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Our Conference Marathon brings together a lineup of distinguished moderators and speakers who will share their expertise, experiences, and insights on navigating the evolving landscape of construction disputes. From case studies to best practices, participants will gain practical knowledge to enhance their management skills and contribute to the creation of well-designed dispute-resolution mechanisms.

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9:00AM > LOGIN

9:15AM > **WELCOMING REMARKS**

9:25AM > **KEYNOTE ADDRESS**
by **JUSTICE DATO' LEE SWEE SENG**
Court of Appeal Judge of Malaysia

9:45AM > **SPECIAL ADDRESS**
BY OLIVER WEE HIANG CHYN
President, Master Builders Association Malaysia (MBAM)

10:00AM > **SESSION 1: THE CONCEPT OF PRACTICAL COMPLETION AND IMPACT OF NON-COMPLETION BASED ON VARIOUS STANDARD FORMS OF CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS**

Upon practical completion of works, the contractor will hand over the site to the employer. But how is "practical completion" or "completion" of works determined under various standard forms of building contracts like PAM, JKR, AIAC SFC or FIDIC? Join this panel discussion to gain insights from our panellists on the concept of practical completion and impact of non-completion.

MODERATOR

TAN SWEE IM | International Arbitrator Member, 39 Essex Chambers

SPEAKERS

LAM KO LUEN | Partner, Shook Lin & Bok

SHAUN KUMAR | Chief Solutions Officer, 2C Consulting

KAREN NG GEK SUAN | Partner, Karen, Mak & Partners

KEE MENG FAI | Partner, Belden

11:15AM > **PRESENTATION**

11:30AM > **SESSION 2: NAVIGATING THE COMPLEX WATERS IN LOSS AND EXPENSE CLAIM**

A contractor's entitlement to loss and expense may arise in the event of delay or disruption of works caused by the employer. Such a claim may encompass prolongation costs, acceleration costs or loss of overheads and profits. Should a contractor prepare its loss and expense claim based on actual loss or would the contractor be entitled to claim for loss and expense based on recognised formulae? Under what circumstances might a contractor make its claim based on a "global claim"? Our panellists in this session will navigate us through the steps and key elements in preparing an effective loss and expense claim.

MODERATOR

ZUREEN ELINA HJ. MOHD DOM | Head of Arbitration & ADR Unit, Attorney General's Chambers

SPEAKERS

OUI HUEY MIIN | Partner, Raja, Darryl & Loh

NAVEEN SRI KANTHA | Partner, Tuang, Chu & Co

PETER HIEBLER | Director, Turner Commercial Advisory Services

ANAND ANTHONY | Director, Claims and Expert Services, Drees & Sommer

12:45PM > **SHORT BREAK**

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1:00PM > **AFTERNOON SPECIAL ADDRESS**
by **JUSTICE DATO' LIM CHONG FONG**
Court of Appeal Judge of Malaysia

1:20PM > **SESSION 3: TERMINATION OF CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT - THE DO'S AND DON'TS**

Termination of a contract must not be taken lightly. Under what circumstances can the employer, main contractor or sub-contractor terminate the construction contract? What are the do's and don'ts? What are the consequences of termination and unlawful termination? Delve into the best practices in managing termination of a construction contract with insights from our esteemed panellists.

MODERATOR

JUSTICE DATO' HAJAH ALIZA BINTI SULAIMAN | High Court Judge of Kuala Lumpur (Construction)

SPEAKERS

LYNDA LIM | Managing Director, REX C Expert & Dispute Services

WILSON HO | Partner, Ho Partnership

DAWN WONG | Partner, Steven Thiru & Sudhar Partnership

DIANA RAHMAN | Head of Legal, Gamuda Land

2:35PM > **PRESENTATION**

2:50PM > **PRESENTATION**

3:05PM > **SESSION 4: LATEST DEVELOPMENT IN CIPAA**

In this session, our panellists will highlight the latest developments in CIPAA, including case reviews and updates.

MODERATOR

SHANNON RAJAN | President, Malaysian Society of Adjudicators and Partner, Skrine

SPEAKERS

SATINDER SINGH SANDHU | Managing Partner, Sandhu & Co.

LEE KAI JUN | Partner, Wayne Siang, Kai & Co.

RYAN SOO | Managing Partner, RYCO Law Firm

SHEELA VINAKAYA DAS | Proprietor, Sheela Vinakaya & Co.

4:20PM > *SHORT BREAK*

4:35PM > **SESSION 5: THE CONTEXT OF TIME-BARRED IN CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT**

The general rule for the limitation period under Malaysian law is six years from the "cause of action". But what does "cause of action" truly mean, and how does it apply to construction claims or disputes especially in relation to defect claims, release of retention sum and final account? Join us in this session as we explore the intricacies of time-barred claims in the context of construction contract.

MODERATOR

JUSTICE DATUK WONG KIAN KHEONG | Court of Appeal Judge of Malaysia

SPEAKERS

DEEPAK MAHADEVAN | Partner, Azmi Fadzly Maha & Sim

BALAN NAIR THAMODARAN | Partner, Lavania & Balan Chambers

WONG HIN LOONG | Founding Partner, HL Wong, Soh & Co.

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5:50PM > SESSION 6: INTERNATIONAL ARBITRATION - SELECTING YOUR ARBITRAL INSTITUTION

The choice of arbitral institution plays a pivotal role in arbitration proceedings. There are no hard and fast rules nor one-size-fits-all solution. In this panel discussion, our esteemed panellists will share with their key considerations for proposing the most suitable arbitral institution including seat, applicable rule, and more.

MODERATOR

JUSTICE DATO' MARY LIM THIAM SUAN | Federal Court Judge of Malaysia

SPEAKERS

TAN SRI DAVID WONG | Chairman, BICAM and Former Chief Judge of Sabah & Sarawak

MAY TAI | Consultant, Herbert Smith Freehills and Arbitrator, HKIAC

SAMUEL LEONG | Supervising Counsel, Singapore International Arbitration Centre

GEORGE CHAPMAN | Senior Vice President, Legal & Compliance, Sarawak Energy

7:05PM > PRESENTATION

7:20PM > SHORT BREAK

7:30PM > SESSION 7: DEBATE: USE OF CHATGPT OR AI IN PREPARING EXPERT REPORT - YAY OR NAY?

