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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.

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.

Alvin Tang

Alvin is a UK qualified barrister, and was called to the Bar prior to the millennium, with 25 years of experience in dispute resolution. Alvin was a partner in a large firm and various boutique set-ups, before starting his own practice. Alvin's forte is in litigating complex contentious disputes, specialising in multifaceted shareholder and insolvency disputes. Alvin frequently appears as counsel in all superior courts as well as in arbitration proceedings. He has acted for a variety of clients ranging from listed companies and high net worth individuals across a multitude of business sectors, to regulatory bodies and liquidators/ receivers and managers. 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 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.

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 empanelled with the Asian International Arbitration Centre (AIAC) and a mediator empanelled with the AIAC and the Malaysian International Mediation Centre (MIMC).

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 being highlighted in the media sphere.

Antoni (Toni) Lasala Grimalt

Toni's areas of expertise include Business Law, (Commercial Law, Corporate Law, M&A and Industrial and Intellectual Property and Competition Law) as well as Real Estate Law. He has developed his career in law firms with a relevant international practice and vocation and in the legal department of a Spanish multinational. He has extensive experience in advising both foreign investors in Spain and Spanish corporations investing abroad. He is secretary of the board of directors of diverse companies. He set up its own firm, BARCELAW ABOGADOS, S.L.P. in 2004, located in Barcelona, where he occupies the position of managing-partner. Toni graduated in Law at the Autonomous University of Barcelona and he is a member of the Barcelona Bar Association (1986). Toni is also Vice President of the EU and International Law Commission of the Barcelona Bar Association (2002-2006), Member of the council of the Industrial Property Commission of the Barcelona Bar Association (2012-2016), Member of AIPPI (International Association for the Defense of Intellectual Property), Member of the Board of the International Association of Practicing Lawyers, (IAPL), Member of the League of Lawyers, (LOL), Member of the Circle of Dutch Entrepreneurs in Barcelona, Member of the Belgian-Luxembourg Chamber of Commerce in Barcelona. Member of Lawasia. He is fluent in Catalan, Spanish, English, French and Dutch. On Pro-bono basis, he renders legal advice to a Foundation whose goal consists on granting assistance to children and their mothers in poverty and/or disarray situation.

Ashish Kumar

Having enrolled at the Bar in 2008, Ashish is a Partner at SNG & Partners, Advocates & Solicitors. He also heads the Japan Desk at the Firm. Specializing in the fields of commercial advisory and dispute resolution, Ashish has advised clients which include MNC's, Local industries, State Governments, Government bodies and authorities, private clientele in a wide range of sectors such as real estate and infrastructure, banking and finance, railways, aviation, services, consumer and retail, energy, etc. His diverse practice area has seen him represent clients before the Supreme Court of India, various High Courts, Commissions and Tribunals including Arbitration, in

matters pertaining to policy, commercial disputes, consumer protection, contracts and government tenders, wills & estates, among others. As one of the youngest Additional Advocate General's (second senior most position as law officer of the State after the Advocate General) at 35 years (then), Ashish successfully represented and defended the interests of the State of Rajasthan before the Supreme Court of India and the High Court of Delhi in a number of important matters till the time he held the office. Ashish has taken many leadership positions and repeatedly recognized by various agencies. He has been recognized as Gennext Leading Lawyer (2024) by Legal Era; Top Individual Lawyer (above 10 years experience) by Forbes India Legal Powerlist (2023); 40 Under 40 Rising Star (2023) by Legal Era; 40 Under 40 Recognised Lawyer (2022) by BW Legal World.

Justice Datuk Aslam bin Zainuddin

On 28th of November 2019, Justice Datuk Aslam b Zainuddin was elevated as a Judicial Commissioner of the High Court in Malaya. He embarked on his legal journey after graduating in 1989 and subsequently being admitted and enrolled as an advocate and solicitor in early 1990. He also obtained his LLM in 2006. After a short stint in practice, Justice Datuk Aslam b Zainuddin joined the Judicial and Legal Service and was initially appointed as a Magistrate. In 1992, he was the Deputy Director of the Legal Aid Bureau in Melaka. Beginning from 1st of November 2000, Justice Datuk Aslam b Zainuddin held several positions in the Attorney General's Chambers where he served as a Deputy Public Prosecutor, Senior Federal Counsel, Director of Liquidation Division Insolvency Department in Putrajaya and Head of Prosecution Division in the state of Perlis. In 2008, Justice Datuk Aslam b Zainuddin was then appointed as a Sessions Court Judge in various states i.e Selangor, Terengganu and Pulau Pinang. On 1st of May 2014, he was appointed as the Registrar of the High Court, Malaya and subsequently in 2016, he served as the Deputy Chief Registrar (Policy) in the Chief Registrar's Office, Federal Court of Malaysia. Back in 2019, Justice Datuk Aslam b Zainuddin was nominated as the examiner for the Certificate in Legal Practice examination (CLP) in The Legal Profession Qualifying Board of Malaysia. Presently Justice Datuk Aslam b Zainuddin is a High Court Judge in Malaya which he was

elevated on 27th April 2022 and has presided in the Criminal Division of the High Court at Kuala Lumpur and subsequently at the Civil Division of the High Court at Johor Bahru. Currently he is presiding in the Criminal Division of the High Court at Shah Alam.

Justice Atan Mustaffa Yussof Ahmad

Justice 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. Justice 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.

Azlan bin Abd Ro'ni

Azlan bin Abd Ro'ni is from Penang and did his pupillage at Messrs. Zaid Ibrahim & Co. He was called to the Bar in 2008. 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. Azlan lives by the rule that "The most important thing for a judge is judgment."- Lord Patrick Devlin.

Bahal S Gill

Bahal S Gill is a Principal of BSG Lawyers, Barrister, Solicitor and Notary Public based in Adelaide, South Australia. Bahal has been running the firm since 2005. The core area of practice starting was Immigration Law and it has now shifted to Family, Criminal, Probate and of course Notarial Work. Bahal is a Permanent Resident of Australia for the past 35 years and a Singaporean as today. He is pleased to partake in LAWASIA conference for the first time and looks forward to more active involvement moving forward.

Brett McGrath

Brett McGrath is the President at the Law Society of New South Wales. He is also a Partner at Marsdens Law Group and is in charge of the Family Dispute Resolution department. Brett was previously a Senior Judicial Registrar at the Sydney Registry in the Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia. During his four years at the Court, Brett presided over and determined complex property and parenting interim hearing proceedings in both Divisions 1 and 2. A gifted mediator and negotiator, Brett has developed a reputation for settling the most complex and difficult family law matters to have come before the Court during his tenure. Brett has served on the Council of the Law Society of New South Wales since his election in 2018. Brett is also a graduate of the Australian Institute of Company Directors (GAICD) and has extensive experience in corporate governance.

Cassandra Banks

Cassandra Banks is a highly experienced solicitor with over 12 years in general practice, focusing on family law, children's care and protection, property, wills and estate planning, and Guardianship and financial management matters. Cassandra is now a Judicial Registrar of the Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia. In 2018, Cassandra became the Principal of Susan Green Legal Practice, which she then rebranded to CB Legal in 2021. Cassandra has been an influential figure in the Clarence River & Coffs Harbour Regional Law Society, holding roles as President, Vice President, and Co-President until late 2022. Beyond her local contributions, Cassandra has had a significant impact on the NSW legal community. Elected to the NSW Law Society Council in 2015, Cassandra ultimately became the President of the Law Society of NSW in 2023. Her involvement with the Law Society of NSW began with NSW Young Lawyers, where she became a member of the executive committee in 2014. Cassandra's dedication and leadership were recognized in 2017 when she received NSW Young Lawyer of the Year by the then Justice Beazley, now the Governor of NSW and was named a finalist in the Lawyers Weekly, Women in Law Awards in 2017 and 2018. She was also awarded 2021 Regional Lawyer of the Year in the Women Lawyers Association of NSW Awards, and was a finalist for Private

Practice Lawyer of the Year. Cassandra holds a double degree in Arts and Laws from the University of New England, Armidale, Australia.

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 to 2023 editions. He has been included in “The A List – Malaysia’s Top 100 Lawyers 2021 and 2022” 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.

