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Ir. Harbans Singh KS | Principal, HSKS Dispute Resolution Chambers

Speakers

Soh Lih Sieng | Founding Partner, Contract Solutions-i

Sr Naz Rahim | Director, Quantum, Rimkus

Sr Isacc Sunder Rajan Packianathan | Managing Director, Pro Consort Consultancy Pte. Ltd; Chairman, Chartered Association of Building Engineers (Malaysia Chapter)

Lee Kai Jun | Partner, Wayne Siang, Kai & Co.

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by **Raja Shahrul** | Forensic Delay Expert, Turner Malaysia

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Allen Cheng | *Partner, Azman Davidson & Co.*

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Closing Remarks

by **Sr Wan Ainon Zuraiha Khalid** | *President, Royal Institution of Surveyors Malaysia*

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LAM WAI LOON

Founding Partner, Harold & Lam Partnership

Lam Wai Loon is a founding partner of Messrs. Harold & Lam Partnership, a boutique dispute resolution law firm in Malaysia specialising in construction, infrastructure and energy projects, and related disputes. He is an Advocate & Solicitor of the High Court of Malaya, and regularly acts as Counsel in Courts, and ADR proceedings such as arbitration, adjudication, DAB, mediation and expert determination. He is a Chartered Arbitrator and a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (U.K.). Wai Loon also sits as arbitrator in both domestic and international arbitrations, and as adjudicator in construction payment disputes adjudications commenced under the Construction Industry Payment & Industry Act 2012 ("CIPAA"). Wai Loon has authored / co-authored various legal publications, including 'Construction Adjudication In Malaysia' [3rd Edition, Sweet & Maxwell Malaysia], and LAM On Construction Claims In Malaysia [2023, Lexis Nexis]. Wai Loon has been ranked in Chambers & Partners (2024 and 2025, Band 1 – Construction).



KEYNOTE ADDRESS



JUSTICE DATO' LEE SWEE SENG

Federal Court Judge of Malaysia

Justice Dato' Lee Swee Seng graduated with a Bachelor of Laws (Hons) degree from University of Malaya and obtained his Master of Laws from the same university. He also holds a MBA degree from University of Southern Cross, Australia. Justice Dato' Lee was called to the High Court of Malaya in February 1985 and was in active legal practice until May 2010 when he was appointed a Judicial Commissioner of the High Court of Malaya. He was made a Judge of the High Court of Malaya in 2014 and elevated to the Court of Appeal on 8 August 2019 and recently to the Federal Court on 20 May 2025. Prior to his elevation to the Federal Court, Justice Dato' Lee sat in the Commercial and Civil Divisions of the High Court in Kuala Lumpur and also presided in the specialist Construction Court in the High Court at Kuala Lumpur from 2016 to August 2019 where he heard construction cases as well as those involving enforcement and setting aside of arbitral awards as well as adjudication decisions. He was involved in the early exposition of the law of construction adjudication through his many decisions on cases that came before the Construction Court since the implementation of the Construction Industry Payment and Adjudication Act 2012 that came into force on 15 April 2014. He was also the Chair of the Construction Panel of the Court of Appeal before his elevation to the Federal Court. Justice Dato' Lee was a visiting Fellow of Taylor University Law School and a part-time lecturer with the Law Faculty of his Alma Mater for the LLM Masters Programme. He is also an Elite Fellow with the Law Faculty of University of Malaya. Justice Dato' Lee is a trained advocacy trainer with Bar Council Malaysia and is a certified mediator with the Malaysian Mediation Centre before joining the Bench. He also achieved the highest award in the Toastmasters International as a Distinguished Toastmaster. Justice Dato' Lee was the General Editor of the Law and Practice of Family Law in Malaysia published by Sweet & Maxwell in 2019 and currently a committee member of the Court-Annexed Mediation Committee of the Malaysian Judiciary.



SPECIAL ADDRESS



OLIVER WEE HIANG CHYN

President,
Master Builders Association Malaysia (MBAM)

Oliver H.C. Wee is the President of the Master Builders Association Malaysia (MBAM), with over 40 years of experience in the construction industry. Actively serving MBAM since 1994, he also sits on the Board of the Construction Industry Development Board Malaysia (CIDB) and served on the Board of Construction Labour Exchange Berhad (CLAB) from 2020 to March 2025. He is a member of the Panel of Experts under the Local Government Development Ministry, the Council of Experts under the Government-Industry TVET Coordination Body (GITC), and an Advisory Member for the CIDB Construction Law Report. Wee serves as a jury panelist for numerous industry awards and writes a monthly column in The Edge on construction industry issues. In 2023, he received the CIDB Fellowship Award. He is an empanelled mediator with both AIAC and CIDB and is the founder of the MBAM Mediation Service. Since November 2024, he has served as a Panel of Experts member at the Borneo International Centre for Arbitration and Mediation (BICAM), further expanding his role in alternative dispute resolution within the regional construction and infrastructure sector. Internationally, he is a Board Member and Chairman of the Conditions of Contracts Committee at the International Federation of Asian and Western Pacific Contractors' Associations (IFAWPCA), its Ambassador to FIDIC, and a Board Member of the ASEAN Constructors' Federation. He also serves as an International Mediator for the CHINCA Mediation Centre. In July 2023, he was appointed as a Committee Member of the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) Industry Cooperation Committee under the China-ASEAN Business Council (Antarabangsa), contributing to regional industrial collaboration and integration. He continues to hold various past and current leadership roles within national and international construction bodies.