In the unfolding revolution of AI, we stand at the crossroads where tradition intersects with technological approaches. Is it a resounding "Yay", ushering a new era of efficiency, or perhaps a cautious "Nay," questioning the nuances that AI might introduce? The stage is now set for a compelling battle of perspectives. Join us in this thought-provoking debate and cast your judgement on the winning team.

MODERATOR

DR EHSAN MUNAAIM | Contracts Director, Systra, Sloan Fellow 23', MIT and Exco, Malaysian Business Council – UAE

SPEAKERS

SOH LIEH SIENG | Founding Partner, Contract Solutions-i

NURUL SABRI | Associate Director, HKA

ADRIAN DOBBIE-HOLMAN | Regional Director, CCI

JAMIE DUNCAN | Director, ACTUS Construction Claims & Disputes

8:30PM > SESSION 8: AFTER WINNING AN ARBITRATION, HOW TO GET PAID?

When an arbitration concludes with a victorious outcome, the journey towards debt recovery is only beginning. Beyond the euphoria of winning, what practical measures can be taken? Join our experienced panellists in this insightful session as they delve into the complexities of enforcing and setting aside arbitration awards, and learn how to effectively turn a favorable decision into tangible financial recovery.

MODERATOR

SITPAH SELVARATNAM | Independent Arbitrator, Sitpah Selvaratnam Arbitration Chambers

SPEAKERS

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KHUSHBOO SHAHDADPURI | Senior Counsel, Al Tamimi & Company

JULIEN BERGERAT | Head of Legal, PRefChem

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9:45PM > CLOSING REMARKS

10:00PM > END



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JUSTICE DATO' LEE SWEE SENG
Court of Appeal Judge of Malaysia

Justice Dato' Lee Swee Seng graduated with a Bachelor of Laws (Hons) degree from the University of Malaya and obtained his Master of Laws from the same university. He also holds an MBA degree from the University of Southern Cross, Australia. Justice Dato' Lee was called to the Malayan Bar 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. Justice Dato' Lee has presented numerous papers and spoken at seminars and conferences on corporate and securities law, intellectual property, construction and adjudication, mediation, contractual disputes and many other topics. He was also a visiting fellow of Taylor University Law School and a part-time lecturer with UM Law Faculty for the LLM Masters Programme. Justice Dato' Lee is a trained advocacy trainer with Bar Council Malaysia for its Advocacy Training Course. He was also the High Court Judge of the Construction Court in Kuala Lumpur from 2016 to August 2019 before his elevation to the Court of Appeal.

SPECIAL ADDRESS



OLIVER WEE HIANG CHYN

President,
Master Builders Association Malaysia (MBAM)

Oliver H.C. Wee, the President of Master Builders Association Malaysia (MBAM) has over 40 years of experience in the construction industry and has been actively served with the Association voluntarily since 1994. Since 2022, Wee has been appointed as a Board Member of the Construction Industry Development Board Malaysia and the Board of Directors of Construction Labour Exchange Berhad (CLAB). He was appointed in March 2023 as a Panel of Experts under the Local Government Development Ministry to advise on programmes and policies under the purview of the ministry such as housing, local government, urban sustainability, and solid waste management. He sits on the Advisory Committee for the CIDB Construction Law Report. In the international frontage, Wee is currently the International of Asian & Western Pacific Contractors Association (IFAWPCA) Ambassador to the International Federation of Consulting Engineers (FIDIC) as well as the IFAWPCA Chairman of Conditions of Contracts Committee. He was the Chairman of, the ASEAN Constructors' Federation (ACF) in 2023. In addition to the mentioned portfolios, he was also the Executive President of China ASEAN Construction Industry under the Belt & Road initiative from 2015 to 2016 and was newly appointed as the Committee Member of the RCEP Industrial Cooperation Committee under Council ASEAN Business Council (CABC) in 2023.

AFTERNOON SPECIAL ADDRESS



JUSTICE DATO' LIM CHONG FONG
Court of Appeal Judge of Malaysia

Justice Dato' Lim Chong Fong D.S.P.N. has a Bachelor of Science (Building) Honours degree from the National University of Singapore, a Bachelor of Laws Honours degree from the University of London, and a Master of Laws degree from the University of Malaya. He is also a Chartered Arbitrator, Chartered Quantity Surveyor, and Barrister at Law (Middle Temple). He has worked as a quantity surveyor in the construction industry and practiced as a construction lawyer and arbitrator from 1985 to 2013. He was ranked as a leading lawyer in construction dispute resolution by Chambers & Partners, Asialaw Profiles, and The International Who's Who of Construction Lawyers' legal directories. He has undertaken research on the security of construction payment as a Fulbright scholar at the William S. Richardson School of Law in Hawaii, USA, and was subsequently appointed by the Construction Industry Development Board Malaysia to formulate the Construction Industry Payment and Adjudication bill (now Act 746 of Malaysia). He was the Honorary Advisor (Contracts) of the Master Builders Association Malaysia and was appointed by the Minister of Works in 2013 as a member of the expert panel to review the Malaysian construction industry practices following the construction accident at the Penang Second Bridge project. In 2017, he was awarded the Lifetime Achievement Award (Quantity Surveying) by the Royal Institution of Surveyors Malaysia. Justice Dato' Lim Chong Fong was appointed as Judicial Commissioner on 15th January 2014 and confirmed as Judge of the High Court of Malaya on 30th January 2017. He has served the general civil & criminal courts as well as the specialist intellectual property & construction courts. On 17th January 2023, he has been appointed as Court of Appeal Judge and presently serving the Court of Appeal in the Palace of Justice Putrajaya, Malaysia. Recently he has, amongst 19 others, been conferred the CIDB Fellowship Award 2023.