Choi Young Hoon

Young Hoon (YH), an attorney (South Korea, US California) and solicitor (UK), is currently serving as an in-house counsel at Korean Re, specializing in (re)insurance, maritime law, and international arbitration. YH manages cross-border transactions and litigations, ensuring compliance with domestic and international regulatory and sanction regimes. His expertise includes assessing the legal implications of emerging issues in the (re)insurance industry and analyzing new deal structures in Korea. He actively engages with insurers, brokers, and adjusters, recently reaching a successful settlement in a NY litigation. In recognition of his outstanding work, he was awarded the *Leading Lawyer Award* by the Korean Bar Association in 2023. Having acted as counsel in numerous KCAB, ICC, SIAC, LMAA arbitrations as well as *ad hoc* arbitrations in various countries including Korea, Switzerland, Thailand, Suriname etc., he aims to expand his ADR practices by becoming an arbitrator. Currently pursuing a Ph.D in Commercial Law at Seoul National University, his professional qualifications include *Accredited Mediator (Korean Society of Mediation)*, *Branch Compliance Officer (Insurance)*, *Certified Privacy Protection General (CPPG)*, *Certified Anti-Money Laundering Specialist*, and *Certified Foreign Exchange Specialist*.

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.

Darren Lai

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

David de Alwis

With over a decade of experience in family law, David is a principal at Hope Earle Lawyers. David leads a team of family law specialists who provide cost-effective and strategic advice to clients on complex property and parenting matters, including international cases. David's core competencies include appeals, litigation, mediation, dispute resolution, financial agreements, intervention orders, and children's court matters. David regularly handle cases involving high-value asset pools, cross-border interests, the Hague Convention, and sensitive issues. David has also presented papers at international conferences and has a significant international aspect to his practice through his involvement in LAWASIA and the Asian Australian Lawyers Association. David is passionate about advocating for my clients and achieving the best possible outcomes for them. David has been involved in a number of reported cases in the family law and child protection case (including as solicitor with primary conduct).

Dushyanthi Adikary

She is an Attorney-at-Law of the Supreme Court of Sri Lanka, holds a Degree of Masters of Law (LLM) in International Trade Law from the University of Wales, Advance Certificate in Banking & Finance from Institute of Bankers, Sri Lanka and a Diploma in International Affairs from the Bandaranaike Centre for International Studies (BCIS), Sri Lanka. She has experience in Civil Litigation, Banking Law, Commercial contracts and Mortgages. After 26 years of experience as a Corporate In House Lawyer attached to a Leading Private Commercial Bank in Sri Lanka, now she is a Civil Law practitioner. She is a Life member of Bar Association of Sri Lanka (BASL) and a member of Law Association for the Asia and the Pacific (LAWASIA) and Toastmasters International. She has been an ardent Toastmaster since 2006 and has held a number of Leadership Positions in District 82 of Toastmasters International. Travelling, Learning Languages and Other Cultures are her pastimes. Her Life Motto: "Accept things as come to your life, enjoy them and move forward".

D.O. Kaviyanathan

D.O. Kaviyanathan is an Advocate and Managing Partner of a well-established law firm in the name of M/s. Nathan and Associates, A Solution focused law firm from, Chennai, his Firm having 18+ years of expertise in varied sectors of Law, further his passion towards serving the society and the needy had fetched his firm around 3050+ Individuals, SME and Corporates as Clientele across the Globe. He is an avid reader, person who works with lots of Corporates, Charity organizations, Start-ups and SME's and contribute to their growth, His firm had disposed around 6700 + Court Litigations till date, Kaviyanathan had spearheaded the firm with tremendous growth and had developed various verticals and had collaborated with over 30 + Law firms across India and Abroad and had mutually assisted in their growth and client satisfaction. He is fond of mentoring Startups thereby supporting them in their business and professional development and handling Pro Bono matters through which he built great relationships and he strongly believes that through the profession he can touch many more lives and help them to become a part of the positive and supportive community. He is living in a Joint Family, happily married to Mrs. Nivedhitha who is also an Advocate by profession and takes care of the Non-Litigation division of M/s. Nathan and Associates and blessed with two sons Master. Vedharth Nathan and Master. Yeshwarth Nathan, both of them are studying in Chettinad Vidyashram, Chennai.

Edward Saw

Edward was admitted to the Malaysian Bar in October 1997 and has been in active practice since then. Having specialized in the field of Industrial Relations and Employment Law since the start of his career, he has established himself as a prominent figure in his field. Edward appears regularly for both employers and employees before the Industrial Court of Malaysia. This has given him the benefit of conducting trials and arguing cases on both sides of the divide. He also has with him considerable experience in handling judicial review applications and appeals therefrom in the High Court, Court of Appeal and the Federal Court. Whilst Industrial

Relations and Employment Law remains his forte, Edward has extensive experience in handling civil and commercial cases involving supply contracts, landlord and tenant disputes and construction disputes. For his contributions, Edward has been named as a recommended lawyer for Industrial Relations by The Legal 500 Asia Pacific, a respected legal directory. He has spoken at conferences and seminars organized by LexisNexis®, a leading global provider of legal content and workflow solutions and is a contributor to their Employment Law Practice series. Edward has delivered numerous presentations on crucial Employment Law issues, including Retrenchments, Constructive Dismissals, Restrictive Covenants in Employment Contracts, and the impact of the internet and social media in the workplace. More recently Edward had presented a paper on the enhanced coverage of the recently amended Employment Act 1955 at the MECA Industrial Relations Convention 2023. Edward is currently a Partner at Messrs Josephine, LK Chow & Co. based in Petaling Jaya.

Ejaz Maqbool

Mr. Ejaz Maqbool is an Advocate practicing in the Supreme Court of India for last 40 years. He studied in St. Xavier's School, Patna, St. John's School, Ranchi, St. Xavier's College, Ranchi and Aligarh Muslim University. He did his graduation in History (Hons.) with 1st Division from Aligarh Muslim University and also obtained his LL.B. Degree from Aligarh Muslim University. He was elected the Vice-President of Aligarh Muslim University Students' Union and represented the University in several debates in various Universities. He passed his Advocate-on-Record examination of the Supreme Court of India in the year 1989. He is a member of Delhi High Bar Association, Supreme Court Bar Association and International Bar Association, London. He has appeared in a large number of Supreme Court cases. His name appears in more than 438 Reported Supreme Court Judgments. He has appeared in a large number of Public Interest Litigations and has espoused the cause of the poor and the deprived section of the society. He has attended International Bar Association Annual Conferences in Singapore (2007), Buenos Aires (Argentina 2008), Madrid (Spain 2009), Vancouver (Canada 2010), Dubai (United Arab Emirates 2011), Dublin

(Ireland 2012), Boston (USA 2013), Tokyo (2014), Vienna (Austria 2015), Washington DC (2016), Sydney (Australia 2017), Rome (Italy 2018) and CLC 2023. He has visited Argentina, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Belgium, Canada, China, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Egypt, Estonia, Ethiopia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Hong Kong, Hungary, Indonesia, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Macau, Malaysia, Mauritius, Maldives, Morocco, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Oman, Qatar, Rwanda, Russia, Saudi Arabia, Seychelles, Singapore, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Tajikistan, Tanzania, Thailand, Turkey, United Arab Emirates, Uganda, United Kingdom, United States of America, Uzbekistan, Vatican City, Zambia and Zimbabwe. **(60 Countries)**. He has edited and compiled a book entitled as *“Law, Humour and Urdu Poetry”* (Second Edition). The second edition of the same was released by Hon'ble Mr. Justice K.V. Viswanathan, Judge, Supreme Court of India, Mr. Salman Khurshid, Senior Advocate, Mr. Tushar Mehta, Solicitor General for India, Mr. Huzefa Ahmadi, Senior Advocate and Mr. Sanjay Hedge, Senior Advocate.

Erik Hygrell

Partner and attorney-at-law, CMS Wistrand law firm, Stockholm, Sweden, member of the Swedish Bar Association. Educated in Sweden and Germany (LL.M. – Uppsala University, Sweden, 1994, and LL.M. – Eberhard-Karls-University Tübingen, Germany, 1996), additional studies in English law, University of Surrey, Guildford, U.K. Joined Wistrand in 2002 (partner since 2005) after previous work with a District Court in the Stockholm area and as associate/senior associate with another Swedish business law firm, including a one-year secondment with a business law firm in Stuttgart, Germany. Erik Hygrell specialises in domestic and cross-border company law and M&A. Generally advising domestic and international clients regarding corporate governance issues and commercial contracts, Erik Hygrell is regularly assisting clients on both equity investments on the Swedish market and group reorganisations.

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.

Frederick John Chilton

Fred Chilton is a corporate and commercial lawyer who spent most of his practising career at a major regional law firm, Allens, and since leaving Allens and joining Toomey Pegg Lawyers has acted for smaller companies including many startups. He has been a member of the executive of the International Law Section of the Law Council of Australia for a number of years. He is a former officer of the International Technology Committee of the International Bar Association and has remained heavily involved with the committee. Fred holds a Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Laws (Hons) from the University of Sydney and a Master of Laws from Harvard University in the USA.

