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Ramkarpal Singh is a prominent Malaysian politician and lawyer. He was educated in Penang and holds a Bachelor of Laws degree from the University of Bristol, UK. He was admitted to the Malaysian bar in 2000 and currently heads his late father's law firm in Kuala Lumpur. Ramkarpal is an elected Member of Parliament for the Bukit Gelugor constituency and has been actively advocating for justice and the welfare of his constituents. His dedication to public service and legal expertise has earned him respect and influence in both legal and political circles in Malaysia.



Dr Azizan Abdul Aziz

President

Malaysian Medical Association (MMA)

Azizan Abdul Aziz is a highly accomplished medical professional with an MD degree from UKM in 1986. She has served in government and private hospitals, retiring after 15 years of solo general practice. Dr. Azizan has a special interest in Anti-Aging and Hormonal medicine and has attended conferences in various countries. She is a life member of several esteemed medical associations, including SAHAMM, SAAARMM, and MMA. Currently, she holds the prestigious position of President-Elect of the Malaysian Medical Association (MMA). Dr. Azizan's career is characterised by dedication to patient care, continuous learning, and contributing to the medical community.



Dr Afidah Ali

Director

Hospital Selayang

Afidah Ali is a specialist in Public Health Medicine. She obtained her MD degree from Universiti Sains Malaysia in 1994 and later pursued a Master's in Community Medicine (MCM) from the same university in 2002. Currently, Dr. Afidah practices at the Ministry of Health Malaysia as the Director of Hospital Selayang.



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Mr Ahmad Nizam Abbas

Managing Director

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Ahmad Nizam Abbas has substantial experience in Family Law, Syariah Law, Criminal Law, and Private Wealth. He participated in the Parliamentary Select Committee's hearing on the amendments to the Administration of Muslim Law Act of 1998, contributing extensively to the development of Muslim law in Singapore. He has represented clients across several landmark cases with regard to employment, conflict of laws, Muslim law, and criminal matters. From 2010 to December 2021, Mr. Nizam held the position as the Chairperson of the Law Society's Muslim Law Practice Committee. Additionally, Mr. Nizam holds several tribunal appointments, including the Panel of Advisers of the Youth Court and the Panel of Child Representatives at the Family Justice Court. He also serves on the Tribunal of Maintenance of Parents. Ahmad Nizam's appreciation for law and love for teaching the next generation of lawyers is reflected in his activity as a lecturer on Family Law, Wills, Probate, and Administration and Mediation at the Singapore Institute of Legal education (the Singapore Bar). He is also a Trainer and Assessor with the Singapore Mediation Centre and collaborates with the National University of Singapore on its Muslim Law Practice course specifically designed for practitioners. In 2020 he co-created the first ever module on Islamic family law in Singapore, now used in the LLB program at Singapore University of Social Services (SUSS). In addition to his law practice and associated activities, Mr. Nizam participates in numerous civic activities, including the Ministry of Home Affairs, the Ministry of Social and Family Development, and TRANS Family Services. He has a long history serving as chairperson, board member, or general member of several other organisations.



Mr Aloysius Goh

Founder & CEO

Sage Mediation, Singapore

Aloysius Goh is the Founder and CEO of Sage Mediation Pte Ltd, an expert in mediation and conflict resolution. He holds an LLB and an LLM in Mediation Advocacy from NUS, and an M.Ed. in Education Leadership from Boston College Lynch School. Aloysius has held leadership roles at MOH Holdings Pte Ltd and the Singapore International Mediation Centre. He founded Sage Mediation in 2019 and currently serves on the Research Ethics Committee at NUS. His expertise and dedication have made him a respected figure in mediation and conflict resolution.



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Mr Ashwin Kumar

Assistant Director, Legal
Sunway Healthcare Group

Ashwin Kumar is an experienced legal professional with an LLB in Law from The University of Sheffield and a PgDip in Bar Professional Training Course from the University of the West of England. Currently serving as the Assistant Director, Legal at Sunway Healthcare Group, he previously held the position of Senior Legal Manager with the same organisation. With over 3 years of experience in this role, Ashwin has managed various legal matters, including group litigation, corporate advisory, and compliance. He is a key member of the Sunway Research Ethics Committee and serves as the Personal Data Protection Officer. Ashwin's expertise also extends to areas such as Anti-Bribery and Anti-Corruption Policy Compliance, medico-legal issues, public liability, and commercial disputes. Before joining Sunway Healthcare Group, Ashwin gained experience as a Legal Associate in various law firms, specialising in civil and commercial litigation, medical negligence, and inquiries with the Medical and Dental Council. He has handled appeals cases up to the Federal Court and worked on construction and land law matters.