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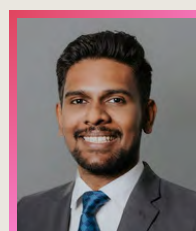
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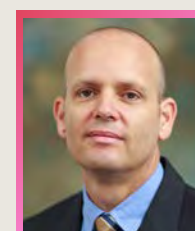
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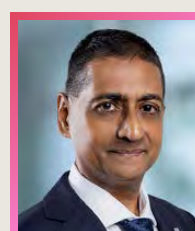
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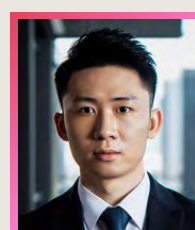
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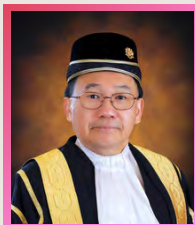
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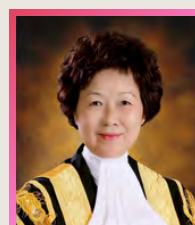


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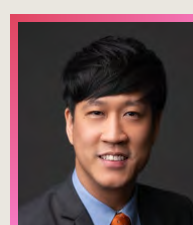
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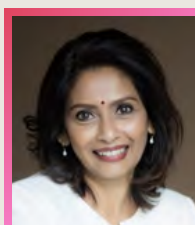


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MODERATOR



**JUSTICE DATO'
MARY LIM THIAM SUAN**
Federal Court Judge of Malaysia

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

MODERATOR



JUSTICE DATUK WONG KIAN KHEONG

Court of Appeal Judge of Malaysia

Justice Datuk Wong Kian Kheong graduated with a Bachelor of Laws (First Class Honours) degree from University of Malaya (UM) in 1988. Thereafter he was awarded a scholarship from Cambridge Commonwealth Trust-Shell Group of Companies to pursue his Master of Laws (Honours) degree in University of Cambridge in 1989. He was called to the Malaysian Bar in March 1990. He then joined the Judicial and Legal Service where he served as a Deputy Public Prosecutor (DPP) in the Attorney General's Chambers (AGC) until he commenced private practice in December 1997. Justice Wong had been awarded Excellent Service Award twice when he was a DPP in AGC. He had represented Malaysia in various conferences on, among others, the drafting of the United Nations' Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court, treaties on extradition and mutual legal assistance in criminal matters. He had lectured on a part-time basis in UM's Law Faculty and Brickfields College. Justice Wong was the editor for Mallal's Monthly Digest and Annotated Statutes of Malaysia as well as a case reporter for Malayan Law Journal. He had also served as a Course Outline Reviewer, Examination Question Setter and Examiner for the Certificate in Legal Practice conducted by the Legal Profession Qualifying Board (QB). When he was in practice, he had served as a Chairman of Disciplinary Committee and had acted pro bono for QB, Bar Council and Disciplinary Board. He had also been appointed to act for Bank Negara Malaysia, Selangor State Government, Malaysian Highway Authority, Langkawi Development Authority and UM. Justice Wong was appointed a Judicial Commissioner in June, 2014 and then a Judge in April 2018. Prior to his elevation to the Court of Appeal in January 2023, he was attached to the Shah Alam Construction Court. He has given talks on various topics organized by, among others, Judicial Academy, Judicial and Legal Service Training Institute, Kuala Lumpur Bar, Selangor Bar, Inns of Court of Malaysia and Malaysian Intellectual Property Corporation. He is also a trainer for advocacy courses organized by the Malaysian Bar.

MODERATOR



JUSTICE DATO' HAJAH ALIZA BINTI SULAIMAN

High Court Judge of Kuala Lumpur (Construction)

Justice Dato' Aliza Sulaiman graduated with a Bachelor of Laws degree from the Australian National University, Canberra in 1989 and obtained a Master of Laws (With Distinction) from the University Malaya in 2005. Her Ladyship was admitted as an advocate and solicitor of the High Court in Malaya in November 1989. Her Ladyship then served the Judicial and Legal Service for almost 30 years as a Magistrate; Legal Advisor, Public Service Department and Economic Planning Unit of the Prime Minister's Department ('PMD'); Senior Federal Counsel and Deputy Head, International Affairs Division, Attorney General's Chambers ('IAD'); Director, Certificate in Legal Practice Examination, Legal Profession Qualifying Board; Penang State Legal Advisor; and Senior Director, Legal Section, Public Private Partnership Unit, PMD. During her stint at IAD, her Ladyship was involved in bilateral, regional and multilateral negotiations, particularly on environmental, trade and outer space matters including the Scientific Agreement for the National Astronaut Programme. Her Ladyship was a member of the team who represented the Government of Malaysia at the hearing on jurisdiction and annulment of the award on jurisdiction in the ICSID Arbitration Tribunal Case commenced by Malaysian Historical Salvors Sdn. Bhd. Her Ladyship was appointed as a Judicial Commissioner of the High Court in Malaya on 31.3.2018 and was elevated as a High Court Judge two years later. Her Ladyship has presided over criminal, family and civil cases and is the longest serving Judge in the Construction Court at Kuala Lumpur (since May 2019).

MODERATOR



TAN SWEE IM

International Arbitrator Member,
39 Essex Chambers

Swee Im TAN is a Chartered Arbitrator, Barrister-at-Law (Middle Temple) and Advocate & Solicitor of the High Court of Malaya. She is an international arbitrator member at 39 Essex Chambers, based in their Kuala Lumpur office as well as the USA. Her focus is on the construction, infrastructure and energy sectors with extensive cradle to grave experience, ranging from early procurement strategy to contract drafting, advisory during the project life, through to dispute resolution. She has spent more than 30 years in these sectors in counsel and advisory roles, including having been seconded to major complex infrastructure projects, been an in-house counsel at a multi-national and founded a boutique legal firm in 1999. She is a fulltime independent neutral who takes appointments as arbitrator, adjudicator, dispute board member and mediator. She is a panel arbitrator of various panels including the AIAC, SIAC, HKIAC and ACICA. She is FCI Arb, FMI Arb, FAIADR, FCIOB, FMSAdj, Fellow of ACICA, Member of DRBF and holds a Diploma in International Commercial Arbitration.

