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## MOOT JUDGES (NATIONAL ROUNDS)

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## CHIEF JUDGE OF SABAH AND SARAWAK

### **Yang Amat Arif Tan Sri Dato' Abdul Rahman bin Sebli**

The Right Honourable Tan Sri Dato' Abdul Rahman bin Sebli, is a prominent Malaysian legal figure. He completed his Bachelor of Laws (Hons.) from the University of Malaya in 1983 and joined the Judicial and Legal Service of Malaysia in December 1983. Throughout his career, YAA Tan Sri held several notable positions in various capacities within the Judicial and Legal Departments of the Government of Malaysia. These roles included serving as Deputy Public Prosecutor in several states, Senior Federal Counsel at the Sarawak State Attorney-General's Chambers, Sessions Court Judge in Kota Kinabalu and Miri, Legal Advisor to the State of Pahang, and Director of Legal Division at the Royal Malaysian Customs Department. On 15 September 2008, YAA Tan Sri was appointed as a Judicial Commissioner and later, on 9 August 2010, he was elevated to the position of a Judge of the High Court of Malaya. YAA Tan Sri served in the High Courts of Sabah and Sarawak at Kota Kinabalu and the High Court of Malaya at Shah Alam and Johor Bahru before his elevation to the Court of Appeal on 12 September 2014. YAA Tan Sri was appointed as a Judge of the Federal Court on 8 August 2019 and on 17 January 2023, YAA Tan Sri was honoured with the position of Chief Judge of Sabah and Sarawak.

## FEDERAL COURT JUDGES

### **Yang Arif Dato' Mary Lim Thiam Suan**

Justice Dato' Mary Lim Thiam Suan read law at the University of Leeds, UK and graduated with a LLB (Hons) degree. She has been admitted to Lincoln's Inn as a Barrister-at-law. In 1993 she obtained her Master of Laws degree from the University of Western Australia. Prior to her elevation to the High Court of Malaya where she sat in the New Commercial Court, her Ladyship served in various capacities at the Attorney General's Chambers of Malaysia. These include as Federal Counsel, Senior Federal Counsel, Senior Assistant Parliamentary Draftsman, Legal Advisor to the State of Negeri Sembilan, Deputy Head of Civil Division and Commissioner of Law Revision and Law Reform. Justice Lim was the first judge of the Construction Court in Kuala Lumpur until her Ladyship's elevation to the Court of Appeal. She is now a Judge of the Federal Court of Malaysia.

## **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 was Judge of the Construction High Court from 2016 until August 2019 when 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 Datuk Vazeer Alam bin Mydin Meera**

Justice Datuk Vazeer Alam Mydin Meera is a Judge of the Court of Appeal, Malaysia, and concurrently an Adjunct Professor at Monash University, Malaysia. He is a Fellow of Aberystwyth University, Wales and also of the Commonwealth Judicial Education Institute, based in Canada. Justice Vazeer is a graduate of the National University of Singapore [BA in Philosophy, Political Science and Economics], University of Wales, Aberystwyth [Bachelor of Laws (Hons)] and International Islamic University Malaysia [Master of Comparative Laws]. He attended University of Malaya for the Certificate in Legal Practice. He was in private law practice for some 20 years before appointment to the High Court Bench in May 2010. Whilst in legal practice Justice Vazeer held various leadership positions in the Malaysia Bar, both at state and national levels. Justice Vazeer is also an advocacy trainer affiliated with the International Advocacy Training Council based in Hong Kong. He regularly teaches with the faculty of trainers at advocacy training courses conducted both in and outside Malaysia.

### **Yang Arif Dato' Gunalan a/l Muniandy**

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 March 2023.

## **HIGH COURT JUDGES**

### **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. 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.

#### **Yang Arif Tuan Ong Chee Kwan**

Yang Arif Tuan Ong Chee Kwan is a Judge at the High Court of Malaya. Prior to joining the judiciary, 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. Tuan Ong Chee Kwan 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.

#### **Yang Arif Tuan Atan Mustaffa Yussof Ahmad**

Yang Arif Tuan Atan Mustaffa Yussof Ahmad was appointed as a Judicial Commissioner High Court of Malaya at Kuala Lumpur on 28 November 2019 and was elevated as a High Court Judge on 27 April 2022. He graduated with a Bachelor of Laws (Hons) from the University of Bristol and was called to the Malaysian Bar in 1995. His area of practice was commercial and employment law. While at the Bar, he served as a Committee Member of the KL Bar Committee and was an Advocacy Trainer. Tuan Atan Mustaffa has assisted in judging a number of university mooting and

debate competitions including the Novice Arbitration Mooting Competition, KL Bar - Lincoln's Inn Alumni Moot Court Competition and the Lawasia Moot Competition.

**Yang Arif Puan Liza Chan**

Yang Arif Puan Liza Chan is a Judge 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**

Yang Arif Tuan Wan Muhammad Amin bin Wan Yahya was appointed as Judicial Commissioner of the High Court of Malaya on 10th July 2020 and thereafter as Judge of the High Court Judge of Malaya on 17.1.2023. He currently presides over the NCC 3 Court in 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). 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 Puan Norliza Binti Othman**

Yang Arif Puan Norliza Binti Othman graduated from University Malaya in 1992. She was in the Judicial and Legal Service for 29 years before her appointment as a Judicial Commissioner on 1.4.2021. Prior to the appointment, she served as a Magistrate in Kuala Lumpur Magistrate Court, Senior Assistant Registrar of the Kuala Lumpur High Court (Civil Division), Deputy Registrar (Execution, Civil and Commercial Division) Kuala Lumpur High Court, Sessions Court Judge (Sessions Court Kuala Lumpur) and Registrar of the Court Of Appeal Malaysia. She was one of the Judges for Malaysian National Round of The Philip C Jessup International Law Moot Competition 2023 held in UKM Bangi.

### **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 Collage 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 couched few moot teams and organized numerous local and international moot competitions.

