

BESPOKE GLOBAL LITIGATION & ARBITRATION SUMMIT

Navigating Legal Challenges with Expertise

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Malaysia



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A special edition spotlighting Malaysia, global legal leadership, and the evolving future of litigation, arbitration, and dispute resolution.



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AGENDA

Bespoke Global Litigation & Arbitration Summit

- 08:00 - 09:00 Registration & Welcome Networking
- 09:00 - 09:40 **Session 1: Arbitration in ASEAN: Trends, Advocacy, and Future Directions.**
Moderator
• Cynthia Gabriel, Advocate & Solicitor, Malaysia
Panelists
• Viki Thillainadesan, General Counsel & Director, Xendit, Malaysia
• Rohan Arasoo Jeyabalah, Adnan Sundra & Low, Malaysia
- 09:40 - 10:00 Transition / Networking with Speakers
- 10:00 - 10:20 🎤 **Keynote Address by Datuk Almalena Sharmila Johan, Chief Executive Officer (CEO), AIAC**
- 10:20 - 10:30 🏆 Award Felicitation
- 10:30 - 10:40 ☕ Coffee Break 1
- 10:45 - 11:25 **Session 2: AI, Deepfakes & Digital Fraud: New Challenges for Litigators and Arbitrators**
Moderator
• Henrietta Newton Martin, Director- Legal & Strategy, JusCogen&Alcop, UAE
Panelists
• Shaun Leong, Partner, HFW, Singapore
• Heena Bhambhani, GDS Assurance Managed Services Leader, EY, India
• Serena Foong, Deputy Head of Legal Affairs, ASEAN
- 11:25 - 12:05 **Session 3: Construction Arbitration: Managing Disputes Amid Infrastructure Growth**
Moderator
• Kirindeep Singh, Senior Partner, Dentons Rodyk & Davidson LLP, Singapore
Panelists
• Lynn Foo, Head of Legal, KONE Malaysia
• Julien Bergerat, General Counsel and Chartered Company Secretary, Aramco
• Jose Martin R. Tensuan, Senior Partner, ACCRA Law Offices, Phillipines
- 12:05 - 12:45 **Session 4: Litigation vs Arbitration: How General Counsel Decide the Best Forum in 2026**
Moderator
• Datuk Joy Wilson Appukuttan, Arbitrator & Mediator, KH Lim & Co.
Panelists
• Mubashir Mansor, Partner, Skrine
• Leonard D'Cruz, Head of Legal & Compliance, Ascend Airways
- 12:45 - 13:00 Q&A / Transition to Lunch
- 13:00 - 14:00 🍽️ Lunch Break

AGENDA

Bespoke Global Litigation & Arbitration Summit

- 14:00 - 14:40 **Session 5: Mediation and Efficient Dispute Resolution Mechanisms**
 Moderator
 • Balakrishna Gopalakrishnan, Founder | BGK Law Associates, Advocates, Legal Advisors
 Panelist
 • Revathi Kannan, Founder & Partner, Revathi & Partners
 • Sharifah Thaherah, Chief Regional Counsel (Head of Legal & Regulatory), APAC and India region, Infobip
 • Wilson Foo Yu Kang, Joint Managing Director, Folich LLC
- 14:40 - 15:10 **Special Session / Workshop by Muhamad Nazri Shaidon, Head of AML Training and Advisory**
- 15:10 - 16:00 **Session 6: Technology, Data Protection, and Cybersecurity in Disputes**
 Moderator
 • Kirk A. Sigmon, Partner, Banner Witcoff
 Panelists
 • V. Kumar Sharma, Partner, Eldan Law LLP
 • Lance Hue, Partner, Messrs. JH Yee & Co
 • Navrita Kaur, Chief Legal Officer, Microlink Solutions Berhad
 • Saran Gunasekaran, Legal Counsel, Ørsted
- 16:00 - 16:15 ☕ Coffee Break 2
- 16:15 - 16:55 **Session 7: Cross-Border M&A Disputes in ASEAN: Risks, Drafting Issues & Enforcement**
 Moderator
 • Henrietta Newton Martin, Director- Legal & Strategy, JusCogen&Alcop
 Panelists
 • You Xian Ng, Foreign Qualified Lawyer, Belgravia Law
 • Arnaud Wenger, General Counsel and Chief Compliance Officer / DPO, Tazapay
 • Frederick Tay , Director, Joyce A Tan & Partners LLC
- 16:55 - 17:35 **Session 8: Legal Leadership in Times of Crisis: Navigating Disputes and PR Challenges.**
 Moderator
 • Joachim Ka-Tsung Lim, Head Group Legal, IOI Properties Group Berhad
 Panelists
 • Adrio Rivadi, Regional Legal Solutions Lead, SEA, Thomson Reuters
 • Datuk D.P. Naban, senior partner, RDS Partnership
 • Harald Sippel, Senior Foreign Advisor, Aqran Vijandran
- 17:35 - 17:45 🎤 **Closing Remarks & End of Summit Day**

EDITOR'S *Note*

As we welcome you to the Bespoke Global Litigation & Arbitration Summit Malaysia 2026, it is my privilege to introduce this special edition—an issue that brings together the insights, ideas, and innovations shaping the future of dispute resolution. This summit gathers distinguished practitioners, thought leaders, and industry pioneers from across the globe, each contributing to conversations that matter now more than ever.

Malaysia, with its rising influence in the legal and economic landscape of Asia, offers an ideal backdrop for discussing cross-border disputes, evolving arbitration frameworks, and the transformative role of technology in modern litigation. The features and perspectives in this issue reflect the depth of expertise shared throughout the summit.

Inside, you will discover analysis on institutional arbitration in Asia, contemporary enforcement challenges, the integration of AI in legal practice, and exclusive interviews with global leaders driving meaningful change in dispute resolution. Our aim is not only to inform but also to inspire—encouraging you to navigate legal complexities with clarity, confidence, and a renewed sense of purpose.

As we step into 2026, collaboration, innovation, and continuous learning remain at the heart of our mission. Thank you for joining us, and for being an important part of a global community dedicated to shaping the next era of litigation and arbitration.

Summiya Safdar
Editor



MEET OUR TEAM

The People Driving the Vision Forward



**Mohammad Faiz
Asdaque**



Nazir Alam



MD Rafe



Anamika



Hammad Bin Jamil



Anant Awasthi



Summiya Safdar



Reshma



ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS

At the heart of the Bespoke Global Litigation Summit is a carefully curated Advisory Board comprising accomplished leaders from across the global legal ecosystem. Their collective experience, strategic insight, and commitment to excellence shape the vision and intellectual depth of the Summit.

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Founder & Managing Director, Envizion Consulting LLC |
Founder, Women in Mentoring

☛ Legal and compliance expert, DE&I advocate, and award-winning leadership coach.



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Senior Legal Counsel, Emirates Islamic Bank PJSC

☛ Brings 15+ years of expertise in Islamic & conventional banking with a focus on legal innovation.



Dr. Omar S I Abasheikh

Senior Legal Counsel at HALCON

☛ 20+ years in arbitration, corporate law & compliance across global industries.



Ahmed Zaki

Senior Vice President – Legal Affairs, Al Hamra

☛ Over 30 years in judiciary and legal sectors; accredited arbitrator and award-winning legal strategist.



Vijay Ojha

Group Company Secretary, Sharaf Group

☛ Governance and compliance leader with 20+ years of experience across GRC, M&As, and corporate affairs.



Nivedita Arora

Consultant, Counselect

☛ Legal technology professional passionate about transforming corporate legal departments through innovation and collaboration.