Gagan Kumar

Gagan Kumar is the founder of Krishnomics Legal in New Delhi and a seasoned legal professional with over 25 years of experience. A Commerce graduate from Delhi University, he is a fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India and a member of the Bar Council of Delhi and LAWASIA, reflecting his commitment to global legal practice. Before establishing Krishnomics Legal, Gagan held the position of Principal Associate at Amarchand & Mangaldas (now Shardul Amarchand Mangaldas) and further refined his expertise at KPMG. Specializing in tax and commercial litigation, he has represented major corporate clients before the Supreme Court, High Courts, and Tax Tribunals, and serves as Senior Panel Counsel for the Union of India before the Delhi High Court. Gagan has also appeared as an expert witness at the Permanent Court of Arbitration in The Hague. His clients include corporations, private equity funds, and non-profits, seeking his guidance on Corporate Tax, Transfer Pricing, and Regulatory Laws. He has been recognized as a Tax Controversy Leader by the International Tax Review between 2013 to 2021 and was named India's leading Corporate Tax lawyer by The International Who's Who Legal in 2012. Gagan also served as National President of the Indian Lawyers Association and authored two key books on tax law. His philanthropic efforts include serving as President of the Rotary Club of Delhi West (2022-23).

Gulnur Nurkeyeva

Gulnur Nurkeyeva, Managing Partner and Head of the China Office at GRATA Internacional, is a highly qualified Kazakhstani attorney, a CEDR-accredited mediator, and a legal expert at the Institute of Legislation of the Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Kazakhstan, with over 25 years of extensive international legal experience. She serves as an arbitrator on several prominent panels, including the AIFC International Arbitration Centre (IAC) in Kazakhstan and the Xi'An and Weihai Arbitration Commissions in China. Gulnur has played a pivotal role in shaping Kazakhstan's legal framework, notably contributing to the drafting of the Kazakhstan's first Tax Code and the Customs Code, as well as amending numerous laws to ensure alignment with these codes. Mrs. Nurkeyeva specializes in

international M&A, cross-border commercial dispute resolution, and representing the interests of Chinese state-owned enterprises, Fortune 500 companies, and major banks. She has successfully represented clients in high-stakes disputes against the Government of the Republic of Kazakhstan, particularly in EPC and PPP matters, securing favorable outcomes in the AIFC Court and the IAC. Her exceptional contributions have been recognized by Legal 500, China Business Law Awards, and IFLR1000, where she is listed among the key figures in dispute resolution

Geeta Luthra

Ms. Geeta Luthra is a designated Senior Advocate at the Supreme Court of India and the Delhi High Court. She was awarded the prestigious Inlaks Foundation Scholarship for Law at Cambridge University where she pursued an LL. M and an M. Phil. in International Law. Having over 42 years of experience at the Bar, she has practiced in myriad fields of law such as Human Rights, Commercial Disputes, International and Commercial Arbitration, Constitutional Law, Criminal Law, Intellectual Property Matters, Private International Law and Environmental Law. Currently, she is the Vice President of the Indian Council of Arbitration, Member ICC Commission on Arbitration and ADR, India Chapter Core committee, Member of International Academy of Family Lawyers. She is a member of the Women's White Collar Defense Association (WWCDA). She is also the Vice-Chair for the Women's Lawyer Committee LAWASIA and has been a speaker at many previous LAWASIA Conferences at Cambodia, Sri Lanka, Tokyo, Vietnam and Sydney. She is also the Vice President of the Oxford Cambridge Society of India. She has served as a sole arbitrator in many cases of domestic and international arbitration and has argued on behalf of various Public Sector Units in the Energy and infrastructure sector and Private Companies in arbitral disputes. She has been a Speaker at various International fora like the George Washington University, University College London and SOAS University, London and has spoken on various burning issues like the Criminal Justice System, Recent Amendments in the Arbitration and Conciliation Act 1996 of India, on The Need for Institutional Arbitration, Gender Rights in Employment and Migration, Changes in Rape Laws.

Gregory Das

Gregory is a Partner at Messrs Cyrus Das, Advocates & Solicitors. His practice has a particular emphasis on public and administrative law, contractual disputes, corporate and commercial litigation and litigation related to property development and land acquisition. 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. He is a member of the Bar Council of Malaysia. He is also the Chairperson of the Bar Council Publications Committee, the Co-Deputy Chairperson of the Bar Council Constitutional Law Committee and the Co-Deputy Chairperson of the Bar Council Strategic Litigation Committee. Gregory is also a member of the Executive Committee of the Malaysia Inner Temple Alumni Association and is 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.

Judge Gus Gomez

Judge Gus Gomez has served on the Superior Court of California for the County of Los Angeles since 2005, handling a number of assignments in both criminal and civil courts. He has presided over felony, misdemeanor, and civil cases, both jury and nonjury. Judge Gomez previously served as a California deputy attorney general, representing the state in criminal matters in state and federal courts. He also represented state agencies in administrative and superior court civil proceedings relating to the discipline of licensed professionals. Judge Gomez was Mayor of Glendale, California and a member of the city council, as well as chairman of the city redevelopment agency and housing authority. Judge Gomez began his career as an associate with the law firms of Brown & Wood, specializing in municipal finance, and Pircher, Nichols & Meeks, where he handled real estate transactions. Judge Gomez is a graduate of Stanford University and Stanford Law School.

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.

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.

Hing Vandanet

Hing Vandanet is the Deputy Director of the English Language Based Bachelor of Law Program (ELBBL) at the Royal University of Law and Economics (RULE). Vandanet teaches professional legal skills, legal methods, human rights law, and humanitarian law at RULE-ELBBL. In addition to teaching, she has conducted research in various fields of interest concerning human rights and humanitarian law, constitutional law, international criminal law, and peacekeeping. Vandanet also coaches Cambodian

student teams to participate in moot court competitions such as the Red Cross International Humanitarian Law (IHL) Moot, Nuremberg Moot Court, and International Criminal Moot Court Competitions. Prior to joining the academic institution, she practiced law at a prominent law firm in Cambodia. She is also a member of the Bar Association of Cambodia. Vandamet holds a Master of Laws in Human Rights from the University of Hong Kong and a bachelor's degree in law from RULE-ELBBL

Ho Kok Yew

Kok Yew is in his 20th 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 wish to develop comprehensive and effective solutions for the client. 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 25th 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.

Hongjoong Kim

Mr.Kim joined BKL in 2006 after three years of service in the Korean Air Force as a judge advocate. Since then,he has been involved in hundreds of large-scale international disputes. His experience covers a wide range of disputes over the industries, including butnot limited to post-M&A, distributorship, shipbuilding, aerospace, retail, automobile parts, oil, and health care. Mr.Kim represents the Korean

Bar Association ("KBA") as the Vice President (international affairs) and Chairman of the International Committee. Mr. Kim is qualified in both Korea and New York.

Hung-Yi Kuo

Hung-Yi Kuo has been practicing law in Taiwan for 11 years. He serves as the Secretary-General of the non-profit organization "Environmental Jurists Association." His research primarily focuses on the intersection of international environmental law, land use law, urban planning law, and international human rights law. In addition to research, he is actively involved in legal practice, holding key positions in the Environmental Law Committees of both the Taiwan Bar Association and the Taipei Bar Association. He is also a member of the Commonwealth Lawyers Association and LAWASIA. In his work, he is responsible for guiding law students in their case studies and discussions on environmental issues. This includes teaching them to systematically approach problems, think critically in response to these issues, and develop persuasive arguments.

Jason Wu

Jason graduated with an LLM from Duke University School of Law, Durham, NC, USA, and a Bachelor of Laws (J.D. equivalent) and a Master of Laws from National Taiwan University College of Law, Taipei, Taiwan. He is admitted to practice law in Taiwan and New York, USA. Jason began his career with Baker & McKenzie, Taipei, in 1997. He joined Justus Law Offices in 2003 and became a partner one year later. He has been the principal of the firm since 2019. Jason's major practice areas include intellectual property rights, public construction, government procurement, general corporate and commerce, and cross-border transaction/investment. Jason is a registered arbitrator and mediator of the Chinese Arbitration Association. He is also a certified Family Trust Planning Consultant. In addition to the professional services, Jason is devoted to public services. He was the President of the Taichung Bar Association and the Director General of the Legal Affairs Bureau of Taichung City Government. Jason is now an Executive Board Member of the Taiwan Bar Association.

Jee-woon Cho

Jee-woon CHO is an accomplished attorney at DARAE, Korea's leading intellectual property law firm. With a J.D. from Ewha Womans University Law School and a B.A. in English Literature from Korea University, she specializes in civil, criminal, and corporate litigation, with significant experience in corporate advisory services. At DARAE, she plays a key role in providing comprehensive intellectual property services, contributing to successful outcomes for clients both in Korea and internationally.

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.

