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MEMORIAL JUDGES

Austen Pereira

Austen Pereira was called to the English Bar and Malaysian Bar, where his primary area of practice is general and corporate and commercial litigation. He is also actively involved in various modes of construction dispute resolution such as statutory adjudication under the Construction Industry Payment and Adjudication Act 2012 (CIPAA 2012), domestic and international arbitration and Malaysian court proceedings. He has appeared at all levels of the Malaysian courts.

Kenny Lam

Kenny Lam is a Partner at RDS Partnership's Dispute Resolution Department. He focuses on aviation, corporate and commercial disputes where he has acted for Fortune 500 companies & small and medium sized enterprises (SMEs) in various civil, corporate and commercial disputes across various industries including aviation, construction, defence, food & beverage, oil & gas, manufacturing, IT & software in various levels of Court and arbitration proceedings. Kenny is also the Honorary Secretary of the Business and General Aviation Association of Malaysia.

Samrith Kaur

Samrith Kaur, is an advocate and solicitor and the Managing Partner at Messrs. Samrith Sanjiv & Partners in Kuala Lumpur. She is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, United Kingdom and with the Malaysian Institute of Arbitrators, an Adjudicator and certified Mediator. She is past Vice Chairman of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, Kuala Lumpur Branch and Past President of Sports Law Association Malaysia (SLAM) and currently, Deputy President of Malaysian Adjudication Society. She is also a Domain Name

Dispute Resolution Panellist with AIAC and Asian Domain Name Dispute Resolution Centre in Hong Kong, a Panellist with AIAC, AIADR, SIDREC, Thai Arbitration Institute (Office of the Judiciary), Thai Arbitration Centre, Brunei Darussalam Arbitration Centre, BICAM, Reserve panel with SIAC and recently with Chambers of Arbitrators. She has acted as Counsel for various multinational companies in a variety of construction, corporate and commercial disputes which include advising various companies specialised in civil building, oil and gas industry, refinery plant maintenance, telecommunication, insurance, and employment related matters. Samrith has also successfully mediated various disputes involving multinational companies, in commercial and construction related matters. She has co-authored a handbook on Practice & Procedure of Mediation and published several articles in law journals and delivers talks at the conferences. Ms. Samrith is also actively involved in providing training to Arbitrators, Adjudicators and Mediators. She was featured in Successful People in Malaysia 2024, published by British Publishing House.

Vasanthi Rasathurai

Vasanthi Rasathurai graduated in 1997 from the University of London and was called to the Bar in 2000. She completed her pupillage in the chambers of Shafee & Co and worked as an associate till 2003. In 2004, Vasanthi then pursued the Masters in Law (LLM) in London under the Chevening scholarship from the British Government. At the same time, she qualified as a solicitor of England & Wales upon sitting for the QLTS. Upon her return to Malaysia, she practiced in the Intellectual Property Departments of Messrs Shearn Delamore and Messrs Zaid Ibrahim & Co and then founded Messrs Vasanthi Rasa & Associates in 2011. In 2015, she joined the partnership of Messrs Vin Law Co and is the firm's partner. She is also an Advocacy Trainer for the Malaysian Bar. With over 20 years of litigation experience advising and representing various companies and individuals in civil and commercial disputes, Vasanthi approaches her cases with a practical and solution-oriented method. Vasanthi has been engaged as both counsel and solicitor in the High Court and the Appellate courts in Malaysia. Her experience in a wide area of litigation matters has gained the firm's recognition to be commercially attuned to market

conditions and sensitive to corporate and commercial climates both locally in Malaysia and globally.

Debbie Gaile Bolos

Ms. Bolos does private legal practice particularly in the fields of litigation and arbitration. She is an Arbitrator for the Philippine International Center for Conflict Resolution (PICCR), a Regular Member of the Philippine Institute of Arbitrators (PIArb), and a Second Level Arbitrator with the Office for Alternative Dispute Resolution (OADR) of the Philippine Department of Justice. She formerly served as a Clerk of Court for a Statutory Family Court in the Philippines. Part of her functions as a Clerk of Court was to act as the Chairperson of the Diversion Committee which aided in the rehabilitation and reformation of Children-in-Conflict with the Law (CICLs), and to reintegrate them to society. She also held mediation proceedings for out-of-court settlement of mediatable matters relating to family cases. She also engaged in the litigation of criminal, civil, administrative, tax, labor, cases, and with limited practice in political representation. She obtained a Certificate in Child Protection: Law and Policy course from the Harvard University; a Certificate in Forensic Psychology from SIFS India; and previously conducted research for the drafting of amendments for a domestic child protection legislation. All these are aligned with her sworn advocacy aiming for the protection of the rights of women and children. She also teaches Criminal Law, Human Rights, and Evidence to university students. She was recently admitted to the United Nations Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute (UNICRI) Master of Law program in Turin, Italy.

Choi Young Hoon

Young Hoon (YH), a tri-qualified lawyer admitted in South Korea, US (California), and England & Wales, has extensive experience in (re)insurance, maritime law, and international arbitration. He practiced at *Bae, Kim & Lee LLC*, where he was a member of the International Arbitration Team and the Maritime & Insurance Team, and later served as in-house counsel at *Korean Re*, handling cross-border transactions, disputes, and regulatory compliance. Acknowledging his standing in the legal community, he received

the *Leading Lawyer Award* from the Korean Bar Association in 2023. YH has acted as counsel in arbitrations under KCAB, ICC, SIAC, LMAA, and ad hoc rules across multiple jurisdictions, and has served as a *moot judge* at the 19th LAWASIA International Moot Competition. He is an *Accredited Mediator* (Korea Society of Mediation Studies; Korea Mediates) and a member of the International Committee of both the Korean Bar Association and the Seoul Bar Association. He has participated as speaker in major international conferences and meetings, including IBA, IPBA, and LAWASIA, addressing topics such as ESG, sustainability, and global (re)insurance regulation. His professional qualifications include *Branch Compliance Officer (Insurance)*, *Certified Privacy Protection General (CPPG)*, *Certified Anti-Money Laundering Specialist*, and *Certified Foreign Exchange Specialist*. He is currently pursuing his LL.M. at Columbia Law School.

Bharadwaj Jaishankar

Bharadwaj co-leads the Intellectual Property Practice at CMS Induslaw. He has over 17 years of enriching experience in the field of Intellectual Property Rights involving protection, enforcement, and commercialization of Intellectual Property assets. Bharadwaj's past work experience involves stints with some of India's leading Tier-1 Intellectual Property boutique law firms. In his last professional commitment, Bharadwaj was the IP and Innovation Counsel for one of the world's leading FMCG organization, responsible for Intellectual Property and Innovation legal issues for the APAC region. In his time with the law firms, Bharadwaj has been actively involved in some precedent setting judgments passed by various Courts in India. He has also advised a diverse range of clients on various aspects of IP rights, as well as on related areas including information technology law, internet law, contract law and general commercial law. In particular, on behalf of the Government of India, Bharadwaj has successfully led and coordinated a team comprising law firms across 50 countries for protecting and enforcing rights for one of India's landmark and renowned Geographical Indications. Bharadwaj supports clients on various IP matters including protecting and enforcing IP assets. His practice also involves conducting IP due diligences and audits, as well as advising on IP structuring in corporate and commercial transactions. He often consults on a wide range of IP

commercialization issues for clients across various business sectors including technology, media, FMCG, manufacturing, e-commerce, software and finance. Bharadwaj also advises on protecting IP rights through the Internet, as well with customs authorities. Bharadwaj is a visiting faculty at a leading law university in India, and also regularly speaks at various national and international conferences on diverse IP topics. He is currently an active member of the International Trademark Association (INTA) and is part of INTA's Internet Committee and Chair of the Digital Asia Sub-Committee. Bharadwaj is also a regular contributor of articles for national and international publications. He has been recognized as a leading lawyer, and a recommended lawyer by Legal500, as well as listed as a Trademarks Star by IP Stars. Outside work, Bharadwaj enjoys listening to old school rock music and is an avid Lego collector.

Doddy Wiraatmadja Kosasih

Doddy Wiraatmadja Kosasih is an advocate at H.K. Kosasih SH & Associates, a law firm based in Surabaya, Indonesia. He practices commercial litigation, corporate business and criminal law. He earned his LL.B. and LL.M. from Griffith University, his Bachelor of Law (SH) from Narotama University, and his Magister of Notary from University of Surabaya. He is a registered Intellectual Property Consultant, Receiver and Administrator (Asosiasi Kurator dan Pengurus Indonesia), and a member of Peradi (Indonesian Bar Association).

Keonwoo Kang

Mr. Keonwoo Kang is a Korean lawyer currently serving as in-house counsel at Amorepacific Corporation, one of Korea's leading cosmetic companies. Prior to this role, Mr. Kang built a diverse legal career, including his position as an attorney at Law-L Law Firm (2023). He has also gained valuable governmental experience during his work at the Criminal Legislation Division of the Ministry of Justice (2022) and international legal exposure at the British law firm Stephenson Harwood LLP (2018). Mr. Kang's academic credentials are as follows. He earned a Bachelor of Arts (BA) from Yonsei University in 2017, followed by a Juris Doctor (JD) from Pusan National University in 2021. He is currently pursuing a Doctor of Juridical Science (SJD) at Yonsei University, with a

specialization in commercial law, further broadening his legal expertise in this dynamic field.

