's practice extends to regularly advising clients on employment/industrial relations issues and representing clients at both the Industrial Court as well as Civil Courts on those issues.

**H.R. Dipendra**

Dipendra graduated with LLB (Hons) from University of London and LLM from London School of Economics. He was admitted to the Malaysian Bar in 2000. He is a Bar Council Committee Member (2017/2018). He was also the Honorary Secretary of Kuala Lumpur Bar Committee (2010-2011), Kuala Lumpur Bar Committee Representative to the Malaysian Bar Council (2010-2011), Chairman of the Kuala Lumpur Bar Committee (2013-2015) and Co-Chairperson - International Malaysian Law Conference 2016. is a Bar Council Committee Member (2017/2018). Dipendra is a Partner leading the Dispute Resolution Practice Group at KDJ-Law. Dipendra is well versed in civil litigation procedure and has vast experience in the various stages of dispute management in both Court and arbitration proceedings. He has advised clients on such diverse areas of law such as breach of contract, banking and finance, breach of directors' duties, fraud and negligence, insolvency litigation, shareholders dispute, libel and slander. Dipendra's expertise includes advisory work, drafting of pleadings and submissions, advocacy in the context of interlocutory hearings and trials before the Courts and arbitral tribunals as well as appeals before the appellate Courts, advising and taking conduct of enforcement actions including committal proceedings and other modes of execution. Dipendra has undertaken numerous successful briefs and continues to provide practical commercial advice and negotiate for settlement where appropriate.

**Heather Yee**

Ms. Heather Yee is the first female global lead and youngest Head of the Asian Institute of Alternative Dispute Resolution (AIADR) Secretariat, headquartered in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. Ms. Heather Yee is admitted to the Malaysian Bar as advocate and solicitor with several years of practising experience in commercial dispute resolution and litigation prior to joining AIADR. She holds Master of Laws with Distinction from the University of Malaya and was the recipient of the St Michael Brother Visitor's Award being the Best STPM Student of the year and Best Student in Business Studies. She was also the recipient of the Temasek Foundation Leadership Enrichment and Regional Networking Award by the National University of Singapore (NUS) and Temasek Foundation Singapore. Ms. Heather is an IMI accredited mediator and was conferred the Diploma in International Commercial Arbitration by the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (CI Arb). She regularly advises on alternative dispute resolution matters including mediation, adjudication, expert determination, ad hoc arbitration, institutional arbitration, and acts as tribunal secretary in domestic and international arbitration. She is also frequently invited to judge in international moot competitions and to speak in international events, forums and conferences on topics relating to dispute resolution and dispute settlement. She is also an editor in the recent book publication '*Standard Form of Building Contracts Compared*' published by LexisNexis.

**Ho Kok Yew**

Kok Yew is in his 18th year of private litigation practice. He is the principal of his namesake law firm, which he established in September 2018. He handles various aspects of contentious disputes covering multiple disciplines in civil, commercial and corporate litigation. He believes his firm of lawyers contribute towards creating an exception to the myth that lawyers who fight in court are hostile and unapproachable. Kok Yew champions the need for his lawyers to have strong interpersonal skills and emotional intelligence - which is always vital if you need the client to agree to your fee structure. Kok Yew also actively engages in corporate practice, bringing together the advantage of prior hands-on experience in the corporate sector during his years as Head of Group Corporate Affairs in a public listed company from 2006 to 2010 (but for these valuable years, he would have been in his 22nd year of private practice). Quite the self-opinionated narcissist, he believes he has seen enough badly drafted contracts that become the subject matter of disputes in court, and that ultimately, it takes a litigator to spot the fine print in a commercial contract.

**Honey Tan Lay Ean**

Honey Tan Lay Ean obtained her LLM from Warwick University, and is a Middle Templar. Honey is a General Committee member of the Malaysian Middle Temple Alumni Association. She currently serves on the Bar Council, and is the Chairperson of the Family Law Committee and Women's Rights Committee. Her main area of practice is in high conflict family matters. Honey is also engaged in public interest litigation, mainly in the areas of equality and non-discrimination. She is recognized as an expert in the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW).



**Hj. Aznul Affendi Hj Hasan Basri**

Hj Aznul is a partner in Messrs Aznul & Co, a boutique legal firm established in 1996. Graduated with a law degree (MA) from University of Cambridge in 1990 and is a member of the Honourable Society of Lincoln's Inn. His current practice includes commercial and corporate law, regulatory compliance, competition law and data protection. He has advised on the drafting of legislation relating to palm oil industry, ports, personal data protection, fish marketing industry, Fisherman's Associations, water industry and biofuel. In his spare time, he lectures in Administrative Law, Company Law and Corporate Administration in public universities.

**Idza Hajar Ahmad Idzam**

Idza graduated with an LL.B (Hons) from the UiTM and is currently practicing with Zul Rafique & Partners. Idza's area of practice includes defamation & media, corporate & commercial litigation, public & administrative law, clubs & unincorporated associations, land and general property, law regarding land acquisitions, banking law and arbitrations. Idza regularly appears in High Court and the Appellate Courts. Idza is a Recommended Lawyer in the Legal500 2019 Asia Pacific for Dispute Resolution and has also been named Future Star by Benchmark Litigation Asia Pacific 2019, 2020 and 2021. She has recently been named as Outstanding Lawyer 2020 for Client Service Excellence by Asialaw.

**Mohd Izral Khairy**

Izral is a partner of Izral Partnership. Izral's main areas of practice are in insolvency and receivership, debt restructuring and schemes of arrangement, commercial fraud, defamation and infrastructure projects. He has acted on various contentious matters concerning the insolvency of public and private companies.

**Irwin Lo**

Irwin Lo is a barrister of Middle Temple, United Kingdom in 2004 and was admitted to practice in Malaysia as an Advocate and Solicitor of the High Court of Malaya in 2006. His passion is in the practice of dispute resolution, which includes counselling clients on their legal conflicts and issues, strategising on the best possible resolution of a legal dispute, and advocating his clients' case in court. His litigation skills and competence have continued to result in engagements as counsel for trial and appellate court work at all tiers of the Malaysian Courts from a diverse range of clientele from the corporate world as well as individuals. His specialisation is in contractual, construction, corporate and commercial litigation; with his most interesting cases involving matters relating to shareholders' dispute, breach of directors' duties, and construction defects. As a complement to his litigation background, Irwin is also regularly tasked by his corporate clients to provide non-litigious corporate commercial advice. At present, Irwin is engaged as a long-term external legal advisor for several companies. Prior to setting up Lo Chambers, Irwin was a partner in a law firm overseeing the litigation department and acts as legal advisor for several listed companies in Malaysia. Irwin is a member of the Young Practitioners Group of Asian International Arbitration Centre (AIAC) and is also a licensed Adjudicator under the panel of the AIAC for construction disputes under the Construction

Industry Payment and Adjudication Act 2012 (CIPAA) and a licensed Mediator under the panel of the Malaysian Mediation Centre (MMC).