Dato' Bindi Rajasegaran

Founder and Director
National Coalition for Mental Wellbeing Berhad

Bindi Rajasegaran is the Founder and Director of the National Coalition for Mental Wellbeing Berhad. Additionally, she is a District Governor of Rotary International District 3300 Malaysia, Rotary is an international service organisation that purpose is to bring together business and professional leaders in order to provide humanitarian service to advance goodwill and peace around the world. She is currently the managing partner and administrator of Raja Segaran Consultant dealing with employment law and human resources. She is also a member of Advocates & Solicitors Disciplinary Board since 2008. She is also the Peace Ambassador of the Institute of Economics & Peace, an Advisory Committee on Promotion of Mental Health of the Ministry of Health, and a respected member of the Bar Council's Disciplinary Committee.



Mr Chai Sen Tyng

Senior Research Officer
Malaysian Research Institute on Aging, Universiti Putra Malaysia

Chai Sen Tyng mid-career researcher in social gerontology at the Malaysian Research Institute on Ageing (formerly the Institute of Gerontology), Universiti Putra Malaysia.



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Mr Chong Yue-En

Managing Director

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Chong Yue-En is a qualified advocate and solicitor of the Supreme Court of Singapore. His main area of expertise and experience is in family law and mental capacity matters. He currently serves as the Vice-Chair of the Law Society's Probate Practice and Succession Planning Committee. Yue-En is an experienced family litigator that seeks peaceful resolutions in acrimonious matrimonial cases with strong emphasis on adopting conciliatory methodologies. As lead counsel, he had argued cases in both the Family Justice Court and Supreme Court as well as the Syariah Court. He was assisting counsel in the case of *ABV v ABW* [2014] SGHC 29 where he was part of the team that successfully defended against an appeal by a father against his client, the mother, who won care and control of her daughters whom she had been alienated from by the father. In the area of Mental Capacity, he is passionate about protective justice for the vulnerable, and is known as one of the foremost experts in the area of Mental Capacity Law, having practised in the area since the inception of the Mental Capacity Act in 2010. To date, he is the only lawyer in Singapore with a Masters of Law specialising in Social Care Law, where his dissertation focused on analysing the safeguards in the UK and Singapore protecting Patients from financial abuse by Court appointed Deputies and LPA Donees. He understands the importance of crafting specially tailored Lasting Powers of Attorneys and the specific needs of Deputies. To date, he has argued many successful Mental Capacity Applications before the Family Justice Court. Yue-En has also given talks on Lasting Powers of Attorney and the Mental Capacity Act to the Methodist Welfare Society, Insurance Agencies (Prudential and AIA), doctors at Government Hospitals, amongst various agencies.



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Mr Daniel Koh

Retired District Judge

Family Justice Court, Singapore

Daniel Koh is a Partner with the firm’s Dispute Resolution and Family Law team. His main area of practice is civil and criminal law litigation. He recently retired as a judge in the Family Justice Court after an illustrious public service career spanning almost 40 years. As a family court judge, he dealt with a wide range of family disputes, ancillary hearings, probate applications and contested lasting power of attorneys and deputyship appointment hearings under the Mental Capacity Act. His adjudicative skills have been honed by his 2 decades of experience on the Singapore court bench, dealing with civil and criminal trials serving as a magistrate, assistant registrar, district judge and Registrar in the Subordinate Courts of Singapore. In 1995, as Registrar, he assisted the Chief Judge in initiating a comprehensive series of judicial reform and process engineering exercises that transformed the legal and judicial landscape in Singapore, significantly enhancing public access to justice and heightening public trust and confidence in the courts and the rule of law. In May 2001, he held the position of Deputy Principal Senior State Counsel in the Attorney General’s Chambers prosecuting sensitive financial and securities fraud cases. As director, he supervised teams of deputy public prosecutors in the Financial Securities offences and Corruption & Specialist crime directorates. He was the lead prosecutor in several complex high profile white-collar crimes including the China Aviation Oil case, one of the biggest financial scandals in Singapore. He was the first Public Guardian in Singapore from 2010 – 2015, seconded from the Attorney General’s Chambers in 2009 to take on this appointment. Since the Mental Capacity Act came into effect on 1 March 2010, Daniel, supported by the Office of the Public Guardian, carried out various functions towards enabling and protecting vulnerable persons in the society who lack mental capacity. Since 2010 he has been a regular overseas expert speaker at several World Congress sessions held in Washington, Melbourne, Berlin, Tokyo and Seoul on guardianship law.