Jennifer Ball

Jennifer Ball is a senior Partner in the Commercial Litigation practice of the leading law firm Clayton Utz. Jennifer is also currently the Senior Vice President and Councillor of the Law Society of New South Wales. She is also a recently appointed

director of the Law Council of Australia and currently serves on the board of the Legal Profession Admission Board. In her role as a Councillor of the Law Society, Jennifer served as Chair of the Law Society's Professional Conduct Committee for several years and is currently Chair of the Law Society's Audit Risk & Finance Committee, and a member of its Litigation Law & Practice Committee. Jennifer is a recognised leader in her field in legal directories and is an expert in restructuring and insolvency, debt recovery and general commercial litigation with more than 30 years' experience in conducting complex commercial disputes.

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.

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.

Justice Dr. John Lee Kien How @ Mohd Johan Lee

Justice 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.

John Spender

John joined Kennedy Partners as an Associate in 2007 and was appointed a partner in 2012. He has been practising in the area of family law since 1993, and in 2003, he obtained accreditation as a specialist family law practitioner from the Law Institute of Victoria. John has extensive experience and a high level of expertise in all areas of family law, representing clients in complex and highly contested parenting proceedings and in property disputes involving intricate corporate and trust structures, and taxation issues. John also has substantial experience in the field of international matrimonial law, including jurisdictional and forum disputes, cross-national property matters and the issues of service and obtaining evidence overseas. He is a Fellow of the International Academy of Family Lawyers ("IAFL") and has been the President-Elect of the Asia-Pacific Chapter of the IAFL since February 2024. Since 2003, John has been a member of various committees of the Family Law Section of

the Law Institute of Victoria. He is currently a member of the Executive Committee and in 2023 was given a Distinguished Service Award by the Law Institute of Victoria for his service to the legal community. Un Since 2016, John has been recommended in the Doyle's Guide to the Australian Legal Profession for his expertise and abilities in the family law area.

John Dong

Mr. Dong (John Dong) obtained the LLB degree from East China University of Political Science

and Law, and LLM degree from Vanderbilt Law School in U.S.A. He holds the bar license both in China and New York, USA. Mr. Dong joined Shanghai Baohua Law Firm when it was established in 2010, and is currently a partner of the firm. Mr. Dong has for long engaged in the practical and theoretical regimes of labor law and human resources, has provided legal service to many multi-national corporations and large-scale stated-owned corporations, being the labor counsel for more than 30 companies in Fortune 500 and 50 companies in Fortune 2000. Mr. Dong has extensive experience in labor law, also has wide experience in helping companies deal with international commercial disputes involving labor or employment issues. Mr. Dong has been honored as a listed lawyer, Rising Star, Asian Leading Labor Lawyer, and Outstanding Lawyer by various ranking agencies (media) including Chambers, Legal Band and CLECSS. Mr. Dong is also committed to the field of artificial intelligence and standardized legal delivery service, and has organized a series of CLL and HRLC products, including chinalaborlaw.com, Intelligent Labor Law Calculator, and HRLC Database. These products have greatly advanced the standardized delivery service in the field of labor law. Mr. Dong has also authored and co-authored publications such as "Case Analysis on Latest PRC Labor Contract Law (Chinese - English version)", "2012 China Labor Law Yearbook (Chinese - English version) " and "HR Legal Counsel" which have been highly complimented.

Jovilisi Liganivai

Jovilisi is a lawyer admitted in Fiji with extensive experience litigating matters in civil, criminal and family law. He has a Bachelor of Arts in Politics and Psychology and also a Bachelor of Laws from the University of the South Pacific. He completed a Professional Diploma in Legal Practice in 2018 and was admitted to the Bar in the same year. He began his legal career with the Legal Aid Commission, where he gained substantial experience in handling a wide range of criminal and family law cases. The Legal Aid Commission handles legal matters on a pro bono basis, and it provided an opportunity to assist those who could not afford legal services otherwise. In January 2022, he joined Munro Leys, one of Fiji's leading law firms, where he is currently part of the Litigation Team. He mostly deal with civil matters in areas such as insurance law, commercial law, alternative dispute resolution, employment law, estate matters and others.

Jumanah Behbehani

Jumanah Behbehani is a highly regarded lawyer with two decades of practice, recognized for her influence in both Kuwaiti and international legal communities. Fluent in Arabic, English, and proficient in French, Farsi, and Spanish, her linguistic skills enhance her global engagement in diverse legal matters. Jumanah graduated from the New English School in Kuwait in 1999 and earned a law degree from Kuwait University in 2004. She quickly entered the legal profession, and continued her higher education in Maritime Law with an LLM from Kuwait University in 2009. In 2021, she completed a Professional Diploma for Arbitrators at the European Court of Arbitration. Her practice spans various fields, including Family Law, Civil Law, Contract Law, Commercial Law, Maritime Law, Rent Law, and Labor Law. Jumanah's international experience includes attending hearings in the United States and serving as a Legal Expert Witness in Canadian courts, affirming her status as a global legal authority. In 2016, she founded her own law firm, solidifying her position as a leading legal professional in Kuwait. Jumanah is actively involved in legal organizations, holding key roles such as Head of the International Legal Organizations Centre at the Kuwait Bar Association since 2018, and Counsellor to the President of the Union

International des Avocats (UIA) since 2019. She also represents the Kuwait Bar Association at the International Bar Association (IBA), and the Canadian Institute for International Law Expertise (CIFILE) in Kuwait, all as the first Kuwaiti female lawyer to hold these positions. A dedicated mentor and speaker, Jumanah lectures at Kuwait's Institute of Law and Legal Studies and contributes to global legal discourse on family law, legal tech, and gender equality. Her publications on maritime law, indigenous rights, and women's issues have enriched legal scholarship. Her career is marked by numerous honors, including her roles with the Kuwait Bar Association and the International Federation of Women Lawyers (FIDA). Beyond her professional achievements, Jumanah enjoys diving and guiding international delegations in Kuwait, showcasing her love for her country and culture. Her career exemplifies dedication, expertise, and leadership in the legal field, inspiring future generations of lawyers worldwide.

Kathryn Ridge

Kathryn is an environmental lawyer and advocate for natural resource and cultural policy improvement. She has recently advised on a number of innovative land, water and energy projects in New South Wales for the Nari Nari Tribal Council Ltd and South Coast Aboriginal People, Queensland with the Quandamooka People. Kathryn is currently a director of Ridge & Associates Pty Ltd, an incorporated legal practice. She is Deputy Chair director of the Murray Wetlands Working Group Ltd, and the Nature Conservation Water Fund, a trustee of the Environmental Water Trust. Kathryn is the Hon. Secretary of the North Head Sanctuary Foundation (Inc). Kathryn holds a Bachelor of Laws (Hons1) Bachelor of Science, and is currently in Stage 3 of her higher degree research at the University of Technology Australia. Kathy is the author of the Water Supply Chapter in the Environmental Law Handbook, and is co-author of the Biodiversity and Conservation chapter of LexisNexis Local Government, Planning and Environment service.

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.

Kevin De Rozario

Kevin was called to the Malaysian Bar in 1998 having completed his pupillage at Messrs Kumar Jaspal Quah & Aishah. He is currently a Partner and Head of the Litigation Department at Messrs Khairuddin, Ngiam & Tan, a KL based firm which has been in existence since 1984. Kevin's principal practice area is in Civil Litigation. Kevin has dealt with a wide range of litigation matters including banking, contractual and tortuous disputes, commercial, winding up proceedings, criminal and family matters. He has also had many years of experience in dealing with Industrial Relations matters, particularly in areas covering termination of employment and constructive dismissal where he has advised both individual and corporate bodies on such issues, including public listed companies . Kevin has represented clients in Industrial Relation cases up to the Court of Appeal. In 2005 and 2008 Kevin had contributed to the Malayan Law Journal's (MLJ) Halsbury Laws Of Malaysia publication particularly in the subject of the Legal Profession. In 2017, he contributed to a book known as "A Guide On Strata Management" published by Ark Knowledge Solutions. This book provides a comprehensive analysis of the law and a simple approach to understanding its application on Stratified Properties. It spells out the duties and prohibitions imposed on all related stakeholders. Outside the ambit of legal practice, Kevin is quite involve in social work being the Deputy Chairman of the Social Concerns Ministry at Tamil Methodist Church Brickfields Kuala Lumpur. He's also the Chairman of Community Action Network (CAN) a civil society organisation which upholds the principles of human rights and Justice and he is also a Committee Member of the Catholic Lawyers Society (CLS) Kuala Lumpur. Kevin was appointed as an Examiner for the CLP 2020 examinations and and he also written some Articles which were reported at the Current Law Journal (CLJ).

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 Lavinia & Balan Chambers where the vibrant Team of eight (8) advocates focus on Litigation and Construction Arbitration. Having considerable experience acting for a broad range of clients in various industries, including public listed companies, liquidators and 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, Hong Kong 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.