ABOUT US

Bespoke Global Litigation Summit

Navigating Legal Challenges with Expertise

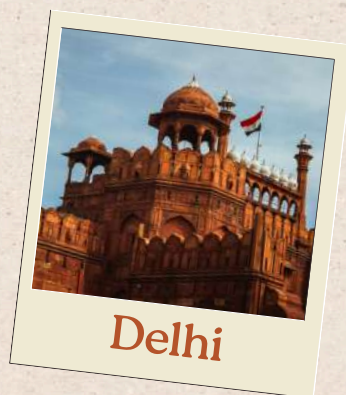
The Bespoke Global Litigation Summit is an international platform dedicated to bringing together leading voices in litigation, arbitration, intellectual property, and dispute resolution from across the globe. Our mission is to create spaces where legal minds can exchange ideas, explore emerging trends, and shape the future of global legal practice.

Founded with the vision of promoting meaningful dialogue across jurisdictions, Bespoke GLS has grown into a trusted initiative known for its high-quality sessions, diverse speaker panels, and collaborative environment. Each edition—starting with our inaugural summit in Dubai, followed by Delhi, and now Malaysia—reflects our commitment to excellence, innovation, and global accessibility in legal thought leadership.

At Bespoke GLS, we believe that progress in dispute resolution is driven by knowledge-sharing, cross-border engagement, and forward-thinking insights. Our summits bring together litigators, arbitrators, corporate counsels, academics, policy leaders, technologists, and innovators to address today's evolving challenges and opportunities.

From emerging enforcement issues to technology-enabled legal transformation, our platform continues to spotlight the trends shaping the next era of global dispute management. With every edition, we aim to strengthen professional connections, inspire fresh perspectives, and contribute meaningfully to the global legal community.

"At Bespoke GLS, we believe leadership is built through shared insight, diverse perspectives, and meaningful global engagement."



MALAYSIA

A STRATEGIC LEGAL HUB IN ASIA

HOST NATION OF THE BESPOKE GLOBAL LITIGATION & ARBITRATION SUMMIT 2026

Malaysia stands at the intersection of global commerce and evolving legal innovation. As one of Asia's most dynamic economies, it offers a mature legal framework, strong institutional support, and a rapidly growing role in international arbitration and cross-border dispute resolution.

Kuala Lumpur has emerged as a regional focal point for arbitration, international trade, and legal technology—bringing together practitioners, institutions, and policymakers from across jurisdictions. Its openness to innovation, combined with regulatory stability, positions Malaysia as a forward-looking legal destination.

As the host nation for the Bespoke Global Litigation & Arbitration Summit 2026, Malaysia provides the ideal setting for meaningful dialogue, knowledge exchange, and collaboration—shaping the future of dispute resolution in Asia and beyond.

WHY MALAYSIA

- A leading hub for international arbitration in Asia
- World-class legal and commercial infrastructure
- Strong cross-border trade and investment networks
- Rapidly growing legal technology ecosystem
- Strategically positioned for global collaboration

“Malaysia stands where innovation meets opportunity—offering a dynamic stage for cross-border dialogue and legal excellence.”

Bespoke Global Litigation & Arbitration Summit 2026



Highlights from Bespoke Global Litigation Summit — Dubai Edition 2025

★ ABOUT OUR FIRST EDITION

Bespoke Global Litigation Summit – Dubai 2025

24–25 September • Park Regis Kris Kin Hotel, Dubai

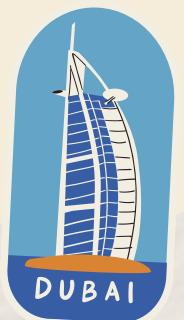
The Bespoke Global Litigation Summit Dubai 2025 marked the first edition of our global legal series, laying the foundation for an international platform dedicated to meaningful legal dialogue and collaboration. Hosted at the Park Regis Kris Kin Hotel, the summit brought together leading litigators, corporate counsels, arbitrators, academics, and legal innovators from across the Middle East, Asia, Africa, and Europe.

As our inaugural event, the Dubai edition featured impactful discussions on cross-border commercial disputes, enforcement challenges, corporate risk and compliance, technology-driven litigation, and emerging regulatory shifts. The conversations were insightful, forward-looking, and closely aligned with the evolving needs of today's global legal landscape.

What truly set this first edition apart was the energy and engagement from delegates—the exchange of ideas, diversity of perspectives, and collaborative spirit positioned Dubai as a meaningful hub for global dispute resolution.

The success of Dubai 2025 became the cornerstone of our journey, paving the way for the Delhi 2025 edition and shaping our vision for the 2026 Malaysia Summit.

**“Every movement
begins with a spark—
Dubai ignited ours by
uniting global legal
minds for the very first
time.”**





Highlights from Bespoke Global Litigation & IP Summit — Delhi Edition 2025

ABOUT OUR PAST EVENT

Bespoke Global Litigation & IP Summit – Delhi 2025

The Bespoke Global Litigation & IP Summit Delhi 2025 marked a defining moment in our mission to unite global legal leaders. Held in the heart of India's capital, the summit gathered top litigators, IP specialists, general counsels, innovators, academics, and policy influencers from across Asia, Europe, and the Middle East.

The summit featured powerful sessions on intellectual property protection, emerging enforcement issues, cross-border litigation, trade secrets, AI-driven legal practice, and innovation in dispute management. Each discussion delivered practical insights and forward-looking perspectives that resonated with participants.

Delhi 2025 set a new benchmark for engagement and collaboration. The ideas shared, connections built, and conversations sparked at the summit continue to influence our direction today—laying a strong foundation for this year's gathering in Malaysia.



"In Delhi, collaboration transformed into momentum—shaping ideas that now influence the future of global dispute resolution."



The Bespoke GLS Team, Delhi Edition 2025

AWARD HIGHLIGHTS – BESPOKE GLOBAL LITIGATION & IP SUMMIT, DELHI 2025

Celebrating Excellence in Litigation, IP, Technology & Dispute Resolution

The Delhi 2025 edition of the Bespoke Global Litigation & IP Summit honored outstanding leaders who are shaping the future of the legal profession. These awardees demonstrated exceptional expertise, innovation, and commitment across diverse practice areas—from litigation strategy and AI adoption to ADR, LegalTech, corporate counsel excellence, and emerging tech-driven roles.

Below are the distinguished professionals recognised for their impactful contributions:



🏆 Leading IP Litigator
Jyothish A.P
Managing Partner, Indicia Legal



🏆 LegalTech Startup of the Year
Dr. Suvidutt Sundaram
Co-founder, Override AI



🏆 Leading ADR Attorney
Ruchi Agnihotri
Counsel, DSK Legal



🏆 LegalTech Rising Leader
Pooja Ghosh
Advocate, District & Session Court, Dehradun



🏆 Dispute Resolution Firm of the Year
Hammurabi & Solomon Partners



🏆 AI Thought Leader in Law
Rajiv Malik
*Legal Leader
LG Electronics Production Subsidiary*

AWARD HIGHLIGHTS – BESPOKE GLOBAL LITIGATION & IP SUMMIT, DELHI 2025

Celebrating Excellence in Litigation, IP, Technology & Dispute Resolution



🏆 **Best Use of LegalTech for
Client Experience**
LawKNIT Partners



🏆 **Leading Woman Lawyer of the Year**
Harita Mehta
Founding Partner, Meher Legal Services



🏆 **Leading Litigation Attorney**
Gaurav Varma
Partner, Integricon Law



🏆 **LegalTech & AI General Counsel of the Year**
Sandeep Kumar
Deputy General Counsel, GreyOrange



🏆 **Rising Star in AI and Law**
Khushboo Parikh
Company Secretary, Apex Group Ltd



🏆 **Emerging Corporate Litigation Lawyer of the Year**
Gaurav H. Sethi
Principal & Founder, Law Offices of Gaurav H. Sethi & Advocates



🏆 **Leading Litigation Consultant of the Year**
Nitish Bagri
Founder & Managing Partner, NBA Legal Advocates & Consultants



🏆 **Top AI Adoption Strategist**
Srikanth Ravinutala
Founder & CEO, Adaapt AI

AWARD HIGHLIGHTS – BESPOKE GLOBAL LITIGATION SUMMIT, DUBAI 2025

Celebrating Excellence in Litigation, Arbitration, Legal Innovation & Technology



🏆 **Excellence in Litigation & Artificial
Intelligence Award**
Arjun Sivakumar
Litigation Partner, Brown Rudnick LLP, USA