### **Jamie Wong**

Jamie has been engaged in active practice for over 13 years with a focus in corporate and commercial litigation. She founded Messrs Jamie Wong in 2014. Her clientele ranges from private individuals to public listed entities based locally and abroad. Upon completing the Bar Vocational Course at BPP Law School, London, Jamie was called to the English Bar by the Middle Temple in 2007. Before commencing her pupillage in the chambers of Ranjit Singh, she worked at international law firms, Simmons & Simmons, Hong Kong and Zaid Ibrahim & Co, Malaysia. Jamie believes that besides mastering various legal skills, lawyers are expected to constantly develop their interpersonal skills. The law slants more towards the arts and humanities rather than hard sciences, and applying it would require aspiring lawyers to demonstrate proficiency beyond their textbooks. Jamie has been engaged as both counsel and solicitor on separate occasions in the High Court and Appellate jurisdiction. She also leads a team of abled associates to conduct a wide range of litigation matters including those involved in alternative dispute resolutions. Through the sophisticated and dynamic culture of the Firm, Messrs Jamie Wong has gained recognition among its peers as well as in the legal sphere.

### **Janet Chai**

Janet's practice is in commercial, energy, construction and engineering disputes, and has been an accredited adjudicator with the Asian International Arbitration Centre since 2014. Janet graduated from University of Sheffield, England with a Bachelor of Laws (Hons) in 2003, was called to the Bar of England and Wales in 2004 and admitted as an advocate and solicitor of the High Court of Malaya in 2006. Janet commenced practice in Chooi & Company where she was made a partner in 2013. In 2018, Chooi & Company merged with Cheang & Ariff to form Chooi & Company + Cheang & Ariff (CCA), where Janet is one of the partners in the dispute resolution team.

### **Jennifer Chandran**

Jennifer Chandran chambered and commenced her practice of law at the firm of Messrs Allen & Gledhill before forming Vaasan Chan & Chandran in 1999 together with the other 2 partners. Jennifer Chandran was invited to lecture at the ATC College of Law and from 1990 to 1993 she lectured hundreds of students on Land Law, Family Law and the English Legal System. She handles the firms litigation and Probate matters. She has appeared in the High Court, Court of Appeal and Federal Court in Malaysia. She has from time to time, at the invitation of Rockwills Trust presented lectures to their professional will writers on Malaysian probate procedures and laws and has also administrated estates of substantial size and value involving local and foreign assets. After years of litigation practice, Jennifer Chandran now also heads our conveyancing practice. Her clients include local and foreign developers. She also provides advisory and consulting service in respect of setting up medical projects in Malaysia.

**Jeffrey John**

Jeffrey is a Barrister-at-Law of England and Wales of Lincoln's Inn. He was admitted to the Malaysian Bar on 1st August 1997 and has been in active practice since that time until 2008 when he left for employment to Negara Brunei Darussalam and remained there in active practice as a litigator until 2012. Thereafter he returned to Malaysia and commenced private practice from 2013 till 2014. He obtained a diploma in International Arbitration from the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators UK. In 2015 he was appointed as the Head of Legal in a corporation dealing with Property Development and Railway Projects until March 2017. Since then he has started his own solo practice. Jeffrey's practice areas include Civil Litigation, Criminal Litigation with a particular emphasis on General Civil Litigation, Corporate Litigation and Defamation Actions. He also prepares corporate and commercial Agreements.

**Jimmy Liew**

Jimmy Liew graduated with an LL.B (Hons) degree from University of London in 1999. He obtained his Certificate of Legal Practice in 2000. He was admitted as an Advocate and Solicitor of the High Court of Malaya in August 2001. He was admitted as a Partner of Shearn Delamore & Co on 1st January 2010. His area of practice is in corporate and commercial dispute resolution. He acted in a wide range of disputes both in Court and in arbitration. He has also been involved in a wide range of disputes involving fraud and forgery, contentious probate and administration and landlord and tenant. He is also experienced in handling corporate restructuring, receivership, liquidation and administration matters and corporate crime.

**Kamraj Nayagam**

Kamraj read English Literature and Law at Trinity College, Cambridge, before being admitted to the Bar of England and Wales at Lincolns Inn, and has been in practice since 1996. Prior to joining MKP as a Partner on 1st January 2016, Kamraj was a Partner of two other large Kuala Lumpur-based corporate/commercial law firms for several years. Kamraj's areas of practice covers arbitration & alternative dispute resolution, construction & engineering contracts and corporate & commercial disputes. Kamraj possesses a wealth of experience both in terms of drafting and negotiating construction contracts and dispute resolution, in relation to which he has been involved in numerous litigation and arbitration matters in various courts and arbitral forum. Kamraj has been engaged in numerous corporate commercial arbitrations and disputes involving many multinational and public listed companies.

**Karen Cheah Yee Lynn**

Karen Cheah Yee Lynn is the President of the Malaysian Bar for the 2022/2023 term. She was the Chairman of the Malacca State Bar Committee from 2012 to 2015, and was elected as Council Member for 7 consecutive terms from 2016 to 2023. She was appointed as the Treasurer of the Malaysian Bar during the terms 2013/2014 and 2014/2015, and has also served as the Secretary of the Malaysian Bar for two terms (2015/2016 and 2016/2017). She is the Co-Chairperson of the Bar Council Committee to Reform the Legal Sector (LPA Amendment). She is also a member of the following Bar

Council committees: Committee on AMLA, Corporate and Commercial Law Committee, Finance Committee, and Women's Rights Committee. She was the Chairperson of the Bar Council Ad Hoc Committee on Conditional Fee Rules (Re Non-Personal Injuries), Co-Chairperson of the Bar Council Constitutional Law Committee, and Co-Chairperson of the Bar Council International Professional Services Committee.

### **Karen Ng Gek Suan**

Karen Ng Gek Suan is a Partner of Karen, Mak and Partners. She is a Building & Construction lawyer based in Kuala Lumpur. She regularly advises on building and construction contracts and represents clients in all tiers of Courts, Arbitrations, Adjudications and Royal Commission of Enquiry proceedings. Karen is also an Arbitrator, Adjudicator and Mediator, empanelled with the Asian International Arbitration Centre (AIAC) and Malaysia Mediation Centre. She is also the Past Deputy President of the Malaysian Institute of Arbitrator (MIARB) (2017-2019); the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC) Young Arbitration and ADR Forum Representative for South Asia (current); and a Panel Member of AIAC Academy of Tutors.