Lily Morton

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Pacific to support their decarbonisation strategies, manage regulatory compliance risks and capitalise on the opportunities that the decarbonising market presents. Lily was previously the Research Officer and Associate to the Hon. Justice Preston, Chief Judge of the Land and Environment Court of New South Wales, and Associate to the Hon. Judge W J Neville at the Federal Circuit and Family Court in Australia. Lily holds a Bachelor of Laws (Honours) and Bachelor of Economics from the Australian National University. Lily also has experience working as a researcher for the Environmental Defenders Office, the ANU Law Reform and Social Justice Program and a renewable energy start-up.

Lisa Sam

Lisa was admitted as an advocate and solicitor of the Supreme Court of Singapore in 1997 and a barrister-at-law of England and Wales. She had practised in large and medium-sized law firms. Lisa started her practice in 2004. Her practice areas include corporate, commercial, family, and general litigation. She is also an Associate Mediator with the Singapore Mediation Centre, the Law Society of Singapore and a Court Mediator. Lisa was a Law Society of Singapore Council member from 2006 to 2009 and 2011 to 2024. She was Chairperson/Co-chairperson of the Law Society Small Law Firms Committee from 2010 to 2012 and from 2014 to 2020 and various other committees. Lisa was elected Vice President of the Law Society of Singapore from 2021 to 2023 and President in 2024. Lisa is also Managing Partner of Lisa Sam & Company.

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.

Dato' Mary Lim Thiam Suan

Dato' Mary Lim Thiam Suan read law at the University of Leeds, UK and graduated with an LLB (Hons) degree. She has been admitted to Lincoln's Inn as a Barrister-at-law. She is now a Hon Bencher of Lincoln's Inn. 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, Dato' Mary Lim 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 before finally retiring as Commissioner of Law Revision and Law Reform. She was the first judge of the Construction Court in Kuala Lumpur until her elevation to the Court of Appeal. Dato' Lim recently retired as a Judge of the Federal Court of Malaysia. Dato' Lim is also a qualified advocacy trainer with the Bar Council Malaysia as well as a member of the international faculty of advocacy trainers. She is currently a Visiting Professor at Hainan University and Guangxi University, member of the Special Advisory Committee of the Permanent Forum on China Construction Law (PFCCL), member of the Judicial Integrity Network and Fellow of the International Academy of Construction Lawyers. On 1st June 2024, she was appointed as the Chairperson of the Protem Committee for the AIAC Court of Arbitration. On 5th August 2024 she was appointed as the Director of the AIAC.

Mark Hanna

Mark Hanna has been the Principal of Mark Hanna Lawyers, a firm based in Sydney and Canberra, Australia since 2012. Mr Hanna's legal practice specialises in commercial and civil law, family, and estate matters, both Australian and international. A recent highlight involved the recovery of an Australian child, abducted three years before by his Chinese grandparents in Dalian, to his mother. Hanna is also a Sessional Member of the Australian Capital Territory Civil and Administrative Tribunal, a so-called "super tribunal" because it has both jurisdictional powers to deal with both administrative review and a wide range of civil matters. A number of Hanna's recent tribunal decisions have attracted national

media attention due to their contemporaneous subject matter, such as tenancy issues involving *Booking.com* and discrimination against Islamic tenants. Another decision regarding trespass law in real estate was also reported by a number of U.S. real estate journals due to its impact on the law concerning the inspection of properties. Mr Hanna is perhaps best known for his work in litigation as an instructing solicitor in two successful appeals to the High Court of Australia, both of which are now authorities in their own right. He acted for the appellant in the 2010 case of *Kirk v Industrial Relations Commission* [2010] HCA 1, described by a former Australian High Court judge as “one of the most important cases of the last two decades”. In this matter the High Court extended the reach of Chapter III of the Australian Constitution, holding that the supervisory jurisdiction of the state supreme courts is a defining characteristic and cannot be removed by legislation. Mr Hanna is a regular presenter at legal conferences around the world, including a highly praised address on surrogacy to the World Congress on Family Law and Children's Rights in Dublin in 2017.

Matt Lai

Matt is an Associate Partner at Lee and Li, Taiwan. His practice areas include: corporate, labor, M&A, and privacy data protection and has extensive experience in assisting foreign clients to start up their business in Taiwan and handling various cross border transactions and advises on the daily operation issues of the clients, including but not limited to the general corporate, employment and the privacy protection matters. He is also known for advising the clients in a clear, responsive and cost effective manner. He was nominated by Thomson Reuters as 2023 Thomson Reuters Stand-out Lawyer – independently rated lawyers and was recently invited by the Taipei Bar Association to make a presentation on the topic of AI Era & Personal Data Protection in a seminar with Seoul Bar Association on July 5, 2024. Matt graduated with LLM (International Law) from School of Law, New York University, as well as Master of Law and Bachelor of Law both from National Taiwan University.

Md. Imam Hossain

Md. Imam Hossain is Head of Chamber of the Investment & Development Consultancy/Litigation/Arbitration (IDCLA) and Director & Assigned Arbitrator of Dhaka International Arbitration Centre (DIAC). Mr. Hossain is supervising on research works titled “Third Party Funding in Commercial Arbitration in Asia, “Controlling Cost in Commercial Arbitration” and “Breach of Ethical Duties of Arbitrators”.Mr. Hossain has worked on cases representing both government and private clients in litigation and arbitration matters. He also advises clients on Investment structuring for treaty protection and Development issues. Mr. Hossain also served as an Assistant Attorney General of Bangladesh Attorney General’s Office from June 2007 - April 2009. Mr. Hossain chaired in certain arbitration tribunals in Dhaka, Bangladesh. In the year 2017 Mr. Hossain participated in UNCITRAL Congress, hosted by the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law to celebrate its 50th anniversary, on “Modernizing International Trade Law to Support Innovation and Sustainable Development” held in Vienna, Austria from 4-6 July. Further, on 11-12 December, 2017 Mr. Hossain made a presentation titled “The Impact of OBOR Initiative on Asia Pacific Region” in UNCITRAL-UM Joint Conference held in Macau SAR, China regarding the impact of One Belt One Road (OBOR) initiative on paperless arbitration.

Justice Nadzarin Bin Wok Nordin

Justice Nadzarin Wok Nordin is currently presiding at the Construction Court, Commercial Division, of the Kuala Lumpur High Court. Prior to this he was at the Insolvency Court for a period of almost 3 years. Before joining the Bench, he was a practising Advocate and Solicitor in the Malaysian Bar in the areas of commercial and civil matters for almost 33 years where he acted for and advised numerous GLC’S, public utilities, the Stock Exchange, public listed companies, foreign embassies, airport operators, joint venture privatisation consortiums, local and offshore banks, logistic operators, State Economic Development Corporations, local government and universities amongst others. Justice Nadzarin holds a Bachelor of Laws (Honours) degree from the University of London in 1984 and was called to the degree of an Utter

Barrister of Lincoln's Inn, United Kingdom in 1985. He also obtained a Diploma in Syariah Law and Practice from the International Islamic University, Malaysia in 1992. Whilst during practice, he was also appointed as a President of the Strata Management Tribunal from its inception in 2015 till his elevation to the bench. He is also a Certified Mediator, a registered Adjudicator with the Asian International Arbitration Centre (AIAC) Kuala Lumpur, a Notary Public, a member of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, United Kingdom, a fellow of the Malaysian Society of Adjudicators and a former member of the Disciplinary Committee Advocates & Solicitors Disciplinary Board, the Chairman of the Appeals Board of the Board of Malaysian Engineers and an Advisory Editor for the Malaysian Civil Procedure 2024 publication (Malaysian White Book).

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Pradeepa Ganehiarachchi is a versatile professional with a strong foundation in Law, Technology, and Education. A qualified attorney-at-law, Commissioner for Oaths, Notary Public, and registered Company Secretary in Sri Lanka, Pradeepa has a deep understanding of legal frameworks, educational innovations, and cybersecurity strategies to address the pressing issue of cyber threats and crimes, particularly as

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Prof. Ricky J. Lee

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Salim Bashir Bhaskaran is the 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

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Mr Shahmim Khan KHATTAK (alias Kelly Lam as his pen name or artist name on TV or Movies) has been a practising litigation Barrister in Hong Kong for over 25 years and has been a Deputy Magistrate. He is also an author of “Legal Traps in Hong Kong” (Part 1 and Part 2). Kelly was a police officer in Hong Kong from 1978, working under the first sub-unit commander John Lee Ka-Chiu (currently the Chief Executive of the HKSAR Government). Having left the police, he had the opportunity to become a teacher in English and Japanese language, join the TV and the movies in Hong Kong /Japan. Having appeared in dramas, variety programmes, movies in Hong Kong / Japan. Kelly specialized in criminal practice, jury trials, appeals and trial hearings in all levels of Hong Kong Courts from Magistrates’ Courts, District Court, High Court to Court of Final Appeal. Handles civil practice including but not limited to Defamation case, Matrimonial, commercial, breach of contract cases. Kelly is a regular speakers in Legal forums and seminars having been a moot Court trainers for secondary school students.