Maithri Panagoda

Maithri Panagoda is a senior partner of Carroll & O'Dea Lawyers in Sydney. He has been practising in New South Wales for a period of over 43 years. He was admitted to the Bar in Sri Lanka in 1975 and later admitted as a solicitor in England and Australia. He worked in country New South Wales for ten years before moving to Sydney. His commitment to seeking justice for the disadvantaged is well documented. Maithri pioneered compensation litigation in 'Aboriginal Deaths in Custody' and 'Stolen Generations'. He represented the plaintiff in the landmark High Court case of *Kuru V State of NSW*. He has been a member of the Law society's Medico Legal Liaison Committee, Senior Solicitors' committee and Litigation Law and Practice Committee. He is currently a member of the Law Society's Specialist Accreditation Advisory Committee. He has published numerous articles on current legal issues and is the author of the chapter on Workers' Compensation in the Lawyers Practice Manual published by Thomson Reuters. He is a regular speaker at Legal Conferences. In 2016 Queens Birthday Honours, Maithri was awarded "Order of Australia" (AM) "for significant services to the Sri Lankan community and to the law, particularly in litigation and dispute resolution".

Dr Kathy Reeves

Kathy attended the University of Southern Queensland earning her Bachelor of Commerce (Business Law), Juris Doctor, and subsequent PhD. Originally from the United States, Kathy has lived in Australia for over 30 years and has worked in the legal profession for over 20 years. Kathy is the Vice President of the Inala Community Legal Centre (Queensland); co-organiser of the UniSQ Vulnerable Persons Conference, which aims to draw on the vulnerabilities of "at risk" individuals in various settings; and the Academic Integrity Officer for the UniSQ School of Law and Justice. Kathy is a Senior Lecturer at the University of Southern Queensland, concentrating on the areas of Family Law, Child Protection, Domestic Violence, and Research Projects and Dissertations. She has

completed her PhD dealing with legal considerations and policy recommendations afforded to self-represented individuals within the jurisdiction of the Queensland Child Protection Courts (Access to Justice: Why do litigants self-represent in Queensland child protection courts?). She has presented papers in this area internationally (LAWASIA, 2023) and published on cross-border marriage questions in the Journal of Private International Law (UK). She has received the 2018 School/College Learning and Teaching Citation for Excellence in Teaching, as well as the 2021 Excellence Award for Community Engagement and Service. One of the most important assessments has come from UniSQ students, whereby the University of Southern Queensland Law Society voted her Lecturer of the Year in 2021, 2023 and 2024, as well as a student nomination for the 2025 Australian Women in Law Weekly Academic/Researcher of the Year Award. Finally, she has been acknowledged by her peers in receiving the 2025 Lawyer's Weekly Australian Law Academic of the Year Award.

Ruwani Dantanarayana

Ruwani Dantanarayana is the Senior Legal Officer at CHEC Port City Colombo, Sri Lanka, the project company of the Port City Colombo – Sri Lanka's first multi-service Special Economic Zone. Ruwani holds a Bachelor of Laws degree from the University of London and a Masters in Law from the Louisiana State University Paul Hebert Law Center. She was admitted to the Sri Lankan Bar in December 2012. She has authored various articles for international publications and has spoken at different international conferences on a variety of topics. She considers the award of an International Bar Association scholarship to attend the 2013 IBA Annual Conference in Boston for her paper on the balancing of celebrity children's right to privacy against the right of freedom of expression of the media in the US and EU as one of the greatest achievements in her legal career.

MOOT JUDGES

The Hon. Justice Brian J Preston AO FRSN SC

Justice Preston is the Chief Judge of the Land and Environment Court of New South Wales. Prior to being appointed in November 2005, he was a senior counsel practising primarily in New South Wales in environmental, planning, administrative and property law. He has lectured in post-graduate environmental law for over 30 years. He is the author of Australia's first book on environmental litigation and 164 articles, book chapters and reviews on environmental law, administrative and criminal law. Justice Preston is an Official Member of the Judicial Commission of NSW, Fellow of the Australian Academy of Law, Fellow of the Royal Society of NSW and Honorary Fellow of the Environment Institute of Australia and New Zealand. He was awarded a Doctor of Letters (honoris causa) by Macquarie University in 2018 and a Doctor of Laws (honoris causa) by Western Sydney University in 2022. He is Vice President for Oceania of the Global Judicial Institute on the Environment and Chair of the Environmental Law Committee of the Law Association for Asia and the Pacific (LAWASIA). Justice Preston was recognised with the Award for Excellence - Outstanding Contribution to Environmental Law by the Law Council of Australia's Legal Practice Section in 2021. In 2023, he was awarded the Medal of Honour by the World Jurist Association at the United Nations in New York and was granted Life Membership by LAWASIA. He was appointed as an Officer of the Order of Australia (AO) in the Australia Day Honours List 2025. Justice Preston is currently a Visiting Professor at Durham University (UK), an Adjunct Professor at three Australian universities, the University of Sydney, Western Sydney University and Southern Cross University, and a former Visiting Fellow at Corpus Christi College and Magdalen College at Oxford University (UK).

Aditya Kumar Choudhary

Mr. Aditya Kumar Choudhary is a distinguished Advocate with nearly three decades of professional practice before the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India, the Delhi High Court, and several other High Courts and Tribunals across the country. Recognized for his integrity, versatility, and depth of legal knowledge, he has become a well-regarded voice in Indian and international legal circles. A graduate in History from Ramjas College, Delhi University, and an LL.B. from the Campus Law Centre, Faculty of Law, Delhi University, Mr. Choudhary began his professional journey in 1997. Since then, he has developed a diverse litigation practice, covering constitutional and criminal law, service and election disputes, land acquisition, regulatory and electricity law, consumer disputes, and commercial litigation. Mr. Choudhary's professional engagements extend beyond national boundaries. He is a life member of the Bar Association of India and SAARC Law, and an active member of LawAsia and the Commonwealth Lawyers Association, through which he has participated in numerous international conferences and legal exchanges. As a life member of the Supreme Court Bar Association, Jharkhand High Court Bar Association and member of Delhi High Court Bar Association he continues to be deeply connected to India's professional legal fraternity while simultaneously engaging with global networks of jurists and practitioners. Outside the courtroom, Mr. Choudhary is also an acclaimed cricketer and sports enthusiast, actively involved both on and off the ground in various capacities at national and international platforms. His engagement with cricket shows the same passion, discipline, and team spirit that he brings to his professional life. He is the President of the National Sports Cricket Club of India, which has produced several international cricketers in recent years. He also serves as Vice President of the All India Lawyers Cricket Association which has played a significant role in bringing together legal professionals for the Sport and has led the Indian lawyers' cricket team on international tours twice to England and Sri Lanka, which reflects his dedication to sportsmanship and leadership. In recent years, Mr. Choudhary has also developed a strong passion for Lawn Tennis and has earned distinction by winning, and subsequently

finishing as runner-up, in lawn tennis tournaments organized by the Supreme Court Bar Association, which further underlines his multifaceted engagement with sports. With a significant number of reported judgments to his credit, Mr. Choudhary's career stands at the confluence of national advocacy and international legal dialogue, making him a highly respected figure both within India's highest courts and on international law platforms.

Amira Azhar

Amira Azhar is a partner with the firm's Tax, SST, and Customs practice. Her practice covers tax litigation and advisory work, with particular emphasis on corporate tax, petroleum tax, tax incentives, and transfer pricing disputes. She has acted for Fortune 500 companies and leading Malaysian corporations in disputes before the Special Commissioners of Income Tax, the High Court, the Court of Appeal, and the Federal Court. Amira was appointed by her alma mater, UiTM, as an Industry Reviewer for the Tax Law subject under the Bachelor of Laws program. Her experience has also led to invitations to participate in regional tax conferences in Vietnam, India and Japan, where she contributes Malaysian insights to discussions on cross-border tax issues.

Benjamin Paine

Benjamin Paine is a solicitor of the Senior Courts of England and Wales, admitted in 1995. He has a degree in Russian with German from the University of Exeter. Following his law studies in Coventry and York he did his training in London and Manchester and upon qualification practised in the City of London. After completing a course in Turkish at Istanbul University he worked for law firms in Turkey, Azerbaijan and Kazakhstan. In 2012 he established a law firm in Tbilisi, Georgia, which focuses on transactions governed by English law, whether financings, mergers and acquisitions or other commercial matters. He has experience of a wide variety of sectors such as agribusiness, financial services, oil and gas, mining, energy, telecommunications, hospitality and engineering. While his geographical focus is on the region comprising Turkey, the South Caucasus and Central Asia, he has worked in recent years on transactions in Mongolia, India, Pakistan, Nepal,

Bangladesh and Vietnam. He is a member of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (MCI Arb).

Bui Tien Long (Rudy Bui)

Attorney BUI Tien Long (Rudy BUI) is the Founding and Managing Partner of LIKON LAW. Mr. Rudy holds a Master of Laws (LLM) from TLBU Graduate School of Law in Seoul, Korea, and an Executive MBA from Shidler College of Business - University of Hawaii at Manoa, USA. He is a qualified lawyer with more than 17 years of practice in both foreign and local law firms before establishing his own firm. His practice areas cover inbound and outbound investment, corporate and M&A, aviation and emerging technology, real estate and construction, as well as arbitration and mediation. Mr. Rudy has acted for a wide range of domestic and international clients, handling complex transactions and dispute resolution matters. He was granted bar scholarships by the International Bar Association (IBA) and the Inter-Pacific Bar Association (IPBA) as a recognition for Young Lawyers of Developing Countries. Beyond his legal practice, Mr. Rudy is an accredited mediator with the Center for Effective Dispute Resolution (CEDR, UK) and the Vietnam International Commercial Mediation Center (VICMC). He is also a member of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (MCI Arb, UK). His professional affiliations include the Ho Chi Minh City Bar Association, Vietnam Bar Federation, and Vietnam Business Lawyers' Club (VBLC), alongside being an active scholar and member of both the IPBA and IBA.