### **JUDICIAL COMMISSIONERS**

#### **Yang Arif Tuan Su Tiang Joo**

Justice Su Tiang Joo was appointed as a Judicial Commissioner on 1.9.2020 and is currently serving in the High Court in Malaya at Kuala Lumpur. After graduating with a Bachelor of Laws (Hons) from Manchester Polytechnic and being admitted as a Barrister of Gray's Inn, he was called to the Malaysian Bar in 1984. Prior to his appointment to the Bench, he practised as an Advocate & Solicitor for 36 years mainly in the area of Civil Litigation. Whilst at the Bar, he volunteered much of his time to the professional development of the legal profession including reviewing the Legal Profession Act 1976 and the Legal Profession (Practice and Etiquette) Rules 1978. He was a board member of the Advocates and Solicitors Disciplinary Board. He is the present President of The Malaysian Chapter of the Honourable Society of Gray's Inn and has assisted in judging a number of mooting competitions organised by Lawasia.

### **Yang Arif Tuan Azlan Bin Sulaiman**

Yang Arif Tuan Azlan Bin Sulaiman was appointed as a Judicial Commissioner of the High Court of Malaya on 4 February 2022. He currently presides over the Intellectual Property Court of the Commercial Division of the High Court in Kuala Lumpur. He read law at the University of East Anglia, United Kingdom where he graduated with a Bachelor of Laws (Hons). Tuan Azlan was called to the Malaysian Bar in 1990 and practiced for 30 years in, amongst others, the area of commercial, corporate, and civil litigation and arbitration, appearing in all levels of the Courts.

### **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****Dato' Umar Saifuddin Jaafar**

Dato' Umar Saifuddin Jaafar is currently Head of Research Division at the Attorney General's Chambers, Putrajaya. He started his career in the Judicial and Legal Service in 1989 as a Magistrate in Ipoh, Perak after graduating with LLB. (Hons.) from the International Islamic University, Malaysia in the same year. He also obtained LLM. (Prosecution) from the University of Wollongong, Australia in 2009. He has served in various capacities, namely Senior Assistant Registrar (Penang High Court), Deputy Public Prosecutor (State of Penang), Senior Assistant Parliamentary Draftsman (Drafting Division), Senior Federal Counsel (International Affairs Division), Deputy Chairman of Customs Appeal Tribunal (Royal Customs Malaysia), Head of Prosecution Unit (State of Johor), Director of Legal & Prosecution Division (Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission, MACC), Director-General at Judicial & Legal Training Institute, ILKAP and Insolvency Department. Between 2019 and 2023, he served as Deputy Head of Appellate & Trial Division and Head of International Affairs Division prior to holding the current post.

**Khairunnizam Muhamad Ideres**

Khairunnizam Muhamad Ideres is presently a Senior Federal Counsel in the International Affairs Division at the Attorney General's Chambers of Malaysia. He has experience serving as a Senior Legal Officer in the Ministry of Finance, Federal Land Commissioner's Office, Ministry of Natural Resources, Environment and Climate Change and Senior Deputy Public Prosecutor in Sabah, Malaysia. Moreover, he was part of the Malaysia Negotiators' Team for the Trans-Pacific Partnership Agreement (TPPA) negotiation in environment chapter. Academically, he graduated in 2004, with a Bachelor of Laws (Hons) from Universiti Teknologi Mara (UiTM). He did his master's law degree in Intellectual Property at the same university. He is currently enrolled as a fourth-year PhD candidate at University of Malaya, Malaysia. He was offered by the government service scholarship to further his studies to the PhD level in Criminal Law and Criminal Justice. Throughout his PhD studies starting at the end of 2019 until now he has successfully presented his papers, partially taken from his thesis, at several local and international conferences such as The European Conference on Arts & Humanities (ECAH2022) at Birkbeck, University of London and published one article (Web of Science).

**Noordini Mohd Azahar**

Ms Noordini is a Senior Federal Counsel in the International Affairs Division, Attorney General's Chambers of Malaysia. She joined the Judicial and Legal Service in 2008 and was assigned as a Federal Counsel at the Malaysia Department of Insolvency from 2008 to 2013. She was later posted to the International Affairs Division under the Multilateral International Trade, International Arbitration and Dispute Unit since 2013 until present. As a Senior Federal Counsel and legal advisor to the Government of Malaysia, she represents Malaysia in various international meetings and negotiations on free trade agreement which Malaysia is a party to. She has participated in bilateral and regional free trade agreement negotiations, including the ASEAN-Japan Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement, the Malaysia – Turkey Free Trade Agreement, and the current Upgrade of ASEAN-Australia-New Zealand Free Trade Agreement. She serves as a delegate to the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law representing Malaysia in Working Group II (Dispute Settlement) and Working Group III (Investor-State Dispute Settlement). Ms Noordini also advises relevant ministries on matters relating to international trade law, international investment law and international arbitration dispute. Ms Noordini read law at the University Technology Mara of Malaysia. She obtained Master of Laws

in Commercial and Corporate Law from Queen Mary University of London through a scholarship awarded by the Public Service Department of Malaysia.

### **Farah Nurul Ayu Izany**

Farah Nurul Ayu graduated from the Universiti Teknologi MARA, Shah Alam (UiTM) in 2006, with a degree in Law with Honours (LLB. Hons). In 2007, she obtained a Post Graduate in Syariah and Practices from UiTM. In 2014, she was awarded Diploma in Translation (Legal Modul). Subsequently, she did her Master of Laws (LLM) at the Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia (UKM) in 2018. She started her career as a legal officer on 7 December 2006. Since then, she had been seconded to various ministries such as the Ministry of Housing and Local Government, the Ministry of Health, the Public Private Partnership Unit, Prime Minister's Department and she was posted to the Special Task Force on Public Service Matters under the Advisory Division, Attorney General's Chambers (AGC). In 14 April 2014, she was attached as a Senior Assistant Parliamentary Draftsman of the Drafting Division, AGC. However, in September 2016, she pursued her LLM at UKM. After completed her LLM, she re-joined the Drafting Division, AGC, in May 2018 until 14 April 2021. However, on 15 April 2021 she was promoted and transferred to the International Affairs Division, AGC as a Senior Federal Counsel, and currently attached to the Border, Territorial and Maritime Matters Unit.