### **Karen Wilfred**

Karen Wilfred holds a Bachelor of Laws degree from the University of London and was called to the Malaysian Bar in 1996. She has since been in active legal practice, involved mainly in the areas of civil and commercial dispute resolution. She is presently the principal owner of the firm of Messrs Wilfred.

### **Kevin De Rozario**

Kevin was called to the Malaysian Bar in 1998 having completed his pupillage at Messrs Kumar Jaspal Quah & Aishah. He is currently a Partner and Head of the Litigation Department at Messrs Khairuddin, Ngiam & Tan, a KL based firm which has been in existence since 1984. Kevin's principal practice area is in Civil Litigation. Kevin has dealt with a wide range of litigation matters including banking, contractual and tortious disputes, commercial, winding up proceedings, criminal and family matters. He has also had many years of experience in dealing with Industrial Relations matters, particularly in areas covering termination of employment and constructive dismissal where he has advised both individual and corporate bodies on such issues, including public listed companies. Kevin has represented clients in Industrial Relation cases up to the Court of Appeal. In 2005 and 2008 Kevin had contributed to the Malayan Law Journal's (MLJ) Halsbury Laws Of Malaysia publication particularly in the subject of the Legal Profession. In 2017, he contributed to a book known as "A Guide On Strata Management" published by Ark Knowledge Solutions. This book provides a comprehensive analysis of the law and a simple approach to understanding its application on Stratified Properties. It spells out the duties and prohibitions imposed on all related stakeholders. Outside the ambit of legal practice, Kevin is quite involve in social work being the Deputy Chairman of the Social Concerns Ministry at Tamil Methodist Church Brickfields Kuala Lumpur. He's also the Chairman of Community Action Network (CAN) a civil society organisation which upholds the principles of human rights and Justice and he is also a Committee Member of the Catholic Lawyers Society (CLS) Kuala Lumpur. Kevin was appointed as an Examiner for the

CLP 2020 examinations and he also written some Articles which were reported at the Current Law Journal (CLJ).

### **Lavinia Kumaraendran**

Lavinia Kumaraendran was admitted as a Barrister-at-Law (Lincoln's Inn) in October 2003 and to the Malaysian Bar as an advocate in 2005. She holds a Masters Degree in Commercial Law. Lavinia is a passionate litigator and only ever has been in active dispute resolution practice in the fields of general civil and commercial litigation. Her interest and specialization focuses on corporate litigation, particularly shareholders' disputes, breach of directors' duties and liabilities and contentious insolvency claims. She only very recently set up her own practice in partnership under the style and name of Lavinia & Balan Chambers where the vibrant Team of eight (8) advocates focus on Litigation and Construction Arbitration. Having considerable experience acting for a broad range of clients in various industries, including public listed companies, liquidators, receivers and managers, she frequently appears as solicitor and counsel in all tiers of the Courts in Malaysia. Lavinia is also an Advocacy Trainer with the Advocacy Training Committee of the Malaysian Bar where she often trains young lawyers in various jurisdictions including Singapore and South Africa. Lavinia enjoys training the Art of Advocacy where she emphasizes and conveys the importance of staying true to your personality while putting forward a strong argument in Court.

### **Lim Tuck Sun**

Tuck Sun graduated with a Bachelor of Laws (Hons) from University of London (External) in 1995 and was called to the Degree of Utter Barrister of The Honourable Society of Lincoln's Inn in 1996. He was admitted as an advocate and solicitor of the High Court of Malaya in 1997. Tuck Sun's primary focus is in the area of commercial and corporate litigation and arbitration. He advises clients on shareholders' disputes and company law related issues, including cross-border disputes. He also advises on competition law, defamation law, IT-related contracts, and telecommunications matters, and handles related litigation. Tuck Sun is also empanelled as an arbitrator with the Singapore International Arbitration Centre and the Asian International Arbitration Centre.

### **Logan Sabapathy**

Logan Sabapathy was admitted to the English Bar in 1985 and the Malayan Bar in 1986. He is also a member of the Singapore Law Society. He has been in active practice in West Malaysia since 1986 involving himself primarily in commercial and corporate related (including securities laws) litigation and arbitration. He practices under the name and style of Messrs Logan Sabapathy & Co., a firm based in Kuala Lumpur.

### **Mahadevan Sekaran**

Mahadevan Sekaran is a Partner in Conflict Resolution Department in Jayadeep, Hari & Jamil. He specialises in Insurance and Takaful litigation, particularly in complex, high magnitude claims at trial and all appellate levels. He is emplaced on the panel of many General Insurance and Takaful Insurance companies. He is also appointed as lead counsel by clients, to assist their panel solicitors when they are faced with complicated legal

matters or as the situation arises. Additionally, he has numerous dismissals and reported cases to his credit. He is also actively involved in mediation process and is responsible for negotiating settlements on behalf of insurance companies with the claimants. He is also a Member in Malaysian Insurance Institute, Life Member Medico-Legal Society of Malaysia and Member of Malaysian Association of Risk and Insurance Management.

#### **Mak Hon Pan**

Mak is a Partner of Messrs. Karen, Mak & Partners. His primary areas of practice include construction law and arbitration. He advises on both contentious and non-contentious matters and has represented a broad range of clients in all stages of adjudication, arbitration and court proceedings. Mak is also the Vice President and Fellow of the Malaysian Institute of Arbitrators, a qualified adjudicator and arbitrator empanelled with the Asian International Arbitration Centre and a Fellow of the Asian Institute of Alternative Dispute Resolution. Outside of practice, Mak writes regularly and has contributed to the Asian International Arbitration Centre 2019 Standard Form of Building Contracts Manual (2021), Construction Adjudication Reports of Malaysia by Sweet & Maxwell and the Master Builders Journal by Master Builders Association Malaysia.

#### **Michelle C.Y. Loi**

Michelle C.Y. Loi has been a Partner of Shearn Delamore since January 2013. With more than 18 years of experience, Michelle's practice covers all areas of IP. She regularly attends the Court for matters involving patent, trademark, copyright and design infringements, passing off cases and breaches of confidential information across a wide spectrum of the industries including medical devices, food, movies, fashion, glove manufacturing, oil palm, ink jet cartridges, digital transmission systems and pharmaceutical products, and is involved in precedent-setting cases of the IP laws. She also represents clients in relation to the Malaysian Intellectual Property Office's opposition procedures and trademark / patent prosecution proceedings as well as advises on domain name disputes. With respect to the non-contentious aspects of her practice, Michelle provides clients with legal advice on the Personal Data Protection Act, Food Act and Regulations, gaming regulations and franchising. She also advises on the IP and IT aspects of commercial transactions that include licensing and technology transfers as well as software and computer agreements. Michelle is the Past President of the Licensing Executives Society Malaysia (LESMA). She is also a trainer in the Advocacy Training Course organized by the Bar Council and one of the Asian Arbitration International Centre (AIAC)'s Panelists of the Domain Name Dispute Resolution for the term 2021-2024. She also actively serves in the IP Committee of the Bar Council.