🏆 **Legal and Compliance Mentor of the Year**
Sabrine Makkes
Founder, Women in Mentoring



🏆 **Dispute Resolution Lawyer of the Year**
Janice Chew
Partner, JC Legal



🏆 **Financial Crime Awareness & Integrity
Excellence (Malaysia)**
Muhamad Nazri Shaidon
Head of AML Training & Advisory, Malaysia



🏆 **Litigation Law Firm of the Year**
**Hamdan Alshamsi Lawyers
& Legal Consultants**



🏆 **Corporate and IP Lawyer of the Year**
Meghna Malhotra
Senior Legal Counsel, BEEAH Group



🏆 **ADR Law Firm of the Year**
**Hamdan Alshamsi Lawyers
& Legal Consultants**



🏆 **LegalTech Excellence Award**
Lineal



🏆 **Legal AI Impact Leader**
Sophie Best
CEO, Knowledge Nexus, UAE



🏆 **Media and Privacy Law Firm of the
Year**
Taylor Hampton Solicitors

THE CONVERGENCE OF LITIGATION, ARBITRATION, AND TECHNOLOGY IN A GLOBALISED LEGAL ORDER

As cross-border commerce expands and disputes grow more complex, the global legal landscape is undergoing a quiet but profound transformation. Litigation and arbitration—once seen as parallel systems—are increasingly converging, shaped by technology, regulatory evolution, and the demands of international business.

One of the most significant shifts is the growing reliance on technology-enabled dispute resolution. Artificial intelligence, data analytics, and digital case management tools are no longer experimental concepts; they are becoming integral to how disputes are assessed, managed, and resolved. From predictive analytics in litigation strategy to technology-assisted document review in arbitration, legal practitioners are redefining efficiency and precision.



At the same time, arbitration continues to strengthen its role as the preferred mechanism for resolving cross-border disputes. Institutions across Asia and beyond are investing in procedural innovation, transparency, and capacity building—ensuring arbitration remains flexible, enforceable, and responsive to global commercial realities.

Another defining trend is the increasing overlap between litigation risk management and arbitration strategy. Corporations now approach disputes holistically, considering enforcement, regulatory exposure, reputational risk, and multi-jurisdictional outcomes at an early stage. This integrated approach demands collaboration between litigators, arbitrators, in-house counsel, technologists, and policymakers.

Asia, in particular, stands at the forefront of this evolution. With its dynamic economies, expanding legal infrastructure, and forward-looking dispute resolution institutions, the region is shaping global conversations on the future of dispute management.

As legal systems adapt to technological disruption and cross-border complexity, the next era of dispute resolution will be defined not by rigid distinctions, but by innovation, collaboration, and strategic foresight. Platforms that encourage dialogue across jurisdictions and disciplines will play a critical role in guiding this transformation—ensuring the global legal community remains future-ready.

“The future of dispute resolution lies at the intersection of technology, strategy, and cross-border collaboration.”

THANK YOU TO OUR PARTNERS

We extend our sincere appreciation to our valued partners for their trust, collaboration, and continued support. Your partnership plays a vital role in shaping meaningful dialogue and advancing excellence in global litigation, arbitration, and dispute resolution.

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SUPPORTING PARTNER & EXHIBITOR



Strategic partnerships are essential to strengthening global dispute resolution frameworks. Institutions like AIAC play a defining role in advancing arbitration and alternative dispute resolution through credibility, innovation, and institutional excellence.

The **Asian International Arbitration Centre (AIAC)** is an independent, not-for-profit, and non-governmental international organisation established under the auspices of the **Asian-African Legal Consultative Organization (AALCO)**. With over **47 years of institutional excellence**, AIAC has earned a reputation as a trusted and neutral centre, delivering world-class support to both domestic and international ADR users.

Over the decades, AIAC has continuously evolved—expanding its services across arbitration in its various forms, adjudication, mediation, and domain name dispute resolution. Beyond case administration, the Centre is deeply committed to capacity building and professional development, actively nurturing the next generation of ADR practitioners across jurisdictions.

As a **Supporting Partner and Exhibitor** at the *Bespoke Global Litigation & Arbitration Summit*, AIAC brings unparalleled institutional insight, practical expertise, and a shared commitment to advancing best practices in dispute resolution. Its participation reflects a collective vision of fostering collaboration, strengthening dispute resolution ecosystems, and shaping the future of arbitration and litigation globally.

Website: www.aiac.world



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AML Training & Advisory Strengthening Compliance. Advancing Expertise

In an era of heightened regulatory scrutiny and evolving financial crime risks, **knowledge, training, and informed advisory** are critical to institutional resilience. **AML Training & Advisory** is a specialised firm dedicated to advancing professional expertise in anti-money laundering (AML), counter-terrorist financing (CTF), and regulatory compliance.

AML Training & Advisory delivers structured, practical, and regulator-aligned training programmes designed for financial institutions, corporates, compliance professionals, and legal practitioners. Its approach bridges theory with real-world application—equipping participants to navigate complex regulatory frameworks with clarity and confidence.

With a strong focus on risk-based compliance, governance, and enforcement readiness, AML Training & Advisory supports organisations in building robust internal controls, enhancing compliance culture, and responding effectively to regulatory expectations across jurisdictions.

As a **Knowledge Partner** of the Bespoke Global Litigation & Arbitration Summit, AML Training & Advisory contributes domain expertise and thought leadership that enrich discussions at the intersection of law, compliance, investigations, and financial crime prevention.

AML Training & Advisory – Value Proposition

- Specialised AML, CTF, and compliance training
- Practical, regulator-aligned learning frameworks
- Advisory support for compliance and risk management
- Focus on governance, controls, and enforcement readiness
- Knowledge-driven approach to financial crime prevention

“In essence, AML Training & Advisory empowers professionals and institutions with the knowledge and insight required to uphold regulatory integrity and manage financial crime risk in a complex global environment.”

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TECHNOLOGY PARTNER



JusCogen & Alcop - JCA



Delivering Excellence with Speed
Strategic Intelligence. Industrial Power. Global Execution.

Strategic partnerships are essential to advancing innovation, efficiency, and trust in today's global legal and industrial ecosystems. **JusCogen & Alcop (JCA)** operates at the convergence of legal intelligence, industrial capability, and global trade execution, delivering compliant, scalable, and impact-driven solutions across jurisdictions.

Headquartered in the UAE, JCA is a trusted partner to governments, public sector undertakings, industrial leaders, and institutional investors navigating complex international environments. Positioned at the intersection of policy, law, manufacturing, and trade, JCA transforms strategic vision into operational reality—while aligning growth with the **United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (UN SDGs)**.

At its core, **JCA / JCALD** provides high-level legal and strategic advisory across cross-border transactions, international trade law, regulatory compliance, governance, and risk management—enabling decision-makers to operate with confidence in multi-jurisdictional landscapes.

Extending beyond advisory, **JCA Trade & Manufacturing (JCATM)** serves as the group's execution engine, managing manufacturing, import-export, logistics, and global supply chains. A signature innovation of this division is the **JCALP XT™ Premium Safety Shoes Series**, reflecting JCA's ability to translate strategic intelligence into product innovation and global delivery.

In essence, JusCogen & Alcop (JCA) is a strategic-industrial platform where law, industry, and global ambition converge.



STRATEGIC PARTNER



Africa ADR Network

Educate. Connect. Empower.

Africa ADR Network is Africa's premier continental platform dedicated to the promotion, development, and advocacy of **Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR)** across the African continent and beyond. The network brings together young professionals, students, graduates, and ADR enthusiasts of African descent, creating a vibrant ecosystem for learning, collaboration, and professional growth.