CLOSING REMARKS



Sr WAN AINON ZURAIHA KHALID

President,
Royal Institution of Surveyors Malaysia (RISM)

Sr Wan Ainon Zuraiha Khalid is the President of Royal Institution of Surveyors Malaysia (RISM). She is a practitioner with 33 years of working experience as a consultant Quantity Surveyor. She received her degree in quantity surveying from the University of Salford, UK and subsequently obtained a Post Graduate Diploma in Arbitration from College of Estate Management, UK and the Certificate of Adjudication by KLRCA/AIAC. She founded a QS practice in 2000 in the name of A I Konsult with offices in Kuala Lumpur and Penang. Her practice in Kuala Lumpur combines quantity surveying, architecture and interior design under one roof. She demonstrates extensive leadership within key professional bodies locally and internationally including RISM, the Board of Quantity Surveyors Malaysia, Association of Consultant Quantity Surveyors Malaysia, Pacific Association of Quantity Surveyors and many more. She provides consultancy and contributes significantly to the advancement of the construction and surveying profession. As an active RISM member, she was involved with CIDB in setting up the Building Cost Information Services Malaysia (BCISM) Sdn Bhd to operate the National Construction Cost Centre (N3C).



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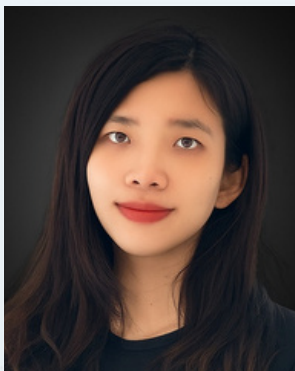


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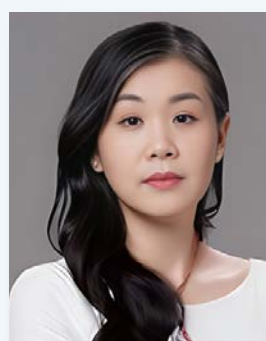
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Lecture 1.1

Importance and Impact of Notice Requirements in Construction Contract



Jocelyn Lim
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Jocelyn's dispute resolution practice includes construction and engineering related matters, as well as real estate disputes. She has acted for a wide array of clients, including project owners, main contractors, consultants, sub-contractors and suppliers, in court, arbitration and adjudication proceedings. She also advises on a wide range of projects, including rail, airports, power plants, hospitals and other public infrastructure projects, data centres and commercial and residential building projects. Jocelyn is also experienced in reviewing and drafting of contracts and is well-versed with all major standard forms of construction and consultancy contracts. She advises clients on a wide range of bespoke contracts. In addition, Jocelyn sits as an arbitrator and is on the panel of arbitrators of, among others, the Asian International Arbitration Centre (AIAC) and the Reserve Panel of Arbitrators of the Singapore International Arbitration Centre (SIAC). She also sits as an adjudicator, and she is an accredited mediator. She has been recognised by Asian Legal Business as one of Malaysia's Rising Stars in 2022.

Lecture 1.2

The Principles of Estoppel in Construction Contract



Balan Nair Thamodaran
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Balan Nair Thamodaran is an experienced litigation and arbitration lawyer. He was admitted to the Malaysian Bar in 2005 and holds a Master's Degree from Queen Mary University, London, specialising in International Arbitration & Construction Law. He primarily handles disputes relating to construction, energy and engineering law. Balan regularly advises and acts for clients in a variety of construction and energy related disputes, including construction adjudication, arbitration (domestic and international) and litigation. He has experience advising and dealing with disputes relating to major standard form contracts such as PAM, PWD, CIDB and FIDIC, as well as bespoke contracts.



Session 1

Lecture 1.3

Roles of the Contract Administrator in Construction Contract



Sr Yow Kah Lun

*Chief Executive Officer,
Plus Three Consultants*

Sr Yow Kah Lun is a Chartered Quantity Surveyor with over 20 years of experience in the building and infrastructure sectors across Malaysia and the Middle East. He holds a Master's degree in Construction Contract Management and is a Fellow of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors. Kah Lun is also a member of the Royal Institution of Surveyors Malaysia, the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators and a certified Project Management Professional. In addition, he is an RICS-accredited mediator, empanelled with both the Asian International Arbitration Centre and the Korean Commercial Arbitration Board. As CEO of Plus 3 Consultants, a specialist construction claims consultancy, he leads operations across the Asia Pacific region, with offices in Malaysia and Hong Kong. He plays a key role in strategic partnerships with CCR (Australia) and Quantum Global Solutions (Qatar). Kah Lun is recognised for his expertise in construction claims and dispute resolution. He regularly shares his knowledge through talks and industry events, contributing to the advancement of best practices in the construction industry.