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Datuk Darryl Goon Siew Chye

Consultant
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Darryl Goon Siew Chye, PJN, DMSM, retired from the Court of Appeal of Malaysia in June 2022. Prior to his time on the bench, he was the head of the Dispute Resolution Practice Group of the firm and was one of the foremost litigators in the country. Consistently top-ranked in leading legal publications and directories, Datuk Darryl Goon's prowess and versatility were manifest in the variety of litigation and arbitration work he handled during his 35.5 years at the Bar - cases that involved laws relating to, inter alia, medical negligence, intellectual property, defamation, companies, insurance, real property and judicial review of administrative decisions. Among his stand-out cases was the successful representation of the Edge Media Group in an application for judicial review against the decision of the Minister of Home Affairs that suspended the publication of The Edge Malaysia and The Edge Financial Daily arising from the articles published on the IMDB scandal. In 2017 the Minister was ultimately ordered by the Federal Court to pay damages to the Edge Media Group. This case is a precedent for the principle that damages may be awarded for the infringement of constitutional rights. One of his last major cases at the Bar was a landmark reported case that involved the important issue of whether a private hospital may be vicariously liable for the acts of the doctors practising there and/or whether it owes a non-delegable duty of re to patients. Datuk Darryl is a Fellow of both the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators and the Malaysian Institute of Arbitrators. Back in 2012, when the Rules of Court 2012 were prepared, Datuk Darryl was a member of the Task Force set up under the auspices of the Bar Council to undertake this important responsibility.



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Ms Farah Deba Mohamed Sofian

Partner
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Farah Deba's specialist area of practice is in inheritance & succession which includes estate and business succession planning, establishment of family trusts for Muslim & non-Muslims alike. She has assisted various clients to set up various charitable foundations, family & private trusts. Farah currently is also known for her experience in estate administration (whether as lead or instructing solicitor or otherwise) involving ultra and high net worth estate matters locally and across multiple jurisdictions. Farah also has extensive experience in advising various financial institutions in respect of various types of banking & trade facilities (conventional and Islamic), property developers in respect of mixed integrated development (residential, commercial and industrial projects), foreign acquisition & disposal of assets in Malaysia, long-term lease and land development related arrangements in respect of various infrastructure & privatised projects locally and in the Middle East. Farah was instrumental in the setting up of an Islamic financing unit of a co-operative society. She is also heavily involved in advising clients in various special projects for the development & construction of transportation hubs, hotels & medical centres. Farah has recently been spearheading 'special projects' for the Firm that include conducting training/briefing sessions, reviewing operations processes and methodology, formulating readiness programs for clients that include manufacturing clients and service providers in respect of laws on data protection. Farah is registered as a Mediator with the Bar Council Malaysian Mediation Centre. She is also a full STEP member (Society of Trust & Estate Practitioner) which headquarters is based in the United Kingdom. She is the current STEP Malaysia Chair.



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Datin Jacqueline WM Wong

Board Director CommonAge | The Commonwealth Association for the Ageing & Coordinator, Social Justice, Inclusion & Equality – Open Resilient Societies Working Group, Civil Society 7 | G7 Japan