As a pan-African initiative, Africa ADR Network is committed to **equipping the next generation of ADR** practitioners with the **knowledge, skills, and exposure** required to advance effective, innovative, and culturally relevant dispute resolution practices. Through education, capacity-building initiatives, and cross-border engagement, the network plays a vital role in strengthening ADR awareness and adoption across diverse jurisdictions.

Driven by a strong mission to **connect, empower, and develop talent**, Africa ADR Network serves as a bridge between academia, practice, and policy—fostering dialogue that supports sustainable dispute resolution mechanisms and access to justice across Africa.

As a **Strategic Partner** of the Bespoke Global Litigation & Arbitration Summit, Africa ADR Network contributes regional insight, youth engagement, and thought leadership—reinforcing the Summit's commitment to inclusivity, capacity building, and the future of dispute resolution on a global scale.

Africa ADR Network – Core Focus

- Promotion and advocacy of ADR across Africa and globally
- Empowering young African professionals, students, and graduates
- Capacity building through education, training, and engagement
- Advancing innovative and culturally relevant dispute resolution practices
- Fostering collaboration and cross-border ADR networks

“In essence, Africa ADR Network is shaping the future of dispute resolution by empowering the next generation of African ADR professionals and strengthening the continent's voice in global dispute resolution conversations.”

KEYNOTE SPEAKER



Datuk Almalena Sharmila Johan

Chief Executive Officer (CEO)

Asian International Arbitration Centre (AIAC)



Advancing Institutional Excellence in Global Dispute Resolution

The **Bespoke Global Litigation & Arbitration Summit Malaysia 2026** is honoured to welcome **Datuk Almalena Sharmila Johan**, Chief Executive Officer of the **Asian International Arbitration Centre (AIAC)**, as a **Keynote Speaker**. With nearly five decades of institutional legacy behind AIAC, she leads the Centre with a strong commitment to neutrality, credibility, and excellence in dispute resolution.

She holds an Honours Degree in Law from the University of Bristol, United Kingdom, and was called to the Bar at Gray's Inn. Datuk Almalena has built a distinguished career spanning legal practice, public administration, and governance. Prior to joining AIAC, she served as the Solicitor-General of Malaysia, where she was closely involved in advising the government, drafting and reviewing key legal instruments, and representing Malaysia in domestic and international legal engagements.

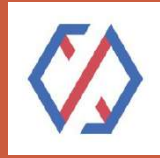
In her current role, Datuk Almalena oversees AIAC's expanding portfolio of services, including arbitration, mediation, adjudication, and domain name dispute resolution. She is also deeply committed to capacity building and professional development, ensuring the continued growth of future ADR practitioners across jurisdictions. Her leadership reflects a forward-looking vision that balances institutional integrity with innovation, positioning AIAC as a trusted hub for dispute resolution in Asia and beyond.

“Strong institutions are the backbone of effective dispute resolution in an increasingly interconnected world.”



VIKI THILLAINADESAN

GENERAL COUNSEL, XENDIT



Profile Snapshot

- Global General Counsel, Xendit
- Expert in cross-border disputes & arbitration
- Former lawyer, Herbert Smith Freehills Kramer
- Advisory experience in finance, energy & consumer sectors
- 10+ years of legal experience across Asia-Pacific

Viki Thillainadesan is the Global General Counsel of Xendit, a leading payments infrastructure company operating across Asia-Pacific and Latin America. She oversees the organisation's global legal function and brings deep expertise in cross-border disputes, commercial negotiations, and arbitration strategy across emerging markets.

With a decade of international experience, Viki is known for her pragmatic, business-aligned approach to solving complex legal challenges. Before joining Xendit, she practised with Herbert Smith Freehills Kramer in Australia, advising clients in the finance, energy, and consumer sectors.

“
Arbitration must adapt as quickly as the economies it serves.
”



SHARIFAH THAHERAH

HEAD OF LEGAL & REGULATORY, APAC AND INDIA REGION, INFOBIP



Profile Snapshot

- Head of Legal & Regulatory, APAC and India region, Infobip
- 20 years' experience in legal, regulatory & government affairs
- Corporate law background; certified company secretary
- Industry exposure across technology, telecoms, oil & gas & more
- MBA (UK) & LLB (Hons), Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia Asia-Pacific

With two decades of legal and regulatory experience, Sharifah Thaherah has built a strong track record across industries including development, construction, waste management, telecommunications, oil & gas, E&E, and information technology. As Chief Regional Counsel for APAC and India at Infobip, she oversees legal strategy, regulatory compliance, and government engagement across diverse, fast-growing markets.

Sharifah began her career as an advocate and solicitor, specialising in corporate law, and later expanded into regional legal leadership roles. She is also a certified company secretary. Academically, she holds an MBA from the University of Nottingham (UK) and an LLB (Hons) from Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia.

“
Strong legal leadership is built on clarity, agility, and the ability to navigate complexity with confidence.
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JOACHIM KA-TSUNG LIM

HEAD, GROUP LEGAL
IOI PROPERTIES GROUP BERHAD, MALAYSIA



Profile Snapshot

- Head, Group Legal, IOI Properties
- 20+ years in legal & compliance
- Certified Compliance Professional
- Malaysian Bar (2000)
- Expertise in compliance, IP & disputes
- Experience across banking, healthcare & FMCG
- Certificate in Psychology, Yale University

Joachim Ka-Tsung Lim brings over 20 years of experience in legal, compliance, and business advisory roles across industries such as investment banking, consumer healthcare, FMCG, and publicly listed companies. A Certified Compliance Professional and member of the Malaysian Bar since 2000, he has strong expertise in legal management, regulatory compliance, IP, and dispute resolution.

“Strong legal leadership blends clarity, integrity, and the ability to guide organizations through complexity.”

He is known for his clear, strategic leadership and also holds a Certificate in Psychology from Yale University. Joachim currently serves as Head, Group Legal at IOI Properties Group Berhad, where he is a valued strategic contributor.



IOI PROPERTIES
Trusted.

JEREMIAH CH'NG

MANAGER, GROUP LEGAL
IOI PROPERTIES GROUP BERHAD



Profile Snapshot

“Effective legal counsel is built on clarity, foresight, and the ability to resolve challenges before they escalate.”

Jeremiah Ch'ng is a legal professional with strong insight into the legal and commercial demands of the property development industry. As Manager, Group Legal at IOI Properties Group Berhad, he helps the organisation navigate complex legal issues while supporting broader business objectives.

He manages a wide range of disputes, including litigation and alternative dispute resolution, and is recognised as a trusted advisor to internal stakeholders. Before joining IOI Properties, he practised as a dispute resolution lawyer with experience in commercial, construction, strata, environmental, safety and health, and fraud investigation matters.

- Manager, Group Legal, IOI Properties
- Experience in litigation & alternative dispute resolution
- Background in commercial, construction & strata disputes
- Expertise in environmental, safety & fraud investigation matters
- Trusted advisor to internal business teams



JOSE MARTIN R. TENSUAN SENIOR PARTNER, ACCRALAW



Profile Snapshot

- Senior Partner, ACCRALAW
- Monitor, ADR Group
- Accredited Arbitrator: CIAC & PDRCI
- Experience before ICC, HKIAC & SIAC
- Leadership roles in PICAM & IBP-Makati
- Member: ICCA & ALA
- publications

Jose Martin R. Tensuan is a seasoned arbitration practitioner with deep experience in commercial, construction, domestic, and international disputes. As a Senior Partner at ACCRALAW and Monitor of the firm's Alternative Dispute Resolution Group, he has served both as counsel and arbitrator across a wide range of complex commercial matters.

He is an accredited arbitrator of CIAC and PDRCI, and has appeared before leading institutions including the ICC, HKIAC, and SIAC. Mr. Tensuan also holds key positions in major legal and arbitration organizations, contributing to the development of dispute resolution practice in the Philippines.

“Effective arbitration lies in balancing expertise, fairness, and a practical understanding of commercial realities.”