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Shouryendu is a New York and India qualified dispute resolution attorney. He is a Founding Partner at Nora Chambers – an award-winning dispute resolution and general corporate focused practice based in New Delhi. Shouryendu has been recognised by BW Legal in its prestigious list of 40 under 40 attorneys. He has also been recognised as a leading aviation law practitioner by India Business Law Journal (Law.asia). Shouryendu serves as a Senior Panel Counsel for the Government of India before the High Court of Delhi. Shouryendu attended the LLM programme at the University of Pennsylvania Law School as a Dean's Scholar where he also obtained a diploma in Business and Law from the Wharton School. He holds an LLB (JD equivalent) degree from NUJS, Calcutta.

Solo V. Tibe

Solo is a Filipino lawyer and a member of the Integrated Bar of the Philippines. He is a partner of the Tarriela Tagao Ona & Associates where he handles mostly criminal, civil, labor and commercial cases with both local and international dimensions. He served under several Philippine cabinet secretaries as a technical and development management officer before shifting to the private practice of law. He holds a Bachelor of Laws from the University of Manila and a Bachelor of Public Administration from the University of the Philippines.

Justice Sumathi Murugiah

Justice Sumathi Murugiah was sworn in as a Judicial Commissioner on 17th January 2023 and took office at the Shah Alam High Court (Construction) on 18th January 2023. She was called to the Bar in 1999. She practiced as a Legal Assistant at Messrs Zarina G.T. Vanan & Associates and was made partner in the year 2010. During her years in practice, she served several committees and sub-committees at the Malaysian Bar and the Selangor Bar Committee since 2006 till 2017. She also served the Tribunal Tuntutan Pembeli Rumah as a President under the Ministry of Housing Communities and Local Government since 2013 till 2017. She is an accredited Mediator and a certified trainer for Mediation Skills Course. As a trainer, she had

conducted several training sessions with the training team under the umbrella of the Malaysian Bar since 2010. In 2017, she ceased practice in order to serve her appointment as Chairman at the Industrial Court Malaysia. She continued serving as Chairman till she was appointed to her current position.

Sudharsanan Thillainathan

Sudhar is an experienced advocate and solicitor specialising in civil and commercial litigation and commercial arbitration. He has a diverse practice with an emphasis on civil fraud, corporate, construction, energy and natural resources, insurance and reinsurance, public law, regulatory and tax disputes. Sudhar has more than 25 years' experience in the field of dispute resolution, including domestic and international arbitrations, where he acts as counsel, arbitrator or expert on Malaysian Law in disputes across various industries. He is also an accredited adjudicator. He is listed as a leading or recommended lawyer in the fields of dispute resolution, competition and anti-trust law, and tax law. Sudhar is described in the legal directories as "a formidable opponent" and "a very steady counsel and detailed lawyer." He is also described as being "extremely knowledgeable" and being adept at mastering and simplifying complex facts and legal principles. Clients have further described him as a passionate, proactive and strategic lawyer who cares for his clients on a personal level. Sudhar was the Past President of the Malaysian Institute of Arbitrators for the term 2018 – 2019. He is a Fellow of the Malaysian Institute of Arbitrators (MIArb), a Fellow of the Asian Institute of Alternative Dispute Resolution and a Fellow of the Malaysian Society of Adjudicators (MSA). He is also a Member of the Chartered Tax Institute of Malaysia (CTIM) and a Member of the Malaysian Insurance Institute (MII). Sudhar is a co-author of *Veerinder on Taxation* (6th Edition) (2022), a co-author of the Chapter on Judicial Review in *Bullen & Leake & Jacob's Malaysian Precedents Of Pleadings* (2nd Edition) (2020), a co-author of the Chapter on Litigation in the *Construction Court in Law and Practice of Construction Law in Malaysia* (2021), and a contributing editor to *Malaysian Civil Procedure* (Sweet & Maxwell). Sudhar has a B.Comm. (Accounting & Finance) and an LL.B. (Hons) from Monash University, Australia and an LL.M. from the London School of Economics. His background in accounting and finance provides a significant advantage in the commercial cases that he handles.

Dr Sunil D.B.Abeyaratne

Dr Sunil D.B.Abeyaratne (Justice of Peace and Unofficial Magistrate) enrolled as an Attorney-at-law of the Supreme Court of Sri Lanka in 1986. He received Doctor of Philosophy degree (Faculty of Law, University of Colombo), LL.M in Commercial and Corporate Law (Queen Mary College of the University of London) and completed arbitration award writing of CCLS. He obtained MBA (Indira Gandhi National Open University, India) and a Diploma in Forensic Medicine, Science and Toxicology (Faculty of Medicine, University of Colombo). He is a practising Attorney-at-Law in the fields of civil, commercial and criminal law and a Commercial Arbitrator. He is a visiting lecturer and examiner of Sri Lanka Law College, Faculty of Law and Faculty of Medicine of the University of Colombo, Department of Law of the University of Peradeniya, Bar Association of Sri Lanka (BASL) and the Arbitration Centre of Kandy, Sri Lanka on ICT Law, Arbitration Law and related subjects. Currently, he holds the positions of Chair of the Data Protection, Communication and Technology Committee of LAWASIA, the Advisory Committee to Review the E-Commerce Law in Sri Lanka, Arbitration Centre of Kandy, the Institute of Legal and Management Studies in Sri Lanka, ICT Law Committee of the Bar Association of Sri Lanka and ICT Lawyers' Guild of Sri Lanka. He is a Bar Council member of BASL, and Forum member of the Organisation of Professional Associations of Sri Lanka. He was a Vice President, Exco member and Alternate country councillor of LAWASIA, the Secretary of the BASL (2006-2008), a member of the Incorporated Council of Legal Education in Sri Lanka and Board of Governors of Sri Lanka National Arbitration Centre.

Taejoon Bae

Taejoon Bae is an attorney at law licensed to practice in Korea and is also a member of the New York Bar. His legal career spans several practice areas including family matter, antitrust, labor, M&A, online platform, compliances. In addition, Taejoon's legal expertise extends to diverse industry sectors, such as IT, e-commerce, liquor, tobacco, pharmaceuticals, entertainment, construction, shipping, chemical, franchises, defense, food, and garments, as well. Before his partnership roles

currently at LIN (麟), Taejoon gained extensive experience at Kim & Chang, the biggest law firm in Korea from 2011 to 2020. After K&C, Taejoon worked in WeAdvise and Shin & Kim, also one of the most fabulous firms in Korea. Taejoon Bae interned at the Federal Trade Commission in Washington, D.C. Taejoon once served as a director of the Korean Bar Association, a director of the Seoul Metropolitan Sports Council, an auditor at Socar Co., Ltd., and an advisor to major government agencies. His role goes beyond the typical legal profession and includes mentoring and consulting for startups, as well as being active in academia and politics. His publications include ‘Having a Law on How to Live Life Would be Cool’, an essay based on personal counseling, ‘Suitcase of an attorney’, a travel essay, and ‘law for the protection of the weak.’, a legal essay. He is proficient in Korean and English, with basic skills of Japanese and French. He has traveled in more than 40 countries and is eager to communicate with people from diverse backgrounds.

Tan Min Lee

Min Lee focuses her practice on dispute resolution, particularly civil litigation, commercial litigation and arbitration in commercial and construction disputes. Having represented various stakeholders in a wide range of construction related disputes, Min Lee is very adept at dealing with issues arising from the construction industry and advising on the commercial aspects of real estate development projects. Her capabilities in these areas are recommended by the Legal 500 Asia Pacific 2022 and 2023 where she is recognized as “Next Generation Partner” in the Real Estate and Construction category. An adjudicator certified by and impanelled with the Asian International Arbitration Centre (AIAC) since 2018, Min Lee is recognised for her skills and experience in resolving disputes under the Construction Industry Payment & Adjudication Act 2012 (CIPAA) since its enforcement in April 2014. She acted for the main contractor in one of the first few adjudications commenced under CIPAA which became the first contested matter decided in the apex court. Min Lee is also a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators. She co-authors the book titled “Manoeuvring Corporate Governance in Malaysia: Litigation Perspectives”, published

by Lexis Nexis Malaysia in March 2021 as well as “Construction Law – Time in Construction”, published by Current Law Journal in 2023.