#### **Michael C M Soo**

Michael is currently the Managing Partner and is head of the IP and IT department of Shook Lin & Bok, one of the oldest and largest law firms in Malaysia. He obtained his LLB (Hons) from the University of London and is a Barrister-at-Law of Gray's Inn, England and Wales, and an advocate and solicitor of the High Court of Malaya and Supreme Court of Singapore. He is also a registered trade mark agent, patent agent, and industrial design agent. He was a past president of the Malaysia Intellectual Property Association (MIPA),

and was the immediate past President of the Asian Patent Attorneys Association (APAA) (2012-2018), Malaysia Country Group, and has been a councilor of APAA for many years. He is currently a member of ExCom/AdCom of APAA Headquarters based in Japan. He was a member of the Copyright Law Review Ad-hoc Committee, under the Attorney General's Chambers, Malaysia, and is a member of the IP Committee, and was the deputy chair of Trade in Legal Services Committee ("TILS") of the Bar Council of Malaysia. He practises exclusively in all areas of IP law, with emphasis on enforcement and civil litigation, for over 35 years. He has appeared as lead counsel or co-counsel in a number of infringement and/or passing-off actions before the High Court, Court of Appeal and Federal Court (formerly known as the Supreme Court). He is a panelist of domain name dispute resolution administered by Kuala Lumpur Regional Centre for Arbitration and has adjudicated on domain name dispute cases. He is active in several international professional organizations including International Trademark Association (INTA), APAA and Inter-Pacific Bar Association (IPBA). He is currently the co-chair of IP Committee of IPBA. He was a former chair of INTA, Asia Pacific Sub-Committee on Geographical Indications and was chair of INTA Enforcement Sub-Committee on Geographical Indications. He has presented papers on intellectual property law in domestic, regional and international seminars and conferences including IPBA, Commonwealth Law Association Annual Conference and World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO). He lectured on copyright and design law for the Patent Agent Examination since its inception in 1997, and on intellectual property law at the Institute of Judicial and Legal Training (ILKAP), of the Prime Minister's Department, Malaysia. He regularly contributes articles and updates in IP publications. He was named one of the leading individuals under category of intellectual property by Legal 500 Asia Pacific; Asia IP Law; Leading Trade Mark Practitioners by Euromoney; PLC Lawyers and Chambers Asia respectively several times.

### **Nimisha Jaya Gobi**

Nimisha Jaya Gobi has worked with multinational companies and large corporations in manoeuvring intricacies through general litigation, as well as where employer-employee relationships and their legal entanglements are concerned. Nimisha's key areas of expertise include commercial disputes, director and shareholder disputes, recovery of debt and loans, employment disputes and advisory, regulatory compliance, advisory on contract interpretations, court sanctions for mergers and amalgamations, advocacy (interlocutory and trial), and arbitration. Nimisha has been involved in many complex trial and appellate Court disputes in Malaysia, including Industrial Court disputes. Amongst others, Nimisha has succeeded in a shareholder oppression suit at the High Court, handled a highly complex trial for a public listed company at the High Court for claims of breach of fiduciary duties, fraud, and negligence against their former directors; handled and succeeded in a complex trial for an airlines company for claims of fraud against their former employees in a covert scheme engineered by these former employees; and represented and handled trial preparation for an airlines company in an unfair dismissal claim involving fraudulent transactions. Nimisha has acted for industry leaders across a range of sectors and industries including aviation, education, food and beverage, information technology, luxury, fashion, manufacture, and water technology.

**Olivia Loh Yuet Ling**

Olivia is one of the founding partners of Gananathan Loh. Olivia obtained her law degree (LLB Hons) from Wolverhampton University, UK and was admitted as an advocate and solicitor of the High Court of Malaya in February 2000. She has been in active practice for 20 years. Olivia practices mainly commercial and construction law. She has worked extensively in matters involving construction arbitration (both local and international), construction adjudication, liquidation and insolvency and corporate disputes. Aside from dispute resolution matters, Olivia is also involved in corporate advisory, drafting and negotiating of construction contracts for local and international clients. Olivia is also one of the panel adjudicators with the Kuala Lumpur Regional Centre for Arbitration.

**Rahayu Mumazaini**

Rahayu obtained her LL.B (Hons) degree from the International Islamic University Malaysia in 2006 and LL.M (Masters) from the National University of Singapore in 2010. Rahayu has diverse working experience. She previously served the government at the Attorney General's Chambers and contributed her time as a legal researcher at an anti-graft NGO. Rahayu was called to the Malaysian Bar in 2009 and began her litigation career at the firm of Tommy Thomas in 2010, where she presently practices. Her areas of practice are mainly commercial and civil litigation, focusing on shipping and maritime disputes.

**Raja Kumar Raja Kandan**

Raja Kumar was called to the Malaysian Bar in 2008. He is currently a partner in Azman Davidson & Co practicing in the dispute resolution practice group making regular appearances in the High Court, Court of Appeal and Federal Court as well as in the Arbitration circuit both locally and internationally. He is presently a President of the YMG CIArb Malaysia, a member of the Bar Council Construction Law Committee and a member of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators. In his youth, he was actively involved in university activities in mooting competition as well as represent Malaysia twice internationally in the Louis M. Brown Client Counselling Competition.

**Ramesh Sathasivam**

Ramesh is a Partner and the Co-Head of the Dispute Resolution and Arbitration Practice Group at KDJLaw. Ramesh joins Messrs Koh Dipendra Jeremiah Law with effect from 1 February 2020. For the last 24 years, Ramesh has established himself in the areas of banking litigation and insolvency as well as corporate restructuring where he has represented numerous financial institutions, including both local (conventional as well as Islamic) and oversea institutions. Ramesh's practice also includes commercial/contractual litigation, corporate litigation, employment litigation as well as international and domestic arbitration. He has extensive experience in securities-related enforcement matters and his experiences include representing the lenders as well as trustees in their claims against the issuers and obligors. In this respect, he is well versed in both Islamic as well as conventional issuances. He has throughout his practice also represented liquidators as well as receivers and managers in both non-contentious and contentious matters.