Q&A

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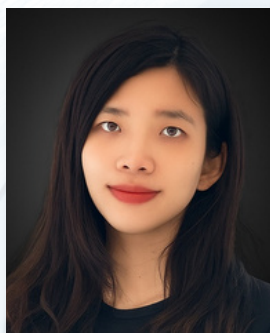
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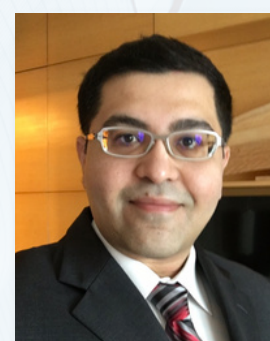
Ooi Wei Qian is the Founder and Principal of The Chambers of Ooi Wei Qian, a legal practice focusing on arbitration, construction law, and commercial dispute resolution. Prior to establishing chambers, Wei Qian served as Senior Case Counsel at the Asian International Arbitration Centre (AIAC), managing over 900 cases across arbitration, adjudication, mediation and domain name dispute resolution. She was a Task Force Member for the reform of the Arbitration Act 2005 and CIPAA 2012, and served as the Secretariat to the Protem Committee of the AIAC Court of Arbitration, playing a key role in its establishment. She regularly speaks at industry conferences on behalf of the AIAC, mentors junior colleagues, and contributes to professional publications of AIAC.



Sudhar Thillainathan

*Partner,
Adnan Sundra & Low*

Sudhar is the Head of General, Civil, Commercial Litigation & Commercial Arbitration at Messrs Adnan Sundra & Low and a founding member of Nine Arbitration Chambers (Singapore), an independent Arbitration and Mediation Chambers. With nearly 30 years of experience in commercial dispute resolution, he handles complex, high-value litigation and arbitration across diverse industries, often involving cross-border issues.



Satinder Singh Sandhu

*Managing Partner,
Sandhu & Co.*

Mr. Satinder Singh Sandhu is an Advocate of the High Court of Sabah & Sarawak, with over 22 years of legal experience. He holds a Specialist Master's in Construction Law (Hons) from the University of Auckland, New Zealand, and specializes in commercial litigation, particularly in construction, company law, contracts, insolvency, negligence, and property disputes. He is a panel Adjudicator with AIAC and AIADR, a panel Arbitrator with BICAM, where he also sits as an Expert Pane. He has been appointed as an adjudicator and arbitrator in various disputes, and regularly acts as counsel in construction projects across West Malaysia, Sabah, and Sarawak. Beyond litigation, Mr. Satinder is actively engaged in drafting and advising on construction contracts for infrastructure projects including roads, hydro-power facilities, telecommunications, and other large-scale developments. He also provides corporate legal advisory services to listed and private companies. In mediation, Mr. Satinder is an accredited mediator with the High Court of Sabah & Sarawak, an Evaluative Mediator with RICS, and a panel Mediator for AIAC and AIADR.



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Wilson Ho

Partner,
Ho Partnership & Neoh

Wilson Ho is an experienced lawyer specialising in complex disputes relating to construction, corporate, and insolvency matters. He is a Partner at Ho Partnership & Neoh, a law firm he co-founded in 2017. He acts in both contentious and non-contentious work, representing clients at all levels of Court and in arbitration and adjudication proceedings. Recognised as one of LexisNexis® 40 UNDER 40 2024 Southeast Asia's rising stars, Wilson has been commended by both clients and opponents for his "convincing and practical solutions" and "strong advocacy skills," including securing success in disputes exceeding RM100 million. Wilson is empanelled as an Arbitrator with leading arbitral institutions, including the Asian International Arbitration Centre (AIAC), Malaysian Institute of Arbitrators (MIArb), Asian Institute of Alternative Dispute Resolution (AIADR), Asia Pacific International Arbitration Chamber (APIAC), and Borneo International Centre for Arbitration and Mediation (BICAM). He also serves as an Adjudicator and Mediator with the AIAC and AIADR, and regularly appears as counsel and sits as an adjudicator under the Construction Industry Payment and Adjudication Act 2012 (CIPAA 2012). Wilson is a regular speaker at industry events, having featured at the Construction Claims and ADR Conference Marathon 2024, Borneo ADR Week 2024, the Construction Claims & CIPAA Conference Malaysia 2023, and the recent "Waze Your Way Through CIPAA" workshop.



Christine Lay

Partner,
Abang & Co

Christine Lay is a Partner at Abang & Co, a full-service boutique law firm with a focus on commercial, construction, corporate law as well as projects and energy. She focuses on commercial and corporate litigation, as well as domestic and international arbitration. Her practice encompasses a wide range of disputes, including those involving company and insolvency law, corporate rescue mechanisms, construction, engineering and land-related matters. As recognised by asialaw, client has shared that Christine is "very responsive and helpful throughout my engagement...". She currently serves as a General Director on the Board of the International Women's Insolvency & Restructuring Confederation (IWIRC) Malaysia, and is an active contributor to the restructuring and insolvency space, as well as the development of alternative dispute resolution (ADR) in the region.