### **Fadhli Ab Wahab**

Fadhli Ab Wahab graduated with Bachelor of Legal Studies (Hons) in 2008 and Bachelor of Laws (Hons) in 2009 from the MARA University Of Technology. He is currently attached as a Senior Federal Counsel to the International Criminal Matters Unit, International Affairs Division, Attorney General's Chambers from April 2023. Prior to in this, Encik Fadhli bin Ab Wahab served as a Deputy Public Prosecutor for the Commercial Crimes Unit, Prosecution Division in 2009. He then served in the Prosecution Unit of the Perak Legal Advisor's Office from 2010 to 2020. He was then transferred to the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission from 2020 to 2022. During his time as a Deputy Public Prosecutor, he had prosecuted various criminal cases such as cyber-crime, sexual crimes, dangerous drugs offences, environmental offences, human trafficking as well as cases relating to corruption and misuse of power offences, criminal breach of trust and others commercial crimes cases. Currently, he is involved in subject matters pertaining of international criminal law, such as non-proliferation and disarmament, terrorism, and human trafficking.

### **Suhaily binti Samsudin**

Suhaily is presently a Senior Federal Counsel in the International Affairs Division at the Attorney General's Chambers of Malaysia. Prior to joining the Attorney General's Chambers, she held several notable positions in various capacities. She was a senior assistant registrar, magistrate and deputy registrar. In 2019, she was the director of Malaysian Department of Insolvency. She has also been in legal practice.

### **Laila Muhamad Bostamam**

Laila Muhamad Bostamam graduated from the Universiti Teknologi Mara (UiTM) Shah Alam with Honours, Second Class Upper, in Bachelor of Laws (LL.B (H) in 2006. Prior to that, she obtained a Diploma in Public Administration from UiTM Sungai Petani in 2001. In 2011, she had the opportunity to study International Nuclear Law at the prestigious International School of Nuclear Law (ISNL), University of Montpellier 1, France, sponsored by the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA). She successfully obtained a Diploma in International Nuclear Law in 2012. In the subsequent year, she also received a Diploma in Translation (Legal Modul) from Institut Terjemahan & Buku Malaysia. She continued her education and earned a Master of Laws degree from Cardiff University in 2015, improving her legal expertise. Her professional career commenced on 15 January 2007, as a legal officer for the Government of Malaysia and she was soon seconded to the Legal Unit of the Ministry of Science, Technology, and Innovation as Federal Counsel from January 17, 2007. Subsequently, she held the position of Senior Federal Counsel in the Advisory Division of the Attorney General's Chambers (AGC) from 15 February 2013 to 14 June 2021. In the Advisory Division, she worked in two units: Privatization and Contract Management Unit until June 14, 2016, and Information Technology and Finance Unit until June 14, 2021. On 15 June 2021, she was promoted and transferred to the International Affairs Division of the AGC as a Senior Federal Counsel and presently, she is attached to the Bilateral and ASEAN Trade, and International Finance Unit.

## **MEMBERS OF THE BAR**

### **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 elevated 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.

### **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.

### **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.

### **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 Heng**

Andrew is a Senior Partner at ZMM and leads the Construction & Energy team. He provides both litigation and advisory services to clients in the construction, infrastructure, renewable energy, environmental, banking and insurance, property development as well as manufacturing industries. Andrew represents clients across a spectrum of construction disputes in arbitrations, adjudications and courts, including applications pursuant to the Arbitration Act 2005 and Construction Industry Payment and Adjudication Act 2012, restraining demands on performance bonds and construction related tortious claims (professional negligence, occupiers' liability, nuisance and trespass). Andrew's experience includes handling disputes arising from construction of airport, highway, rails infrastructure, waste to energy plant, large scale solar plant, solid waste treatment plant, waste water treatment plant and electrical transmission towers. Andrew also advised both international and local clients on compliance of regulatory requirements by the Construction Industry Development Board. Andrew is also an accredited Adjudicator and Mediator empanelled with the Asian International Arbitration Centre (AIAC).

### **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.

**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 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 Statelessness and religious freedom which have constantly been highlighted in the media sphere.

**Bahari Yeow**

With over 20 years of experience in the fields of intellectual property law and general litigation, Bahari heads the Intellectual Property and Technology, Media & Telecommunications practice of Rosli Dahlan Saravana Partnership (RDS). He has been ranked as a leading Tier 1 intellectual property lawyer in Malaysia by legal 500, where he was acknowledged as "undoubtedly very knowledgeable in his field of practice — his commitment, passion and enthusiasm are commendable". Chambers Asia Pacific ranked Bahari as a Ranked Lawyer and 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". Asia Business Law Journal lists Bahari as one of Malaysia's Top 100 Lawyers in 2021 and acknowledges his expertise in Litigation, Intellectual Property, Licensing & Franchising, Technology, Media and Telecommunications and E-commerce, Fintech, Blockchain & Cryptos. His approachable but solution driven personality won him the Commended External Counsel of the Year by In-House Community. Bahari is a qualified patent, trade mark and industrial design agent. He also sits as a Panellist at the Asian International Arbitration Centre (Domain Name Dispute Resolution). He served as a member of the Group Standing Committee for Copyright (2015-2018) of the Asian Patent Attorney Association (APAA) Malaysia.

### **B Balakumar Balasundram**

B Balakumar Balasundram graduated from University of Keele with Bachelors of Social Science in Law and Economics in 1988 and thereafter obtained the Certificate in Legal Practice in 1989. He chambered with Messrs. Choong Yik Son & Robiha for 3 months and completed the remaining period with Messrs. Azim, Ong & Krishnan. He was called to the Malaysian Bar in September 1990. Balakumar's area of practice encompasses but is not limited to advisory and litigation relating to both life and general insurance, reinsurance, Takaful Law and medico-legal practice. He is also a member of the Inter-Pacific Bar Association (IPBA), the Malaysian Insurance Institute (MII) and the Medico-Legal Society of Malaysia.

### **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.

### **Chen Yun Jin**

Yun Jin is an Advocate & Solicitor of the High Court of Malaya and was admitted to the Malaysian Bar in 2015. He is a senior associate of Messrs LAW Partnership with principal practice area is in Dispute Resolution and Intellectual Property, with an emphasis in enforcement of IP rights. He has coordinated and executed several criminal raids and enforcement exercises with the authorities for trademark infringement and copyright matters and has assisted in regional anticounterfeiting programs. Yun Jin has advised on various internet infringement matters involving the illegal dissemination of copyrighted contents and the sale of counterfeit goods online. He has also assisted a multinational conglomerate in the enforcement of its trademark and copyright rights against multiple infringers both online and offline.