Caroline Rieger

Caro is the founder and director of Black Door Law, a specialist employment law firm in New Zealand. She is recognised as an expert in employment law and advises boards, executives, schools, early childhood providers, and organisations on complex workplace matters. Caro is frequently appointed as an independent investigator and has extensive experience appearing in employment and civil courts, including appellate work up to the Court of Appeal. She began her career in civil litigation and family law before specialising in employment law, giving her a broad base of expertise and a well-rounded perspective on workplace issues. Caro has built a thriving, people-first boutique law firm that

challenges traditional legal norms. She is passionate about using employment law to create fairer, healthier, and more effective workplaces, and she integrates strategic insight, innovation, and technology into legal practice to support her team and clients. Beyond her firm, Caro is committed to shaping the wider legal profession through mentorship, thought leadership, and advocacy for inclusive, people-focused ways of working. She was named New Zealand Law Firm Leader of the Year in 2025 and is currently undertaking a Senior Executive MBA at Melbourne Business School to further develop her leadership and impact.

Chi Nguyen

Chi Nguyen is a legal professional with nearly two decades of experience in arbitration and corporate legal affairs. She formerly served as Deputy Secretary General of the Vietnam International Arbitration Centre (VIAC), where she oversaw complex arbitration proceedings across a wide range of industries. Her work was distinguished by a strong commitment to procedural integrity, regulatory compliance, and the efficient administration of justice under VIAC Rules. In 2014, Chi earned her Master of Laws in International Dispute Resolution from Queen Mary University of London and became a member of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (CI Arb), UK. In addition to her arbitration credentials, Chi spent nearly a decade as General Counsel at the National Payment Corporation of Vietnam (NAPAS), where she advised senior leadership on corporate governance and strategic legal matters. Chi is also a member of the VIAC Panel of Arbitrators and has acted as co-arbitrator and chairperson in many arbitration proceedings. With her deep expertise in dispute resolution and corporate law, Chi brings a thoughtful, principled, and globally informed perspective to her role as a judge in the LAWASIA Moot Competition.

David Neal SC

David Neal is senior counsel at the Victorian Bar. He is Co-Chair of the LAWASIA and Law Council of Australia Criminal Law Committees. He has regularly presented submissions on behalf of the Law Council of Australia to Parliamentary committees in relation to

terrorism, national security issues, and government funding of legal aid. Prior to becoming a barrister in 1991, he taught law at the University of New South Wales, been a Law Reform Commissioner, and then head of the Legislation Branch of the Victorian Attorney-General's Department. He holds a Ph D from the University of California, Berkeley and is the author of a book, The Rule of Law in a Penal Colony: Law and Power in Early New South Wales, a criminal law case book, and the Legal Resources Book (now the Law Handbook) a practical guide on legal issues for the general public. He has practised as defence counsel for over 30 years in jury trials and appeals, mainly representing major corporations and Government Departments facing criminal prosecution for statutory offences under environment, workplace health and safety, environmental and discrimination laws.

Dhaval Deshpande

Mr Dhaval Deshpande is the Head of Litigation & Managing Partner Chambers of Dhaval Deshpande since 2012. With over 15 years of experience in range of areas including corporate and securities law, disputes, bankruptcy, infrastructure, private client, financial regulatory, policy advisory , international law enforcement coordination and others. He appears before the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India, High Courts of various states in India and tribunals in variety of cases. The Chambers of Dhaval Deshpande founded in 2012, is a full-service law firm offering credible and cost-effective legal services across India. With a team of seasoned advocates and associate lawyers, it delivers expertise in litigation, dispute resolution, corporate, tax and compliance advisory along with regulatory consultancy.

Dhiren Goonesinghe

Dhiren Goonesinghe is a Technology Lawyer with over a decade of experience at the juncture of law and technology. He currently serves as Senior Corporate Counsel and Data Protection Officer at hSenid Business Solutions PLC ("PeoplesHR") a pioneer HRIS Software Developer/Vendor, where he oversees legal operations across regional offices in Colombo, Singapore, Philippines, Bangladesh, and India. His core responsibilities

include data protection compliance, cross-border data governance, corporate affairs & regulatory compliance along with contract lifecycle management. Dhiren also provides legal advice to Proud Co. Lab Inc., a French tech startup affiliated with Eura Technologies. His previous experience includes roles at Axiata Digital Labs and Deloitte Sri Lanka, where he was involved in international taxation, data privacy, and corporate law. He is an Attorney-at-Law of the Supreme Court of Sri Lanka, a licensed Company Secretary, and former Intellectual Property Agent of the National Intellectual Property Office (NIPO) Sri Lanka. He holds an LLB and Diploma in Law from the University of London, with postgraduate qualifications in Tax Law and International IP Law. He is currently reading for his LLM in International Business Law at the University of London, focusing on emerging areas such as technology transfer, blockchain, AI, RegTech and smart contracts. As a member of the Bar Association of Sri Lanka and LAWASIA, Dhiren regularly contributes to the legal community through articles, publications, and provides in-house training to teams at PeoplesHR.

Dinh Thi Hoang Nhung

Dinh Thi Hoang Nhung is the Managing Partner and Lead Counsel of Hnlaw LLC, a full-service law firm based in Hanoi, Vietnam. With nearly two decades of professional experience, she has built her career advising domestic and international clients across a wide spectrum of practice areas including corporate governance, foreign investment, mergers and acquisitions, commercial contracts, and dispute resolution. Before establishing Hnlaw, Nhung worked with several leading law firms in Vietnam, where she gained extensive exposure to both advisory and litigation practice. As Managing Partner, she leads a team of lawyers providing strategic legal solutions to multinational corporations, SMEs, and government-linked organisations. Her practice places a strong emphasis on compliance, risk management, and cross-border transactions, enabling clients to navigate Vietnam's evolving legal and regulatory landscape. Nhung has acted as counsel in complex negotiations and has represented clients in arbitration and court proceedings involving commercial, corporate, and labour disputes. Beyond her legal practice, she actively engages in professional training and contributes thought leadership

on topics of business law, corporate governance, and international dispute settlement. Her participation as a judge in the 20th LAWASIA Moot Competition reflects her commitment to fostering the next generation of legal professionals, promoting advocacy skills, and supporting the growth of Vietnam's role in the regional and international legal community.

Diep Hoang

Diep Hoang is a founding partner at Dilinh Legal with her expertise extending to areas such as inbound investment, mergers and acquisitions. Her client includes foreign investors, local conglomerates, financial entities, and venture funds, whom she has counselled regarding their investments and operations in Vietnam. Acknowledged as a Leading Individual in Corporate and M&A by Chambers and Partners since 2021, she is also on the A-List of Top 100 Vietnam Lawyers by Asia Law Business Law Journal from the same year. She also serves as a Jurisdictional Council Member (JCM) of the Inter Pacific Bar Association (IPBA) for Vietnam.

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.

Durga Dutt

Mr. Durga Dutt is an accomplished Advocate-On-Record of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India, whose career of around fifteen years reflects a rare blend of professional excellence, academic depth, and public service. His practice spans across legal issues pertain to Criminal, Civil, Commercial, Arbitration and Constitutional matters, where he is widely appreciated for his clarity of thought, persuasive advocacy, and strategic approach to complex litigation. A strong believer in the evolving dimensions of dispute resolution, Mr. Dutt is an Accredited Mediator from CMC, London, and member of Supreme Court Bar Association (SCBA), life members of the Bar Association of India (BAI) and Indian Council of Arbitration (India). He has consistently championed the cause of arbitration and mediation as an effective tools of dispute resolution, helping parties find solutions that are both equitable and amicable. His role as a Senior Panel Counsel (A-panel) for the Union of India and also for other Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) before the Supreme Court of India further reflects the trust reposed in his expertise at the highest levels. Beyond the Courtroom, Mr. Dutt is deeply committed to academia and legal education. He serves as a Visiting Professor and is also a member of the Advisory Board of the Haveli Institute of Legal Studies and Research, Silvassa, India, where he guides aspiring lawyers with both practical insights and principled vision. Notably, he has also filed several landmark Public Interest Litigations (PILs) before the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India, each aimed at securing meaningful reforms and advancing the larger public interest. Through his legal acumen, scholarly engagement, and commitment to public cause, Mr. Durga Dutt continues to embody the finest traditions of the legal profession.

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, Diploma in International Affairs from the Bandaranaike Centre for International Studies (BCIS), Sri Lanka and Advanced Diploma in Teaching , Training & Accessing Learning (City & Guilds UK). 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".

Duong Quoc Thanh

With over 36 years of experience within the Vietnamese legal system, Mr. Thanh, is the Founder and Managing Partner of ALV Lawyers, a leading “**Arbitration & ADR**” law firm in Vietnam, after working as an attorney with BakerMcKenzie, a global leading law firm and TechcomBank, as VP - Legal Counsel for the Board of Directors after serving as a Judge in the Courts in Hanoi for over ten years where he was the co-author of the first version of the Bench Book of the Supreme People’s Court of Vietnam. Mr. Thanh’s practices focus on giving advice and representing clients on contentious matters, including commercial, construction, corporate and employment matters. He has been a CEDR accredited Mediator (UK), Mediator of Vietnam Mediation Centre (“VMC”) of VIAC, and Arbitrator of VIAC. Notably, he was ranked Top 10 Mediators of Asia-Pacific Region in 2019 by Bali International Arbitration and Mediation Centre (“BIAMC”). Mr. Thanh has been the visiting lecturer of Vietnam Judicial Academy (“VJA”) for over 23 years, giving lectures and trainings for judges and lawyers skills training courses. Mr. Thanh has the Masters of International Commercial Law (Deakin University in Melbourne, Australia, 2002); Masters of Law (Hanoi Laws University, 1997); Bachelor of Art in English (Hanoi University for

Society and Human Sciences, 1995); and the Bachelor of Law Degree (Hanoi Laws University, 1988).