Session 3

Lecture 3.1

Use of AI and Technologies in Construction Project Management



Jamie Duncan

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Jamie Duncan is a seasoned real estate professional with over two decades of experience driving transformative projects across the Middle East and Southeast Asia. Jamie is Managing Director of Savills Projects Malaysia, Managing Director of ACTUS Construction Claims & Disputes and President of the Lighthouse Club Kuala Lumpur. Jamie leads multidisciplinary teams in delivering high-impact solutions for commercial, hospitality, industrial and mixed-use developments. His strategic oversight has shaped landmark initiatives within Malaysia and the surrounding region. Jamie is also actively involved in the claims and disputes sector via the ACTUS entity and is a testifying expert in quantum and delay. Known for his collaborative leadership and deep market insight, Jamie is a passionate advocate for AI in Project Management, and driving the construction industry forward via sustainable urban growth. Jamie's dynamic approach and proven track record make him a sought-after voice in the region's evolving property landscape."

Lecture 3.2

Managing SST in Construction Contract



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Partner,
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S. Saravana Kumar is a partner of RDS Partnership, a leading Malaysian law firm, where he heads firm's Tax, SST & Customs practice. Saravana has appeared in benchmark litigations with a sizeable volume of wins in tax disputes. He is recognised as one of the leading lawyers in Malaysia by various legal rankings. Saravana was also named as one of the 100 leading lawyers in Malaysia by Asia Business Law Journal in 2024. Legal 500 commented that 'Saravana Kumar is an outstanding tax lawyer with an impeccable track record. His arguments and strategies are courageous and groundbreaking. He is not only knowledgeable and up to date but also humble and polite. Highly recommended tax lawyer.' Saravana chairs the Taxation & Customs Committee of LAWASIA and 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. Saravana was also formerly an Adjunct Professor with Universiti Tenaga Nasional (UNITEN) for nearly 10 years.



Session 3

Lecture 3.3

Strategic Considerations in Construction Contract Negotiation



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Lynnda is the Managing Director of Rex C Expert & Dispute Services Sdn Bhd, a dispute resolution professional qualified both in technical and law, with over 20 years of experience in the construction industry. She is accredited across multiple roles in Expert Witness, Chartered Quantity Surveyor, Chartered Construction Manager, Arbitrator, Adjudicator, Mediator. She was an Accredited NEC3 Project Manager. Lynnda actively acts as a delay and quantum expert witness in arbitration and court. She leads and manages dispute resolution proceedings, including the review and drafting of claims, adjudication/arbitration submissions. Lynnda also provides expert advisory advice on matters related to delay, extension of time, variation, defects including dispute services across the APAC region, including Australia, Singapore, United Kingdom, Hong Kong, China, Vietnam and Malaysia.

Q&A

Construction Contract Negotiation and Management



Adrian See

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Moderator

Adrian is the Managing Partner of Belden Advocates & Solicitors, a boutique legal practice specialising in construction & engineering dispute resolution. He is an accredited AIAC, THAC and AiADR arbitrator, AIAC panel CIPAA adjudicator, mediator and a Fellow of CIArb, MIArb and AiADR. Adrian focuses on the construction, engineering, oil and gas, energy and utilities industries. His practice area involves contract drafting, handling claims and disputes in the construction, engineering and energy sectors as well as servicing these clients' needs when they have industrial relations disputes. Adrian also provides on-project legal advisory and works seamlessly with claims consultants on claims management and early dispute avoidance initiatives. He has appeared at all levels of the Malaysian court system, and in domestic and international arbitrations. Adrian's expertise includes other forms of dispute resolution such as adjudication, mediation, expert determination and early neutral evaluation. Adrian's notable cases include acting for contractors in high-value projects such as the KL main sewerage pipeline project, design, fabrication and installation of specialised steel and sub-sea structures, mixed development projects, professional fee claims and installation of high-voltage distribution lines.



Session 4

Lecture 4.1

Subcontractor's Rights to Direct Payment from the Principal under Section 30 of CIPAA



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Oliver Chin advises businesses on resolving complex payment and contractual disputes with a strong emphasis on practical, commercial outcomes. His work spans court proceedings, arbitration, and adjudication under the Construction Industry Payment and Adjudication Act 2012 (CIPAA), where he has acted in numerous high-value matters. With significant experience in the construction and engineering sector, Oliver combines legal expertise with industry insight to help clients achieve timely and effective resolutions.