MODERATOR



ZUREEN ELINA HJ. MOHD DOM

Head of Arbitration & ADR Unit,
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Zureen Elina Binti Hj. Mohd. Dom is a Senior Federal Counsel of the Attorney General's Chambers (AGC). She has been in AGC for over 21 years and has vast experience in litigation, arbitration and adjudication. Zureen Elina is currently the Head of the Arbitration & Alternative Dispute Resolution Unit in the Civil Division of the AGC. She is responsible in managing and handling arbitration matters in relation to the disputes arising from contracts involving various departments under the Government of Malaysia. The disputes encompass construction contracts (conventional, design and build), privatisation agreements, procurement contracts and information system contracts. She is also handling international arbitration involving the Government of Malaysia. Zureen Elina has appeared as lead counsel for trials and hearings in the High Court, Court of Appeal and Federal Court in numerous cases including high-profile and public interest matters. The judgements in several of the cases that she handled have been published in law reports and public news. Her litigation experience covers a wide variety of laws which include contract, insurance, tort (negligence, statutory duty, defamation, misfeasance in public office, and malicious prosecution), and election laws. During her tenure in AGC, she had the advantage of advocating criminal litigation skills when she served as a Deputy Public Prosecutor at the Appellate and Trial Division. Zureen Elina is also no stranger to giving lectures and knowledge sharing sessions at various departments and institutions.

MODERATOR



SITPAH SELVARATNAM

Independent Arbitrator,
Sitpah Selvaratnam Arbitration Chambers

Sitpah Selvaratnam has extensive experience as a Presiding Arbitrator, Co-Arbitrator and Sole Arbitrator. She has been appointed in more than 40 disputes, by arbitral institutions, parties and co-arbitrators under the AIAC, SIAC and HKIAC Rules. Her appointments involve charter parties, shipping and maritime disputes; international trade and commodities disputes; and commercial and contractual disputes. Ms Selvaratnam is a Court Member of the ICC International Court of Arbitration. She is also a Court Member of the Permanent Court of Arbitration. Ms. Selvaratnam holds a LLB (University of Wales), a LLM (University of Cambridge), and a Diploma in International Commercial Arbitration (Chartered Institute of Arbitrators). She practised as an Advocate & Solicitor in Malaysia for 33 years before becoming an Independent Arbitrator in 2024.

MODERATOR



SHANNON RAJAN

President, Malaysian Society of Adjudicators
and Partner, Skrine

Shannon is a disputes partner in the Construction and Engineering and International Arbitration practice. Shannon has spent the past 17 years actively involved in all forms of ADR. He regularly appears as counsel in arbitration and at all levels of the Malaysian courts. He has advised and acted in a broad spectrum of disputes, from engineering, construction, oil and gas installations, power plants, transport, infrastructure, contracts to environmental and aviation disputes. He is an arbitrator and a mediator who sits on the panel of several international arbitration and mediation centres and has been appointed in a variety of construction and commercial disputes. He is also an adjudicator with the AIAC and has successfully completed his 15th statutory adjudication case in Malaysia.

MODERATOR



DR EHSAN MUNAAIM

Contracts Director, Systra, Sloan Fellow 23', MIT
and Exco, Malaysian Business Council – UAE

Dr. Ehsan Munaaim is a legally qualified Chartered Quantity Surveyor, Chartered Construction Manager, and Consultant Quantity Surveyor with an academic and professional background acquired in the UK, USA, and Malaysia. He holds a PhD in Law from King's College London (KCL) and an MBA from Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), and professional memberships, including FRICS, FCI Arb, and FCIOB. Ehsan has held various roles (ranging from Consultant to Director) with leading consultancy firms, such as Hill International, HKA, Parsons, and Systra, specialising in commercial management, claims, contracts, and dispute avoidance and resolution. He has provided consulting support in his areas of expertise to both employers and contractors across the globe, from Afghanistan and India to Iraq, Saudi Arabia, Malaysia, Qatar, Tanzania, and the UAE, managing projects valued at up to US\$15 billion across sectors such as airports, buildings, oil and gas, power generation, and rail. Ehsan has taught at some of the world's top universities, including University College London, and is a Sloan Fellow '23 at MIT. His PhD research at KCL was supervised by Professors Phillip Capper and Nicholas Gould and examined by Professors John Uff and Doug Jones. He serves on the advisory panel of the Adjudication Research + Reporting Unit at the University of New South Wales, Australia.

SPEAKERS



LAM KO LUEN

Partner, Shook Lin & Bok

Ko Luen is a Partner of the firm of Shook Lin & Bok, Kuala Lumpur where he 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 27 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, 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).



SHAUN KUMAR

Chief Solutions Officer, 2C Consulting

Mr Shaun Kumar has had 30 years of experience in the construction industry with various roles from a Contractor, Client and a Consultant in Malaysia, Singapore and Germany. He has handled various developments and in particular infrastructure, hotels, resorts, hospitals and airport developments as an Owner's Rep / Project Director. His role has covered leadership roles on prestigious development projects right through from concept stages to handing over. His past experience include stints with large conglomerates. Throughout his career he has developed a skill in dispute resolution and claims management and has recently been empanelled by the Asian International Arbitration Centre as a licensed Adjudicator and Mediator. He is as well an accredited expert specialising in delay and disruption claims in construction disputes.

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KAREN NG GEK SUAN

Partner, Karen, Mak & Partners

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.



KEE MENG FAI

Partner, Belden

Meng Fai is active in the area of statutory and contractual adjudications and construction arbitrations. He spent his initial years of practice in Singapore handling claims and disputes in the construction, engineering and mining industries. Upon his move back to Malaysia, Meng Fai's practice is focused in the area of construction, engineering, oil and gas, infrastructure and commercial claims. Currently, Meng Fai handles domestic and international arbitrations in the Asia Pacific region and other forms of ADR, including mediations, expert determination and early neutral evaluations. Meng Fai is highly sought by his clients for his keen attention to detail when handling cases.

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OOI HUEY MIIN

Partner, Raja, Darryl & Loh

Huey Miin has practised civil and commercial dispute resolution in Malaysia since 1999 and presently heads the Construction, Infrastructure and Energy Practice of Messrs. Raja, Darryl & Loh, a law firm based in Kuala Lumpur. He regularly acts as lead counsel in Malaysian court proceedings and in arbitrations. Huey Miin also sits as an arbitrator and adjudicator. He is a fellow, and the Immediate Past President, of the Malaysian Institute of Arbitrators (MIArb) and a fellow, and 'approved faculty list' tutor and assessor, of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (CIArb).