In the field of dispute resolution, he has assisted in the execution of a court order against former employees of an information technology solution company for, amongst others, conspiracy, unlawful interference with trade, and breach of employment contract. He assisted a leading



international offshore oilfield service provider in pursuing a civil claim for breach of fiduciary duties, fraud, and negligence of its former directors. He has handled court proceedings including injunctions, summary judgment, striking out applications, winding-up petitions, garnishee proceedings, and security for costs involving multinational companies. In addition, he has garnered ample experience in handling mediation and arbitration. Yun Jin has also acted as court appointed supervising solicitors in enforcement of Anton Piller Orders.

### **Chew Phye Keat**

Phye Keat has been practising law since March 1987. He is a graduate of the law faculty of University of Malaya with an LLB (Hons) and an LLM degree from the same university and is currently the Managing Partner and Head of Corporate and Commercial in the law firm Raja, Darryl & Loh in Kuala Lumpur. Phye Keat has handled a broad spectrum of corporate and commercial transactions including joint ventures, manufacturing, telecommunications, computer contracts and information technology, licensing, franchising, foreign investment, immigration, sale of goods, construction, privatisation, infrastructure (including the first light rail transit project in Malaysia, STAR) and labour/employment. His current focused practice areas are in competition/anti-trust law, anti-corruption law, commercialisation of intellectual property and legal aspects of ESG (Environmental, Social & Governance) compliance. Phye Keat has been listed as a Leading Individual by *The Asia Pacific Legal 500* for 2017–2022 and as a top-ranked Band 1 Leading Individual for Competition/Antitrust by *Chambers Asia Pacific* for 2015, 2016, 2019-2022. *AsiaLaw Profiles* named him as a Market-leading Lawyer for the years 2012, 2013, 2017-2019, as a Distinguished Practitioner for Competition/Antitrust and Corporate & M/A in its 2020 edition and as an Elite Practitioner for Competition/Antitrust in its 2021 and 2022 editions. He has been included in “The A List – Malaysia’s Top 100 Lawyers 2021” by *Asia Business Law journal*.

### **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.

### **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.

**Colin Andrew Pereira**

Colin Andrew Pereira is a partner in the firm of Goh Wong Pereira, which was established in 2001. Colin himself has been in practices for over 30 years. He specializes in commercial disputes with an emphasis on shareholders and corporate disputes. In this respect, he has represented both, minority and majority shareholders in company disputes. Colin has also given numerous seminars in this area. Additionally, he has considerable experience in matters relating to personal and corporate insolvency, capital reduction and other applications under the Companies Act 2016. He has appeared in all level of courts in Malaysia and has conducted numerous trials in the High Court of Malaya as well as appeals in the Court of Appeal and Federal Court. He has also appeared in both domestic and international arbitrations. Colin is a graduate of the University of Bristol and was admitted to the English Bar, as a member of the Honourable Society of Gray's Inn in 1992. He was subsequently admitted to the Malaysian Bar in 1993 and thereafter to the Singapore Bar in 1997. He also holds a Diploma in International Arbitration from the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators and is a Fellow of the said Institute.

**Conrad Francis Lopez**

Conrad Francis Lopez graduated from Oxford Brookes University, England with Honours in 2005. Upon completing the Certificate of Legal Practice, Malaysia he was admitted as an Advocate & Solicitor of Malaya in 2007. Conrad commenced practice in the Dispute Resolution Department of a reputable firm, specialising in Banking and Insolvency laws. During this time, he acted and advised on matters relating to banker-customer relationship, borrowers' obligations, Islamic banking, banking fraud and forgery, liquidation, receivership and personal insolvency matters. In the course of practice he has also advised local and international companies on various areas of civil and commercial disputes ranging from contractual disputes, regulatory and statutory compliance matters, judicial review, defamation, and professional negligence claims. Conrad has been involved in heavily contentious matters that have been litigated at various levels of the Malaysian Court hierarchy.

**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.

### **David Dev Peter**

David is a partner at Messrs Jerald Gomez & Associates. Having graduated from the University of Leicester, England; he was called to the Bar in 1995 and later completed his LLM at the University of London. David has been in active practice since 1996, except for the 3 years he served as corporate counsel in public-listed Landmarks Berhad, where he handled legal work in sectors such as medical care, property development, commercial property management and hotel management. His current practice areas are litigation, arbitration and dispute resolution. David's firm, Messrs Jerald Gomez & Associates, has carved out a niche for itself as a firm that accomplishes bespoke and comprehensive solutions for legal predicaments faced by their clientele. David is a member of the Advocates & Solicitors Disciplinary Board, and he serves on the Malaysian Bar's Trade in Legal Services Committee and the Finance Committee. David is a certified Adjudicator under CIPAA 2012 and a member of the Malaysia Society of Adjudicators.

### **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 Bahru, 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.

**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 (CIArb), Malaysian Institute of Arbitrators (MIArb), 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' Sunil Abraham**

Dato' Sunil Abraham is a partner at Cecil Abraham & Partners based in Kuala Lumpur. He specialises in Corporate and Commercial, Banking and Securities, Media, Public and Administrative as well as Environmental Law disputes. He has significant advocacy experience before the Federal Court, Court of Appeal and High Court in Malaysia as well as before arbitral tribunals. He also sits regularly as arbitrator in domestic and international disputes. He has been

recognised as a leading individual by Chambers & Partners Asia Pacific, Legal 500 Asia Pacific, Who's Who Legal, Benchmark Litigation, Asia Law Profile and Global Arbitration Review in the area of dispute resolution. In 2016, he was named by Asian Legal Business in the Top 40 Under 40 Practitioners in Asia.

### **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 complinace and with his keen interest in environmental law, recently advised on the Environmental, Social & Governance ("ESG") framework. Darren is also a certified mediator.

### **Farah Shuhadah Razali**

Farah Shuhadah Razali was admitted as an Advocate & Solicitor of the High Court of Malaya in 2008 and has been in active legal practice since then. 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, probate and administrative disputes and various debt recovery, insolvency and restructuring 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.

### **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 27 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 and is a partner of Gan Partnership. Khong Aik is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (CI Arb), United Kingdom, who sits on the panel of arbitrators and mediators of the Asian International Arbitration Centre. He is also a mediator with the Malaysian Mediation Centre. Throughout his practice since 1995, Khong Aik often acts as Counsel and represents directors, shareholders and companies in a wide range of high value corporate dispute 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.