Hien Nguyen

Hien Nguyen is a Senior Associate at our firm, TNJ Law Firm. With over five years of professional experience, she has cultivated a robust practice focusing on dispute resolution, corporate law, and international trade, providing strategic legal counsel to both domestic and international clients. In the arena of dispute resolution, Ms. Hien has established herself as a formidable advocate. Her experience in commercial arbitration is particularly extensive, having successfully managed numerous cases from inception to conclusion under the rules of the Vietnam International Arbitration Centre (VIAC). These proceedings have involved complex issues arising from international sales contracts, construction projects, and foreign investment disputes. She is highly proficient in navigating all phases of the arbitral process, including drafting meticulous written submissions, managing discovery, and presenting compelling oral arguments during hearings. Beyond her contentious work, Ms. Hien provides comprehensive advisory services across a wide spectrum of corporate and commercial matters. She regularly counsels foreign investors on market entry strategies, ensures rigorous corporate governance compliance, and plays a key role in structuring and negotiating M&A transactions. Her expertise in international trade law further allows her to guide clients through the complexities of supply chain agreements and cross-border regulatory challenges, helping them mitigate risks and achieve their commercial objectives in Vietnam. Ms. Hien earned her Bachelor of Laws from the Ho Chi Minh City University of Economics and Law and is a dedicated member of the Ho Chi Minh City Bar Association. She is deeply committed to the development of the next generation of legal professionals and actively engages in mentoring aspiring lawyers.

Hung-Yi Kuo

Hung-Yi Kuo has been practicing law in Taiwan for 11 years and is an attorney at law at Corner Stone Law Firm. His research primarily focuses on the intersection of international

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Jan Peeters

Following his graduation in Law from the University of Antwerp in 1986, Jan obtained a Master of Laws (LL.M.) degree from UC Berkeley School of Law in 1987. Jan immediately joined the Brussels office of Stibbe in that year upon his return from the US and was made partner in 1996. He was the Managing Partner of Stibbe Brussels from 2011 to 2018..Jan's practice currently focuses on mergers and acquisitions (of both public and private

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Jenny Duong is the principal founder solicitor of Genesis Legal Partners Sydney Australia with over 12 years legal practising experience. She is a member of the Law Society of NSW Australia and a member of Lawasia. The law practice was established in 2016 as a general

practice and the main areas of focus is commercial law, property law. She is a Vietnamese Australian born advocate who is committed to gender equality, social justice and efficient dispute resolution. She is client-focused and ensures each case is handled with compassion, precision and highest quality. The law practice success reflects the proven track record of creditability, accountability and responsibility. She is a graduate of the University of UNSW Australia in a double degree with a Bachelor of Commence (finance major) and Bachelor of Laws. She has been a finalist in the 2019 Western Sydney Award for Business Excellence for young entrepreneur and 2025 finalist for BX Business Award Australia in legal services category. When not advocating for her clients, Jenny enjoys visiting the beach with her family and volunteering for schools and the community as her contribution to give back to those in need to help promote a better future.

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 of the Asia-Pacific Chapter of the IAFL since September 2025. 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. 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.

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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.

Joseph Catanzariti

Mr Joseph Catanzariti was appointed to the Board of The College of Law Limited in 2009 and has served as Chair during that time. He is also the chair of the Executive Committee and the Nominations Advisory Committee and a member of the Remuneration Committee. Mr Catanzariti is also a Director of the College of Law New Zealand Limited, COL Hold Co Pty Limited, College of Legal Practice Limited and COL SIN Private Limited. He was previously the Chair of College of Law Pty Limited and a Director of College of Law Queensland Pty Limited, College of Law Victoria Pty Limited and College of Law Western Australia Pty Limited. Mr Catanzariti is a Vice President of the Fair Work Commission, the

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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.

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.

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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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Lia Alizia has built a reputation as a trusted legal advisor and litigator for multinational and leading companies during her career spanning more than two decades. She has been involved in high-profile cases in a variety of areas, including corporate, commercial, employment, restructuring & insolvency, anti-competition, intellectual property, dispute resolution, and data protection. Lia provides legal advice and strategy to clients across a range of industries and jurisdictions, particularly in complex corporate negotiations. With her vast experience, Lia is well-versed litigation-related issues as well as commercial, transactional, and corporate governance matters. Her expertise extends to civil matters and family law, specifically estate and succession legal issues. As a litigator, Lia adheres to strict ethical standards in representing clients before Indonesian courts and arbitration panels. More than a litigation specialist, she also advises clients on mitigating risks related to employment, anti-bribery, anticorruption, IP enforcement, and litigation issues. Lia is recognized by Legal 500, IFLR1000, Asialaw, AsialP, and Who's Who Legal (WWL) for her work in employment, IP, commercial litigation, corporate governance and M&A. She contributes to law publications and seminars. She is an Honorary Secretary and a Board Member in the British Chamber of Commerce in Indonesia (Britcham Indonesia), Deputy Chair for International Cooperation in Indonesian Bar Association (Peradi), Chairwoman of the Board of Inter-Agency Cooperation of the Indonesia Labor Law Consultants Association (HKHKI), Deputy Chair of LAWASIA Employment Committee and Registered IP Consultant in Indonesia.

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Hung has been a recognised leading lawyer by various international legal magazines, such as the International Who's Who of Capital Markets Lawyers, IFLR 1000, Legal 500, Chambers & Partners, and AsiaLaw. AsiaLaw has recommended Hung as a Leading Lawyer since 2015. From 2016, IFLR 1000 has recognised him as a leading lawyer. Hung has been listed in the list of Vietnam's top 100 lawyers conducted by Asia Business Law Journal since 2020. Inhouse Community ranked Hung as Commended External Counsel of the Year 2021. Hung's practice includes foreign direct investment, banking, capital markets, and project finance. He is a law graduate from the University of Queensland, Australia and has been admitted to practice in Vietnam since 2005.

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Nipuni is a Partner of Sudath Perera Associates, Sri Lanka, in the Corporate and Commercial Law Department. She graduated from the University of London (International Program) with a LLB (Hons), and achieved her MSc in Law and Finance, from Queen Mary, University of London. She was called to the bar in Sri Lanka in December 2010 and is also a Solicitor (Non- Practising) in England and Wales, from 2018 onwards. Over her 15 plus years of post-qualification experience, she has worked in major law firms in Sri Lanka in both litigation and civil and corporate law advisory, KPMG Sri Lanka and also in a private bank in London, United Kingdom. Her focus at Sudath Perera Associates is on foreign direct investment and M&A and has advised on major investments into Sri Lanka. Incidentally, whilst at Queen Mary, she was the captain of the University Moot Team that qualified for the quarter final round at the Price International Media Law Moot Competition 2015, organised by the University of Oxford. She has also participated in and

organised moot competitions during her undergraduate years. She is a life member of the Bar Association of Sri Lanka and the Law Society of England and Wales.

Omkar Jayant Deshpande

Omkar was admitted to the Bar Council of Maharashtra and Goa in 2016 and has been in practice for 9 years. He received a Diploma in Cyber Laws from Asian School of Cyber Law, Pune, B.S.L. LL.B from Pune University, Pune in 2016 and LL.M from Shivaji University, Kolhapur in 2018. He is a member of Supreme Court Bar Association, Supreme Court Advocates on Record Bar Association and LAWASIA. Omkar handles various types of cases with a number of notable achievements.

Philip Kim

Philip is a Partner at Watson Farley & Williams and serves as its Chief Representative in Korea. As an experienced arbitration practitioner, Philip is renowned for resolving complex corporate, energy, and public international law disputes. His practice spans post-M&A, shareholder, joint venture, construction, and shipbuilding matters, with a standout record in high-stakes arbitrations and English High Court litigation. He has led some of the most significant and novel cases in the field, earning global recognition for his strategic insight and exceptional results. Two of his matters were named among The American Lawyer's "Top 10 Defense Wins" in international arbitration and are now considered leading authorities in public international law. He also successfully represented the Government of Korea in the first arbitration under the US-Korea Free Trade Agreement. Philip advises major Korean clients in arbitrations seated in London, Hong Kong, and Singapore (LCIA, SIAC, ICC, HKIAC, ICDR, ad hoc), and serves as a trusted advisor to Asian conglomerates across tech, healthcare, and automotive sectors. His broader advisory work includes international restructurings, IP licensing, ESG, and data privacy. He has been listed as a Lexology Index (previously Who's Who Legal) "Arbitration Future Leader," a Chambers & Partners "Leading Individual" for Arbitration and one of South Korea's "30 Super Lawyers" by Asian Legal Business.

Prashanta Bhushon Barua

Mr. Prashanta Bhushon Barua is a Barrister-at-Law, in England & Wales, practising in Bangladesh and the UK. Mr. Barua was educated and trained in both Bangladesh and the United Kingdom. He is an alumnus of the University of Dhaka and Queen Mary College, University of London. A former director of debate in Bangladesh Television, the state owned flagship media, Mr. Barua has a global appearance in adjudicating debating and mootings championships across the globe for last two decades. He is currently serving Price Media Law mootings championship in Oxford University as international judge, also in Asian and European regional rounds. A former judge in Jessup, Mr. Barua is a known face as talk show speaker on television screens in Bangladesh and the UK delivering knowledge and insights on law, politics and culture. He combines his expertise and experience in court and academic practice. An Advocate in Supreme Court of Bangladesh, Mr. Barua holds a professorial position in the Port city international university, Bangladesh alongside serving as guest faculty in several universities across the world. He is currently serving the Commonwealth Legal Education Association (CLEA) in the capacity of its Asian Vice President. A member of CI Arb, Mr. Barua's expertise includes media and communications law, Human Rights and Humanitarian law, Constitutional law, Company law, International law on trade and investment, Arbitration and mediation.