Lecture 4.2

Stay of CIPAA Adjudication Decision



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Leong Chee Weng is a Partner in the Construction & Engineering, Energy Practice Group at Lee & Poh Partnership, Kuala Lumpur. Recognised as a Future Star in Construction by Benchmark Litigation Asia-Pacific for three consecutive years (2023–2025), he is a trusted disputes lawyer in Asia's construction and energy sectors. Called to the Bar of England & Wales and the High Court of Malaya, Chee Weng acts for local and international clients, including from China, the USA, and Italy, in disputes against major Korean and Japanese corporations. His work spans high-value claims involving large-scale solar photovoltaic plants, the Malaysian Light Rail Transit system, mixed-use developments, airport fuel hydrant pipelines, and waste treatment plants. He represents clients at all levels of the Malaysian courts, as well as in arbitration, mediation, and statutory adjudication under CIPAA. He also advises on construction contracts, project delivery strategies, and negotiations, supporting clients through the full project life cycle. An active speaker at regional conferences, he co-authored the Malaysian chapter of Force Majeure and Hardship in the Asia Pacific Region (JURIS), contributed to the Malaysian Civil Procedure (White Book), and served on the editorial board of Standard Form of Building Contracts Compared (LexisNexis).



Session 4

Lecture 4.3

Winding Up a Company Based on Adjudication Decision



Foo Joon Liang

Partner,
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Joon Liang is a partner of Gan Partnership, a firm he co-founded in 2011. He is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, United Kingdom, (CI Arb), Fellow of the Singapore Institute of Arbitrators (SI Arb), and Fellow of the Hong Kong Institute of Arbitrators (HKI Arb). Joon Liang is the Past Chairman of the Malaysian Branch of CI Arb. He sits on the panel of arbitrators and adjudicators of the Asian International Arbitration Centre and is appointed to the panel of arbitrators of the Hainan International Arbitration Court. He sits on the Securities Industry Dispute Resolution Center's panel of Adjudicators. He is a member of the ICC Malaysia Arbitration Committee. Who's Who Legal says that "Foo Joon Liang has impressive experience in high-value construction disputes across litigation and arbitration proceedings." He is ranked as a Litigation Star in Construction, by Benchmark Litigation and is ranked in the Chambers Asia Pacific 2023 Dispute Resolution: Construction. In recent years, Joon Liang's focus has increasingly been in engineering related incidents in construction projects. Amongst the more notable matters that he was involved in include the highly publicised failure of a hill slope in Penang, Malaysia, a bridge collapse in the Klang Valley involving bridge experts from Asia and Europe.

Lecture 4.4

Conditional Payment Clause under Section 35 of CIPAA (Latest Updates)



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Karen Ng Gek Suan is a Partner of Karen, Mak and Partners. She is a Building & Construction lawyer based in Kuala Lumpur. She advises on building & construction contracts and represents clients in all tiers of Courts, Arbitrations, Adjudications and Royal Commission of Enquiry Proceedings. Karen started off her pupillage in 2006 in Kuala Lumpur and continued her practice in Building & Construction law in Kuala Lumpur, and then regionally as a Foreign Lawyer in Singapore. In 2012, Karen relocated back to Kuala Lumpur and has been a Partner in the Building & Construction Practice Group in a law firm specialising in this area from 2015 to December 2021. In 2022, Karen set up her own practice. Karen is also an Arbitrator, Adjudicator, and Mediator empanelled with the Asian International Arbitration Centre (AIAC), the Malaysian Institute of Arbitrators (MIARB), as well as the Malaysia Mediation Centre. She is also the Past Deputy President of the Malaysian Institute of Arbitrators (2017-2019), the current ICC Young Arbitration & ADR Forum (ICC YAAF) Representative for South Asia - Malaysia, and a Panel Member of the AIAC Academy of Tutors. Karen is also a contributor to Law and Practice of Construction Law in Malaysia (2021) by Justice Lim Chong Fong, the CIDB's Construction Law Reports and CIDB's Learning from Decided Construction Cases and Commentaries.



Session 4

Q&A

CIPAA Adjudication



Shaun Kumar

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Moderator

Shaun has over 30 years of experience in the construction industry, with a career spanning Malaysia, Singapore, and Germany. He has worked in diverse capacities—as Contractor, Client, and Consultant—giving him a unique 360-degree perspective on project delivery and dispute resolution. Over the years, he has overseen major developments in healthcare, hospitality, and aviation, serving as an Owner's Representative and Project Director on high-value, complex projects. His professional journey includes leadership roles with international construction multinationals, government-linked organisations, and public-listed companies. Beyond project delivery, Shaun has built a strong reputation in dispute resolution and claims management. He is empanelled by the Asian International Arbitration Centre as a licensed Adjudicator and Mediator and is widely recognised as an accredited expert in delay and disruption claims. He has testified in multiple construction disputes before the High Courts of Malaysia as well as in domestic and international arbitrations. Drawing on his technical expertise and decades of practical experience, Shaun provides independent, reliable, and authoritative opinions on delay analysis, claims, and dispute matters, assisting tribunals, clients, and legal teams in achieving fair and just outcomes.



