

Malaysia-Singapore Young Lawyers' Summit 2024

Visualising the Future

1 Mar 2024 (Friday) | 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

Raja Aziz Addruse Auditorium

2nd Floor, Wisma Badan Peguam Malaysia
2 Leboh Pasar Besar, 50050 Kuala Lumpur

Registration Fee:

Early bird rate: RM120 (register by 26 Feb 2024)

Normal rate: RM150

[Register online here](#)

The Bar Council National Young Lawyers and Pupils Committee, in collaboration with the Law Society of Singapore, is organising a conference titled "Malaysia-Singapore Young Lawyers' Summit". The conference is a platform for young lawyers from both Bars to share ideas on legal-related issues, which cover a range of topics for the benefit of young lawyers.

For speakers' line up and more information, follow NYLPC on Instagram: @n_ylpc

Programme

8:30 am	Registration
9:00 am	Opening ceremony Speech by Karen Cheah Yee Lyn, <i>President of the Malaysian Bar</i> Speech by the Representative from the <i>Law Society of Singapore</i>
9:15 am	Session 1: Essential Legal Practice Skills: How to Excel as a Young Lawyer Speakers: 1) Lim Wei Jiet, <i>Founder, Lim Wei Jiet</i> 2) Lim Yvonne, <i>Partner, Malik Imtiaz Sarwar</i> 3) Christine Low, <i>Director, Peter Low Chambers LLC</i> Moderator: Kee Hui Yee, <i>Chairperson, NYLPC</i>
10:30 am	Break
10:45 am	Session 2: Challenges of Young Mediators and Other ADR Practitioners Speakers: 1) Nereen Kaur Veriah, <i>Partner, Atma Singh Veriah & Co</i> 2) Jonathan Muk, <i>Associate Director, LVM Law Chambers LLC</i> 3) Melvin Loh, <i>Senior Lecturer, Law Programmes, Singapore University of Social Sciences and Counsel, Peter Low Chambers LLC</i> 4) Charmaine Yap, <i>Senior Associate, Drew & Napier LLC</i> Moderator: Ooi Jia Liang, <i>Member, NYLPC</i>
12:00 pm	Lunch
2:00 pm	Session 3: Technological Revolution: Impact on Justice System and Legal Practice Speakers: 1) Justice Tuan Atan Mustaffa Yussof Ahmad, <i>High Court of Malaya</i> 2) Wan Zafran Pawancheek, <i>Partner, Wan Marican Hamzah & Shaik</i> 3) Sarah Yong, <i>Chairperson, Bar Council Technology, Cyber and Privacy Laws Committee</i> 4) Eva Teh Jing Hui, <i>Associate, K & L Gates Straits Law LLC</i> Moderator: Boo Cheng Xuan, <i>Member, NYLPC</i>
3:30 pm	Closing ceremony Speech by Mohamad Ezri Abdul Wahab, <i>Vice President, Malaysian Bar</i> Speech by Kee Hui Yee, <i>Chairperson, NYLPC</i>
3:40 pm	Networking Tea Session
4:00 pm	End

Lunch and refreshments will be provided.

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Speakers

Justice Tuan Atan Mustaffa Yussof Ahmad, High Court of Malaya

Justice Atan Mustaffa Yussof Ahmad was appointed as a Judicial Commissioner of the High Court of Malaya in 2019 and was elevated as a High Court Judge in 2022. He now sits in the Commercial Division of the Kuala Lumpur High Court. Prior to joining the judiciary, Justice Atan had over 20 years of experience in legal practice and business. He headed the litigation department at Ainul Azam & Co from 2003 until 2019. Justice Atan also held positions in the tech industry, serving as a business development and legal officer at Digidart Sdn Bhd, Malaysia's first digital certification authority, and as a sales manager at Verticalnet UK, a London-based internet marketing solutions provider. He obtained his law degree from the University of Bristol and Certificate in Legal Practice in Malaysia. Justice Atan furthered his studies with an MBA from the University of Exeter, evidencing his diverse interests spanning law, business and technology. His appointment to the High Court bench draws on this unique blend of experience across multiple fields.



practitioner. He was elected as a member of the Bar Council for the 2016/2017, 2017/2018, 2018/2019, 2019/2020, 2020/2021, 2022/2023, and 2023/2024 terms. He has actively served the Bar Council as the Chairperson of the Cyberlaw Committee, Co-Chairperson of the IMLC 2022 Organising Committee, Co-Deputy Chairperson of the Finance Committee, Co-Deputy Chairperson of the Small Firms Practice Committee, and as a member of the Ad Hoc Pandemic Response Committee. He completed the Train-the-Trainer ("TTT") Programme, which was a collaborative effort between Bank Negara Malaysia and the Asian Banking School. He is currently the Chairperson of the Committee on AMLA and the Ad Hoc Committee on Touting.