### **Gregory Das**

Gregory Das is a Partner at Messrs Cyrus Das Advocates & Solicitors. His practice has a particular emphasis in public and administrative law, employment law, corporate and commercial litigation and litigation related to property development. Gregory is the author of “The Law and Practice of Judicial Review in Malaysia”, which is the first practitioner’s text exclusively on the law of judicial review in Malaysia. Gregory is also a former Vice – President of the Malaysian Institute of Arbitrators. Gregory read law at the University of Bristol and graduated with an LL.B. (Hons) degree in 2010. He was called to the Bar of England and Wales by the Inner Temple in 2011. He was thereafter called to the Malaysian Bar in 2012.

### **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.

### **Hj Aznul Affendi Bin Hasan Basri**

Hj Aznul Affendi Bin Hasan Basri is a partner in Messrs Aznul & Co (Advocates & Solicitors), a boutique legal firm established in 1996. He has MA (Law) from the University of Cambridge and is a member of the Honourable Society of Lincoln's Inn (1991). Upon his return, he served with the Attorney General's Chambers, Malaysia as an Assistant Parliamentary Draftsman where he was involved in the drafting of many statutes including amendments to the Federal Constitution and in the process he mastered the finer points of drafting and statutory interpretation. He also represented Malaysia at a legal workshop in 1992 on the United Nations Convention on Drugs and Psychotropic Substances. He left government service to join a leading legal firm in Kuala Lumpur and was called to the Malaysian Bar in 1994. In 1996, he set up his own firm, Messrs Aznul & Co where he was involved in drafting a number of legislation on the construction industry and participated in the process of reconstruction and rebuilding of the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina. His current legal practice includes commercial and corporate law, regulatory compliance, competition law and data protection. He has advised on the drafting of legislation relating to the palm oil industry, ports, personal data protection, fish marketing industry, Fisherman's Associations, competition laws, biofuel, and water where he deployed his expertise on statutory interpretation to good effect. He was involved in the patent aspect of the mapping of genome for palm oil and drafted the bye-laws for a major co-operative society. Aznul established the legal mechanism for a wakaf structure and was also involved in the restructuring of a major zakat organisation and the proposed introduction of cooperative banking laws in Malaysia. He advised on the cross-border corporate winding-up of a foreign branch of a Malaysian entity in India and the proposed establishment of a halal factory in China. He participated in the proposed incorporation of a statutory body established pursuant to a State Enactment. In 2002, Aznul was offered an Associate Professorship in Law at a public university but chose to continue

pursuing his legal practice in the private sector. In his spare time (as well as discharging his Firm's corporate social responsibilities), he lectures in his areas of expertise at public and private universities. He is a co-author of the law book Statutory Interpretation in Malaysia published by Thomson Reuters Sweet Maxwell.

### **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, 2021, 2022 and 2023. She has been named as Outstanding Lawyer 2020 for Client Service Excellence by Asialaw is one of ALB's Malaysia Rising Stars of 2022.

### **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 14 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 has been a partner of since 2013.

**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 was called as an Advocate & Solicitor of the Supreme Court in Negara Brunei Darussalam and remained in active practice there 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 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 and serves as a Panel member on the Disciplinary Committee of the Advocates & Solicitors Disciplinary Board and also contributes his time and is a member of the Law Reform Committee and Civil Law Committee of the Bar Council.

### **Jimmy Liew**

Jimmy Liew 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 in January 2010. His area of practice is in corporate and commercial dispute resolution. He is also involved in disputes involving fraud and forgery, probate and administration, landlord and tenant, and is experienced in liquidation and insolvency matters. administration matters.

### **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 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 a Master of Laws degree in International Dispute Resolution from Queen Mary University of London. She was called to the Malaysian Bar in 1996 and 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.

#### **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.

### **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 Lavania & 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, Mumbai and South Africa. Lavinia enjoys training the Art of Advocacy where she emphasizes and conveys the importance of staying true and leveraging on your own 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.

### **Lim Zhi Jian**

Jian advises on protection, management and monetisation of IP rights for his clients which include Fortune 500 companies, public listed companies, government linked companies and tech start-ups. He has carved a name for handling complex and contentious litigation matters with a specialisation in intellectual property (IP) law. Jian is recognised as a Recognised Practitioner by

Chambers Asia Pacific and ranked as a Next Generation Lawyer by Legal 500. He is also named as an Up and Coming Lawyer by Chambers Asia Pacific and Future Star by Benchmark Litigation. He also has the distinction of being one of 2 Malaysians listed in ALB's 40 under 40, and 1 of the 15 lawyers named as a Malaysia Rising Star in 2021 by Asian Legal Business. Jian is a panellist for AIAC and ADNDRC, and sits on the ICC Malaysia Intellectual Property Committee.

### **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.

### **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.

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Nagarajah Muttiah is a Partner with Rosli Dahlan Saravana Partnership (RDS). He has vast experience in shipping litigation and maritime insurance. He is also actively involved in other practice areas such as aviation, building and construction as well as general & civil litigation. Nagarajah was called to the English Bar in 1979 and the Malaysian Bar in 1980 and has been active in practice for more than 40 years. He has appeared and acted in numerous landmark cases of importance. Nagarajah was the former President of the Malaysian Maritime Law Association and

former member of the International Pacific Bar Association where he had presented a number of papers over the years.

### **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 over 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.

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Raphael is a dispute resolution lawyer practising in Lim Chee Wee Partnership. His core practice encompasses shareholder disputes, international arbitration, and asset recovery. He specialises in multi-fora litigation and regularly assists senior counsel from England, Australia, and Singapore. He is well-versed with public and private international law. Since admittance to the Malaysian Bar in 2009, Raphael 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 Asia-Pacific regional counsel of Shell. Raphael's scholarly writings on the law and practice of dispute resolution are regularly published in



prominent international journals: *International and Comparative Law Quarterly* (Cambridge University Press), *ICSID Review – Foreign Investment Law Journal* (Oxford University Press), and *Arbitration International* (Oxford University Press). In 2022, he co-authored the book on *'Interlocutory Applications in Malaysia'* (Sweet & Maxwell). His article on corruption in investment treaty arbitration was awarded the winner of the AIAC YPG Essay Competition 2022 and published in *AIAC Alternative Dispute Resolution Journal*. Raphael has served as a judge and arbitrator in various international moot competitions: *Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition*, *Foreign Direct Investment International Arbitration Moot*, *Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot*, *Price Media Law Moot Court Competition*, and *LAWASIA International Moot Competition*. He believes that excellence in advocacy is nurtured through experience in adversity.