KIRK A. SIGMON PARTNER, BANNER WITCOFF – USA



Profile Snapshot

- Partner, Banner Witcoff (Washington, D.C.)
- Expertise in global IP, litigation & transactions
- Experience across U.S., China, Korea, Japan & Europe
- Early career in Tokyo
- Graduate student at Dartmouth (AI & Deep Learning)

Kirk A. Sigmon is a Partner at Banner Witcoff's Washington, D.C. office, where he advises global companies on a wide range of complex intellectual property matters. Beginning his career in Tokyo, he brings strong international experience and works across U.S., Chinese, Korean, Japanese, and European technology issues in both litigation and transactional contexts.

He focuses on helping technology-driven businesses protect and leverage their IP assets worldwide. Kirk is also a graduate student at Dartmouth, where his research in artificial intelligence and deep learning adds a valuable technical dimension to his legal practice.

“The future of IP belongs to those who understand both innovation and the intelligence behind it.”



YOU XIAN NG

DISPUTE RESOLUTION LAWYER BELGRAVIA LAW



Profile Snapshot

- Dispute Resolution Lawyer, Belgravia Law
- Foreign Qualified Lawyer
- Cross-border arbitration & litigation
- Experience across ASEAN, Greater China & Europe
- Work involving sanctions & regulatory considerations
- Exposure to LCIA, ICC, HKIAC, SIAC, SCC, LMAA, AAA & ICSID matters

You Xian Ng is a Foreign Qualified Lawyer at Belgravia Law, a London-headquartered dispute resolution boutique with offices in London, New York, and Paris. He works on high-complexity, multi-jurisdictional disputes, including international commercial arbitration and cross-border litigation.

At Belgravia Law, You Xian advises on disputes involving commercial and corporate structures across ASEAN, Greater China, and Europe, with experience in sanctions-related matters, asset restrictions, regulatory issues, and dispute strategy. His work spans arbitration and litigation before leading international institutions and courts.

“Cross-border disputes demand strategic clarity, technical precision, and a global perspective.”

SARAN GUNASEKARAN

LEGAL COUNSEL – ØRSTED, MALAYSIA



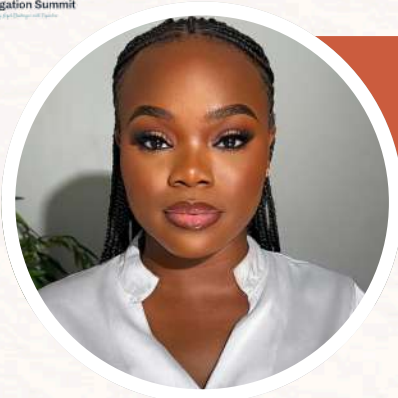
Profile Snapshot

- Legal Counsel, Ørsted (APAC)
- Employment Legal Counsel & DPO (Singapore)
- Expertise in PDPA, GDPR & China PIPL
- Employment law, governance & policy advisory
- Background in litigation, arbitration & commercial disputes

Saran Gunasekaran is Employment Legal Counsel and Data Protection Officer (Singapore) at Ørsted, providing strategic legal and regulatory advice across the Asia-Pacific region. He advises on employment law, organisational governance, policy development, and complex legal matters, supporting business decisions through practical, solutions-focused strategies.

With strong expertise in data privacy and protection, Saran advises on compliance with Malaysia and Singapore PDPA, GDPR, and China's PIPL, including data governance and risk mitigation. Prior to joining Ørsted, he practised as a legal professional handling employment, commercial, corporate, and arbitration-related disputes.

“Effective legal advice balances regulatory precision with practical business realities.”



CATHERINE AMADASUN

FOUNDER & EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
AFRICA ADR NETWORK



Profile Snapshot

- Founder & Executive Director, Africa ADR Network
- Founding Board Member, NADRS
- Founder, ADR Career Compass
- Certified mediator & active ADR trainer
- Collaborator with global ADR organizations
- “Young ADR Practitioner of the Year” (2025)
- Called to the Nigerian Bar (2025)

Osaretin Catherine Amadasun is a lawyer, ADR facilitator, and entrepreneur committed to strengthening dispute resolution across Africa. She is the Founder & Executive Director of the Africa ADR Network and a Founding Board Member of the Nigerian ADR Society (NADRS), where she previously served as National President.

She also founded ADR Career Compass, a mentorship initiative for young practitioners. A certified mediator, she was named “Young ADR Practitioner of the Year” in 2025 and was called to the Nigerian Bar the same year.

“Empowering young practitioners is key to transforming the future of ADR in Africa.”



JULIEN BERGERAT

GENERAL COUNSEL & CHARTERED COMPANY
SECRETARY – ARAMCO, MALAYSIA



Profile Snapshot

Julien Bergerat is a dual-qualified legal strategist with over 20 years of cross-border experience across the energy and infrastructure sectors. His career spans senior roles in Europe, the Middle East, and Asia-Pacific, advising on complex commercial, regulatory, and governance matters.

He currently serves as General Counsel and Chartered Company Secretary at PRefChem, Malaysia’s flagship refining joint venture between Petronas and Saudi Aramco, where he leads major negotiations, governance, and compliance initiatives. Julien is also a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators and sits on the arbitrator panels of SIAC, AIAC, and APIAC.

“Strong legal leadership anticipates risk and enables confident business decisions.”

- General Counsel & Chartered Company Secretary, PRefChem
- 20+ years in energy & infrastructure law
- Dual-qualified in English & French law
- Expertise in EPC, project finance & governance
- Fellow, Chartered Institute of Arbitrators
- Panel Arbitrator: SIAC, AIAC & APIAC



LEONARD D'CRUZ

HEAD OF LEGAL & COMPLIANCE
ASCEND AIRWAYS MALAYSIA SDN BHD



Profile Snapshot

- Head of Legal & Compliance, Ascend Airways Malaysia
- 20+ years in aviation & corporate law
- Aircraft leasing & regulatory expertise
- Experience aligned with CAAM & ICAO
- Background in litigation & arbitration
- Advocate & Solicitor, High Court of Malaya

Leonard D'Cruz is a senior Malaysian legal practitioner with over 20 years of experience in aviation law, corporate transactions, regulatory compliance, and dispute resolution. He serves as Head of Legal & Compliance at Ascend Airways Malaysia Sdn Bhd, part of Avia Solutions Group, the world's largest ACMI provider.

In this role, he leads the airline's legal and compliance functions, advising on aircraft leasing and acquisition, aviation contracts, and regulatory matters aligned with CAAM and ICAO standards, while supporting the airline's operational and commercial objectives.

“Aviation law demands precision, discipline, and unwavering regulatory compliance.”



FREDERICK TAY

DIRECTOR – JOYCE A TAN & PARTNERS LLC



Profile Snapshot

“Strong corporate advice lies in aligning legal strategy with real business needs.”

Frederick Tay is a Director in the corporate practice at Joyce A Tan & Partners LLC, specialising in mergers and acquisitions and corporate transactions. He has over 10 years of experience, with deep sector focus in the healthcare and consumer healthcare industries.

Frederick regularly advises clients on both operational and transactional matters, including supply and pricing contracts for pharmaceuticals, cross-border M&A transactions in Singapore and globally, and employment-related issues. His practice combines commercial insight with practical legal solutions, including representation in mediation proceedings.

- Director, Joyce A Tan & Partners LLC
- Corporate practice: M&A & transactions
- 10+ years' experience
- Focus on healthcare & consumer healthcare
- Experience in cross-border M&A
- Advisory work on employment matters & mediation



MUBASHIR MANSOR

PARTNER – SKRINE, MALAYSIA

SKRINE Advocates
& Solicitors

Profile Snapshot

- Partner, Skrine (Malaysia)
- 35+ years in litigation & arbitration
- Domestic & international dispute resolution
- Fellow: CIArb, MIArb & AIADR
- Empanelled arbitrator with major international institutions
- Experienced mediator & disciplinary committee chair

Mubashir Mansor is a commercial and civil litigator with over 35 years of experience in domestic and international dispute resolution. Called to the Malaysian Bar in 1989, his practice spans fraud and asset recovery, cross-border disputes, cyber and blockchain matters, corporate and shareholder disputes, aviation, insurance, and constitutional law.