### **Raphael Kok Chi Ren**

Raphael is a civil and commercial litigator practising in Lim Chee Wee Partnership. His core practice encompasses shareholder disputes, international arbitration, energy disputes, and asset recovery. He is well-versed with the myriad of dispute resolution regimes under public international law (ICJ and ICSID) and private international law (UNCITRAL and PCA). He specialises in multi-fora litigation and regularly assists senior counsel from England, Australia, and Singapore. He also advises on emerging areas of law shaped by digital technologies, especially data privacy and online media regulation. Raphael was admitted to the Malaysian Bar in 2009. Over 10 years, he has amassed a diverse blend of experiences in private practice, corporate in-house, and academic research. In 2014, he was awarded the Best Malaysian In-House Lawyer of the Year by ASEAN Legal Business during his role as an Asia-Pacific regional counsel in Shell. Raphael is an expert on investment treaty arbitration. His scholarly writings feature in prominent high-indexed academic journals: 'How to Identify Insiders and Intruders Disguising as Investors in the Assignment of Investments' (2022) 7(2) *International and Comparative Law Quarterly* 357; and 'Vanishing Treaty Claims: Investors Trapped in a Temporal Twilight Zone' *ICSID Review – Foreign Investment Law Journal* (forthcoming in late 2022).

### **Ravi Nekoo**

Ravi Nekoo was admitted to the High Court of Malaya in 1995. He completed his Bachelor of Laws degree from University of London (External) in 1992. He went on to do his Masters in Law degree at University Malaya in 2001 and then Masters in Criminal Justice also at University Malaya in 2003. Ravi Nekoo was also admitted as Barrister and Solicitor of the Supreme Court of New South Wales in 2004, the Supreme Court of South Australia and High Court of Australia in 2007. He has been in practice for 25 years and has been a litigator throughout his practice appearing at all levels of the court in Malaysia. He is also authored books on Civil Procedure, Land Law and co-authored a book on Professional Practice. He has also taught Civil Procedure for students sitting for the CLP for many years.

### **Ravindran Shanmuganathan**

Ravindran, having been called to the Malaysian Bar in 2000, is currently a partner at Sreenevasan Young, a commercial and corporate litigation set of chambers in Kuala Lumpur. He has been involved in many public interest cases during his years in practice, the more recent of which include acting for a Defendant in a suit brought by the Government of Malaysia against the Steering Committee members of Bersih 3.0 and acting for the Malaysian Bar in its judicial review application against the Attorney-General. Ravindran has contributed a chapter in Bullen & Leake & Jacob's Malaysian Precedents of Pleading.

### **Richard Wee**

Richard graduated with a Bachelor of Laws (Hons) from the University of London in 1996, completed the Certificate in Legal Practice in 1998 and was admitted as an Advocate and Solicitor of the High Court of Malaya in 1999. Richard is honoured to be appointed a regulatory partner of Malaysia Digital Economy Corporation's (MDEC) FINTECH BOOSTER

programme; appointed to the Panel of Experts of the Ministry of Youth & Sports; appointed by the Ministry of Science, Technology & Innovation as a Member of the Panel for the Research & Development Fund for technology; appointed by National Sports Institute (ISN) as a Committee Member of Sports Technology Committee of ISN; appointed by FAM at FIFA's National Dispute Resolution Chambers (NDRC); appointed by Union Cycliste Internationale (UCI) as member of the UCI Disciplinary Commission and UCI Arbitral Board; and appointed as a member of Taylor's University Legal Profession Advisory Panel. He is also a Committee Member of the Mini Football Association of Malaysia (MiFOM), Member of the Society of Inns of Court of Malaysia, Member of the Association of Anti Bribery Management System Practitioners of Malaysia (ABMS-MY), Past President (2017-2020) of the Everton Supporters Club of Malaysia (Reg : PPM-025-14-28062016), and Co-Chairperson of the Professional Standards & Development Committee (PSDC) of the Bar Council, regulating & managing the CPD Scheme of the Malaysian Bar.

### **Rishwant Singh**

Rishwant Singh is a partner in Messrs Cecil Abraham & Partners. He specialises in civil and commercial dispute resolution. He regularly appears before the High Court, Court of Appeal and Federal Court in commercial disputes; claims in contract and tort; privacy claims; land disputes; administrative and constitutional law matters; capital markets and securities disputes; claims in defamation and media; and competition and antitrust disputes. He has a broad client base, acting for both private clients, public bodies, public servants, public listed companies, multinational companies, Federal Ministers, Chief Ministers, Deputy Chief Ministers and Federal and State Governments. He has appeared in several landmark cases in Malaysia relating to the Labuan companies and the secrecy obligations imposed by the Labuan Companies Act 1990, the duties and liabilities of lead arrangers, facility agents and issue agents in respect of capital market transactions in *CIMB Bank Malaysia Berhad v Maybank Trustees Bhd* & 10 other appeals [2014] 3 MLJ 169; the territorial rights of the constituent States of Malaysia in so far as cash payments for the winning and saving of petroleum offshore Malaysia in the continental shelf is concerned; and the appropriate test for a case to be decided on a pure question of law in *State Government of Kelantan v Petroliam Nasional Berhad* [2014] 6 MLJ 31; the law of libel and malicious falsehood in respect of on-line publications and the use of hyper-links in *StemLife Berhad v Bristol Myers Squibb (M) Sdn Bhd & Anor* [2010] 3 CLJ 251. He has also appeared in *Terengganu Forest Products Sdn Bhd v Cosco Container Lines Ltd & Anor* and other applications [2011] 1 MLJ 25, which is the leading case in Malaysia on the applicable test before the Federal Court will grant leave to appeal in civil matters.

### **Roger Chan**

Roger Chan Weng Keng is a senior member of the Malaysian Bar. He is also a former Vice President of the Malaysian Bar and former Chairperson of its Human Rights Committee. Roger now heads the Environmental and Climate Change Committee of the Bar Council (ECCC), tasked to highlight Climate Change issues which currently concern the whole world and for legislation to be passed urgently in order to address them.

**Roger Chin**

Roger Chin is a Partner in Chin Lau Wong & Partner, Sabah, Malaysia. He is a Barrister and Solicitor of the Supreme Court of Victoria, Australia and graduated with an LLB and Bcom from The University of Melbourne, Victoria, Australia. He is also a registered patent, trade mark and industrial design agent. He practices mainly in the fields of civil litigation and intellectual property.

**Salim Bashir Bhaskaran**

Salim Bashir Bhaskaran is the Immediate Past President of the Malaysian Bar for the 2020/2021, an Adjunct Professor UiTM (Law Faculty) 2021, former Chairman of Selangor Bar 2015-2017. He was formerly the representative to the Bar Council (Selangor) for the terms 2014-2015, 2017/2018 and 2018/2019, Chairman of Selangor Bar in 2015 to 2017 and Deputy Chairman of the Criminal Law Committee of Bar Council from 2014/2015. He was also Co-Chairman of the Common Bar Course of the Bar Council 2019/2020, Co-Chairman of the Criminal Law Committee of the Bar Council from 2016/2020, Co-Chairman for AD Hoc Committee on Quality and Standards of the Bar Council from 2019/2020 and Co-Chairman for Reform of the Legal Sector of the Bar Council from 2019/2020. Salim was also a former member of Advocate and Solicitors Disciplinary Board and a former member of the Board of the Legal Profession Qualifying Board. Salim is an Evaluator and Panel for new entrance Law Schools in Malaysia, a part-time law lecturer in UITM Shah Alam and he frequently undertakes lectureship in both local and international area in the field of Criminal Law. Salim has also involved in many Notable Cases in all levels of Courts and recently conducted the infamous case of 'Kim Jong Nam' KLIA Murder.