Prateek Sisodia

Prateek's career traverses an exceptionally versatile legal journey. Holding substantial experience in handling complex legal disputes with a specialized focus on white-collar crime, commercial and insolvency disputes, Prateek has established himself as a highly respected and accomplished attorney in the field. His unwavering dedication to providing top-notch legal services and his commitment to upholding justice have earned him a stellar reputation among clients and peers alike. As a testament to his outstanding legal acumen, Prateek has been recognized with prestigious awards and accolades throughout his career. Prateek also advises organizations on corporate issues pertaining to regulatory clearances and approvals, Company Laws advisory and compliances, Employment Laws compliances, and Contract drafting and advisory. A strategic sounding on a range of

business problems, Prateek is known for his ability to break down an issue into the simplest form possible and in a commercially oriented way. That makes him a true counsel for clients. Prateek has more than a decade of experience in the legal industry. He began his career working in the chambers of a renowned senior advocate which helped him develop strong trial advocacy skills and a deep understanding of courtroom procedures. Thereafter, Prateek was an advisor to one of India's leading private sector bank, where he oversaw high-value disputes which equipped him with valuable insights into financial matters that are often central to commercial litigation cases. Before setting up the Legalpreneur office in Delhi-NCR, Prateek was working with a leading cross-border firm in Delhi-NCR, where he played a vital role in establishing the firm's dispute practice for its domestic and cross-border clients. Prateek is committed to expanding his legal knowledge continuously and staying abreast of industry developments. This dedication allows him to provide clients with innovative and cutting-edge strategies to address emerging legal issues and navigate complex legal landscapes. Prateek graduated from National Law University, Patna. He is a member of the Bar Council of Rajasthan, and he also holds a membership of the Delhi High Court Bar Association.

Pravartak Suhas Pathak

Pravartak is an 'Advocate-on-Record' at the Supreme Court of India. He graduated from Pune University with a law degree and holds a master's degree in international law and Arbitration.

He has 16 years of experience in litigation. He is practising in diverse areas of Law, including Arbitration, Civil, Criminal, Constitutional, Environmental, and Infrastructure Law. He represents individuals and corporate clients as well as the Union of India and a few other Government agencies before the Supreme Court of India and High Courts. He has successfully conducted various Public Interest Litigations pertaining to violations of fundamental rights and environmental protections. He served as a member secretary of the Fact-Finding Committee constituted against the mob lynching incident that took place in a prominent tribal region in Maharashtra. He is a Member of the Governing Council of the Bar Association of India, a member of the Supreme Court Bar Association, the

Supreme Court Advocates-on-Record Association, and the Advocates' Association of Western India and Maharashtra Sahitya Parishad. Additionally, he is a columnist for various publications and a resource person at national and international forums, as well as law colleges.

Quach Minh Tu

Tu is a Senior Associate with VILAF, Hanoi office with 9 years of experiences in Vietnam legal market. She graduated from the University of Sussex in England with an LLB in Law. Prior to joining VILAF, she was a trainee and associate of Allen & Overy in Hanoi (now known as A&O Sherman). During her practice, she has been advising a number of foreign and local clients in several sectors including capital markets, antitrust, M&A transactions (e.g. acquisitions, joint ventures, restructurings, securities and general corporate matters) and industries (like manufacturing, logistics, insurances, banking, healthcare, securities, real estates, technology, oil & gas).

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.

Ranjeev Pereira Carvalho

Ranjeev is a lawyer who practices as a Counsel at the Bombay High Court and the Supreme Court of India. Ranjeev is an alumnus of the Government Law College, Mumbai University. He started his practice as an Articled Clerk at M/s Federal and Rashmikanth (Advocates and Solicitors). He thereafter joined the Chambers of Dr Birendra Saraf, Senior Advocate and Advocate General - State of Maharashtra, prior to starting his independent practice. Ranjeev predominantly practises in the field of commercial and constitutional litigation as well as domestic and international commercial arbitration. He has been appointed as an arbitrator by Bombay High Court for arbitrations seated in India as well as other ad-hoc arbitral references. Ranjeev is on the panel of the Ministry of Corporate Affairs and appears for the Official Liquidator, Bombay High Court. He also appears before tribunals such as the National Company Law Tribunal, Real Estate Authority, Securities Exchange Board of India and the Debt Recovery Tribunal. Ranjeev is a certified trainer under the aegis of the International Advocacy Training Council. An avid footballer, he continues to represent Bombay Gymkhana at domestic and international football competitions.

Ranjeev Amarasuriya

Ranjeev Amarasuriya is the President 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 including contractual, commercial, property, taxation, banking and other disciplines of the law. Mr. Amarasuriya is the Sri Lanka Country Representative of the Commonwealth Legal Education Association and an Executive Committee Member LAWASIA. He is also a Member of the Council of Legal Education, the Board of Management of the Superior Courts Complex and a Member of the Standing Committee of Legal Studies of the University Grants Commission. Since 2024, Mr. Amarasuriya functioned as a Member of the Apex Governing Board of the Central Bank of Sri Lanka and also its Monetary Policy Board, from which positions he resigned as he wanted to focus his time and attention in the role of the President of the Bar Association of Sri Lanka. Otherwise, Mr. Amarasuriya would have continued as a Member of these Boards, appointed with the approval of the Constitutional Council, until 2031. He has also

been a Former Commissioner of the Securities and Exchange Commission of Sri Lanka, Member of the Board of Governors of the Sri Lanka National Arbitration Centre, Member of the Sri Lanka Accounting and Auditing Standards Monitoring Board, Council Member of the University of Colombo 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 Fellow Member of the Institute of Certified Management Accountants of Sri Lanka and is an Alumnus of the Harvard Kennedy School (Executive Education). In April 2022, he was conferred as an AFGG – Raisina Fellow. In 2013 he was 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. In April 2025 he was also featured in the Cover and Cover Story of the LMD Magazine under the title “Shaping Legal Frontiers”.

Ranjeeta Rohatgi

Ms. Ranjeeta Rohatgi is a distinguished Advocate-on-Record in the Supreme Court of India with a robust legal career spanning over two decades. Over the course of more than 22 years in the legal profession, she has played a pivotal role in litigation before the Supreme Court of India where she has assisted, briefed, and argued matters across a wide spectrum of law, including Constitutional Law, Human Rights, Companies Law, and Criminal Law. She has closely worked with the former Attorney General for India, Sh. Mukul Rohatgi, assisting him in several important constitutional cases. Notably, in the Triple Talaq matter, her submissions emphasized the need for a progressive and modernist approach to ensure gender justice and protect minority safeguards and Triple Talaq practice is unconstitutional and should be regulated by law. She has played a role in several landmark cases that have shaped India’s constitutional and human rights jurisprudence. Among them, her contribution to the Shreya Singhal case is particularly noteworthy, where Section 66A of the Information Technology Act, 2000 was struck down by the Supreme Court of India. The judgment is widely regarded as a milestone in protecting the freedom of speech and expression and as a judicial pushback against state

encroachment in the digital space. Ms. Rohatgi has also been part of litigation concerning the rights of the LGBTQ+ community, including recognition of same-sex marriages, thereby contributing to the discourse on equality, dignity, and inclusivity under the Constitution of India. Beyond her courtroom practice, Ms. Rohatgi has also been engaged with the international legal community. She became a member of LAWASIA in 2024 and attended the 37th Annual LAWASIA Conference in Kuala Lumpur in October 2024. In February 2025, she was invited as a speaker at the 5th LAWASIA International Human Rights Conference in Kathmandu, Nepal, where she addressed the role of the judiciary in securing human rights in the Asia-Pacific region. Her participation in these international forums has provided her with valuable comparative perspectives and enriched her advocacy in India. With a career dedicated to upholding constitutional freedoms, advancing human rights, and ensuring gender equality, Ms. Rohatgi continues to contribute meaningfully to the development of law both within India and in international dialogue.

Rinkesh Jain

Rinkesh Jain is a practicing advocate based in India with over 25 years of experience in commercial litigation, banking and financial matters, real estate law, consumer disputes, and mediation. He serves as a Partner at Lagaleg Solutions LLP and is empanelled with several major financial institutions including ICICI Bank, Kotak Mahindra Bank, HDFC Bank, Axis Bank, and others. His practice spans multiple forums including High Courts, Consumer Forums, Revenue Tribunals, and Company Law Boards. He also has considerable experience in managing legal operations at my Law firm, dispute resolution strategy, and ADR mechanisms across jurisdictions.

Rohit Jolly

Rohit Jolly has over 13 years of experience as a dispute resolution lawyer. His core practice focuses on corporate commercial litigation and arbitration, with particular expertise in the real estate sector, white-collar crime, insolvency & bankruptcy, and consumer disputes. Rohit is particularly proficient in devising pre-litigation and litigation strategy

and has extensive experience in representing domestic and international corporate clients at various courts and tribunals including the Supreme Court of India, Delhi High Court and other state High Courts, National Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission, National Green Tribunal, Real Estate Regulatory Authority, National Company Law Tribunal and National Company Law Appellate Tribunal. In addition, Rohit has regularly advised clients on data privacy compliances and navigating through the questions raised by the Digital Personal Data Protection Act, 2023. Prior to joining Hammurabi & Solomon Partners, Rohit has worked with leading law firms such as L&L Partners Law Offices and Agarwal Law Associates where he gained immense exposure. He completed LL.B. (Hons.) from Amity Law School, Delhi in the year 2012 and is a member of the Delhi High Court Bar Association. In recognition of his proficiency, Rohit has been the recipient of a number of awards and recognitions - IFLR1000 Rankings - 'Rising Star' in 'Restructuring & Insolvency' – 2024-25 , IFLR1000 Rankings - 'Rising Star' in 'Restructuring & Insolvency' – 2023-24, and Forbes Legal Powerlist 2023 – Top 50 Law Firms (Above 10 Years of Experience) on behalf of Hammurabi & Solomon Partners.