### **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 28 years

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### **Ravindra Kumar**

Ravindra obtained his degree of Bachelor of Laws with Honours from the University of London in 1985 and the Certificate of Legal Practice issued by the Malaysian Qualifying Board in 1986. He was admitted as an Advocate and Solicitor of the High Court of Malaya in 1987 and thereafter practised in Kuala Lumpur. Ravindra is a recognised practitioner in the area of Employment and Industrial Relations with practice experience since 1987. Ravindra's clientele comprises multinational and Malaysian companies from various industries such as oil and gas, oleochemical, aerospace, pharmaceutical, healthcare/medical, education, information technology, financial services, hospitality, automotive, fast-moving consumer goods and manufacturing. Ravindra served as the Chairman of Kuala Lumpur Bar Committee for 2007/2008 and 2008/2009, during

which period he was also a member of the Malaysian Bar Council. He was also the Chairman of the Bar Council's Industrial Court Practice Committee for 2008/2009. Ravindra is a member of the Disciplinary Committee Panel appointed by the Advocates and Solicitors' Disciplinary Board under the the Legal Profession Act 1976. He is the current President of the Malaysian Society for Labour and Social Security Law.

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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 litigation including 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 contributes a chapter in Bullen & Leake & Jacob's Malaysian Precedents of Pleading.

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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 has been an active practitioner and he is the Chairperson of the Professional Standards & Development Committee (PSDC) of the Bar Council, regulating & managing the CPD Scheme of the Malaysian Bar.

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Rubini is a Partner at Messrs. Christopher & Lee Ong. She pursued her LLB degree at University Malaya and was called to the Malaysian Bar in April 2004. She is part of the litigation team at Messrs. Christopher & Lee Ong and her experience covers a broad spectrum of cases with a special emphasis on arbitration and employment disputes. Rubini is an accredited adjudicator with the Asian International Arbitration Centre and also a member of the Malaysian Institute of Arbitrators.

#### **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.

### **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 handling 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 also a Fellow of the Asian Institute of Alternate Dispute Resolution Centre. 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 the clients on legal issues. Datin Savithiri has actively been involved as an Arbitrator in the many Moot Competitions organized by AIAC, Lawasia International, FDI International Arbitrations and Universities both local and international expanding more than 15 years.

### **S. Nadarajah**

Dr. Nadarajah (Advocate & Solicitor) brings hands-on construction industry and engineering knowledge to legal practice, from his former Mechanical Engineering career. He sees commercial and practical risks and business drivers associated with engineering projects and leverages this to deliver solutions to complex issues. At SIEMENS he developed a novel wastewater treatment. At

NCR he wrote fresh 4 th generation programming language software. As a consultant, he oversaw the planning, design, construction and delivery of Mechanical Engineering Building Services, including for the largest building in Malaysia (Berjaya Times Square) - besides dealing with the complexities of a huge building, he helped project manage its construction through the 1998 Asian Financial crisis challenges, together with extensive value engineering. He advises clients from procurement and structuring to negotiating and drafting contracts – and he was involved in preparing suites of works contracts (for infrastructure works, including for one of the largest projects in Malaysia, the KL “MRT”; tenders for Power Plants; etc.), IT and commercial agreements. He appears as counsel in dispute resolution matters (in litigation, arbitration and adjudication), as an Arbitrator (sole and presiding) and an Adjudicator (in construction disputes). He has also delivered a final and binding Expert Determination for AIAC’s first such appointment (for an ad hoc matter).

### **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. He represents financial institutions and corporations in claims involving fraud, negligence, conspiracy and breach of fiduciary and/or statutory duties. He also represents and acts in disputes pertaining to company law and strata management. Samuel also represents financial institutions in banking and finance litigation (conventional and Islamic) which includes recovery work and the enforcement of securities, receivership, corporate insolvency, bankruptcy, contractual and land disputes.

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Sangeet Kaur Deo is a skilled litigator, based in Messrs Karpal Singh & Co. She was admitted as an advocate and solicitor of the High Court of Malaya in January 2005. With almost two decades of experience practising law and regularly appearing as lead counsel in trials and appellate matters, Sangeet's experience in Court spans over a wide range of practice areas, including civil and criminal litigation, commercial litigation and dispute resolution, family law, defamation, trusts, and matters relating to human rights, public interest and more. Sangeet is also a keen advocate for the abolition of the death penalty, drug policy reforms and prison reforms.

**S. Saravana Kumar**

Saravana is a Partner with Rosli Dahlan Saravana Partnership (RDS). He 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 as one of the top 100 lawyers in Malaysia by Asia Business Law Journal a number of times. 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.

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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.

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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 in Malaya in 2004. Shamala is a partner of Chooi & Company where she practices in the field of dispute resolution, specialising in corporate and commercial litigation and arbitration. She is currently an advocacy trainer with the Bar Council’s Advocacy Training Committee.

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Sharmini Navaratnam is a barrister of the Honourable Society of Middle Temple and an Advocates & Solicitor of the High Court of Malaya. She has extensive civil litigation experience both as a trial and appellate lawyer spanning over 30 years with several years at M/s. Rashid & Lee and currently practices at M/s. Siva Dharma & Associates. Her practice primarily revolves around the area of clinical negligence and insurance law. She has handled disputes relating to banking, landlord and tenant and industrial relations. She is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators and a member of the first panel of arbitrators at the Kuala Lumpur Regional Centre for Arbitration and a certified mediator of the Bar Council. She has handled numerous professional and ethical complaints before the Bar Council of Malaysia and the Malaysian Medical Council.

### **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 concerning disputes at all levels relating to patents, copyright, privacy and trade secrets, trade mark, passing off, industrial designs, advertising and domain name and various aspects of enforcement of intellectual property rights. Over the years, he has represented many multinational companies from diverse sectors in litigation and in managing and implementing anti-piracy and anti-counterfeiting programmes for them. Sri continues to be named and ranked in leading legal directories: Asia Pacific Legal 500, Chambers Asia-Pacific, Managing Intellectual Property and Benchmark Litigation. He also received the accolade of "Top 40 Under 40" legal professionals in Asia in 2017 by Asian Legal Business.