Session 5

Panel Discussion

Patent and Latent Defects in Construction Works - Risks and Remedies



Mr. Harbans Singh KS

*Principal,
HSKS Dispute Resolution Chambers*

Moderator

Mr. Harbans Singh KS is a Professional and Chartered Engineer. Chartered Arbitrator, Mediator, and Adjudicator. Called to the Malayan Bar in 1995, he is, at the moment, however, not in active practice as an Advocate & Solicitor. He commenced his career with the Public Works Department (JKR), Malaysia, before joining an international German consultancy practice with whom he worked locally and then in Koblenz as a designer, resident engineer and contract administrator. Later, Mr. Harbans served with a local consultancy firm in various professional capacities and presently is heading HSH Consult Sdn. Bhd and HSKS Dispute Resolution Chambers. He is a regular contributor to 'The Ingenieur', 'The Malayan Law Journal', 'The Law Review' and other publications and is the recipient of a number of awards, including IEM's Tan Sri Hj. Yusoff Prize for an outstanding Technical Paper (2001), the Cedric Barclay Award and the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators Award for the Diploma in International Commercial Arbitration examination (2003). Mr. Harbans is also the author of a series of four books entitled 'Harbans' Engineering and Construction Contracts Management', co-author of 'Construction Law in Malaysia', 'Law and Practice of Mediation' and 'The PAM Contract 2006', a contributor to 'The Malaysian Standard Precedents and Forms (Vol. N)' and is a regular speaker at courses/seminars and conferences both locally and internationally.



Mr. Soh Lih Sieng

*Founding Partner,
Contract Solutions-i*

Mr. Soh Lih Sieng is a consummate construction industry expert, having spent 31 years working for contractors, consultants and employers throughout the United Kingdom, Europe, Asia Pacific and the Middle East in engineering, construction and dispute resolution roles. Over the years, Mr. Lih Sieng has developed skills in project management, construction of major bridges and infrastructure works, airports and buildings, power plants, oil/gas construction and heavy-lift operations. Mr. Lih Sieng regularly acts as Expert Witness in court, adjudication and arbitration proceedings and has presented written and oral expert evidence in over 45 proceedings on disputes related to construction technology, defective works, contract termination, delay and extension of time, loss and expense, variations, cardinal change and contract interpretation in both domestic and international proceedings under ICC, AIAC and SIAC arbitration rules. Mr. Lih Sieng also acts as party representative and has appeared before tribunals in over 20 arbitrations / 250 statutory adjudications in Malaysia and Singapore. As of 2022, Mr. Lih Sieng has acted as a tribunal in 16 construction contract-related dispute proceedings.



Session 5

Panel Discussion

Patent and Latent Defects in Construction Works - Risks and Remedies



Sr Naz Rahim

*Director, Quantum
Rimkus*

Naz Rahim is a Registered Consultant Quantity Surveyor in Malaysia and a Chartered Surveyor (RICS), with over 20 years of experience in the construction industry. Her career spans across Southeast Asia, Qatar, and Ireland, where she has served primarily as a Professional Quantity Surveyor and Claims Specialist Consultant. Naz has represented major contractors, specialist subcontractors, developers, and legal firms in all facets of quantity surveying, contract administration, claims preparation and defence, and dispute resolution. Naz is also a practising CIPAA Adjudicator and is frequently appointed by law firms, contractors, and developers as an Expert Witness or Independent Quantum Expert in Malaysia. She has provided expert testimony in Malaysian courts on numerous occasions. In addition to her professional practice, Naz contributes to the academic field as a lecturer at higher learning institutions in Malaysia. She is also a regular speaker at industry seminars and workshops, sharing her expertise in quantity surveying, construction law, and dispute resolution.



**Sr Isacc Sunder
Rajan Packianathan**

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Pro Consort Consultancy Pte. Ltd
and Chairman, Chartered
Association of Building Engineers,
Malaysian Chapter*

Sr. Isacc Sunder Rajan is a Chartered Building Surveyor and Chartered Building Engineer with over 40 years of experience in construction, project delivery, and Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR). He is Managing Director of Pro Consort Consultancy, advising clients across Southeast Asia on construction claims, regulatory compliance, and dispute resolution strategies. He is empanelled as an Arbitrator, Adjudicator, Mediator, and Expert Witness with leading Alternate Dispute Resolution (ADR) institutions including AIAC, SIAC, HKIAC, AALCO-HKRAC, BICAM, and CIETAC. Recognised for his independent expert reports and testimony in Arbitration and High Court disputes, he brings practical and legal insight into construction disputes. He currently serves as Chair of the Chartered Association of Building Engineers (CABE) Malaysia Chapter and has previously served on CABE'S UK Board. His expertise particularly extends to the identification, assessment, and defects in construction works, where he provides guidance in both contractual and dispute resolution contexts.



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Session 6

Lecture 6.1

Critical Path in Delay Analysis



Raja Shahrul

*Forensic Delay Expert,
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Raja Shahrul is a highly experienced construction professional with deep expertise in forensic delay analysis and claims management. With over 29 years in the industry, he has worked across commercial, residential, retail, and infrastructure projects from both contractor and client perspectives. Since joining Turner in 2019, Raja has applied his skills in programme review, scheduling, and dispute resolution to support successful project outcomes.