Tieh Siaw Siong

Tieh Siaw Siong (*S. S. Tieh*) is a practising Advocate & Solicitor of the High Court of Malaya, called to the Malaysian Bar on 18.12.1997. His main areas of practice are civil and commercial litigation. Tieh has served the Malaysian Bar in various capacities including as 1 of the 3 Scrutineers for the Bar Council Elections. He has also served as a member of the Disciplinary Committee of the Advocates' & Solicitors' Disciplinary Board ("ASDB") for approximately 6 years prior to his appointment by the Chief Judge of Malaya as a Board Member of the ASDB from 05.07.2017 to 04.07.2021. Tieh was appointed by the Paralympic Council of Malaysia ("PCM") on 15.10.2019 as a member of its Disciplinary Committee. Beginning 01.07.2024, he was appointed as a President of the Strata Management Tribunal by the Minister of Housing & Local Government.

Upali Jayatilaka

Upali is presently a Consultant Solicitor (Crime) Langfield Law Solicitors (London)UK. Specialized in Crime . Consultant Solicitor; Child Care-Family, Immigration. Semi-retired Attorney at Law and Notary Public Sri Lanka. Higher Court Advocate (Crime) (UK)LLB Hon . LLM (Lon QMC) Mediator (Civil and Commercial). Presently Reading for a PhD at Faculty of Graduate Studies Colombo Sri Lanka (2015-2024) “The Rule of Law as an instrument to rebuild institutions of Governance in a post conflict society- Case study of Sri Lanka”. Upali practiced, as a provincial practitioner from 1980-1982, in the Uva Province, then worked in the Attorney General's Department Sri Lanka from 1982-1984 as a State Counsel. From 1985-2013 worked in the UK as a Solicitor. From 2014 to 2015 engaged in Part time lecturing at Law College Professional Ethics) and University of Moratuwa, Commercial Law for MBA students. In 2021 Data Science and Ethics and Financial Regulations. Upali’s interests include sharing experience and educating public and stakeholders who are involved in the Administration of Justice on procedural issues and essential elements of the Rule of Law, Ethics, and good Governance with a focus on eastern values. He is involved in a public library project

where citizens in the provinces are promoted and given access to the Legal texts in all three languages with a view of promoting access to Justice.

Dr. Ulrich Wessels

Attorney at Law and Notary Dr. Ulrich Wessels completed his law studies in Freiburg and Münster. After spending some time in London he completed his doctoral thesis on the topic "Execution of wills on a limited partner's share". He was admitted to the bar in 1988 and is up until now partner in the law firm Dr. Koenig & Partner GbR in Münster/Westphalia. He specializes in family law and administrative law. Since 1994 he has been a member of the board of the Regional Bar Hamm and served as its treasurer for several years. From 2012 till 2019 he was elected as President of the Regional Bar Hamm. Since 2003, he is also serving as board member and treasurer of the German Lawyers' Institute. In 2015, Dr. Ulrich Wessels was elected as 2nd Vice President to the board of The German Federal Bar. Since 2018, Dr. Wessels is President of The German Federal Bar.

Vatsala Ratnasabapathy

Vatsala is a senior partner at Zain & Co., which is a member of Dentons, a global legal practice. She joined the firm in 1996 and was admitted as a partner in 2003. Vatsala is also a recipient of the UK Government's Chevening Award, on which she obtained an LL.M. from the London School of Economics and Political Sciences in 1999. Vatsala heads the firm's Construction, Engineering and Arbitration practice. She specialises in construction and infrastructure disputes and has been described as an "energy and construction arbitration expert" with "excellent industry knowledge" by The Legal 500. She has been appointed to represent clients in both local and international arbitrations and is a Fellow of the Malaysian Institute of Arbitrators and a member of the Bar Council's Arbitration and Construction Law Committee. She has extensive experience as lead counsel at various levels of the courts in Malaysia, including the Court of Appeal and Federal Court. In the recent Asialaw Awards 2021, Vatsala was awarded "Lawyer of the Year: Malaysia" (joint winner) for Client Service Excellence, due to being "best in class for their legal and industry expertise in terms of their

innovative approaches, management of complex situations and the positive impact of their advice”. Besides being an accomplished lawyer, Vatsala is also a firm believer in giving back to the profession. To this end, she has consistently participated in educating, training and mentoring young and aspiring lawyers.

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. He has also attended a course in mediation conducted by the renowned Strauss Institute, Pepperdine University, USA .

Justice 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.

Dr. Wan Mohd Asnur bin Wan Jantan

Dr. Wan Mohd Asnur bin Wan Jantan is currently a Deputy Registrar cum Senior Research Officer at Research Division of the Chief Justice's Office at Palace of Justice in Putrajaya, Malaysia. Before that, he was a Deputy Registrar at the Court of Appeal at the Palace of Justice. Prior to his career in the judicial service, he served as Head of Corporate and Legal Branch of the Prosecution and Legal Division at the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission in Putrajaya. Prior to that, Dr. Asnur was Head of *Muamalat* and Inspectorate Unit at the Syariah and Harmonisation of Law Division of the Attorney General's Chambers (AGC), Malaysia. During his stint at the AGC, Dr. Asnur has dealt with multifarious issues on international law, particularly on international trade, investment and investor-State-disputes, international dispute resolution and international arbitration matters when he was a Senior Federal Counsel at the International Affairs Division of AGC. Dr. Asnur has wide experience judging various international moot court competitions. He has served as a judge and Panellist at the Phillip C. Jessup International Moot Court Competition, FDI Skadden Moot Court Competition, Monroe Price Media Law Moot Court Competition, the Law Asia Moot Court, and John H. Jackson WTO Moot Court Competition, etc. Dr. Asnur received his Ph.D in International Framework for Islamic Finance from University of Leeds (UK), an LL.M and a Wharton Business and Law Certificate from University of Pennsylvania (USA) where he studied as J. William Fulbright Scholar, and LL.B (Hons) from International Islamic University Malaysia.

Will Jones

Will is an Australian qualified Lawyer. He is one of the founding Partners of Sayer Jones, practising exclusively in Family Law. Having developed his technical abilities in cross-border commercial practice in the Middle East and Japan, Will is particularly

strong on advising clients on the division of relationship asset pools that are complex in their structure. This includes those involving trusts (being family trusts, unit trusts and associated corporate vehicles) and commercial assets. Will chooses to not ignore the reality of trusts/corporate structuring when advising clients on their Family Law rights and obligations. A lateral thinker, Will has also forged a reputation assisting third parties entrenched in Family Law disputes including not for profit organisations; business partners of separating couples; and Trustees in Bankruptcy. His robust and comprehensive regulatory skill set, developed abroad, when combined with his empathetic and sensitive nature, sees Will perfectly placed to assist parties in the completion of their Family Law financial settlement. Will has been recognised in the Doyle's Guide Rankings as [Leading in Family Law](#) and [Recommended in High Value and Complex](#) Family Law property matters. This is the 6th consecutive year Will has been listed in the Doyle's Guide.

Wong Wye Wah

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

Wong Hin Loong

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”).

West Hib

West Hib is an attorney registered with the Bar Association of the Kingdom of Cambodia. After two decades in the tech-industry at Silicon Valley, he was involved with the 7th Fleet of the US Navy stationed in Japan. The perspective gained from experiences immersed in different parts of the world provided much admiration for people. West obtains a Master of Science in Technology Management, a Master of Law in Private Law, an Executive Master of International Business Law, and a Master of Business Law. As a person who has the desire to share with his community, West devotes time with the education community. Currently he is an adjunct professor lecturing law at American University of Phnom Penh. International Environmental Law, International Trade Law, and Business Law are several classes that he has lectured at the University of Arizona. As registered Arbitrator and a practicing attorney, it is with the belief that no one nor any entities shall harbor disputes. Having this said, our environment requires protection for it is essential to life and happiness for they are unalienable rights for all humans.

Yougesswary Singam

Ms.Yougesswary Singam obtained her LL.B. (Hons) (Lond.) degree in 1988 and completed her CLP in 1989. She was called to the Malaysian Bar on 7.9.1990. Since then she has been an active practitioner in civil disputes. Over the years, her passion and her forte was directed to construction disputes which led her to obtain her FCI Arb in 2003 and is now on the panel of KLRCA as Domestic Arbitrator and Adjudicator.

Yuko Morita

Ms. Yuko Morita is a Japanese litigation attorney. She has handled a number of litigation and mediation cases, including claims for damages, labor cases, criminal

cases, family law cases. She is particularly good at cases in Japan where her clients are English-speaking foreigners. She has been an external auditor for a Japanese Company, which deals with all aspects of Korean culture (language, cosmetics, and entertainment, etc.), for more than three years. She is a member of the Daini Tokyo Bar Association in Japan, primarily as Vice Chair of the International Committee and Public Relations Officer of the Bar Association. She holds a Master's degree in International Relations from Ohio University, USA. She also serves as an executive member of the Japan Chapter of the Ohio University Alumni Association. She served as a judge at the LAWASIA Moot Competition held in Bangalore last year.