NAVEEN SRI KANTHA

Partner, Tuang, Chu & Co

Naveen Sri Kantha is a Partner of the Construction Dispute Resolution and Arbitration Practice Group of Tuang Chu & Co and is a legal practitioner with a specific focus on infrastructure, oil and gas, and energy disputes. He holds an LL.B (Hons.) degree from the University of Liverpool, U.K. and was admitted to the High Court of Malaya as an Advocate and Solicitor in 2018. Naveen's contentious work arising from projects through formal dispute resolution has been mainly in arbitration (both domestic and international), adjudication and court litigation. He has experienced the entire range of dispute resolution processes as he has appeared at all levels of the Malaysian Courts and has advised and acted for clients in arbitrations under various institutional rules (including, ICC, AIAC, UNCITRAL, and SIAC). Apart from legal work, Naveen is regularly involved as a speaker in both domestic and international arbitration conferences and is a member of the Editorial Board for the publication of the "Standard Form of Building Contracts Compared" authored by Datuk Sundra Rajoo.

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PETER HIEBLER

Director, Turner Commercial Advisory Services

Arising from the need within the Southeast Asia market to provide specialist commercial services, Turner has established Turner Commercial Advisory Services (TCAS), leveraging our wealth of construction industry experience and expertise. Peter Hiebler, the Director for TCAS, possesses wide experience in the international construction arena, having worked in the UK, the Middle East, South Africa and Southeast Asia. His expertise lies in the fields of Project Management, Contract Management and Administration, Scheduling and Delay Assessment, Claims and Dispute Resolution, Procurement and Commercial Strategy, Contract Administration, and Risk Management. Being an accredited expert, Peter's experience, expertise and qualifications allow him to provide expert witness services on scheduling and quantum matters, subject to the nature of the dispute. Peter is also a qualified and experienced adjudicator, being empanelled with the Asian International Arbitration Center (AIAC), having conducted several adjudications in Malaysia.



ANAND ANTHONY

Director, Claims and Expert Services, Drees & Sommer

Mr. Anand Anthony, is Drees & Sommer's Director for Claims and Expert Services, and is based in our Singapore office, has over 33 years' experience in the construction and engineering industries, and for the last 25 years has advised numerous client companies in connection with project and contract management issues. During his career Anand has undertaken a range of roles, including Project Director, Project Manager, Construction Manager, Project Controls Manager, Contracts Manager, Commercial Manager, Cost Engineer, Contracts Engineer, Planning Engineer - this broad experiential platform enabling him to consider matters from a holistic perspective and to advise clients accordingly. Anand testifies regularly as a Delay Expert (Forensic Planner), Quantum Expert (Cost Engineer), Expert Building Surveyor/Engineer, including acting as Expert on matters involving Value Engineering at the Singapore High Court, regional adjudications, and regional arbitrations.

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LYNNDA LIM

Managing Director, REX C Expert & Dispute Services

Ms Lynnda Lim is a dispute resolution professional with 21 years of working experience in the construction industry. Lynnda is managing dispute resolution proceedings, reviewing and drafting of claims, adjudication/arbitration submissions, and acting as delay and quantum expert witness in adjudication, arbitration and court. She also acts as an advisor to developers, construction and engineering companies, specialist supply trades in providing advice on commercial/construction contracts, delay and extension of time, variations, insurance claims, valuation of work done, formal dispute resolution, Security Payment Act / CIPAA, and other non-contentious matters within Malaysia, Australia, Hong Kong, United Kingdom, China, Vietnam, Japan, Singapore and other jurisdictions. Lynnda holds qualifications in Construction Management, International Arbitration and Law. She is an Accredited Expert Witness of the Academy of Experts UK, a Panel Arbitrator of the Asian International Arbitration Centre and the Malaysian Institute of Arbitrators, an Accredited Mediator of the Malaysian Mediation Centre, a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators UK, a Member of Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors UK, the Malaysian Institute of Arbitrators and the Malaysian Society of Adjudicators, a Member of the Chartered Institute of Building UK, the Malaysian Corporate Counsel Association, the Singapore Institute of Arbitrators and the Society of Construction Law Singapore. Lynnda is certified to act as Adjudicator for statutory adjudications under the Construction Industry Payment and Adjudication Act (CIPAA) in Malaysia. She is a Chartered Construction Manager and was an accredited NEC3 Project Manager. Lynnda is also a speakers of public seminars and in-house training programmes ranging from general contract administration to detailed studies in time/cost claims and management of standard contract forms.

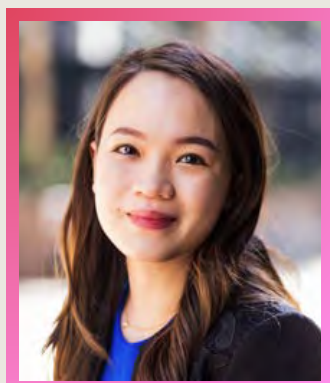


WILSON HO

Partner, Ho Partnership

Wilson is an experienced lawyer where his areas of expertise include litigation, arbitration and advisory with a special focus on complex matters relating to construction, corporate & company and insolvency matters. His expertise covers both contentious and non-contentious matters where he has represented a broad range of clients across all levels of Court and throughout the entire spectrum of arbitration and adjudication proceedings. In particular, he has advised and acted for employers, contractors and sub-contractors on a variety of construction, energy and infrastructure-related disputes, including conducting arbitration (international and domestic) and adjudication matters involving standard forms of contract such as PAM, IEM and JKR contracts. He also is experienced in advising insolvency practitioners such as liquidators, judicial managers and receivers & managers on various insolvency disputes. Aside from advising and representing clients on resolving disputes, Wilson also provides corporate legal advisory services such as drafting of various corporate related agreements. Wilson is empanelled as an Arbitrator with the Malaysian Institute of Arbitrators (MIArb), the Asian Institute of Alternative Dispute Resolution (AIADR) and the Borneo International Centre for Arbitration and Mediation (BICAM). He is also an Adjudicator and Mediator empanelled with both the Asian International Arbitration Centre (AIAC) and AIADR. Wilson regularly conducts adjudication proceedings under the Construction Industry Payment and Adjudication Act 2012 (CIPAA 2012), both as Counsel and Adjudicator.