He acts as lead counsel before the Malaysian High Court, Court of Appeal, and Federal Court, as well as in domestic and international arbitrations. Mubashir is a Fellow of CIArb, MIArb, and AIADR, and is empanelled as an arbitrator with leading international institutions.

“Effective dispute resolution demands experience, precision, and the ability to navigate complexity across borders.”



REVATHI KANNAN

FOUNDER & PARTNER
REVATHI & PARTNERS, MALAYSIA



Profile Snapshot

“Dispute resolution is most effective when legal expertise is guided by fairness, clarity, and responsibility.”

Revathi Kannan is the Founder & Partner of Revathi & Partners, a boutique civil litigation firm established in 2014 in Selangor. Admitted as an Advocate & Solicitor of the High Court of Malaya in 2009, she brings strong experience in civil litigation and dispute resolution, having also served as in-house legal counsel for a leading Malaysian GLC.

She is a Fellow and Certified Adjudicator of AIADR and sits as an Adjudicator with the AIAC for construction payment disputes. Revathi also contributes to legal education as an Adjunct Lecturer at Universiti Sains Islam Malaysia (USIM) and regularly speaks at local and international forums.

- Founder & Partner, Revathi & Partners
- Advocate & Solicitor, High Court of Malaya (2009)
- Civil litigation & dispute resolution specialist
- Fellow & Certified Adjudicator, AIADR
- Adjudicator, AIAC (Construction Disputes)
- Adjunct Lecturer, USIM | AIAC Academy Tutor



HENRIETTA NEWTON MARTIN

DIRECTOR – LEGAL & STRATEGY, JUSCOGEN & ALCOP, UAE



Profile Snapshot

- Director – Legal & Strategy, JusCogen & Alcop
- 18+ years in corporate & commercial law
- Expertise in cross-border litigation & governance
- Sector experience across aviation, tech & energy
- Lecturer, Murdoch University Dubai
- Published legal author

Henrietta Newton Martin is a gold medalist in law with over 18 years of experience in corporate and commercial law, cross-border litigation, and strategic governance. Based in the Middle East, she advises leading organisations across aviation, FMCG, hospitality, technology, oil & gas, and manufacturing sectors.

An accomplished author, her work on integrity, jurisprudence, and leadership is widely recognised. Known for her eloquence and principled leadership, Henrietta continues to shape global conversations on law and corporate strategy.

“Legal leadership succeeds when strategy is guided by integrity and clarity.”



NAVRITA KAUR

GROUP CHIEF LEGAL OFFICER – MICROLINK SOLUTIONS BERHAD, MALAYSIA



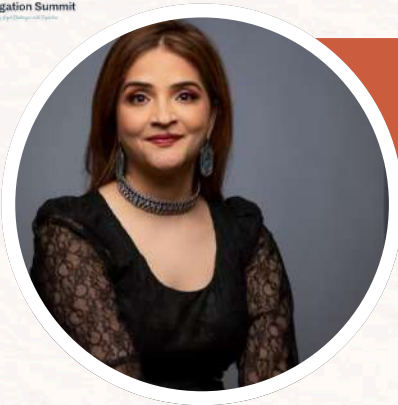
Profile Snapshot

- Group Chief Legal Officer, Microlink Solutions Berhad
- Technology company listed on Bursa Malaysia
- Corporate, commercial & IT legal leadership
- Group Data Protection Officer
- Former GC & GCLO, Omesti Group
- Legal 500 GC Powerlist SEA (2022, 2024, 2025)

“Legal leadership succeeds when it balances innovation, governance, and trust.”

Navrita is the Group Chief Legal Officer of Microlink Solutions Berhad, a technology company listed on Bursa Malaysia. She advises senior management on corporate, commercial, and regulatory matters, and plays a key role in corporate exercises, IT and commercial contracts, and policy development.

She is also part of the Group’s sustainability management team and recently assumed the role of Group Data Protection Officer. Previously, Navrita served as Group General Counsel and later GCLO at the Omesti Group. With over a decade of experience, she has been recognised in the Legal 500 GC Powerlist Southeast Asia in 2022, 2024, and 2025.



HEENA BHAMBHLANI

GDS ASSURANCE MANAGED SERVICES LEADER
– EY



Heena Bhambhlani is a seasoned legal services professional with over 18 years of experience in managed services and outsourced legal solutions.

Profile Snapshot

- GDS Assurance Managed Services Leader, EY
- 18+ years in legal managed services & outsourcing
- Expertise in eDiscovery & legal technology
- Global leadership across Forensics & Assurance
- Trusted advisor to multinational clients

An eDiscovery subject matter expert, Heena has managed hundreds of document reviews and fact-finding exercises related to litigation, regulatory inquiries, and internal investigations. In her leadership roles at EY, she oversees global teams delivering Forensics, legal technology, investigations, compliance, and managed services, helping corporate counsel and law firms achieve better outcomes while reducing risk and cost.

“Technology-driven legal services enable better outcomes, stronger compliance, and smarter risk management.”

CYNTHIA GABRIEL

ADVOCATE & SOLICITOR
CYNTHIA GABRIEL & ASSOCIATES



Profile Snapshot

- Advocate & Solicitor, Cynthia Gabriel & Associates
- Founding Director, Centre to Combat Corruption & Cronyism
- 20+ years in anti-corruption & governance advocacy
- Advisor on ESG & corporate integrity
- Speaker at UN, World Bank & UNCAC platforms
- Trainer for legal, media & corporate stakeholders

Cynthia Gabriel is a legal professional and governance advocate with over 20 years of experience in anti-corruption, public policy, and corporate accountability. She is the Founding Director of the Centre to Combat Corruption & Cronyism, where she has led national and regional initiatives to promote integrity, transparency, and good governance.

With training in both science and law, Cynthia brings a multidisciplinary perspective to issues of governance and corporate liability. She has addressed heads of state and spoken at UN General Assembly, World Bank, and UNCAC platforms, and also advises organisations committed to ESG frameworks and business integrity.

“Integrity is not optional—it is the foundation of trust, accountability, and sustainable governance.”



ADRIO RIVADI

REGIONAL LEGAL SOLUTIONS LEAD,
SOUTHEAST ASIA – THOMSON REUTERS



Profile Snapshot

- Regional Legal Solutions Lead, SEA — Thomson Reuters
- Focus on AI-powered legal technology
- Go-to-market strategy & client engagement
- Experience across ASEAN & Asia-Pacific
- Background in technology, legal & professional services

Adrio Rivadi is the Regional Legal Solutions Lead for Southeast Asia at Thomson Reuters, where he drives go-to-market strategy and client engagement for AI-powered legal technology solutions. He works closely with legal teams and organisations to support digital transformation across the legal function.

With extensive experience across ASEAN and the wider Asia-Pacific, Adrio has led business development, branding, and client initiatives across multiple Southeast Asian jurisdictions. His background spans leading technology, legal, and professional services firms, giving him a strong regional and cross-border perspective on the evolving legal technology landscape.

“Legal technology creates the greatest impact when it empowers lawyers to focus on insight, not process.”



LYNN FOO

HEAD OF LEGAL – KONE MALAYSIA



Profile Snapshot

- Head of Legal, KONE Malaysia
- 13+ years in construction & infrastructure law
- Expertise in EPCC projects & contract frameworks
- Experience in arbitration, litigation & dispute management
- Former Partner at a leading construction law firm

“Practical legal solutions in construction come from understanding both risk and commercial reality.”

Lynn Foo brings over 13 years of experience across construction, infrastructure, and commercial matters, covering both contentious and non-contentious work. She currently serves as Head of Legal at KONE Malaysia, the Malaysian subsidiary of KONE Corporation, a global leader in elevators, escalators, and building access solutions.