Jacqueline is serving as a valuable asset to the CommonAge team. Her active involvement in various non-government, not-for-profit organisations focused on dementia, including roles as Hon. Advisor to dementia Brunei (dB) since 2018 and Hon. Secretary of the Executive Committee, Alzheimer's Disease Foundation of Malaysia (ADFM) from 2016 to 2019, underscores her commitment to improving the lives of people with dementia and their caregivers. Having cared for her father-in-law with Alzheimer's Disease and her mother-in-law with vascular dementia and Parkinson's Disease, Jacqueline's personal connection to dementia has become a driving force behind her passion and dedication. She has been instrumental in promoting dementia care skills and training programs and actively participates in Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) and Sustainability collaborations in Brunei and Malaysia. Jacqueline's efforts extend to volunteering for dementia-friendly and inclusive community projects in the Asia Pacific region, particularly in ASEAN countries. Her notable achievements include establishing the Atria-ADFM Community Corner, the first age-and-dementia-friendly mall in Malaysia and the Asia Pacific region. Additionally, she empowers youth through the Asia Pacific Youth Engagement Programme (YEP), focusing on preventive measures for dementia and active ageing. Engaging in international conferences with prestigious organisations like WHO, The Commonwealth, and WEF showcases her influence in dementia-related discussions and policies. Jacqueline's mentorship of young people involved in WHO Futures and her leadership roles in dementia-related organisations further exemplify her dedication. In 2022, she made history by becoming the first person without dementia to join the Dementia Alliance International (DAI) Board, highlighting her commitment to inclusivity. Beyond her work in dementia-related initiatives, Jacqueline supports the BIG ONES LITTLE ONES® (BOLO) program in Australia, which provides disadvantaged children with a voice through visual art and literacy. Her outstanding contributions have been recognized with the Madison's Who's Who US 'Member of the Year Award 2010/2011' for exemplary achievements in social responsibility and community contributions. Overall, Jacqueline's extensive experience, advocacy, and dedication make her a prominent figure in the field of dementia care and support, both regionally and internationally.



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Datuk Kuthubul Zaman Bukhari
Malaysian Mediation Council

Kuthubul Zaman Bukhari has held various positions in the Malaysian Bar and the Bar Council. He was the Secretary from 2000 to 2002, the Vice President from 2002 to 2003 and the President of the Malaysian Bar and Chairman of the Bar Council from 2003 to 2005. Kuthubul Zaman Bukhari also heads the Bar Council's Arbitration & Alternative Dispute Resolution Committee. He chaired the Arbitration Committee that was involved in the initial drafting of the new Arbitration Act which formed the basis of the new Arbitration Act 2005. Kuthubul Zaman Bukhari was appointed to sit on the Royal Commission to Enhance the Operation and Management of the Royal Malaysian Police on 4.2.2004 and was also appointed to sit on the Royal Commission To Enquire Into The Standard Operating Procedure, Rules And Regulations In Relation To The Conduct Of Body Search In Respect Of An Arrest And Detention By The Police on 1st December 2005 by the Yang DiPertuan Agung. Was conferred the award Panglima Jasa Negara by the Yang DiPertuan Agung, which carries the title "Datuk".



Dr Rajini Sarvananthan
Consultant Developmental Paediatrician
Park City Medical Centre, Baby and Beyond Clinic

Rajini Sarvananthan is a Consultant Developmental Paediatrician at ParkCity Medical Centre and Baby and Beyond Child Specialist Clinic and Visiting Consultant at University Malaya Medical Centre. Dr. Rajini graduated from the University of Newcastle Upon Tyne, United Kingdom in 1993. She subsequently trained in Paediatrics in 1994. Having obtained the Membership of the Royal College of Physicians in the area of Paediatrics in 1996, she further sub-specialized in the area of Neuro Disability/Developmental Paediatrics in the United Kingdom. During this time, she also pursued her Masters in Medical Science in Child Health. Dr. Rajini returned to Malaysia in the year 2003 where she joined Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia (UKM) as a Lecturer in Paediatrics. Together with a team of Developmental Paediatrics, Clinical Psychologists and other Allied Health Professionals, she was involved in starting the Child Development Centre at UKM Medical Centre, the first such Centre in Malaysia during the time. She subsequently joined SunMed to work together with the team of allied health professionals already established here to provide a holistic service for children with developmental disabilities and in the SunMed S.H.I.N.E. Program, an Early Intervention Program for children from 0 to 3 years old with developmental disabilities. She moved on to Park City Medical Centre, which has plans to establish Child Development services in the near future. Dr. Rajini has a particular interest in preschool children with developmental disabilities. She has been involved in research in the outcome of extremely/very low birth weight babies and neonates with persistent pulmonary hypertension, use of developmental screening tools (comparing parental report vs screening administered by a paediatrician) in the local setting and children with other sensory impairment. Dr. Rajini represents the subspecialty of Developmental Paediatrics as a co-opted Member of the Specialty Sub-Committee of Paediatrics, National Specialists Register in Malaysia. She was previously a Committee Member of the Chapter of Child Neurology and Developmental Paediatrics, under the umbrella of the Malaysian Society of Neurosciences and remains active in the Chapter now.