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DAWN WONG

Partner, Steven Thiru & Sudhar Partnership

Dawn is a Partner at Messrs Steven Thiru & Sudhar Partnership, where she practises in the fields of civil and commercial litigation and alternative dispute resolution, with a particular focus on construction-related disputes. She acts for and advises major developers, contractors, architects, and engineers in litigation, arbitration, and adjudication proceedings and is familiar with all major standard forms of construction and consultancy contracts. Dawn is also experienced in contract administration and the drafting and negotiation of project documentation. Apart from construction-related matters, Dawn has also handled company and shareholders' disputes, defamation claims, contentious probate disputes, restructuring and insolvency proceedings including judicial management, abuse of dominance claims in the aviation sector, and disciplinary proceedings before the Disciplinary Committee of The Malaysian Institute of Accountants. Dawn obtained her LL.B (Hons) from The London School of Economics and Political Science and is a Member of The Honourable Society of Gray's Inn. She has been an Advocate & Solicitor of the High Court of Malaya since 2016 and is presently serving as the Deputy President of The Malaysian Institute of Arbitrators (MIArb).

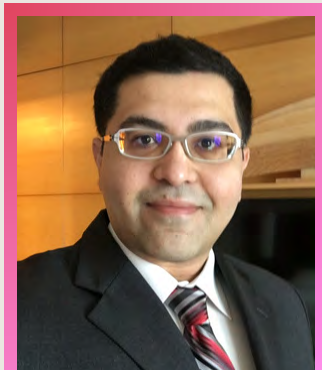


DIANA RAHMAN

Head of Legal, Gamuda Land

Prior to joining Gamuda Land, Ms Rahman served as the Deputy Head of Legal Services at the Asian International Arbitration Centre (AIAC), where she supervises the administration of hundreds of ADR cases encompassing arbitration, adjudication, mediation and domain disputes. During her time with the AIAC, her portfolios included the AIAC's sports arbitration practice and mediation initiatives, where under the umbrella of the AIAC Young Practitioners Group (YPG), Ms Rahman sat as the co-chair of the mediation committee between 2019 to 2021. Between September 2019 and December 2020, Ms Rahman was appointed as the Secretary-General of the Asian Domain Name Dispute Resolution Centre (ADNDRC). Ms Rahman was also appointed as the Honorary Secretary for the Sports Law Association of Malaysia (SLAM) for the 2020-2021 term. Ms Rahman is also a Member of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (CIArb) UK and empanelled as an arbitrator with the Shenzhen Court of International Arbitration (SCIA). Additionally, Ms Rahman is also an accredited mediator, certified by the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (RICS) UK, as well as an accredited trainer, accredited by the Human Resource Development Corporation (HDRCorp) under the Malaysian Ministry of Human Resources.

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SATINDER SINGH SANDHU

Managing Partner, Sandhu & Co.

Mr. Satinder Singh Sandhu is an Advocate of the High Court of Sabah & Sarawak in Sarawak and has been practising for over 19 years. He has a Specialist Masters in Construction Law (Hons) from the University of Auckland, New Zealand and is principally involved in construction and commercial litigation covering various aspects of construction law, company law, commercial, contracts, insolvency, negligence, property litigation and alternative dispute resolution. He is a panel Adjudicator with AIAC and AIADR and has been appointed as an Adjudicator and as a counsel in various adjudication disputes. He also actively acts as counsel in Arbitration disputes for construction projects in West Malaysia and Sarawak. Other than carrying out front-end drafting work for construction contracts relating to road, hydro-power, telecommunication and other infrastructure works, Mr. Satinder Singh Sandhu is also on the corporate advisory panel of various listed and private companies. In relation to mediation, Mr. Satinder is an accredited mediator with the High Court Sabah and Sarawak, an Evaluative Mediator with RICS and a panel mediator for both AIAC and AIADR.

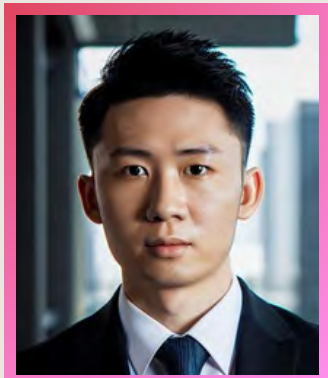


RYAN SOO

Managing Partner, RYCO Law Firm

Ryan Soo is an advocate, adjudicator and mediator based in Kota Kinabalu, Sabah. He is the managing partner of RYCO Law Firm and practices mainly in the fields of dispute resolution; and corporate and commercial advisory. Amid a global focus on renewable energy and ESG, Ryan has offered practical and innovative advice across diverse scenarios including due diligence, strategic business evolution and structuring business acquisitions and divestitures. He has held various positions of responsibility in the Sabah Law Society and is currently the Vice President. He is a contributing author of several books including the Malaysian Civil Procedure 2021 and 2018, the National Land Code and Guidebook on Self-Represented Litigants. He is also a member of the Corporate Practice Consultative Forum (CPCF).

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LEE KAI JUN

Partner, Wayne Siang, Kai & Co.

Lee Kai Jun (Kai) is a practising advocate & solicitor and a partner at Messrs. Wayne Siang, Kai & Co. His principal area of practice is Construction, Engineering & Energy where he regularly represents clients in court proceeding, arbitration proceeding and statutory adjudication proceeding under the Construction Industry Payment and Adjudication Act 2012 (CIPAA). He has advised and/or acted as a client's representative in more than 30 CIPAA adjudication cases. He is empanelled as an adjudicator at the AIAC and as a mediator at IMI, RICS and AIAC. He is also a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (FCI Arb) and the Asian Institute of Alternative Dispute Resolution (FAIADR). He read law at the University of Leeds and holds a Professional Diploma in International Arbitration.



SHEELA VINAYAKA DAS

Proprietor, Sheela Vinakaya & Co.

K. Sheela T Vinayaka Das graduated with a Bachelor of Law (Hons) from the University of London (External) and was admitted as an Advocate and Solicitor in 2012. She obtained her Masters in Law (LLM) from the University of Malaya in 2018. Sheela's primary area of practice is in civil litigation with a focus on the construction disputes, though she has experience in insolvency, employment and medico legal matters. She has appeared mainly for sub-contractors in CIPAA cases, High Court and Court of Appeal matters. She runs a boutique practice in Kuala Lumpur.