**Samuel Tan**

Samuel joined Messrs Shook Lin & Bok in August 2006 as a pupil. He was admitted as an associate in August 2007 and subsequently became a partner of the firm in January 2016. Samuel's area of practice is in civil and commercial litigation with an emphasis on banking and finance litigation (conventional and Islamic) which includes recovery work and the enforcement of securities, receivership, corporate insolvency, bankruptcy, contractual and land disputes. Samuel also represents financial institutions and companies in claims involving fraud, negligence, conspiracy and breach of fiduciary and/or statutory duties. He also represents and acts in director, shareholder and association disputes.

**S. Saravana Kumar**

Saravana has appeared in benchmark litigations with a sizeable volume of wins in tax disputes. Praised for his ability to "think outside the box" and "innovative approach" in interpreting the law, Chambers Asia Pacific acknowledged Saravana for being "dynamic, efficient and helpful" in addition to commenting that clients have remarked, "His tax knowledge is very in-depth, and he is fast at responding." He has been named one of the 40 leading lawyers under 40 in Asia by Asian Legal Business in 2018. He was recently named as one of the top 100 lawyers in Malaysia by Asia Business Law Journal. Saravana was formerly an Adjunct Professor with Universiti Tenaga Nasional (UNITEN) and chairs

the Taxation & Customs Committee of LAWASIA. He is also a member of the Kuala Lumpur Bar Committee, where he chairs the Professional Development Committee.

### **S. Nadarajah**

Dr. Nadarajah is an Advocate & Solicitor (High Court of Malaya). He brings hands on construction industry and engineering knowledge to practice, having worked as an Engineer before. He sees the commercial and practical risks and drivers associated with construction and engineering projects and is able to leverage this to deliver solutions to complex issues. At SIEMENS he implemented a novel wastewater treatment project and then at NCR he employed 4th generation programming language as a software programmer. As a consultant mechanical engineer he was in charge of the Mechanical Engineering Building Services for the largest building in Malaysia (Berjaya Times Square) - besides engineering complexities arising from the building's huge size, he was involved in its project management through the challenges of the 1998 Asian Financial crisis. He advises clients from procurement and structuring to negotiating and drafting contracts - and was involved in large construction/projects (preparing works contracts for infrastructure works, including for one of the largest projects in Malaysia, the Kuala Lumpur "MRT"; tenders for Power plants; etc.), IT and commercial, agreements. He appears as counsel in dispute resolution matters (in litigation, arbitration and adjudication) and has acted as the sole arbiter in construction disputes, and, has delivered a final and binding Expert Determination for AIAC's first such appointment (for an ad hoc matter) as well as several Adjudication Decisions.

### **Suaran Singh Sidhu**

Suaran Singh Sidhu was one of the founding partners of LAW Partnership in 2019. With over two decades of experience, Suaran is highly regarded in litigation and had acted in several landmark cases in Malaysia, and was involved in one of the longest IP trials in Malaysia. Forming part of the trainers of the International Advocacy Training Council, under which the Malaysian Bar is an affiliate member, Suaran often provides training for other lawyers on advocacy skills encompassing case analysis, drafting and using arguments, making oral submissions, cross-examining witnesses in trials, and putting forward a strong and persuasive case. He is well-versed in matters related to cybersecurity, information technology and personal data protection laws, he regularly advises on regulatory compliance issues, and the practices and policies in the Asia-Pacific region. In doing so, he regularly advises one of the oldest telcos in Malaysia. Suaran has served on the boards and committees of the Malaysian Bar Council as the co-chair for the IP Committee, the Ad-Hoc Committee on Personal Data Protection, and the IT Committee. He was also the Vice-President of the Future in Tech Committee and was involved in the drafting of the Malaysian Forum Code.

### **Sri Sarguna Raj**

Sri heads the Intellectual Property, Sports and Gaming laws practice of Christopher & Lee Ong. Sri's main area of practice is intellectual property, in relation to both contentious and non-contentious work. He assists and represents clients in relation to disputes at all levels relating to patents, copyright, privacy and trade secrets, trade mark, passing off,

industrial designs, advertising and domain name and also in relation to various aspects of enforcement of intellectual property rights. Over the years, he has represented many multinational companies from diverse range of sectors in litigation and in managing and implementing anti-piracy and anti-counterfeiting programmes for them. Sri continues to be named in leading legal directories, namely ranked as a Tier 1 Intellectual Property lawyer by Asia Pacific Legal 500, highly ranked in Chambers Asia-Pacific and recognised as an IP Star by Managing Intellectual Property. Sri is also recognised as “Litigation Star” by Benchmark Litigation. He also received the accolade of “Top 40 Under 40” legal professionals in Asia in year 2017 by Asian Legal Business.

### **Suganthi Singam**

Suganthi is a Partner in Messrs Shearn Delamore & Co specialising in employment and immigration areas in both contentious and non-contentious matters. She is engaged in trial and appellate advocacy at all levels of the Malaysian courts. Suganthi graduated from the University of Manchester in 1994 and after her admission to the Malaysian Bar in 1996, she went on to pursue her Masters of Law from the University of Malaya whilst practising in Messrs Shearn Delamore & Co. For newly incorporated companies and foreign investments in Malaysia, she advises on the drafting of employment agreements, policies and handbooks as well as the entry requirements for ex patriates and corresponding legal requirements. She also trains employers to manage misconduct issues and poor performance in employees, advises on issues relating to employee stock option schemes, share awards, prepares panel members for domestic inquiries and trains personnel on how to conduct domestic inquiries. For corporate acquisitions and mergers, Suganthi provides strategic guidance in dealing with the employment and related immigration issues that arise. She provides legal counsel in relation to business acquisitions, employment permits, long term social visit passes entry requirements, reorganisations, and voluntary and mutual separation schemes, harmonisation of employment terms and retention of key management. In relation to workplace risk management and safety, she provides legal advice on occupational health and safety issues as well as sexual harassment policies and procedures. She also handles trade union recognition.