### **Srimurugan Alagan**

Mr. Srimurugan Alagan is a senior lawyer and a litigator who is passionate about law. He had authored numerous books and journals which have been cited extensively by judges in Malaysia. He also teaches in public as well as in private universities. Srimurugan obtained his LLB from the University of Wolverhampton UK, and Masters in International Law from the University of London with merit.

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Steven Thiruneelakandan (Steven Thiru) graduated in 1990 from the University of Leicester (LL.B. (Hons)). He was admitted to the English Bar at Middle Temple in 1991 and the High Court of Malaya as an Advocate and Solicitor in 1992. He also holds a Masters in Laws degree from the University of Malaya. He is currently the Managing Partner of Messrs Steven Thiru & Sudhar Partnership. Steven Thiru is a Past President of the Malaysian Bar (2015 -2017 ). He is currently one of the Vice Presidents of the LAWASIA and Exco member of the Commonwealth Lawyers Association. Steven Thiru was the Chairman of the Kuala Lumpur Continuing Legal Education Committee and later the Chairman of the Professional Standards and Development Committee of the Bar Council. He also chaired the Bar Council's Ad-Hoc Committee on the Common Bar Course (CBC), which drafted the Bar Council's CBC scheme and presented it to the Legal Qualifying Board.

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Suganthi is a Partner in Messrs Shearn Delamore & Co specialising in employment and immigration 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, 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.

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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.

### **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.

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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.

### **Thayananthan Baskaran**

Thayananthan Baskaran is a partner with Baskaran, Kuala Lumpur, and an associate member of Crown Office Chambers, London. Thaya's primary area of practice is construction law. He drafts various building and engineering contracts, advises on disputes arising from such contracts and appears as counsel to resolve these disputes. Thaya also sits as an adjudicator, arbitrator, and mediator. Thaya was appointed as an adjudicator in the fifteenth statutory adjudication registered in Malaysia and now regularly sits as an adjudicator. Thaya is on the panel of several international arbitration centres and has been appointed as arbitrator in a variety of commercial disputes. Thaya also sits as a mediator in Kuala Lumpur and Singapore. Thaya is the author of *Arbitration in Malaysia: A Commentary on the Malaysian Arbitration Act* (Wolters Kluwer 2019). Thaya was the Chair of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators Malaysia Branch (2017-19) and the President of the Society of Construction Law Malaysia (2016-17). Thaya has been ranked by Who's Who Legal Arbitration (2018-2023) and included in the Legal 500 Arbitration Private Practice Powerlist: South East Asia Region (2022-2023).

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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.

## **V. Vijaykumar**

V. Vijaykumar graduated with a Bachelor of Laws (Hons) in 1984 at the University of London, United Kingdom and was called to the Bar of England & Wales in 1985 as an Utter Barrister of the Honourable Society of Middle Temple, London. He was later admitted as an Advocate & Solicitor of the High Court of Malaya in 1986. He is currently one of the firm's Senior Litigation Partners. His principal area of practice is in banking and commercial litigation including disputes in capital markets, receiverships, insolvency, scheme of arrangements and arbitration. He has advised and acted as Counsel for the Ministry of Finance's government debt agencies, such as Pengurusan Danaharta Nasional Berhad (between 1998 to 2008) and Prokhas Sdn Bhd (2008 until presently). He has also acted as Counsel in several arbitration matters involving some GLC clients. Other professional activities in which he is involved, include :- presently sitting as a member of the Disciplinary Committee, under the purview of the Malaysian "Advocates & Solicitors Disciplinary Board", namely to investigate and hear complaints made against members of the Malaysian Legal Profession, and acts as Chairman of the Committee on a permanent basis; Life member of the Malaysia chapter of the Middle Temple alumni.

## **Wendy Lee**

Wendy was admitted to the Malaysian Bar in 2009. She has been practising as an advocate and solicitor with Shook Lin & Bok since 2009 and was made a partner of the firm in 2017. Wendy's main area of practice is in intellectual property law and information technology. Her practice includes advisory and prosecution of trade marks, patents and industrial designs and she manages portfolios for both local and international clients. In addition to that, she has extensive experience in handling trade mark opposition proceedings for marks spanning across multiple industries and some experience in conducting IP due diligence, reviewing of IP agreements, contracts and other IP related legal documents. She is actively involved in intellectual property litigation and frequently appears before the High Court for intellectual property disputes. She has also appeared in the Court of Appeal and Federal Court in several intellectual property cases. Wendy is also a member of the Asian Patent Attorneys Association (APAA) and the Malaysian Intellectual Property Association (MIPA).

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Hin Loong was admitted as an Advocate & Solicitor of the High Court of Malaya in 2000. He is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (CI Arb), the Singapore Institute of Arbitrators (SI Arb) and the Malaysian Institute of Arbitrators (MI Arb). He has more than 23 years' experience as counsel in litigation and arbitration proceedings. His area of practice primarily revolves around construction law, civil and commercial disputes. He was formerly a partner for 15 years in a mid-sized well-known legal firm in Kuala Lumpur which specialises in civil litigation, construction arbitration and adjudication. He was the co-head of the dispute resolution team. In 2021, he established his own firm, HL Wong, Soh & Co. with another partner, Ms Soh Jing Han. He is currently empanelled as an arbitrator and adjudicator with the Asian International Arbitration Centre ("AIAC").

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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.

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Delphine graduated from University of London in 1990. She obtained her Master's degree in Law at the University of Malaya in 1998. She heads the Dispute Resolution and Corporate Conveyancing department of Messrs George Varughese. She is an accredited Adjudicator, Sports Arbitrator and Mediator. Delphine also holds a Diploma in International Arbitration. She has handled various civil litigation portfolios including insurance claims and industrial accident matters and various other civil matters. She concomitantly handles property practice documentation in relation to corporate acquisition and disposal of commercial and residential properties. The last decade has seen her concentrate on arbitration and dispute resolution related matters.