Lecture 6.2

Formula-Based Calculation Approaches in Loss & Expense



Sr Ong Hock Tek

*Managing Director,
BK Entrusty*

Sr Ong Hock Tek ("HT") is a Fellow of nine professional institutions, a well-qualified multi-disciplinary and specialist consultant, over 30 years of working experience with architects, quantity surveyors, project managers, civil engineering/building contractors and specialist consultants. He is a Panel Arbitrator, Adjudicator and Mediator of AIAC, Panel Arbitrator of PAM and SI Arb, Accredited Mediator, Value Manager and Certified Construction Project Manager of CIDB, past Deputy President of CIOB Malaysia, Past President of Lighthouse Club, past 1st Treasurer-General and current ADR Chair of Royal Institution of Surveyors Malaysia. His specific experience/expertise include construction project/contracts management, quantity surveying, risks/value management, claims preparation /defense, alternative dispute resolution (ADR), particularly in advisory, support services, documentation and proceedings. He also acts as an Arbitrator, Mediator, Negotiator, Expert (quantum) and Party Counsel/Representative on technical, commercial and contractual disputes/differences between the contracting parties, at both main and sub-contract levels. Being a Master Trainer, HT has organised and delivered many public and in-house conferences, seminars and workshops for professional institutions and private/public listed companies, in particular on construction contracts, ADR, risks and value management. He has been a regular article contributor to Master Builders Journal on construction contract and management issues since 2002 till to-date and speaker/trainer for annual seminars/webinar module courses on Practical Construction Contract Administration/Management for Master Builders Association Malaysia (2015 - 2019) and for Pertubuhan Akitik Malaysia, Royal Institution of Surveyors Malaysia and Lighthouse Club (2020-2024), all courses in collaboration with BK Entrusty.



Session 6

Lecture 6.3

Liquidated Damages and General Damages



James P. Monteiro
Principal Partner,
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James is the Managing Partner of Messrs JamesMonteiro (Advocates & Solicitors) and is in his 28th year of practice as an Advocate & Solicitor of the High Court of Malaya. James specializes in construction, engineering, and energy, including contract advisory, project management advisory, risk management advisory, dispute avoidance and dispute resolution. James has acted for a variety of clients, both foreign and local, ranging from multinationals, government linked companies/entities and public and private companies. James frequently appears as counsel in arbitration proceedings in Kuala Lumpur under the Asian International Arbitration Centre, PAM Rules of Arbitration and ad hoc arbitrations under the Malaysian Arbitration Act 2005. James has also been involved in international arbitrations under the ICC and LCIA Rules of Arbitration. James appears as counsel in all levels of courts in Malaysia.

Q&A

EOT, LD and L&E



Serene Hiew
Partner, Harold & Lam Partnership
and President, SCL Malaysia

Moderator

Serene was called to the Malaysian Bar in 2011 and is a Partner at Messrs Harold & Lam Partnership. Serene has been practicing in the areas of construction, infrastructure and engineering since being called to the Malaysian Bar. Her involvement in the dispute resolution of construction, infrastructure and engineering is primarily focused in the alternative dispute resolution i.e. adjudication and arbitration. While dispute resolution is her primary area of practice, Serene also undertakes advisory and construction project management work. In the past several years, Serene has increasingly been involved in both geotechnical substructure-related disputes and infrastructure construction projects. Serene also heads the adjudication practice at Harold & Lam Partnership and since the coming into effect of the Construction Industry Payment and Adjudication Act 2012 (CIPAA) in April 2014, she has been actively acting as counsel or client representative in CIPAA Adjudication cases. She also sits as an Adjudicator in the AIAC Panel of Adjudicators. Serene is currently the Chairman of the Malaysian Society of Construction Law and Deputy Chair of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, Malaysia.



Session 7

Lecture 7.1

Cross-Examining and Challenging Expert Witnesses in Arbitration



Rodney Martin
Chief Executive Officer
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Rodney is an accomplished professional serving as the Chief Executive of the Charlton Martin Group, with a distinguished career that includes roles as Group Regional Director and Senior Vice President at two prominent contracts consultancy firms in the Asia Pacific Region. With an extensive 39 years of experience, Rodney has dedicated 28 years to senior-level roles within this region. Throughout his career, Rodney has cultivated a global perspective by working with diverse clientele across Europe, Africa, the Middle East, and India. His academic foundation includes dual qualifications in quantity surveying and law, complemented by his status as a chartered quantity surveyor. He specialises in construction contract consultancy, offering expertise in contract documentation, contractual claims management, dispute resolution, and dispute avoidance. Rodney's professional credentials extend to being a mediator, arbitrator, and adjudicator on the panel of the Asian International Arbitration Centre. He is a respected speaker known for delivering insightful perspectives within the region's professional circles. Notably, Rodney is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators as well as the Malaysian and Singapore Institutes of Arbitrators, reflecting his commitment to excellence and professional standards. His extensive contributions to the field include appointments as an Expert Witness, on matters related to quantum and delay. As well as his roles as an arbitrator, mediator and adjudicator, Rodney has been a dispute adjudication board member in Malaysia, further cementing his reputation as a trusted authority in dispute resolution. Rodney has been based in Kuala Lumpur since 1997, where he has continually demonstrated exceptional leadership, and a relentless commitment to driving excellence in the field of construction contract consultancy and dispute resolution.