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Mr Sagadaven Thangavelu

Partner
Shearn Delamore & Co

Sagadaven is a Partner of Shearn Delamore & Co. He has an active practice in complex and contentious insurance litigation practice which include professional malpractice and general law of tort. He is regularly engaged to represent insurance companies to provide advisory work and also to represent them and/or their insureds in trials and appeals at all levels of the Courts in West Malaysia. His area of expertise also includes professional malpractice litigation defending medical practitioners in Court proceedings and also medical misconduct proceedings before the Malaysian Medical Council. Sagadaven headed the Motor Insurers' Bureau of West Malaysia (Administrative Unit) which was set up to assist the Insurance Unit of the National Bank of Malaysia in resolving pending motor accident claims against Mercantile Insurance Sdn Bhd in liquidation. Sagadaven is regularly engaged to assist Medical Associations and Hospital Administrators to deliver talks and presentations to medical practitioners and hospital's support staff. He is also a panel solicitor for the Medical Protection Society based in London, United Kingdom.



Prof Dr Shahrul Bahyah Kamaruzzaman

Professor of Geriatric Medicine
Faculty of Medicine, Universiti Malaya

Shahrul Bahyah Kamaruzzaman is a Consultant Geriatrician at both UMMC & UMSC. She returned to Malaysia in 2002 after her geriatric training in Cardiff, Wales, UK. Dr Shahrul served as Senior Lecturer in the geriatric unit and played a key role in the training and refining of the geriatric multidisciplinary team as well as the acute geriatric care services at UMMC. She embarked on her PhD 2006 and was awarded a PhD in Epidemiology and Population Health in July 2010. Both her training in geriatrics and epidemiology has been useful in her research activities as a founder member of the Ageing and Age Associated Disorders Research Group in University Malaya as well as the Malaysian Society of Geriatric Medicine. Dr Shahrul is also the project leader and PI of the High Impact Research group, Malaysian Elders Longitudinal Research (MELoR). Having previously held the position of Program Coordinator for Masters of Internal Medicine at UM, she is now Chair of the National Postgraduate Curriculum writing team for Internal Medicine. Her career path has taken her from Head of the Geriatric unit to Head of Department of Medicine and her current post as Deputy Dean of Postgraduate Studies at the Faculty of Medicine, UM. All these various clinical, teaching, academic and administrative roles have helped cement her commitment to the development of clinical services, ageing research and medical education in Malaysia.



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Ms Sharifah Tahir

Care partner & Founder
Uniquely Me Initiative (UMI)

Sharifah Tahir's dementia empowerment journey started as a respite that turned into a passion. As a Teepa Snow Positive Approach® to Care (PAC) certified independent consultant, trainer, and advanced consultant, she is passionate about empowering individuals and organisations with the PAC philosophy and skills, to share insights and tips on maintaining a good quality of life and relishing the meaningful moments of discovery, joy, and blessings from eight years of her care partnering journey with my mother. As a dementia advocate, she brings eight years of lived experience and more than 20 years of professional experience in adolescent health and development, HIV and AIDS, reproductive health, and women's empowerment, and a track record in strategy and policy development, programme design, management and implementation, and advocacy at the national, regional, and global levels. Her key areas of advocacy are (1) the empowerment and meaningful engagement of people affected by dementia in decision making that affects them, and (2) expanding the dementia discourse and responses beyond the medical model to social, disability, and human rights models. With strong leadership skills and experience in building and maintaining networks and effective partnerships and leveraging resources, she is highly experienced in tailoring global and regional evidence and best practices into evidence-informed local and grassroots interventions. Extensive experience in working with government ministries and organisations, civil societies, and United Nations agencies in Asia, Africa, and the Pacific Islands. Proven ability to bring personal skills, cultural competency, education, and experience towards achieving specific and common goals.



Ms Sharon Palani

Founder
Palani Ammal & Co

Palani Ammal Sharon is a distinguished legal professional and the founder of Messrs Palani Ammal & Co, a prominent law firm established in 2014. Located in Puchong, Malaysia, the firm specialises in Clinical Negligence, Medicine Ethics & Law, and Criminal Litigation. Before founding her firm, Palani Ammal Sharon worked as a Senior Associate at Messrs Puthuchery, a legal practice based in Bukit Tunku, Kuala Lumpur, where she specialised in Clinical Negligence, Civil and Criminal Litigation. Prior to her legal career, she gained valuable experience in the healthcare industry as a Sales & Marketing professional for Hospital Equipments & Pharmaceutical Drugs at Pharmforte & IDS Marketing in Shah Alam. Additionally, Palani Ammal Sharon spent six years as a Flight Crew member at Malaysia Airlines, showcasing her versatile professional background. Palani Ammal Sharon pursued her legal education in the United Kingdom, obtaining an LLB and completing the Bar Vocational Course at Newcastle UK in 2006. Prior to that, she completed her secondary education at Convent Butterworth and St. Marks Butterworth.