### **Datin Savithiri Ganesan**

Datin Savithiri Ganesan graduated from the University of London with a LL.B. (Hons) and was called to the English Bar as a Utter Barrister of Lincoln’s Inn. As an Advocate & Solicitor, she has been in active practice since April 1991 and is the sole proprietor in the firm of Messrs Savi Ganesan & Co. with more than thirty years of experience in civil, commercial and corporate litigation acting for companies, financial institutions and government bodies. She later graduated with a LL.M. degree from University of Malaya and went on to pursue a Post Graduate Diploma in International Commercial Arbitration from Queen Mary College, London and graduated with a merit. Datin Savithiri is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, London and was later made a Fellow of the Asian Institute of Alternate Dispute Resolution Centre in 2019. Datin Savithiri is on the AIAC Panel of Arbitrators and arbitrates domestic disputes and also acts as Counsel. She complements her practice with her many appointments as a Chairperson in tribunals,

disciplinary committees and a number of other regulatory bodies and also advises clients on legal issues. Datin Savithiri has actively been involved as an Arbitrator in the many Moot Competitions organized by several international bodies expanding more than ten years.

### **Selva Balan Sinnan**

Selva graduated with LLB (Hons) from London University of London in 1992 and obtained Certificate in Legal Practice (CLP) in 1996. He has been a member of the Malaysian Bar and the Kuala Lumpur Bar Committee since 1997 a member of the Malaysian Bar and the Kuala Lumpur Bar Committee since 1997. He lectured students (A- Level and LLB Program) on Constitutional Law, Law of Contract, Law of Tort and Evidence and also Civil Procedure lectures and tutorials for the students pursuing the Certificate in Legal Practice (CLP). Selva is a litigation partner at Azman Joseph & Associates. He manages a portfolio of corporate and individual clients, deals with all aspects of litigation matters, reviews and drafts contracts, conducts general civil and criminal litigations up to appellate stage (Court of Appeal and Federal Court) and deals with matters relating to Industrial Relations at the Industrial Court.

### **Shamala Devi Balasundaram**

Shamala graduated with a Bachelor of Laws (Honours) degree from the Australian National University in 2002, obtained a Certificate of Legal Practice in 2003, and was admitted as an Advocate and Solicitor of the High Court of Malaya in 2004. Shamala is a partner of Chooi & Company + Cheang and Ariff where she practices in the field of dispute resolution, specialising in corporate and commercial litigation and arbitration. She presently serves on the Bar Council's Constitutional Law Committee, Corporate and Commercial Law Committee, and Arbitration Committee. She is also an advocacy trainer for courses conducted by the Bar Council's Advocacy Training Committee.

### **K Senthil Vaasan**

K Senthil Vaasan commenced his practice of law at the firm of Messrs. Allen & Gledhill. He is presently a partner at the firm of Messrs. Vaasan Chan & Chandran in Kuala Lumpur. He has over 20 years of legal practice experience in corporate/commercial law and advises on a variety of corporate and commercial law issues from general corporate advisory on everyday issues faced by corporations to specific corporate exercises. He has also advised several companies on data protection laws and processes in Malaysia.

### **Susamma Thomas A/P A T Thomas**

Susamma Thomas, read law at the University of London, England and was admitted as a Barrister-at-Law at Lincoln's Inn, London in 1988. She was admitted as an Advocate & Solicitor of the High Court of Malaya in 1989 and since then has been actively involved in litigation practice. She is currently one of the partners leading the litigation team at Messrs Deol & Gill which is one of the firms listed in the Legal 500. Susamma's core areas of legal expertise and experience include banking litigation, civil, corporate and commercial litigation with special interest in corporate restructuring, receivership and insolvency and matrimonial disputes. Susamma has 32 years of extensive experience in

dispute resolution, litigation practice and appellate work. She has acted and continues to act in many landmark cases, both in the civil, commercial and corporate fields.

### **Tai Foong Lam**

Tai Foong Lam graduated from the Queen Mary and Westfield College of the University of London with an LLB (Hons) degree in 1992. He was called to the Bar at Lincoln's Inn in 1993 and called to the Malaysian Bar in 1995. Foong Lam's main area of practice is intellectual property and is a recognized IP practitioner specialising in information technology (IT) and telecommunications. His clients in the field of telecommunications include many of the telecommunications companies in Malaysia. Since 2011 Legal 500 Asia Pacific recognised Foong Lam as one of the leading individuals in IT and Telecoms practice. Since 2013 Chambers Asia Pacific has ranked Foong Lam as one of Malaysian intellectual property litigator with special focus on information technology (IT) and telecommunications. Foong Lam has a wide-ranging experience in negotiating and drafting commercial agreements relating to intellectual property, telecommunications networks and services, information technology, outsourcing, e-commerce, e-banking, telecommunications, contract manufacturing, technology transfer, research and development, merchandising, franchising, licensing, provision of services, contract manufacture and distribution rights. Foong Lam also works with corporate lawyers on corporate transactions involving intellectual property rights. In addition, Foong Lam has an active practice in IP litigation and enforcement of IP rights. He has been involved in several IP litigation cases which have been reported in Malaysian law journals. Foong Lam has been very active within the IP fraternity in Malaysia. At the international level, Foong Lam has been a member of the Bar Council IP Committee for many years, and is also the past president of the Malaysian chapter of the International Association for Protection of Intellectual Property (AIPPI), the world's leading non-governmental organization for research and formulation of policies and laws relating to the protection of intellectual property.

### **Tan Sixin**

Sixin is a LLB (Hons) graduate from the University of the West of England, Bristol and was admitted as an Advocate and Solicitor of the High Court of Malaya on 29.11.2007. She is currently a Partner of Messrs Azim, TunkuFarik & Wong, Kuala Lumpur. Her area of practice is General Insurance and Takaful, Reinsurance and Re-Takaful Dispute Resolution. She is a member of LAWASIA and the International Bar Association (IBA), as well as a graduate member of the Malaysian Institute of Chartered Secretaries and Administrators (MAICSA). She is passionate about her practice and this has translated into numerous invitations to speak at events specially designed for insurance companies and law students. More recently, she authored the 2016 updates for the Malaysian Precedents and Forms (General Insurance and Takaful Chapters) and the 2017 and 2020 updates for Halsbury's Laws of Malaysia (General Insurance Chapters except marine insurance) in collaboration with LexisNexis Malaysia.

### **Teoh Alvare**

Teoh Alvare is a partner in the Employment & Industrial Relations and Litigation practice groups of Zul Rafique & Partners. She regularly appears in the Industrial Court and has advised local and international companies in carrying out investigation and disciplinary action in relation to employees' misconduct, conducting domestic inquiry as well as the handling of disputes relating to dismissal / constructive dismissal. She also drafts terms and conditions in employee handbooks, consultant's agreement and employment contracts. In addition to this, Alvare also has experience in conducting legal forensic investigation, labour due diligence, corporate restructuring affecting employees, voluntary separation scheme (VSS) and retrenchment. Alvare has appeared as co-counsel and counsel in both the Industrial Court and High Court for judicial review proceedings relating to Industrial Court awards and appeals relating to the decisions of the Labour Court, as well as appeals at the Appellate Courts.