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DEEPAK MAHADEVAN

Partner, Azmi Fadzly Maha & Sim

Deepak practices in the field of civil and commercial dispute resolution with a primary focus on construction and engineering disputes. His extensive experience in this area includes advisory and drafting services for all stages of the project lifecycle and formal dispute resolution (whether through litigation, international and domestic arbitration, contractual adjudication or statutory adjudication under the Construction Industry Payment and Adjudication Act 2012 (CIPAA)) Deepak has appeared as counsel in numerous domestic and international arbitrations as well as statutory adjudications under CIPAA. He also frequently appears as counsel in the High Court of Malaya and the appellate courts of Malaysia in relation to construction disputes. In addition to his substantial experience as counsel, he is also a qualified adjudicator with the Asian International Arbitration Centre ("AIAC") and frequently sits as Adjudicator in CIPAA disputes. Deepak is also a member of the Bar Council Arbitration and Construction Law Committee as well as a Fellow of the Malaysian Society of Adjudicators.



BALAN NAIR THAMODARAN

Partner, Lavania & Balan Chambers

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.

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WONG HIN LOONG

Founding Partner, HL Wong, Soh & Co.

Hin Loong was admitted as an Advocate & Solicitor of the High Court of Malaya in 2000. He is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (CIArb), the Singapore Institute of Arbitrators (SIArb) and the Malaysian Society of Adjudicators. He has about 23 years of experience as counsel in litigation and arbitration proceedings. His area of practice primarily revolves around construction law, civil and commercial disputes. He was formerly a partner for 15 years in a mid-sized well-known legal firm in Kuala Lumpur which specialises in civil litigation, construction arbitration and adjudication. He was the co-head of the dispute resolution team. In 2021, he established his own firm, HL Wong, Soh & Co. with another partner, Ms Soh Jing Han. Since the Construction Industry Payment and Adjudication Act 2012 ("CIPAA") came into operation on 15th April 2014, he has appeared both as counsel and adjudicator in numerous adjudication proceedings, some of which are found in the law reports. He regularly publishes articles on construction law and civil litigation. He is currently empanelled as an arbitrator and adjudicator with the Asian International Arbitration Centre ("AIAC").

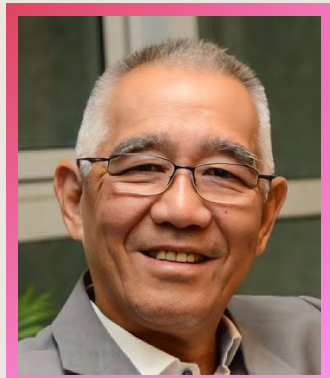


JOCELYN LIM

Partner, Skrine

Jocelyn is a partner of Skrine, with a focus on construction and real estate matters. She acts 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 in 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 has experience in reviewing and drafting of contracts and she is well-versed with all major standard forms of construction and consultancy contracts. She also 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, AIAC. She also sits as an adjudicator, and she is an accredited mediator on the panel of the Malaysian International Mediation Centre. Jocelyn is listed by ALB as one of Malaysia Rising Stars 2022. She has been described by clients as "quick in response and in-depth knowledge of the subject matter" and being "very accessible, knowledgeable and succinct in her advice".

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TAN SRI DAVID WONG

Chairman, Borneo International Centre for Arbitration and Mediation,
and Former Chief Judge of Sabah & Sarawak

Tan Sri Datuk Seri Panglima David Wong Dak Wah read law at University of New South Wales, Sydney, Australia. He also obtained a B.Com (majoring in accountancy) from the same University. From 1978 to 1979, Tan Sri Datuk David was attached to a Public Accounting Firm in Sydney as a qualified auditor. In 1979 he was admitted as a Barrister of the New South Wales Supreme Court in Australia. Tan Sri David was in private practice from 1979 until 2005 in Sabah and Sydney, Australia. On 29 August 2005, Tan Sri David was appointed a Judicial Commissioner of the High Court of Sabah and Sarawak in Kuching and elevated as a Judge of the High Court of Sabah and Sarawak with effect from 11 April 2007. On 15 January 2009, Tan Sri David was transferred to the High Court of Kota Kinabalu, Sabah, until his elevation to the Court of Appeal Malaysia on 8 January 2013, where he headed the Construction Court. He was appointed as Judge of the Federal Court on 27 April 2018 and Chief Judge of Sabah & Sarawak on 11 July 2018. Tan Sri David retired as the Chief Judge of Sabah and Sarawak on 19 February 2020. He is now attached to Chang and Wong Partners, Advocates and Solicitors as the Legal Consultant doing advisory works, especially on court-related matters. He also acts as an Arbitrator, Mediator and Adjudicator. He is also the Chairman of Borneo International Centre of Arbitration and Mediation (BICAM).



MAY TAI

Consultant, Herbert Smith Freehills and Arbitrator, HKIAC

May is a leading arbitration practitioner and arbitrator, with particular expertise in cross-border China-related and Asian disputes and contentious regulatory matters. May regularly advises governments, government-owned entities and commercial clients (including financial institutions and energy companies) in Asia, Europe and the United States, including acting as counsel, advocate and arbitrator in arbitrations under various rules and court proceedings. She sits as an arbitrator in HKIAC, SIAC, ICC and CIETAC proceedings, and has also sat as an Emergency Arbitrator. May served as the firm's China Managing Partner from 2017-2020 and Asia Managing Partner from 2020-2023.

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SAMUEL LEONG

Supervising Counsel, Singapore International Arbitration Centre

Samuel is Supervising Counsel at the Singapore International Arbitration Centre. With over a decade of specialist international arbitration experience, Samuel has acted both as arbitrator and arbitration counsel. Prior to re-joining SIAC, Samuel was a Senior Associate at Norton Rose Fulbright. Samuel has been recognised by Who's Who Legal as a "Global Elite Thought Leader - Under 45" and a "most highly regarded" Future Leader in Arbitration; by The Legal 500 in its International Arbitration Powerlist for Southeast Asia; and as a Thomson Reuters Stand-out Lawyer. He also serves on the YSIAC Global Council (as a Co-Lead for the APAC region) and the Tutors Panel of the AIAC Academy. Described as "one of the leaders of the next generation", he has been commended "as a highly regarded practitioner" for his "impeccable knowledge of arbitration in cross-border disputes in Southeast Asia"; and for having a "deep knowledge of the practices and procedures of arbitral institutions"; and as "a persuasive advocate, with a bold and creative writing style." Samuel graduated with an LL.B. from Universiti Malaya and an LL.M. from Columbia University School of Law (as a Fulbright and Harlan Fiske Stone scholar). Samuel is admitted to the Malaysian Bar.