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Assoc Prof Dr Sharon Kaur Gurmukh Singh

Law Faculty, Universiti Malaya

Sharon Kaur Gurmukh Singh is a senior lecturer at the Faculty of Law, University of Malaya. She teaches Medical Law and Ethics to both undergraduate and graduate students. Her research interests have primarily revolved around medical research ethics and issues of competency and consent. She recently spent a year as a Visiting Research Fellow with the CENTRES programme at the Centre for Biomedical Ethics at NUS where she developed an interest in issues relating to Global Health Ethics and the rights of marginalised populations.



Dr Shравan Verma

CEO
Speedoc

Shравan Verma graduated with a Doctor of Medicine (M.D.) from Duke-NUS Medical School Singapore, with undergraduate studies in Biomedical Engineering and Electrical Engineering from Duke University, USA. He has since been a practising medical doctor in various public restructured hospitals in Singapore. Having a keen eye for health-techinnovation, he embarked on an entrepreneurial journey as the Founder and CEO of Speedoc to drive innovation using the latest technology in a mission to improve healthcare access for the community and develop newer models of care that help to drive down overall healthcare costs.



Mr Trevor Jason Mark Padasian

Partner
Messrs Skrine

Trevor Jason Mark Padasian has more than 25 years of experience in litigation, and currently heads the Family Law practice. He also has significant experience in the area of personal bankruptcy. Over the years, he has handled the full range of civil litigation matters including negligence and defamation, as well as contractual disputes. His qualifications include being an Advocate and Solicitor in the High Court of Malaya, a Barrister and Solicitor in the Supreme Court of Victoria, Australia, and holding a BA and LLB from the Australian National University.



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Datuk Vernon Ong Lam Kiat

Retired Judge
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Vernon Ong Lam Kiat is a Barrister of the Honourable Society of Lincoln's Inn and was admitted to the English Bar on 23 July 1981 and the Malaysian Bar on 23 October 1982. He obtained his Master of Laws degree in 1993 and certificate in taxation in 1995. From 1985, he practised as a partner under the name and style of M/s Vernon Ong Zainab & Partners and from 1 March 1993, as a sole proprietor under M/s Vernon Ong & Associates until his elevation to the position of Judicial Commissioner on 10 August 2007. He was a visiting law lecturer with the University of Hong Kong and the Hong Kong Polytechnic and has served with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees in Hong Kong and Malaysia. He is currently a visiting lecturer with the Law Faculty of Malaya.

Vernon served as a committee member of the Kuala Lumpur Bar from 1996 to 2000 and the Selangor Bar from 2002 to 2003. Whilst serving as a committee member of the Kuala Lumpur Bar, he headed the KL Bar Chambering Pupils Affairs Committee (now known as Pupils Welfare Committee) in 1997 and the Continuing Legal Education Committee in 1998. Over the years Vernon has served on various Bar Council committees, namely the Law Reform and New Legislation/Special Areas Committee, Alternative Dispute Resolution Committee, Bahasa Melayu Committee, Ethics Lecture/Professional Standards & Development Committee, Commonwealth Law Conference Committee and the 12th Malaysian Law Conference Committee.

He has lectured under the Ethics Lecture Programme (now known as Professional Standards and Ethics Course) since 1995 and has presented papers at seminars organised by the Bar Council and the Malaysian Association of Company Secretaries. He was examiner for the Legal Profession Qualifying Board and the Malaysian Association of Company Secretaries Examination and he has chaired adjudicating panels hearing claims against the Bar Council Compensation Fund in 1998, 1999, 2000 and 2001.

As a panel solicitor for the Bar Council Malaysia, Vernon has acted in several public interest cases and has prosecuted numerous complaints on behalf of the Bar Council before the Investigating Tribunal and Disciplinary Committee. Vernon also acts as legal adviser to the Malaysian Association of Company Secretaries and the Asian Professional Security Association. Vernon is a Civil Defence Corps volunteer holding the rank of captain.