Roger Chin

Roger Chin is a legal professional with a career that spans law, business strategy, and intellectual property. From 2019 to 2023, he served as the President of the Sabah Law Society and currently holds the role of Immediate Past President. He is also a Council Member of the Borneo International Centre for Arbitration and Mediation (BICAM). Roger's academic journey took him to The University of Melbourne, Victoria, Australia, where he earned dual degrees in Law (LLB) and Commerce (BCom). Beginning his career at Accenture as a Business Analyst in the Strategy Capability Group, Roger transitioned into the legal field, eventually becoming a Partner at Chin Lau Wong & Foo in Sabah, Malaysia. He is a Barrister and Solicitor of the Supreme Court of Victoria, Australia, and a registered patent, trademark, and industrial design agent. His practice areas include dispute resolution, corporate & commercial law, and intellectual property, with a focus on fostering business growth and attracting investments to Sabah. Roger's expertise extends to roles as an Arbitrator, Adjudicator, and Mediator. He is also a member of the

Malaysian Government Special Task Force, advising on the Sulu heirs arbitration claim against Malaysia as well as a member of the Sabah Government's Sabah Law Reform Advisory Council. As a columnist for The Daily Express, Sabah's largest English-language newspaper, Roger shares his insights on legal and business matters, contributing to the discourse on regional and national issues. With a passion for building businesses and a dedication to his clients, Roger Chin continues to shape the legal landscape in Sabah while promoting innovation and investment in the region.

Rolf Trittman

Rolf, after 32 years as a partner with Freshfields in 2020 has co-founded an arbitration boutique firm with offices in Frankfurt (Germany) and Zurich (Switzerland). He graduated from Goethe University in Frankfurt and UC Berkeley in California (USA) (LL.M.). He is admitted in Germany and is practicing as an arbitrator as well as counsel in international arbitration. Rolf also teaches as an adjunct professor at the University of Frankfurt and is a Vice President of the ICC Court of Arbitration in Paris. He has published extensively on arbitration and litigation topics as well as legal issues relating to the automotive industry.

Sapna Khajuria

Sapna Khajuria is a graduate in law from the National Law School, Bangalore, a postgraduate Felix Scholar from the University of London, and a member of the Bar Council of Delhi. Started her career in corporate law at the law firm Amarchand Mangaldas, followed by in house counsel role at Avaya Global Connect. Later helmed the legal affairs at a start up and has continued to pursue independent practice. In addition to her work as a lawyer, she has also been a features writer.

Saudamini Sharma

Saudamini Sharma is a distinguished Advocate with over 14 years of experience in litigation and advisory roles across a broad spectrum of legal disciplines. Her practice encompasses Commercial Arbitration, Company Law, Insolvency & Bankruptcy Law, Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR), Matrimonial, Criminal, Taxation, and Constitutional

matters, reflecting both depth and versatility in her legal expertise. A graduate of National Law University, Jodhpur (BALLB with Honors in International Trade), Saudamini commenced her career under the mentorship of some of the country's most eminent legal minds, including Senior Advocate Pinky Anand, gaining invaluable exposure to complex legal matters and high-stakes litigation. She is a member of the Bar Council of India, Supreme Court Bar Association, and Punjab & Haryana Bar Association. Over the years, Saudamini has served as counsel in several landmark constitutional law matters, including *Shayara Bano v. Union of India*, *Navtej Singh Johar Case*, *Anjali Bhardwaj & Ors. v. Union of India & Ors.*, *Indore Development Authority v. Manoharlal*, and *Indian Hotel and Restaurant Association & Ors. v. State of Maharashtra*, among others. Since 2016, she has been a panel counsel for the Union of India in the Supreme Court, representing various government interests while also serving as an advocate for Legal Aid before the Supreme Court of India. Saudamini has collaborated extensively with multiple Government Departments and Ministries, including the Ministry of Road Transport, Delhi Development Authority, Ministry of Shipping, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Ministry of Women & Child Development, National Highways Authority of India, Airports Authority of India, NHIDCL, DGCA, CBI, NIA, and various PSUs including HMT. An authoritative voice on contentious and emerging issues in constitutional law, private international law, and ADR, Saudamini is frequently invited to speak at forums and seminars. She has also co-authored the acclaimed book "Raising the Bar" alongside Dr. Pinky Anand, published by Rupa Publications, further demonstrating her thought leadership and contribution to legal scholarship.

S. Saravana Kumar

Saravana is a Partner with Rosli Dahlan Saravana Partnership (RDS). He has appeared in benchmark litigations with a sizeable volume of wins in tax disputes. Praised for his ability to "think outside the box" and "innovative approach" in interpreting the law, Chambers Asia Pacific acknowledged Saravana for being "dynamic, efficient and helpful" in addition to commenting that clients have remarked, "His tax knowledge is very in-depth, and he is fast at responding". He has been named as one of the top 100 lawyers in Malaysia by Asia

Business Law Journal a number of times. Saravana was formerly an Adjunct Professor with Universiti Tenaga Nasional (UNITEN) and chairs the Taxation & Customs Committee of LAWASIA. He also serves as a Trustee of the Malaysian Tax Research Foundation, which is an independent body dedicated for the promotion, encouragement and advancement of tax research in Malaysia.

Saurabh Prakash

Saurabh is a fourth-generation lawyer with 38 years of practice. He specializes in employment (labour and service) laws, and practices mainly before the Supreme Court and High Courts. He has a B. Tech. in Chemical Engineering and has worked as a software engineer (with what is now Tata Consultancy Services) when he worked on projects with the World Bank in Washington D.C. and Yale Corporation, NJ. He has acted both as a lawyer, and as an arbitrator, in disputes involving engineering contracts.

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Saroj K Ghimire is an Executive Member of LAWASIA and Attorney at Law at Supreme Court of Nepal. he is also an Prof. of Law at Tribhuvan University of Nepal and Holds dual LL.M from UK and India. He has more then Two decades expereicne of practicising law and teaching in the areas of corporate laws, foreign investment and technology transfer laws, arbitration, telecome and aviation laws human rights and constitutional law. He has appeared in high profile corporate and criminal cases at te Supreme Court of Nepal and has filed PIL Case on which Supreme Court of Nepal has propounded landmark judgements He has also appeared before the Nineteen justices' largest bench ever formed at the Supreme Court of Nepal in the matters of interpretation and extension of law of limitation due to Covid-19 pandemic and lock down. He has appeared in various PIL cases on human rights, criminal justice, environmental justice and constitutional matters at the constitutional bench in the Supreme Court of Nepal. He is well know lawyer due to his appearnce in the high profile cases and strong advocay in various constitutional and human rights matters and his international representaion from the Nepalese legal fraternity in various conferences and activities. Mr Ghimire has attended various training

and professional legal courses at, Switzerland. Sweden, Thailand, Myanmar, China, USA, South Korea and India and has delivered guest lectures at the various Universities in other jurisdictions including India, China and UK. He has been the speaker at various international conferences of International Bar Association (IBA) at Mexico 2024, Paris 2023, Miami 2022, Seoul 2019 and Sydney 2017. He has been Speaker at the annual conferences of LAWASIA at Malaysia 2024, Bangaluru 2023, Sydney 2022, Nepal 2012 and LAWASIA Human Rights Conferences at Japan and India. Apart he has been invited as Speaker at the Asia Pro Bono Conference (APBC) Philippines, Laos and Nepal. Mr Ghimire has been the judge at the All India Round Philip Jessup Moot Court Competition at Delhi 2019 and LAWASIA International Moot Court Competition at Kuala Lumpur 2024, Bengaluru India 2023, Sydney 2022. He is the Managing Partner of Himalayan Lawyers & Associates, Kathmandu, Nepal.

Scott Sung-KyuLee

Scott Sung-Kyu Lee is an attorney in Kim & Chang's Corporate Investigations & White Collar Defense Practice. Mr. Lee joined the firm after his distinguished 20-year career as a prosecutor where he handled a broad range of legal disputes including white collar crimes. With the extensive experience he gained during his career as a prosecutor, Mr. Lee handles cases that arise from internal audits of client companies by conducting interviews and investigating documents, and resolves anti-corruption cases that pose material risk to the management and its integrity. He has also dealt with various labor law issues including employment contract disputes. Mr. Lee was the first ever prosecutor to be named as a legal counsel for the Korean Mission to the United Nations. He was also appointed as an arbitrator for the Permanent Court of Arbitration in the Hague. He is currently the conciliator of ICSID under the World Bank and is also the Mediator of Seoul Southern District Court. Mr. Lee has been serving as an arbitrator for the Korean Commercial Arbitration Board since 2018. He is also a respected arbitrator in the Russian Federation. Additionally, he is a Special Mediator for the Singapore International Mediation Centre and serves as the Vice President of the Korean Mediation Society. In addition, he holds the position of Co-Chair for the Criminal Committee of LAWASIA.

Furthermore, Mr. Lee was in charge of environment and construction regulation legislation tasks during his service at the Ministry of Justice. In addition to his proven skillful legislative analysis, he possesses a vast wealth of knowledge and experience in defending clients in circumstances in which they have been implicated under unreasonable regulations. Mr. Lee has particularly been successfully in handling white collar criminal defense cases and HR cases involving multinational financial institutions, IT companies, defense industries, and pharmaceutical companies.