**Alex De Siva**

Alex was called and admitted to the English Bar as a Barrister, Middle Temple in 1991, the Malaysian Bar in 1993 and the Singapore Bar in 2001. Alex worked in England for a year before returning home to begin his legal career. He spent his early years in legal practice as a junior to the former Chief Justice, Tun Zaki Tun Azmi at Rashid & Lee, assisting with landmark constitutional and administrative law cases. At his next post at Skrine & Co. Alex worked closely with Mr. Tommy Thomas, the former Attorney General, in mainly corporate, company and shareholder related disputes. He is an accomplished legal practitioner who has mastered his craft under the guidance of prominent personalities such as the former Chief Justice, Tun Zaki Tun Azmi and the former Attorney General, Mr Tommy Thomas. Well known amongst legal circles as a tenacious litigator who never quits, Alex has served individual clients from all walks of life as well as corporations and trade unions. Other lawyers have sought him out as Lead Counsel in appeal cases. Alex has appeared in the Industrial Court, High Court, Court of Appeal and the Federal Court. In a legal career spanning a quarter of a century, Alex has amassed extensive experience and expertise over many areas of civil litigation including corporate/company/shareholder disputes, defamation, commercial, banking, constitutional, administrative, industrial and trade union law. Many of the cases he has argued and won have resulted in landmark developments in Malaysian law and have been reported in law journals. Alex helms the Industrial Relations/Employment department in the firm and recently won a landmark decision in the Federal Court related to fixed term contracts and rights of foreigners to full time employment in Malaysia. Alex is a qualified mediator with the Malaysian Mediation Centre. Alex is also an active trainer with the Bar Council's Advocacy Training Course training lawyers hone their litigation skills. He has trained in various parts of Malaysia, South Africa, Hong Kong and Singapore.

**Hoi Jack S'ng**

Jack is presently a partner at Lee Hishammuddin Allen & Gledhill. He has a diverse and interesting litigation practice including banker's liability, insolvency and restructuring, civil and commercial disputes, regulatory offences, defamation, and competition and anti-trust. He also often acts for the Bar Council and the Advocates and Solicitors Disciplinary Board in disciplinary matters concerning lawyers. Jack is a member of the Insolvency Practitioners Association of Malaysia. He is a contributor for a number of practitioner guides including Law and Practice of Construction Law in Malaysia, in which he contributed to the chapter on construction insolvency. Jack

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### **Dinesh Nandrajog**

Dinesh Nandrajog completed his LLB (Hons) at University of Reading, England in 2010 and was admitted to the Bar of England & Wales at the Honourable Society of Lincoln's Inn, London in 2011. He was then called to the Malaysian Bar on 22nd October 2012. He regularly appears at all levels of the courts in Malaysia and in alternative dispute resolution centres. His areas of practice include specialisation in the laws relating to Contract, Company, Construction, Debt Recovery, Employment and Insolvency matters. In serving the profession, Dinesh has held the post of Co-Deputy Chair for the Kuala Lumpur Bar Young Lawyers Committee in the year 2014/2015, Secretary for the Selangor Bar Civil Practice Committee in the year 2018/2019 and Chair for the Selangor Bar Social, Charity & Welfare Committee in the year 2021/2022. He has also held the position of Assistant Secretary / Head of Publications for the Lincoln's Inn Alumni Association of Malaysia since 2013. He has co-authored several legal publications such as Thomson Reuters "Malaysian Litigation Series: Disclosure", 1st Edition (2022), "Janab's Key To Construction Law, Adjudication, Mediation, Domestic And International Arbitration, Practice And Procedure", 1st Edition (2021) and the Company Winding-Up Chapter of "Janab's Series To Law, Practice and Legal Remedies", 5th Edition (2018). Dinesh is also a Certified Adjudicator, having obtained the Asian International Arbitration Centre (AIAC)'s Certificate in Adjudication in 2019. He is a member of AIAC's Panel of Adjudicators.

## **ASIAN INTERNATIONAL ARBITRATION CENTRE**

### **Datuk Sundra Rajoo**

Datuk Sundra Rajoo is the current Director of the Asian International Arbitration Centre (AIAC) and President of the Asian Institute of Alternative Dispute Resolution (AIADR). He is a Certified International ADR Practitioner (AIADR) and Chartered Arbitrator. He played an active role in transforming the AIAC into a sought-after arbitration centre in the Asian region where the AIAC's caseload grew massively from a mere 22 arbitration cases in 2010 to an accumulative total of 2761 arbitration, adjudication and mediation cases in 2019. He was also the past President of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (2016) and past Chairman of the Asian Domain Name Dispute Resolution Centre (ADNDRC). He has a number of tertiary degrees in law, architecture and town

planning with Hon LLD. He is the Founding President of the Sports Law Association of Malaysia, Founding President of the Society of Construction Law, Malaysia and the Malaysian Society of Adjudicators; and Past President of the Asia Pacific Regional Arbitration Grouping (APRAG). Datuk Sundra is an Advocate & Solicitor of the High Court of Malaya, Registered Professional Architect, Registered Town Planner, and Fellow of the Royal Institution of Surveyors. He has had over 310 appointments in international and domestic arbitrations across numerous international arbitral institutions. He was an Adjunct Professor, Law Faculty of University of Malaya, past Visiting Professor at the Faculty of Built Environment, University of Technology and the Law Faculty, National University of Malaysia. He was a pioneer member in the Monetary Penalty Review Committee set up under the Malaysian Financial Services Act 2013 for two terms. Datuk Sundra is a former Deputy Chairman of the Adjudicatory Chamber of the Ethics Committee by the FIFA Council. Datuk Sundra has authored, co-authored and edited Law, Practice and Procedure of Arbitration, 2nd Ed, 2016, Lexis Nexis (LN); Arbitration in Malaysia: A Practical Guide, 2016, (S&M); Construction Law in Malaysia, 2012, S&M; The Malaysian Arbitration Act 2005 (Amended 2011) – An Annotation, 2013, LN; The PAM 2006 Form, 2010, LN; The Arbitration Act 2005 – UNCITRAL Model Law as Applied in Malaysia, 2007, S&M; The Malaysian Standard Form of Building Contract (The PAM 1998 Form), 1999, Malayan Law Journal. In 2015, he was conferred an Honorary Doctorate in Laws from the Leeds Beckett University, UK. He recently published the Law, Practice and Procedure of Arbitration in India (Thomson Reuters) and Standard Form of Building Contracts Compared (LexisNexis).

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Ms. Heather Yee is the Assistant Director of the Asian International Arbitration Centre (AIAC). She 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 (CIArb). She

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