As part of the executive leadership team, Lynn leads the legal function with a focus on construction-related legal, risk, and compliance matters. Prior to joining KONE, she was a Partner at a leading Malaysian construction law firm, advising on high-value EPCC projects, complex construction disputes, and strategic contract frameworks.



V. KUMAR SHARMA

PARTNER – ELDAN LAW LLP, SINGAPORE

ELDAN LAW LLP
ARBITRATION & LITIGATION

Profile Snapshot

- Partner, Eldan Law LLP
- Singapore High Court litigation
- International arbitration (SIAC, ICC, HKIAC, LCIA & more)
- Multi-million dollar dispute experience
- LL.B. & Social Sciences (magna cum laude), SMU
- Admitted to the Singapore Bar (2014)

V. Kumar Sharma is a Partner at Eldan Law LLP, advising on complex, high-value disputes before the Singapore High Court and in domestic and international arbitrations. His arbitration experience spans major institutional rules, including SIAC, ICC, HKIAC, UNCITRAL, and LCIA.

He is known for his strategic approach to multi-jurisdictional disputes and strong advocacy in arbitration proceedings. Kumar graduated magna cum laude from Singapore Management University and was admitted as an Advocate and Solicitor of the Supreme Court of Singapore in 2014.

“Effective dispute resolution requires precision, strategy, and a deep understanding of the forum.”



ARNAUD WENGER

GENERAL COUNSEL & CHIEF COMPLIANCE OFFICER / DPO – TAZAPAY, SINGAPORE



Profile Snapshot

- General Counsel & CCO / DPO, Tazapay
- 15+ years in financial services & fintech
- Expertise in AML/CFT, risk & governance
- Experience across banking, payments & crypto
- Scaled teams across Europe, MENA & Asia

“Strong compliance enables scalable, sustainable innovation in financial services.”

Arnaud Wenger is a seasoned legal and compliance leader with over 15 years of experience across the financial services sector, including private banking, wealth and asset management, payment services, and crypto. He is currently General Counsel, Chief Compliance Officer, and Data Protection Officer at Tazapay, where he supports business growth through strong governance and regulatory strategy.

A proven leader, Arnaud has successfully scaled organisations and managed diverse teams across Europe, MENA, and Asia, with deep expertise in AML/CFT, risk management, governance, and operations.



KIRINDEEP SINGH

SENIOR PARTNER – DENTONS RODYK & DAVIDSON, SINGAPORE

DENTONS RODYK

Profile Snapshot

- Senior Partner, Dentons Rodyk & Davidson
- International arbitration & dispute resolution
- Construction, energy & infrastructure disputes
- Cross-border & multi-jurisdictional matters
- BCL, University of Oxford

Kirindeep Singh is a Senior Partner at Dentons Rodyk & Davidson, with experience in international arbitration and dispute resolution. He advises clients on complex, high-value disputes across sectors including construction, energy, and infrastructure, and is recognised for his strategic, commercially grounded approach.

With a background in international law and arbitration, Kirindeep represents clients in cross-border matters involving major projects and multi-jurisdictional disputes. He holds a Bachelor of Civil Law (BCL) from the University of Oxford, bringing academic depth and global perspective to his practice.

“Effective arbitration combines strategic clarity with a deep understanding of global commercial realities.”



MUHAMAD NAZRI SHAIDON

FOUNDER
AML TRAINING & ADVISORY, MALAYSIA



Profile Snapshot

- Head of AML Training & Advisory
- Former Financial Investigator, Bank Negara Malaysia
- Senior AML/CFT roles across diverse banking sectors
- Certified Financial Investigator
- HRD Corp–Accredited Trainer
- External Consultant to law enforcement & private sector

“Effective AML programmes are built on expertise, integrity, and practical execution.”

Muhamad Nazri is a respected AML/CFT expert, trainer, and practitioner with extensive experience in financial crime investigation and regulatory compliance. He began his career at Bank Negara Malaysia, where he spent nearly a decade as a Financial Investigator, contributing to national enforcement and supervisory efforts.

A Certified Financial Investigator and HRD Corp–Accredited Trainer, Nazri currently leads AML Training & Advisory and serves as an External Consultant to law enforcement agencies and private entities, providing strategic training and expert advisory in the fight against financial crime.



DATUK D.P. NABAN

SENIOR PARTNER – RDS PARTNERSHIP,
MALAYSIA



Profile Snapshot

- Senior Partner, RDS Partnership
- In practice since 1981
- Expertise in tax, commercial & civil disputes
- Band 1 Tax Lawyer, Chambers Asia
- Leading counsel in major Malaysian tax cases
- Multiple national and regional legal accolades

Datuk D.P. Naban is a distinguished legal strategist with over four decades of experience, having been in active practice since 1981. His practice spans commercial, civil, and tax law, covering high-stakes litigation and complex advisory work. He is widely respected for his composure, technical mastery, and exceptional advocacy and cross-examination skills.

As Senior Partner at RDS Partnership, Datuk Naban is consistently recognised as a Band 1 Tax Lawyer by Chambers Asia and has played a key role in many of Malaysia's most significant tax disputes. Clients and peers commend his "superb" advocacy and enduring passion for the law.

“Excellence in advocacy comes from mastery of the law, clarity of thought, and unwavering commitment to the client.”

SERENA FOONG

DEPUTY HEAD OF LEGAL AFFAIRS, ASEAN –
MICROSOFT



Profile Snapshot

- Deputy Head of Legal Affairs, ASEAN – Microsoft
- 10+ years in technology & regulatory law
- Focus on AI governance & digital transformation
- SG100 Women in Tech 2023 honoree
- Led award-winning in-house legal teams
- Advocate for future-ready legal leadership

Serena Foong is the Deputy Head of Legal Affairs for ASEAN at Microsoft, with over a decade of experience advising on regulatory matters, AI governance, and digital transformation across the region. A SG100 Women in Tech 2023 honoree, she is recognised for translating legal complexity into practical strategy.

She has led regional initiatives such as securing the IMDA Data Protection Trustmark and streamlining legal operations for global SMEs, while contributing to IP and open-source taskforces. Under her leadership, her teams received major accolades, including Asia Best Technology Media In-House Legal Team 2023 and Southeast Asian In-House Department of the Year 2024.

“The role of legal today is to enable trust, guide innovation, and lead confidently through change.”



DR. B. GOPALAKRISHNAN

FOUNDER – BGK LAW ASSOCIATES, INDIA

Profile Snapshot

- Founder, BGK Law Associates
- 40+ years in banking & corporate law
- Former Head of Law, Axis Bank & ARCIL
- Cross-border arbitration & banking litigation
- Founder President, CCAI

Dr. B. Gopalakrishnan is a distinguished legal professional with over four decades of experience in banking law, corporate and capital markets, cross-border transactions, and international arbitration. He spent nearly 30 years as in-house counsel with leading Indian financial institutions, including UTI, Axis Bank, and ARCIL.

At Axis Bank, he played a key role in landmark equity investments, GDR issuances, aviation financing, and precedent-setting derivatives litigation. In 2021, he founded BGK Law Associates, where he advises on banking litigation, insolvency, and complex corporate transactions.

“Experience, integrity, and clarity are the pillars of sound legal leadership.”



Profile Snapshot

- Joint Managing Director, Folich LLC
- Litigation, arbitration & dispute resolution
- Accredited mediator (SMC, FIDReC, Law Society)
- Startup, funding & IP advisory
- Legal Aid & Criminal Legal Aid Scheme volunteer
- Commissioner for Oaths
- LL.B (cum laude), BSc IS (cum laude), BSc & MSc Accounting

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LLC

WILSON FOO YU KANG
JOINT MANAGING DIRECTOR
FOLICH LLC, SINGAPORE

Wilson Foo Yu Kang is the Joint Managing Director of Folich LLC, bringing broad experience across civil, criminal, and corporate matters, with a focus on litigation, arbitration, and dispute resolution. He is also active in the startup ecosystem, advising on funding, corporate structuring, and intellectual property matters.