Zhang Libin

Attorney Zhang Libin is a managing partner of the Foreign Practice Group of King & Capital Law Firm. He graduated from the University of Texas at Austin School of Law in 1997 with a Juris Doctor degree (J.D). He has Lawyer's License in State of New York and a Lawyer's License in People's Republic of China. Mr. Zhang has over 25 years of experience in law firms and corporation legal counsel positions. His business areas include corporation investment and M&A, international trade, dispute resolution (including foreign commercial arbitration), music and sports, and entertainment law. In addition to his personal practice, Mr. Zhang is also an arbitrator for CIETAC, Beijing Arbitration Commission (BAC), Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre (HKIAC) and the Organization pour l'harmonisation du Droit des Affaires en Afrique (OHADA), as well as a member of the User Committee of the Singapore International Arbitration Centre, and a member of the Swiss Arbitration Association. Mr. Zhang is also a Chinese arbitrator of the Common Court of Justice and Arbitration ("CCJA") under the framework of the Treaty on the Harmonization of Business Law in Africa signed by 17 African countries. Mr. Zhang is a recognized industry leader in his field. In 2020, he was awarded the Chambers Impact General Counsel 2020. In 2019, Mr. Zhang was recognized as a Leading Lawyer in Projects & Energy by The Legal 500, a leading UK legal ratings organization. He is also author of the China chapter on the Chambers publication on oil & gas law. He has taught energy law and international arbitration in the law schools of Peking University, Tsinghua University, China University of

Political Science and Law and University of International Business and Economics, and also participated in or led the energy law and policy projects of relevant departments.

Nicholas Lim

Nicholas is a Senior Manager in Compliance at Westpac Bank based in Sydney and oversees policy and licensing governance across the Group. He also currently volunteers at the Salvation Army and Oxfam assisting with policy development. Prior to this, Nick specialised in tax, capital markets and securities law working for the New Zealand Inland Revenue Department and the Financial Markets Authority New Zealand. Nick graduated from the University of Auckland with LLB/BCom, obtained his CPA and was admitted as a Barrister and Solicitor of the High Court of New Zealand.

Kartik Seth

Kartik Seth has been in practise in the Supreme Court of India for almost 15 years. Apart from appearing in Tribunals in Delhi and in the Delhi High Court, he also holds the distinction of appearance in 19 High Courts in the country. Mr. Kartik Seth is a first-generation lawyer and has built his clientele through sheer word of mouth and positive reviews and has been running an Advocate-on-Record Firm, named M/s Chambers of Kartik Seth as its Managing Partner with offices in Delhi, Gurgaon and Jaipur. Mr Seth has appeared and argued before 7 Constitution Benches in the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India till date latest being the challenge to the BAR Examination in India for practise in Indian Courts. Mr Seth has worked under the tutelage of Mr Shanti Bhushan, Sr. Adv. and former Law Minister of Union of India, for almost 7 years before collaborating and assisting all top Senior Advocates of this country before various legal forums.

Rangon Choudhury

Rangon is an Indian qualified lawyer with a LLM in International Commercial Arbitration from Queen Mary University of London (2018). Before joining the

Chambers of Mr. Shyam Divan, President Elect LAWASIA, as a Junior Associate, Rangon has worked with Indian law firms like Kachwaha and Partners (an arbitration specialist firm) and the Delhi Office of Shardul Amarchand Mangaldas (a Tier One law firm). Rangon has extensive experience on advising clients in a wide range of civil/commercial matters and domestic/international arbitrations. In addition to working with Mr. Divan, Rangon also has his own independent practice spanning across different Tribunals, the Gauhati High Court and the Supreme Court of India. Rangon was a keen mootie during the time he was in law school having won the Vis Vienna Moot in the year 2018. Rangon coaches university students for various moot court competitions every year.

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.

Shamala Devi Balasundaram

Shamala graduated with a Bachelor of Laws (Honours) degree from the Australian National University in 2002, obtained a Certificate of Legal Practice in 2003, and was admitted as an Advocate and Solicitor of the High Court 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.

Deepto Roy

Deepto Roy is a distinguished specialist in Projects, Project Finance, and Banking, with extensive expertise in conventional and renewable energy, transportation, oil and gas, and mining sectors. He represents a broad array of clients, including international infrastructure investors, asset management funds, project developers, construction firms, banks, and financial institutions. Deepto has been instrumental in advising on several of India's most significant and complex infrastructure transactions. Deepto also provides counsel on dispute resolution and regulatory matters, representing clients before arbitration tribunals and various regulatory bodies, including the Appellate Tribunal for Electricity and the Central Electricity Regulatory Commission, as well as in numerous High Courts and the Supreme Court of India. He has been recognized as a leading lawyer by IFLR1000 (2019-2024), as a Notable Practitioner for Infrastructure by Asialaw Profiles (2024), and as a recognized Partner for Projects and Energy by The Legal 500 (2021-2024). Additionally, Deepto contributes to the field through publications, including co-authoring works on institutional arbitration in India and development of renewable energy for infrastructure projects. He holds a Bachelor of Laws (LL.B.) from the National University of Juridical Sciences, Kolkata, and is a member of the Bar Council of Maharashtra & Goa, India.

Rajeev Amarasuriya

Rajeev Amarasuriya is the Immediate Past Secretary of the Bar Association of Sri Lanka and has an extensive Appellate Court practice in the areas of Public Law and most branches of Civil Litigation. Mr Amarasuriya is a Board / Committee Member of several State and Private Sector Institutions including the Sri Lanka Accounting and Auditing Standards Monitoring Board, the Standing Committee of Legal Studies of the University Grants Commission. He was also recently appointed as the Country Representative for Sri Lanka of the Commonwealth Legal Education Association. He is a former Member of the Council of Legal Education of Sri Lanka, a former Commissioner of the Securities and Exchange Commission of Sri Lanka, former Member of the Board of Governors of the Sri Lanka National Arbitration Centre and

the Immediate Past President of the Alumni Association of the University of Colombo. He holds a Degree in Law from the University of Colombo, is an Attorney-at-Law of the Supreme Court of Sri Lanka having topped the Final Bar Examination, is a Fellow Member of the Chartered Institute of Management Accountants (UK), a Chartered Global Management Accountant, a Fellow Member of the Institute of Certified Management Accounts of Sri Lanka and is an Alumnus of the Harvard Kennedy School (Executive Education). He is also reading for a Ph.D in Constitutional Law at the University of Colombo. In April 2022, he was conferred as an AFGG – Raisina Fellow. He is the recipient of the CIMA Star Gold Award for the Most outstanding CIMA Member below the age of 40 years and was named as a CIMA – LMD Trailblazer in 2021. Mr Amarasuriya was the Chair of the Sri Lanka National Law Conference in 2015, Chair of the Sri Lanka National Data Protection Law Symposium in 2022, Chair of the Sri Lanka National Securities and Exchange Commission Law Symposium in 2022, Convenor of the LAWASIA – Sri Lanka Golden Jubilee Conference in 2016 and has presented several papers and lectures at various fora both internationally and nationally and been interviewed both in the print and electronic media in the area of Public and Constitutional Law. He has also been a Visiting Lecturer and Examiner at the Faculty of Law of the University of Colombo. He has been an Executive Committee Member of LAWASIA since 2021.

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.

Justice Dato' Lee Swee Seng

Justice 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.

Keiko Imazato

Keiko Imazato was admitted to the Japanese Bar in 1988 and the New York State Bar in 1996. She graduated from Kyoto University (B.A.) and George Washington University (LL.M.). Her areas of practice include general domestic and international family law, international movement of children, and international prenuptial

agreements. She specializes in international divorce forums and jurisdictional disputes related to divorce, with particular expertise in international custody disputes, child abduction (Hague and non-Hague), and relocation. Litigator in the area of international family disputes, including 1980 Hague Convention cases, international divorce and custody cases, and expert witness in overseas relocation cases. One of her achievements is the Supreme Court decision (March 15, 2018) that allowed the enforcement of an order for the return of a child under the Hague Convention through the application of the Habeas Corpus Act. She is the chairperson of the Tokyo Bar Association Hague Convention Committee, a member of the Family Law Committee of the Japan Federation of Bar Associations, and the president of the Association of Evaluators of the 22nd Division of the Tokyo District Court. She is a leader in Japan in introducing mediation and collaborative practice in the field of cross-border family disputes and multidisciplinary collaborative practice in many fields. She has served as a mediator and conciliator for Tokyo Summary Court, Tokyo Bar Association ADR Center, MiKK (Germany), Singapore International Mediation Center, and Tokyo Metropolitan Government. She is currently a member of the Civil Trust Center. From 2019 to 2022, she is a member of the Judicial Examination Committee (in charge of private international law) of the Ministry of Justice. She is currently committed to the education of international mediators in Japan.

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