Shahmim Khan KHATTAK

Dr. Shahmim Khan KHATTAK (Chinese name: 林沙文) was awarded his Doctoral Degree in Education by the University of Nottingham, England on 26 July, 2025 after a decade of studies and hard work. He has been most grateful to his supervisor Professor Volker Wedekind and Dr. Thamir Venthana Ananthavinayagan who had considerably inspired and enlightened him in his final stage of studies. Dr. Khattak is also known as Kelly Lam which is his artist name in the TV or movies in Hong Kong and Japan between the late 1980s and 1990s. He has been a practising barrister in Hong Kong for nearly 30 years until now and has been a Deputy Magistrate. He is also the author of “Legal Traps” in Hong Kong (Part 1 and Part 2). Kelly’s life is a drama as he was a police officer in Hong Kong from late 1970s and his first Chinese sub-unit commander was John Lee Ka-chiu (currently the Chief Executive of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Government). Having left the police, he had the opportunity to become a teacher in English and Japanese language, an artist and a writer, a businessman before he became a lawyer in Hong Kong. Kelly specializes in criminal practice, jury trials, appeals and trial hearings in all levels of Hong Kong Courts. His civil practice involves and includes defamation, matrimonial and commercial cases. Kelly is a regular speaker in legal forums and seminars, having been a moot Court trainers for secondary school students in Hong Kong and having been invited by LAWASIA Moot completion (International Rounds) as a Moot Judge held in Malaysia last year. Kelly’s strong dedication to cultivate skills and talents of students is admirable and unquestionable.

Shally Bhasin

Shally Bhasin is an equity partner with Shardul Amarchand Mangaldas, India's largest law firm. With nearly 30 year courtroom and litigation experience. She has won many prestigious awards such as India Lawyer of the Year at the Benchmark Litigation Asia-Pacific Awards 2024 and selection to Benchmark's Top 100 Women in Litigation (Commercial & Transactions). She graduated from Law Faculty, University of Delhi in 1996 and is an Advocate on Record in the Supreme Court of India since 2004. Prior to joining Shardul Amarchand Mangaldas in 2022, she was a partner with Agarwal Law Associates (2010-2022), and before that a partner with Suman Khaitan and Co. A veteran litigator, Shally has been involved in several impactful and consequential cases. Her practice spans complex, high-value disputes across telecom, information technology, financial services, infrastructure, energy, oil and gas, aviation, and banking, and she leads a 50-lawyer team delivering strategic outcomes at trial and appellate levels. Shally has represented telecom companies before the Supreme Court of India in one of the biggest telecommunications industry matters involving the recovery of licence fees of around \$ 7.8 billion by the government. She has also represented clients in the Supreme Court of India; various High Courts, National Tribunals – including Telecom Disputes Settlement and Appellate Tribunal, National Company Law Appellate Tribunal, National Company Law Tribunal, and National Green Tribunal – in matters related to financial services, bankruptcy, infrastructure, environment, white collar crime, tenders, breach of contract, damages, injunctions, breach of fundamental rights, notifications, taxation, winding up, amalgamation and de-merger. Shally also advised, drafted, filed, appeared, and briefed senior counsels on the issue of Section 377 Indian Penal Code leading to the decriminalization of homosexuality as an independent lawyer in the Supreme Court.

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Center. He is also a part-time Professor in Ningbo University. He is an Outstanding Foreign-related Lawyers by All China Lawyers Association and the Top 1000 Outstanding Foreign-related Lawyers by the Ministry of Justice P.R.C. Mr. Shang specializes in international investment mergers and acquisitions, international arbitration and dispute resolution, international commercial dispute mediation, trade secret protection, etc.

Shouryendu Ray

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.

Shobna Chandran

Shobna Chandran graduated with First Class Honours from National University of Singapore Law Faculty, and was a Justices Law Clerk to the then-Chief Justice Chan Sek Keong and the Court of Appeal bench until 2008. Shobna has worked with 3 leading Senior Counsels in her 18 -year career (one of whom is now the Presiding Judge of the Singapore International Commercial Court). Shobna's expertise is in high-value cross border commercial litigation, arbitration, insolvency and appellate matters. Shobna's boutique firm offers Shobna's extensive experience thriving in appellate advocacy and high stakes cross-border commercial disputes. Shobna has successfully argued cases, winning all the way up to the Court of Appeal against Senior Counsel. Shobna is often instructed by law firms to argue their matters on appeal. She also co-counsels, delivering her hallmark excellence even when instructed at the eleventh hour. Starting her career as a Justice Law Clerk and having thereafter worked with esteemed Senior Counsel over her career,

Shobna excels and thrives in this area of practice. Shobna has handled arbitration cases ranging from telecommunications to pharmaceutical industry to solar/renewable energy, shareholder disputes, banking and finance disputes, of more than a billion dollars. Shobna is also a Fellow of the Singapore Institute of Arbitrators and a Specialist Mediator with the Singapore International Mediation Centre. Shobna was recognised as one of the top lawyers under 40 by Singapore Business Review in 2017, and in 2023, 2024 and 2025 commended as “Litigation Star” by Benchmark Asia Pacific. In October 2023, Shobna was named as Singapore Rising Star by Asian Legal Business for her exceptional work in the disputes space. In June 2024, Shobna was named as one of the top arbitration lawyers in the region by Benchmark Asia Pacific’s Top 40 under 40. In 2024 and 2025, she has been recognised by Asialaw for her arbitration expertise in the region. UK instructing counsel commends: “An extraordinary talent. A first-rate legal mind who is exceptionally hard-working. A lawyer with enormous care for her clients; Shobna is who you must have your corner for any serious litigation.

Simon Morrison

Simon became the Managing Director of Shine in 2012, after joining Shine Lawyers in 1988 and becoming a partner of the firm in 1995. Having been the Managing Director and CEO of Shine Justice for the past 8 years, from 2015, Simon has been the Managing Director with the additional responsibility of leading the firm’s international expansion from its United States base. Simon has a standing invitation to attend meetings of the Audit and Risk Management and Nomination and Remuneration Committees but does not participate in discussions in relation to his own remuneration. Simon is an acknowledged leader in workers’ compensation matters and is a Queensland Law Society Accredited Specialist in personal injury law. He has given evidence at numerous government inquiries, has assisted in drafting legislation and has been a regular speaker at international, national and state conferences. Simon’s deep understanding of, and contacts within, the sector underpin Shine’s strategic positioning and long-term vision. His experience in policy, regulation and stakeholder management contributes depth to Board decision making. Simon has long held an interest in International Mass Torts and

righting wrong throughout the world when injustice has been evident. His leadership of Shine's International business is based on his passion. Simon is a former National President of the Australian Lawyers' Alliance (ALA), has chaired the ALA's National Workers Compensation Special Interest Group and sits on the Board of Governors of the American Association for Justice (AAJ). He is an appointee to the American Association for Justice, International Relations Committee.

Sumeer Sodhi

Sumeer Sodhi is an Advocate on Record at the Supreme Court of India and a Partner at VSA Legal, Delhi. He earned Rank 2 in the AoR Examination conducted under the Supreme Court's aegis. With over 16 years of practice, he has served as Law Officer for various State Governments and Public Sector Undertakings. A Three-Judge Bench of the Supreme Court commended Mr. Sodhi for compiling a detailed convenience note collating voluminous evidence in a murder appeal; an effort explicitly praised by the bench with a hope that other counsels follow his footsteps. Mr. Sodhi specialises in dispute resolution, arbitration, and litigation, handling commercial, contractual, environmental, and regulatory matters. He regularly appears before High Courts, the Supreme Court, and the National Green Tribunal. Beyond his core practice, he is actively involved in policy advisory and pro bono work, championing access to justice for underprivileged litigants. His contributions in environmental law and public interest litigation have helped shape important legal precedents. Recently, he has represented various civil society members in challenging overreach by the State.

Susant Kumar Mallik

Advocate Susant Kumar Mallik, Life Member of Supreme Court Bar Association (India), Life Member of Bar Association of India (BAI), Member of International Council of Jurists (London), Member of American Bar Association (ABA) and since many years Member of Law Asia, is a highly experienced legal practitioner with over 24 years of expertise in immigration law, as well as civil, family, criminal, and land acquisition matters. Mr. Mallik is currently a Partner at Legal Luminare, where he provides strategic legal solutions for

clients facing complex immigration challenges. Over the years, Mr. Mallik has successfully handled a wide variety of cases, earning a reputation for his strong litigation, negotiation, and compliance skills. His deep understanding of both Indian and international immigration laws allows him to expertly navigate intricate cases involving nationality and citizenship. In a case, Mr. Malik successfully represented a client in a highly technical and cross-jurisdictional matter in Liverpool, UK. His ability to manage cross-border legal complexities, coupled with his strategic thinking and attention to procedural detail, was instrumental in securing a favorable outcome for the client. Mr. Malik has helped 100+ foreign nationals secure Indian Citizenship under Indian Citizenship Act. Beyond his legal practice, Mr. Mallik is actively engaged in various legal associations and contributes to community initiatives aimed at advancing the legal field. A mentor to many emerging lawyers, he is committed to fostering the next generation of legal professionals. His contributions extend to speaking engagements at legal conferences, where he shares his extensive knowledge on immigration law and related issues. Passionate about his role as an advocate, Mr. Mallik is known for delivering innovative and effective solutions tailored to meet his clients' unique needs. His dedication to providing high-quality legal representation and his involvement in the legal community make him a respected figure in the profession. Mr Mallik became a life member of ICA (Indian council for Arbitration).

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, a member of the Law Commission of Sri Lanka, Chairman of the Arbitration Centre of Kandy, the Institute of Legal and Management Studies in 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), Asst. Secretary, BASL (2003-2004), Newsletter Editor, BASL (2000-2003), a member of the Incorporated Council of Legal Education in Sri Lanka and Board of Governors of Sri Lanka National Arbitration Centre.