Lecture 7.2

Bifurcation of Arbitration Proceedings



Ooi Huey Miin
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Session 7

Lecture 7.3

Use of AI in Arbitration Proceedings



Janice Tay

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Janice Tay is the Head of the International Arbitration and Construction & Engineering practice and Co-Head of the Dispute Resolution team at Wong & Partners, a member firm of Baker McKenzie. She is an arbitrator, adjudicator, mediator and appears as counsel. Janice was the President of the Society of Construction Law, and remains a director of CI Arb Malaysia, amongst others. She is a member of Baker McKenzie's Global Diversity Working Group and trains young talent with the Malaysian Bar Advocacy Group. Janice is recognized in The Legal 500's Arbitration Powerlist - South East Asia 2022, Chambers, Legal 500 and various notable directories.

Q&A

Emerging Trends in Construction Arbitration



Crystal Wong

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Gledhill and Chair, CI Arb Malaysia

Moderator

Crystal is a highly regarded arbitration practitioner with a strong presence across Malaysia, Singapore, and the ASEAN region, focusing on construction, engineering, energy, and infrastructure disputes. She advises major clients, including utility companies, power producers, multinationals, government-linked entities, and Chinese state-owned enterprises. Known for her expertise in both arbitration and court litigation, Crystal is frequently engaged for arbitration-related matters before Malaysia's High Court and appellate courts, allowing her to deliver strategic and practical legal solutions. As co-head of her Firm's China Desk, Crystal is a trusted legal advisor to mainland Chinese companies investing in Malaysia, a role supported by her legal training in China, fluency in Mandarin, and deep cultural understanding. She has represented independent power producers in complex arbitration cases involving energy payments, construction defects, delays, and operational issues. Crystal is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators and sits on several prestigious arbitration panels, including AIAC, SIAC, and HKIAC. She also holds leadership roles in key legal committees. Her contributions to arbitration and energy law are widely recognized through numerous awards, including Malaysia Female Lawyer of the Year 2024 and recognition from Legal 500, Chambers, Benchmark Litigation, and Asialaw, establishing her as a rising leader in the field.



Session 8

Panel Discussion

Pre-Dispute Management and Effective Dispute Resolution Mechanisms for Construction Disputes



Lam Ko Luen

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Moderator

Ko Luen is a Partner in the firm of Shook Lin & Bok, Kuala Lumpur where he co-heads the Dispute Resolution Practice Group and heads the Building, Construction & Engineering department, the Arbitration (International & Domestic) department and the Insurance department. He was the President of The Malaysian Institute of Arbitrators (MIArb) from June 2013 to June 2015. Ko Luen has been in practice for over 28 years and he appears as counsel in court, arbitration and adjudication hearings and also sits as an arbitrator and adjudicator. He is currently listed in the panel of arbitrators of the AIAC, BICAM, HIAC, KCAB International, MIArb, MIAC, SCIA, SCIAHK and THAC. He is also a member of List of Arbitrators of HKIAC and in the panel of adjudicators of AIAC. Ko Luen has contributed in several legal publications including a chapter in the textbook "The Developing World of Arbitration – A Comparative Study of Arbitration Reform in the Asia Pacific" by Hart Publishing, in the CDR "Essential Intelligence: The Belt and Road Initiative", published by Global Legal Group, London, in the textbook Law and Practice of Injunctions in Malaysia by Sweet & Maxwell, in the textbook Law and Practice of Construction Law in Malaysia by Sweet & Maxwell and "Malaysian chapter on Construction Law", part of the Chambers Global Practice Guides published by Chambers and Partners. Ko Luen has also gained recognition in the field in various publications including Chambers & Partners Asia, The Legal 500, Benchmark Litigation Asia Pacific, Asialaw Profiles and IFLR1000 and has been named as one of the '10 Top Influential Construction Dispute Resolution Lawyers in Malaysia for 2023' in Business Today Lawyer Awards 2023 (July 20, 2023).



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Panel Discussion

Pre-Dispute Management and Effective Dispute Resolution Mechanisms for Construction Disputes



Datuk Roger Chin

Partner,
Chin Lau Wong & Foo

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.



Lilien Wong

Partner,
Shearn Delamore & Co

Lilien Wong is a Partner in one of the largest and oldest law firms in Malaysia, Shearn Delamore & Co. She holds a 1st Class LLB degree and an LLM in International Commercial Law with Distinction. Lilien is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators. She is on the AIAC's Panel of Arbitrators & Mediators and has acted as an arbitrator. She has handled many complex landmark commercial disputes for clients both domestic and international in litigation and arbitration. She has been recognized in the Private Practice Arbitration Powerlist: Southeast Asia published by the Legal 500 (2022), Legal 500 Asia-Pacific (2025) as 'Next Generation Partner' in Dispute Resolution and Antitrust & Competition.



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