An accredited mediator, Wilson is registered with the Singapore Mediation Centre, FIDReC, and the Law Society Mediation Scheme, and also serves as a neutral evaluator with the Consumers Association of Singapore. He is recognised for his commitment to public service and access to justice, and regularly contributes through legal aid work and mediation initiatives.

“Effective dispute resolution blends legal rigour with practical understanding of people and business.”



Profile Snapshot

- Advocate & Solicitor, High Court of Malaya
- Barrister-at-Law, Middle Temple (UK)
- Arbitrator & Mediator (SIDREC, MMC)
- 30+ years in litigation & dispute resolution
- Civil, corporate & banking disputes
- Active speaker & legal educator

DATUK JOY WILSON APPUKUTTAN

ADVOCATE, ARBITRATOR & MEDIATOR
KHLIM & CO., MALAYSIA

Datuk Joy Wilson Appukuttan is a seasoned legal practitioner with over 33 years of experience in civil, commercial, banking, and corporate litigation, as well as arbitration and mediation. He is admitted as an Advocate & Solicitor of the High Court of Malaya and is also a Barrister-at-Law of the Middle Temple, United Kingdom.

He is an accredited arbitrator and mediator, empanelled with institutions such as SIDREC and the Malaysian Mediation Centre, and is widely recognised for his balanced advocacy and procedural expertise.

“Effective dispute resolution demands fairness, clarity, and respect for the rule of law.”

HARALD SIPPEL

SENIOR FOREIGN ADVISOR, AQAN VIJANDRAN



Profile Snapshot

- Senior Foreign Advisor, Aqan Vijandran
- EU-qualified lawyer (Austria) & Foreign Lawyer to the Malaysian Bar
- 80+ international arbitrations
- Certified mediator & arbitrator
- Author: Force Majeure and Hardship in the Asia-Pacific Region
- Focus on ESG, supply chain & cross-border disputes

Harald Sippel is a Senior Foreign Advisor with over ten years of experience supporting international businesses across Malaysia and Southeast Asia. He is admitted to practice in the European Union (Austria) and as a Foreign Lawyer to the Malaysian Bar, advising foreign investors on legal, cultural, and commercial matters.

An experienced arbitration practitioner and certified mediator, Harald has been involved in 80+ international arbitrations and regularly sits as an arbitrator. He is widely recognised for his expertise in supply chain disruptions, ESG compliance, and cross-border risk management, and is the author of Force Majeure and Hardship in the Asia-Pacific Region.

“Understanding the law is only part of the solution – translating it into practical business outcomes is what truly matters.”



LANCE HUE

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY PARTNER
MESSRS. JH YEE & CO, MALAYSIA



Profile Snapshot

- Intellectual Property Partner, Messrs. JH Yee & Co
- Focus on IP & franchising law
- Advisory on PDPA & cybersecurity
- Expertise at the intersection of law & technology
- Brand protection & business growth strategies

Lance Hue is an Intellectual Property Partner at Messrs. JH Yee & Co, where his practice focuses on Intellectual Property and Franchising law as key drivers of business growth in Malaysia. He advises businesses on protecting and expanding their brands through effective IP strategy and franchise structuring.

With the rapid evolution of the digital economy, Lance also guides clients at the intersection of law and technology, particularly in data privacy (PDPA) and cybersecurity. His approach delivers holistic legal solutions that safeguard not only trademarks and franchise networks, but also digital assets and information security.

“Protecting a brand today means securing both its identity and its digital ecosystem.”



SHAUN LEONG

PARTNER – HFW, SINGAPORE



Profile Snapshot

“In technology disputes, success lies in combining legal precision with a deep understanding of how innovation actually works.”

Shaun Leong is a Partner at HFW, Singapore, recognised for his work in international arbitration involving emerging technology disputes, including AI, blockchain, and cryptocurrency. He is known for his understanding of the AI development lifecycle and his commercially focused, cross-border approach to complex disputes.

He has received multiple international accolades and is ranked as a Leading Practitioner in Blockchain. Before private practice, Shaun served in the Singapore Supreme Court as a Magistrate and Assistant Registrar, and played a key role in the establishment of the Singapore International Commercial Court (SICC). He is also a contributing author to leading arbitration texts.

- Partner, HFW (Singapore)
- International arbitration & complex disputes
- Leading practitioner in AI, blockchain & crypto disputes
- Former Magistrate & Assistant Registrar, Singapore Supreme Court
- Involved in the establishment of the SICC
- Contributor to leading arbitration & civil procedure texts



ROHAN ARASOO JEYABALAH

PARTNER – ADNAN SUNDRA & LOW, MALAYSIA



Profile Snapshot

- Partner, Adnan Sundra & Low
- Construction & Engineering Disputes
- Employment & Industrial Relations
- Arbitrator (AIADR) & Adjudicator (AIAC, CIPAA)
- Advocate & Solicitor, High Court of Malaya
- Advocacy Trainer, Malaysian Bar

Rohan Arasoo Jeyabalah is a Partner at Adnan Sundra & Low, with experience in construction & engineering disputes and employment & industrial relations. He appears before all tiers of the Malaysian courts, including the Industrial Court, and in domestic arbitrations and CIPAA adjudications.

He is a Fellow of AIADR, serves on its panel of arbitrators, and is empanelled as an adjudicator with AIAC. Rohan also advises on employment, construction, and commercial contracts. He is actively involved in the profession as an Advocacy Trainer with the Malaysian Bar Council and a member of the Disciplinary Committee Panel.

“Strong advocacy is built on clarity, preparation, and a deep understanding of the dispute.”

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YONIE FERINEY

KHAZANAH-YOUTH PROGRAMME DATA ANALYTICS TRAINEE (K-YDP), TALENTLABS



Profile Snapshot

- K-YDP Data Analytics Trainee, TalentLabs
- First Class Honours Law Graduate
- Top 19 Finalist, National Judicial Clerkship Programme 2025
- Focus on Legal Tech & Data Analytics
- Conference Host & Session Moderator

“The future of law lies where technology, insight, and purpose come together”

Yonie Feriney represents the emerging generation of legal professionals building careers at the intersection of law, technology, and innovation. A First Class Honours law graduate, she has earned national recognition as a Top 19 finalist of Malaysia’s prestigious National Judicial Clerkship Programme 2025.

Currently part of Khazanah Nasional’s K-YDP 2025 cohort, Yonie is developing expertise in data analytics and legal technology. She serves as the Conference Host and Session Moderator, bringing clarity, confidence, and a fresh, future-focused perspective to the dialogue.

AI & THE CHANGING PRACTICE OF LAW

“In a world where intelligence is augmented, the true value of a lawyer lies in judgment, empathy, and strategic foresight.”

Artificial intelligence is reshaping the legal profession and transforming how lawyers research, analyse, predict outcomes, and manage complex disputes. From advanced legal analytics and predictive modelling to document automation and case management, AI is increasingly embedded in modern legal workflows.

Yet, while technology enhances efficiency and accuracy, the essence of legal practice remains human. Advocacy, ethical reasoning, negotiation, and trust cannot be automated. The most effective legal professionals are those who integrate AI as a strategic tool, strengthening human judgment rather than replacing it.

As courts, arbitral institutions, and law firms adopt technology driven processes, lawyers must develop new competencies. Understanding AI’s capabilities, limitations, and ethical implications is now essential to safeguarding justice, transparency, and accountability.



Key Impacts of AI on Legal Practice

- Smarter legal research and case analysis
- Predictive insights for litigation and arbitration outcomes
- Enhanced efficiency in contract review and due diligence
- Improved risk assessment and compliance monitoring
- Technology-enabled dispute resolution mechanisms

Looking ahead, the future of law will be defined by collaboration between human expertise and intelligent systems. Lawyers who embrace innovation while upholding professional integrity will lead the evolution of legal practice in an increasingly digital global landscape.

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Bespoke Global Legal (IP, AI & Legal Tech) Summit




 **14 May, 2026**
 **Bangalore, India**



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