



KEDAH BAR COMMITTEE

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The Professional Standards and Development Sub-Committee (PSDC) and Family Law Sub-Committee jointly presents a webinar on

COLLABORATIVE PRACTICE LAWYERS AS PEACEMAKERS

This webinar aims to introduce the Collaborative Practice to those who see the utility of working together and possibly to avoid negative outcomes seen in litigation to lives, families, and finances with a better, less conflict-driven way to help those in need, especially in family disputes, custody battles, inheritance and probate conflicts and even employment disputes.



12th September 2024 (Thursday)
2:30 pm to 5:00 pm
(Registration will begin at 2:00 pm)



Zoom
The webinar link will be emailed to registered participants.



RM 20.00 – Members of the Bar
RM 10.00 – Pupils in Chambers / Law Students
RM 30.00 – Non-Members



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TO REGISTER**

Places are limited and registration is on a first come, first served basis. Registration will close on **10th September 2024 at 3:00pm**, or if the event is full (whichever comes first). For further details kindly contact Ms. Ida/Ain at (04-730 8305/ 733 3467).

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SUMMARY OF WEBINAR

A new way of being a lawyer is what Collaborative Practice is all about. Can lawyers be peacemakers? Are you intrigued by the notion of having a practice where the Collaborative approach and a peace-making mindset infuse your entire practice?

At the heart of the Collaborative Movement lies what we term "the paradigm shift". It's a departure from the traditional dichotomies of seeing cases in black or white, win or lose, you and your opponent's lawyer, or petitioner and respondent. The shift in mindset embraces a new perspective where clients are seen as individuals navigating shared challenges within parties in a struggle, ruptured relationships and/or broken ties. The overarching goal is to cultivate solutions and settlements that empower both parties to stride into the future harmoniously.

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Furthermore, this webinar serves as a gateway to the International Academy of Collaborative Professionals where you can learn, attend trainings, develop relationships with like-minded people and deepen your awareness, mindfulness, and impact on others.

By embracing Collaborative Practice and the accompanying skill set, you can elevate your legal career beyond the confines of conventional litigation and have another alternative dispute resolution option for your clients- beyond only negotiated settlements and/or mediation.

ABOUT THE SPEAKERS

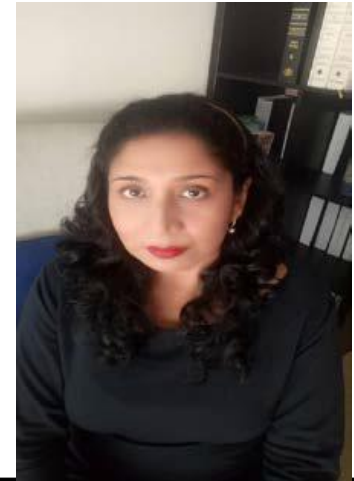
Ms Rajashree Suppiah has an LLB from the University of London and has been in active practice since 1997. Her practice straddles all three areas of litigation, collaborative practice, and mediation. As an experienced litigator she has been involved in many areas of practice including contentious matrimonial matters and cross borders custody disputes, employment disputes, corporate and commercial disputes and medical negligence, probate and estate matters.

In 2018, she was one of the pioneers in Malaysia who underwent Introductory Interdisciplinary Collaborative training with International Academy of Collaborative Professionals (IACP) an international community of legal, mental health and financial professionals working in concert to create client-centred processes for resolving conflict. She currently sits on the Board of Directors of the IACP an organisation which was nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize in 2023 for its work in peaceful resolution of disputes.

She serves on the Malaysian Bar Family Law Committee (FLC) and is the Co-Chairperson of FLC for the term 24/25. On the ADR front she is the current head of the Collaborative Practice Subcommittee of the FLC.

As a trained collaborative professional who is keen to encourage Collaborative Practice as an alternative dispute resolution option in family matters, Rajashree is now proudly serving as the Co-Group Leader of the Malaysian Collaborative Practice Group (MCPG). MCPG stands as an IACP Global Partner since 2021.

Rajashree also served as a member of the FLC Mediation Sub-committee for the past 3 terms and is serving in the current term of 2024/2025.



Speaker
Rajashree Suppiah
(Messrs Rajashree)

ABOUT THE SPEAKERS

Ms Denise Lim is an Advocate & Solicitor of the High Court of Malaya and a partner of Messrs Kee Sern, Siu & Huey. She is a Collaborative Lawyer trained by the International Academy of Collaborative Professionals (IACP), a Mediator accredited by the Malaysian International Mediation Centre (MIMC), and the current Treasurer of the Association of Women Lawyers (AWL).

Her main practice are family disputes (eg. divorce / judicial separation, adultery, custody, maintenance, division of assets, etc) and estate disputes. She has acted for husbands, wives and alleged third parties, families with foreign spouses, and children with special needs. She's conducted successful and unsuccessful collaborative law and mediation cases, some including mental health professionals to support to manage their own emotions during triggering negotiations, improving co-parenting and communication skills, and re-establishing contact between estranged parents and children.

Denise believes that divorces are best resolved by the parties themselves and that court should only be the last resort. The long-term trauma that can be caused by court may endure for generations while the difficulties in negotiations is brief in comparison. Denise thus advocates for both clients and lawyers alike to consider collaborative law and mediation as primary options to resolve matrimonial conflicts instead of traditional court litigation.



Speaker
DENISE LIM
(Messrs Kee Sern, Siu & Huey)



Speaker
TAY KIT HOO
(Messrs Low & Partners)

Mr Tay Kit Hoo is an Advocate & Solicitor of the High Court of Malaya. He specialises his practice on matrimonial and children disputes since the beginning of his career. Valued for his deep knowledge and expertise of family law, he now heads the family litigation team in Messrs Low & Partners. He regularly appears in the Family High Court, Court of Appeal and Federal Court as Lead or Co-Counsel.

He believes that litigation does not resolve all problems in a family dispute. As such, he also subscribes to the idea of alternate dispute resolution for win-win solutions. In that vein, he is empanelled as a mediator with the Malaysian International Mediation Centre and a registered collaborative practitioner.

As part of his advocacy work, his practice also encompasses strategic litigation to propel the law forward. He regularly takes up those said cases, and acts as watching brief counsel for Human Rights Commission of Malaysia (SUHAKAM) and the Malaysian Bar. Other than going to court, he also contributes, among others, as an active member of the Malaysian Bar Family Law Committee since 2021 and a committee member of the Kuala Lumpur State Bar co-charing the Gender Equality and Diversity Committee for Term 2023/2024. He is also the treasurer for the Malaysian Middle Temple Alumni Association (TMMTA).

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Set up your space.

Find a spot which is comfortable and free from background noises. You may use an earpiece with microphone for clarity. Having a strong internet connection is equally important.



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You may raise a question during the Question-and-Answer session only.

Please take note that no speaking is allowed when CPD Live is taking place.

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