Taruna Ardhendumauli Prasad

As a dedicated litigating lawyer, Ms. Taruna Ardhendumauli Prasad is committed to advocating for justice across a broad spectrum of legal domains, including Service Law, Land Acquisition Law, Civil Litigation, and Family Law. Her practice focuses on empowering clients by providing strategic guidance and robust representation, enabling them to navigate complex legal challenges with clarity and confidence. She is an Advocate-on-Record at the Supreme Court of India with extensive experience across various judicial and quasi-judicial forums. She currently practices independently before the Hon'ble Supreme Court, Delhi High Court, and several tribunals, including the Appellate Tribunal for Electricity, National Green Tribunal, Armed Forces Tribunal, and National Company Law Tribunal. Previously, she served as Standing Counsel for the Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir, which further strengthened her proficiency in handling complex legal matters of national significance. Her professional journey includes a tenure with Fox Mandal & Co., where she progressed from Senior Associate to Partner, showcasing her leadership and strategic legal acumen. Additionally, she had the privilege of practicing alongside Mr. Ranjit Kumar, Senior Advocate and former Solicitor General of India, and gained invaluable litigation experience. Her early career involved practicing

with prestigious firms such as Trilegal and with Mr. M.G. Ramachandran, Senior Advocate, focusing on diverse matters ranging from corporate litigation to energy law.

Tony Nguyen

Tony (FCIArb, LLM, hon.) is among the few top-tiered project & energy lawyers in Vietnam highly regarded by Chambers, Legal500, Asialaw Profiles, and other international publications. He is dual-qualified and practices in both Vietnam and England and Wales as a senior partner of EPLegal. Tony has spent over 2 decades practicing in the projects and energy industry. Prior to co-founding EPLegal in 2010, Tony worked in managerial and legal positions in leading oil & gas operators and contractors in Vietnam such as PTSC, Cuu Long JOC, and PVTrans. Being rewarded as a Benchmark Litigation star, Tony is a counsel acting in litigation and ADR dispute cases in Europe, Asia and often represents clients in disputes under a variety of arbitral rules of Vietnam International Arbitration Centre (“VIAC”), SIAC, ICC, LCIA, KCAB, THAC, GATT, NUTS, etc. He is the first Vietnamese fellow member certified by CIArb. In 2017, he was appointed by VIAC to be a member of the Scientific Advisory Council and actively participated in training, research and drafting of VIAC rules and sets of VIAC rules. In 2019, he became one of the youngest arbitrators of VIAC and also be elected as the Chair of Committee of prospective CIArb Branch in Vietnam. Since January 2020, he took the role as Deputy Director of Vietnam Mediation Center (“VMC”). He is also the Managing Director and co-founder of Vietnam Institute for International Arbitration (“VIArb”), the first independent organisation of arbitration and ADR training institute in Vietnam.”

Tran Van Nam

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Tran Van Nam is a legal scholar from the National Economics University's Faculty of Law, with over 35 years of experience in international business law, intellectual property law, e-commerce law, and dispute resolution. From 2014 to 2024, he served as the Dean of the Faculty of Law, significantly contributing to legal education and academic

leadership. Dr. Nam expertly combines teaching and research with practical dispute resolution and consulting. He is a frequent invited expert at scientific and professional forums, both in Vietnam and internationally, focusing on business law, international trade, intellectual property and ADR. He has been an Arbitrator at the Vietnam International Arbitration Center (VIAC) since 2002, chairing numerous arbitral tribunals for domestic and international disputes. A CEDR-accredited mediator, he also practices at the Vietnam Mediation Center (VMC). His international standing is confirmed by his membership in the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (MCIArb), his listing as a neutral with the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), and his active role in the ASEAN Intellectual Property Association (ASEAN IPA). In recognition of his outstanding contributions to legal education and dispute resolution, Dr. Nam was awarded the honorary title of Meritorious Teacher by the President of Vietnam in December 2023.

Upali Jayatilaka

Dr. Upali Jayatilaka is presently a Consultant Solicitor (Crime) at Langfield Law Solicitors (London), UK. Specialized in Crime. He is also a semi-retired consultant solicitor, specializing in child care, Family, and Immigration. Higher Court Advocate (Crime) (UK) LLB Hon . LLM (Lon QMC) PhD Colombo FGS - “The Rule of Law as an instrument to rebuild institutions of Governance in a post-conflict society- Case study of Sri Lanka”, Attorney at Law and Notary Public, Sri Lanka. Mediator (Civil and Commercial). He practiced as a provincial practitioner from 1980 to 1982 in the Uva Province, and then worked in the Attorney General's Department of Sri Lanka from 1982 to 1984 as a State Counsel. Between 1985 and 2013, he practiced as a solicitor in the UK. In 2014 and 2015, he engaged in part-time lecturing at the Sri Lanka Law College, where he taught Professional Ethics, and at the University of Moratuwa, where he covered Commercial Law for MBA students. In 2021, Data Science, Ethics, and Financial Regulations. Dr. Upali Jayatilaka's interests include sharing experiences and educating the public and stakeholders 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 that promotes and provides citizens in the provinces with access to legal texts in all three languages, to facilitate access to Justice.

Upul Jayasuriya

Upul was called to the bar in 1976 at the age of 21 as the youngest Attorney at the time, and consequently served at the Attorney General's Department. He was elected the Secretary to the Bar Association of Sri Lanka for the period 1991 – 1993. During this period he initiated the filing of nearly 3,000 fundamental rights applications. In 1983, he was awarded the Top Young Outstanding Professional Award under the Entrepreneurship category for converting the State Trading Tractor Corporation to a profit-making venture. Thereafter, he spearheaded a consortium of investors to acquire 60% shares of the said corporation in 1992. He was appointed Managing Director/CEO of Ceylon Chocolates Ltd in 1997 and converted the same to a substantial profit center. He was also a Director of Upali Investments Holdings Ltd (holding company of Ceylon Chocolates Ltd). Upul was Elected President of the Colombo Law Society in 2008. He was elected the President of the Bar Association of Sri Lanka with the highest ever Majority in the history of the Bar Association Elections with 72% of the votes being cast for him, against 22% for his opponent, a state sponsored candidate. As the President of the BASL he decided, and appeared with his entire Executive Committee on behalf of the 43rd CJ Dr Shiranee Bandaranayake when she was charged by the Bribery and Corruption Commission in August 2015, in the Magistrates Court of Colombo in a politically motivated mud-slinging campaign. Upul addressed the plenary sessions of the Commonwealth Conference of judges, Lawyers and Educationalists in Cape Town in August 2013 sensitizing the issues that are faced by the Legal fraternity, the Judiciary and moreover the Rule of Law in Sri Lanka. In the year 2016, Upul spearheaded the highly successful Golden Jubilee Law Asia Conference that was held in Colombo - Sri Lanka in August 2016 with the participation of nearly 400 foreign delegates, as well as the Conference of the Chief Justices with the participation of nearly 15 Chief Justices and in some instances their accredited representatives that published a Colombo declaration on Rule of Law. The following year in 2017, Upul, with the support of the BASL, held the POLA Conference in Sri Lanka.

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.

Varun Kumar Chopra

Having strong legal systems in place, especially for bankruptcy and dispute resolution, is crucial for India's economic development. A prominent figure in Indian law in these areas, Advocate Varun K. Chopra has practised before the Supreme Court. Chopra has played a pivotal role in the advancement of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (IBC) and Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) processes, thanks to his considerable experience before the National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) and National Company Law Appellate Tribunal (NCLAT) and more than 140 reported judgments. In addition to his proficiency in litigation, he has counseled government agencies and international firms on matters of compliance, restructuring, and strategic bankruptcy. By bringing bankruptcy procedures in line with economic reality and protecting creditor rights, his knowledge of contract and competition law has bolstered the corporate regulatory environment. Chopra's dedication to promoting effective alternative conflict resolution methods outside conventional litigation is shown by his background in alternative dispute resolution (ADR), especially in international arbitration. As India's representative in the White Industries arbitration dispute, he is well-versed in the delicate balancing act between absolute legal certainty and the pressing needs of business. The position of India in international

business conflicts has been influenced by his work in arbitration jurisprudence. Being named one of India's best 40 under 40 attorneys is a testament to Chopra's passion for teaching and legal research, both of which he uses to help shape the legal profession in India. Legal heavyweights like Varun K. Chopra are crucial to India's efforts to become an economic superpower because they facilitate a smooth bankruptcy and dispute resolution system, which in turn encourages investment and keeps the economy stable.

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.

Yoichi Endo

Yoichi Endo is a founding partner of Endo International Law Office. Mr. Endo is admitted to practice in Japan (2001) and New York State (2009), and he brings over 20 years of experience practicing in Japan. He earned his LL.B. from the University of Tokyo, Faculty of Law in 1999, his LL.M. from the University of Tokyo, Graduate Schools for Law and Politics in 2000, and a LL.M. from Harvard Law School in 2008. Mr. Endo advises both Japanese and international clients on a range of matters, with a focus on cross-border transaction issues. His expertise spans broad business laws, including Mergers &

Acquisitions (M&As), Banking and financial transactions and regulations, International sales and purchase, Data protection, Labor laws, Dispute resolution, Inbound investment regulations in Japan. He is also actively involved in Japanese bar associations. For over 10 years, his primary focus within the bar association has been issues concerning foreign-registered lawyers in Japan.

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Ningning Zhao is a Partner of V& T Law Firm Shanghai Office, PRC. She graduated from China University of Political Science and Law, with LLM majored in International Law. She is committed to foreign-related legal service for her clients from all over the world with 17 year's experience in Private International Law. Her social positions include: Fellow of IAFL (International Academy of Family Lawyers); Fellow of LAWASIA; Member of American Bar Association (ABA); Fellow of China Law Society; Director of China Private International Law Society; Instructor of East China University of Political Science and Law (ECUPL); Lecture of Shanghai University of Political Science and Law; Member of Shanghai Bar Association (SBA); and a volunteer of Pro Bono Lawyer Team in Shanghai Bar Association.

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