### **Tharminder Singh**

Tharminder graduated from the University of Wolverhampton prior to being admitted as an Advocate & Solicitor of the High Court of Malaya in 1998. Prior to co-founding Izral Partnership in 2008 with Mohd Izral Khairy & Wong Guo Bin, Tharminder had been with Messrs. Logan Sabapathy & Co. where he was appointed as a partner in 2007. His clientele include various high profile individuals and leading corporations, for whom he regulates act in relation to various types of both contentious & non-contentious matters. Besides court matters, Tharminder is also experienced in alternative dispute resolution. Tharminder also holds a Certificate in Adjudication from Asian International Arbitration Centre (formerly known as the Kuala Lumpur Regional Centre for Arbitration). Besides having acted as an Adjudicator in a number of construction adjudication matters, Tharminder has also regularly acted as counsel for a prominent local developer in adjudication proceedings under the Construction Industry Payment and Adjudication Act, 2012. Outside of work, Tharminder is also an advocacy trainer with the Malaysian Bar, regularly training young practitioners to improve their courtroom advocacy skills

### **Tieh Siaw Siong**

Mr. Tieh Siaw Siong (*S S Tieh*) is a practising Advocate and Solicitor of the High Court of Malaya, called to the Malaysian Bar on 18.12.1997. His areas of practice are dispute resolution (civil and commercial litigation) and disciplinary matters. He has served the Bar Council Malaysia and Selangor Bar Committee in various capacities. He was a member of the Disciplinary Committee of the Advocates And Solicitors Disciplinary Board ("ASDB") for approximately 6 years before being appointed by the Chief Judge of Malaya as a board member of the ASDB from 05.07.2017 to 04.07.2021. Finally, he was appointed by the Paralympic Council Of Malaysia ("PCM") on 15.10.2019 as a member of its disciplinary committee.

### **Vatsala Ratnasabapathy**

Vatsala is a senior partner at Zain & Co., which is a member of Dentons, a global legal practice. She joined the firm in 1996 and was admitted as a partner in 2003. Vatsala is also a recipient of the UK Government's Chevening Award, on which she obtained an



LL.M. from the London School of Economics and Political Sciences in 1999. Vatsala heads the firm's Construction, Engineering and Arbitration practice. She specialises in construction and infrastructure disputes and has been described as an “energy and construction arbitration expert” with “excellent industry knowledge” by The Legal 500. She has been appointed to represent clients in both local and international arbitrations and is a Fellow of the Malaysian Institute of Arbitrators and a member of the Bar Council’s Arbitration and Construction Law Committee. She has extensive experience as lead counsel at various levels of the courts in Malaysia, including the Court of Appeal and Federal Court. In the recent Asialaw Awards 2021, Vatsala was awarded “Lawyer of the Year: Malaysia” (joint winner) for Client Service Excellence, due to being “best in class for their legal and industry expertise in terms of their innovative approaches, management of complex situations and the positive impact of their advice”. Besides being an accomplished lawyer, Vatsala is also a firm believer in giving back to the profession. To this end, she has consistently participated in educating, training and mentoring young and aspiring lawyers.

### **Victoria Loi**

Victoria Loi is an advocate and solicitor of the High Court of Malaya and a dispute resolution partner of Shook Lin & Bok, Kuala Lumpur. She is experienced in arbitration, building, construction and engineering disputes, general litigation, and adjudication under the Malaysian Construction Industry Payment and Adjudication Act 2012 (CIPAA). Victoria is ranked as a "Future Star" by Benchmark Litigation Asia-Pacific (2018-2022) and described amongst others as "very thorough in going through the details of the subject matter in dispute, able to provide good solutions and is knowledgeable in construction contract and dispute." (Asialaw Profiles 2021 Client Feedback). She holds fellowships of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (CI Arb) and The Malaysian Institute of Arbitrators (MI Arb) and is on the panels of arbitrators and adjudicators of the Asian International Arbitration Centre (AIAC). She is the Deputy President of MI Arb (2021-2023) and a member of the Society of Construction Law Malaysia. Victoria is a graduate of King's College London where she read law as the recipient of the Malaysian Law Scholarship conferred by the University of London (External Programme), and a graduate of the National University of Singapore where she completed her master's degree in law.

### **Dr. Wan Mohd Asnur bin Wan Jantan**

Dr. Wan Mohd Asnur bin Wan Jantan is currently Deputy Registrar at the Court of Appeal, Palace of Justice. Previously, he was the Head of Corporate and Legal Branch (Prosecution and Legal Division) at the MACC, and prior to that, Dr. Asnur was the Head of Muamalat and Inspectorate Unit at the Syariah and Harmonisation of Law Division of the Attorney General's Chambers (AGC), Malaysia. When he was a Senior Federal Counsel at the International Affairs Division of AGC, Dr. Asnur has dealt with multifarious issues on international law, particularly on international trade, investment, international dispute resolution and M

arbitration, and the list goes on. Dr. Asnur has wide experience judging various international moot court competitions. He has served as a judge and an arbitrator at the Phillip C. Jessup International Moot Court Competition, FDI Skadden Moot Court

Competition, Monroe Price Media Law Moot Court Competition, the Law Asia Moot Court, John H. Jackson WTO Moot Court Competition, to name a few.

### **Wong Wye Wah**

Wong Wye Wah is a partner at Navaratnam Chambers. Wye Wah's practice covers a broad spectre of commercial litigation and arbitration and other dispute resolution work. She is especially familiar with energy and financing disputes, judicial review and appeals. She also handles libel and competition work. She is the author of the Accounting for Lawyers Handbook, written for the Bar Council and also co-author of A Practical Manual for Legal Secretaries and Paralegals.

### **Yee Mei Ken**

Ken graduated with an LL.B (Hons) degree from University of Wales (Cardiff) and was admitted to the Honourable Society of Lincoln's Inn in 1997. He was later called to the Malaysian Bar in 1998. Ken has been a Partner of Shearn Delamore since 2005 and he is the Head of Shearn Delamore's China Desk. He is also a member of the IBA, IPBA and World Law Group. Ken's practice consists primarily of corporate litigation and family business feud, shareholders and directors' disputes, banking and insolvency litigation, winding-up proceeding, asset and debt recovery, commercial litigation and arbitration and he undertakes trial litigation at the High Court regularly as well as appearing as counsel at the appellate courts. He also frequently handles libel and defamation cases including online publication claims and often defends media and news publishers. He has conducted a globally unique market research and readership litigation and does pre-publication vetting. His practice also includes Regulatory Compliance & Enforcement and Private Wealth, Wills, Trust & Probate action. Ken is recognised as "Leaders in their Field" in Litigation by Chambers Asia Pacific and a "Leading Individual" in Dispute Resolution by The Legal 500 Asia-Pacific.

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