GEORGE CHAPMAN

Senior Vice President, Legal & Compliance, Sarawak Energy

George Chapman assumed the role of Senior Vice President for our Legal & Compliance Department on 1 December 2023, leading his team and overseeing the legal, corporate secretarial, land & wayleave, as well as integrity & compliance aspects of Sarawak Energy's functions and operations. A seasoned legal professional, George was a legal practitioner from 1995 until he joined Sarawak Energy in 2012. In his previous roles from Senior Legal Officer to General Manager for Legal, he demonstrated legal acumen, strategic decision-making and strong leadership qualities. He is also a certified adjudicator, empanelled with the Asian International Arbitration Centre, Malaysia.

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SOH LIEH SIENG

Founding Partner, Contract Solutions-i

Soh Lieh 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, Lieh 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. Lieh 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. Lieh 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, Lieh Sieng has acted as a tribunal in 16 construction contract-related dispute proceedings.



NURUL SABRI

Associate Director, HKA

Nurul Sabri is an Associate Director at HKA in Qatar. Nurul specialises in contracts and quantum and has significant experience in the alternative dispute resolution. She has worked on international arbitration and adjudication proceedings and is experienced in acting as an Assistant to the Arbitral Tribunal and appointed quantum Expert. Nurul has been involved in a wide variety of construction projects employing various forms of contract, particularly the FIDIC suite and bespoke forms. Her experience portfolio includes many large scale and complex projects across various sectors throughout the Middle East, Africa, and Southeast Asia. Nurul is a RICS Registered Expert Witness, an accredited Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre (HKIAC) Tribunal Secretary, a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (Ciarb), and a Member of Australian Institute of Quantity Surveyors (AIQS). She also currently sits on the Board Members of the Ciarb Qatar Branch.

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ADRIAN DOBBIE-HOLMAN

Regional Director, CCI

Adrian Dobbie-Holman is CCI's Regional Director for Asia based in Kuala Lumpur. He is a Civil Engineer with 29 years of experience gained in the UK, Malaysia, Singapore and the Middle East. He holds a BEng (Hons) degree in Civil Engineering and a Master's degree in Construction Law and Arbitration. He is an RICS Nominated Expert Witness and a Member of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators. After many years of experience project managing infrastructure projects for contractors, Adrian now manages a team of consultants and acts as a quantum expert witness. He has been appointed in that role in High Court, Arbitration and Adjudication matters in Malaysia, on infrastructure and building projects, and has also represented parties in formal dispute proceedings in the UAE and has produced numerous independent opinions on contractual and quantum matters. In his career, Adrian has worked on a huge variety of projects, including the Burj Khalifa, Heathrow and Abu Dhabi airports, as well as oil & gas, industrial, rail, tunnelling, sewage treatment, bridge, theme park, exhibition centre and security system projects.



JAMIE DUNCAN

Director, ACTUS Construction Claims & Disputes

Jamie is the Director of ACTUS Construction Claims & Disputes, a South East Asia-based construction consultancy. ACTUS services range from pre-contract negotiations, contract administration, claims and dispute resolution services. As part of these services, Jamie is regularly appointed as an Independent Expert in matters of Delay and Quantum for projects seeking resolution via Adjudication, Arbitration and legal proceedings. Jamie has over 20 years of experience in the industry and attained his RICS chartered status in 2005. He has worked on both the employer and contracting side of the industry on projects in the UK, the Middle East, South East Asia and Australia. Working within both employer and contractor organisations has given Jamie a great insight and understanding of the different approaches taken by both parties, which is invaluable in allowing him to provide strategic advice and services to clients.

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IR HARBANS SINGH KS

Principal, HSKS Dispute Resolution Chambers

Ir. 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, Ir. 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 Arbitrator's Award for the Diploma in International Commercial Arbitration examination (2003). Ir. 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.



KHUSHBOO SHAHDADPURI

Senior Counsel, Al Tamimi & Company

Khushboo Shahdarpuri is a Senior Counsel with Al Tamimi & Company. Ranked as a future leader in arbitration by Who'sWhoLegal and Rising Star by Legal500, Khushboo is dual qualified in Singapore and New York. She specialises in infrastructure, construction, energy and JV disputes arising out of Middle East projects. She has worked on gas pipelines, solar power plants, World Cup stadiums and other prominent development projects, where the value of the dispute has exceeded USD 1 billion. Khushboo works with leading experts and KCs and has extensive experience in both civil and common law arbitrations. She has also argued cases before arbitral tribunals and the Singapore courts. Khushboo regularly speaks and publishes on arbitration and construction issues. Apart from her role as Regional Lead for EMEA in the YSIAC Council, she is Associate Editor of Kluwer Arbitration Blog overseeing the MENA and India regions, committee member of the Law Society (Singapore), ERE Global Steering Committee member and Greener Arbitrations Subcommittee member.

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JULIEN BERGERAT

Head of Legal, PRefChem

Julien Bergerat is the General Counsel and Company Secretary of PRefChem, a joint venture formed by Petronas and Saudi Aramco to build and operate the biggest refinery of Malaysia. Qualified English solicitor and French attorney with a demonstrated history of working in the energy and construction industries, he has become a global leader used to work within diverse and multicultural environments. Fellow at the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, Julien has developed a real interest in Disputes Resolution especially Arbitration. Holder of an Executive MBA from Cambridge University, he is now endorsing new challenges outside the traditional legal field and plays an active role in the decision-making process as member of the Management Committee of PRefchem.



SERENE HIEW

Partner, Harold & Lam Partnership

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 a director of the International Group of Arbitrators (Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, Malaysia) and the Deputy Chairman of the Malaysian Society of Construction Law.



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