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CPD Direct Access is a mentorship programme, which aims to help young lawyers to achieve their potential through guidance and constructive feedback from senior lawyers who would support them in their professional development and personal growth.

Each session will feature different mentors who will offer opportunities for young lawyers to expand their knowledge and network with diverse practice areas. Mentorship is a reciprocal process, where both mentors and mentees are able to learn from each other. Mentees learn from the experiences and knowledge of their mentors; mentors learn to see from the mentees' perspectives.

In this edition, the conversation will centre around **how lawyers can sustain their relevance in the legal profession amidst growing integration of technology.**

Come and join us in this live webinar session of CPD Direct Access!

PANELLISTS



Azmi Mohd Ali is the senior partner of Azmi & Associates, a full service corporate and commercial law firm with offices in Kuala Lumpur, Johor Bahru and Penang. He holds an LL.B (Hons.) from the University of Malaya (1984) and an LLM in US & Global Business Law from Suffolk University, Boston, U.S.A (2011). He also attended a short programme on Enterprise Innovation at Cambridge University Business School.

He focuses on corporate laws with experience in the areas of mergers and acquisitions, joint ventures, cross-border transactions, project finance, privatisation, energy, oil and gas, and foreign investments.

Prior to his venture in private practice, he spent 6 ½ years as an in-house counsel at Petronas. He was involved in projects of national importance for Malaysia and negotiated and concluded the NGPSA, a major gas development project for Malaysia, in 1990. He left Petronas to pursue a career in law practice in 1990 and has been in practice since then.

He was awarded in the Legal 500 Hall of Fame for M&A / Corporate 2020, "Distinguished M&A Practitioner" for AsiaLaw 2020, "International Law Office 2016 Clients Choice Award for Malaysia in Mergers & Acquisitions", and other international publications.

Currently, he is a director of 3 listed companies, an unlisted real estate investment company, and he also sits on the Investment Committee Panel of Lembaga Tabung Angkatan Tentera, and the Appeals Committee of Bursa Malaysia.

He had previously served as a director at Sime Darby Berhad, 5 other listed companies, and an Islamic bank. He is one of the 16 elected Bar Council councillors elected from the floor for two terms from 2023 to 2025.

He has been involved in strategic management of a number of litigation cases, as well as arbitration cases (with others) under the UNCITRAL Arbitration Rules and the LCIA Rules. He has also acted as an arbitrator in one arbitration case under the AIAC Arbitration Rules.

He is a member of the International Chamber of Commerce Malaysia ("ICC Malaysia"), member of the Panel of Conciliators and Panel of Arbitrators, and International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes ("ICSID").



Cindy Goh Joo Seong is the head of the intellectual property ("IP") department and a litigation partner in Cheang & Ariff with more than 20 years of experience.

Her areas of focus include IP, corporate litigation, commercial disputes, tax litigation, etc. Cindy is also the current Chairperson of the Bar Council IP Committee, a council member of APAA Malaysia and a committee member in numerous IP associations. She was also named as "Asia-Pacific Female Lawyer of the Year" by Benchmark Litigation Asia-Pacific Awards 2022.



S Saravana Kumar is the head of the tax, sales and service tax (“SST”) and customs and Partner at Rosli Dahlan Saravana Partnership. He obtained an LL.B (Hons) from the University of London, LL.M in taxation from the London School of Economics, M.Sc in Development Planning from University College London, attended a Bar Vocational Course from Nottingham Law School, and was admitted as an advocate and solicitor of the High Court of Malaya, and is also a Barrister-at-Law (Inner Temple).

His areas of focus is in tax, SST, customs, incentives, and trade facilitation.

He was listed among the “Top 100 Lawyers in Malaysia for 2021 and 2020” by Asia Business Law Journal and gained the title of “Leading Individual for Tax” in 2021 from Legal 500 Asia Pacific. He achieved “Band 1” designation as a tax lawyer in Malaysia from Chambers Asia and received acknowledgment as a “Leading Individual in Tax” by the Legal 500 Malaysia in 2020. Additionally, he was noted as one of the “Top 40 Lawyers Under 40” in 2018 by Asian Legal Business.

Saravana was formerly an adjunct professor with Universiti Tenaga Nasional (“UNITEN”). He also chairs the taxation and customs committee of LAWASIA.

MODERATOR



Richard Wee is the Chairperson of the Bar Council Professional Standards and Development Committee.

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