Kee Hui Yee, Chairperson, NYLPC

Hui Yee is a senior associate at Kanesalingam & Co. She was admitted to the High Court of Malaya as an advocate and solicitor in 2019. She is a member of the Bar Council and she chairs the National Young Lawyers and Pupils Committee for the term 2023/24. Hui Yee is also a member of the Bar Council Constitutional Law Committee, Human Rights Committee and the Family Law Committee. In her legal practice, Hui Yee focuses on civil litigation mainly public and constitutional law, family and probate disputes, corporate and commercial disputes, employment and labour law. Hui Yee is also an accredited mediator with the Malaysian International Mediation Centre.



Karen Cheah, President, Malaysian Bar

Karen Cheah Yee Lynn is the President of the Malaysian Bar for the 2023/2024 term. She was also the President for the previous term 2022/2023. She was the Chairman of the Malacca State Bar Committee from 2012 to 2015, and was elected as a Bar Council Member from the national elections for 7 consecutive terms from 2016 to 2022. She was appointed as the Treasurer of the Malaysian Bar during the terms 2013/2014 and 2014/2015, and also served as the Secretary of the Malaysian Bar from 2015/2016 and 2016/2017. She is the current Co-Chairperson of the Bar Council Committee to Reform the Legal Sector and Amendments to the Legal Profession Act; as well as the Chairperson of the Integration Committee. She is also an active member of the following Bar Council committees: Committee on AMLA, Corporate and Commercial Law Committee, Finance Committee, Women's Rights Committee, Child Rights Committee, Civil Law and Law Reforms. She was the Chairperson of the Bar Council Ad Hoc Committee on Conditional Fee Rules (Re Non-Personal Injuries), Bar Council Constitutional Law Committee, Bar Council International Professional Services Committee and the Legal Profession Committee.



Christine Low, Director, Peter Low Chambers LLC

Christine Low joined Peter Low Chambers LLC in 2011 and has been actively involved in the firm's high-profile public interest and criminal litigation cases. Christine has accumulated valuable experience across the full spectrum of the firm's practice areas. Christine also handles corporate and commercial advisory matters for private clients and companies.



Since 2016, Christine has served on the Council of the Law Society of Singapore on various sub-committees, including the Young Lawyers' sub-committee and Alternative Dispute Resolution sub-committee. She is currently Co-Chairperson of the Small Law Firms sub-committee.

Christine also sits on the Ambassador Council of the University of Queensland, Faculty of Business, Economics and Law. She strongly believes in giving back to the community and has volunteered as a Panelist and Senior Panelist with the National Youth Council's Young Change Makers Scheme ("YCM"). This has allowed her the opportunity to work with, mentor and positively impact youths in their pursuit of projects that benefit the community. Christine also volunteers with various Community Legal Clinics and has been invited to conduct seminars on divorce and family matters for non-profit organisations.

Mohamad Ezri Abdul Wahab, Vice President, Malaysian Bar

Mohamad Ezri Abdul Wahab is the Vice-President of the Malaysian Bar for the 2023/2024 term. He was admitted as an advocate and solicitor of the High Court of Malaya in 1994. He is an accredited mediator and a Syariah Law



Melvin Loh, *Senior Lecturer, Law Programmes, Singapore University of Social Sciences and Counsel, Peter Low Chambers LLC*

Melvin Loh is a senior lecturer with the School of Law, Singapore University of Social Sciences ('SUSS') where he specialises in criminal law and appropriate dispute resolution with an emphasis in mediation. In 2023, he was awarded the SUSS Excellence in Teaching Award and the Staff Service Award.



Melvin was conferred the Outstanding Court Volunteer Award 2023 (Advocate & Solicitor Category).

As counsel at Peter Low Chambers LLC, he serves as Vice-Chairman of the Community Legal Clinic Committee of Pro Bono SG, and as an Executive Committee member with the Mediation Committee of the Law Society of Singapore, and the Criminal Legal Aid Scheme.

Jonathan Muk, *Associate Director, LVM Law Chambers LLC*

Jonathan is an associate director with LVM Law Chambers LLC. His practice area is in high value commercial investigations and disputes. He is an accredited mediator with the Singapore Mediation Centre, Singapore International Mediation Centre, and the Law Society of Singapore. He is also a member of the Law Society's Alternative Dispute Resolution Committee and has been involved in creating opportunities for young legal practitioners to build their alternative dispute resolution skillsets.



Charmaine Yap, *Senior Associate, Drew & Napier LLC*

Charmaine is a senior associate with Drew & Napier LLC in Singapore. Her dispute resolution work spans international commercial arbitration, civil litigation, criminal and regulatory matters, and investigations. Her work covers a broad range of matters including energy, shareholder disputes, private equity disputes, white-collar crime, and corporate investigations.



Charmaine is the Co-Chairperson of the Young Lawyers Committee of the Law Society of Singapore. She is also a member of the Society's Mediation Committee. She believes in the power of community-building to make legal practice sustainable and meaningful for young lawyers.

Eva Teh Jing Hui, *Associate, K&L Gates Straits Law LLC*

Eva is a Singapore-qualified lawyer at K&L Gates Straits Law. She frequently acts in complex cross-jurisdictional disputes in both the Singapore Courts and in arbitration, and has acted in disputes across a broad spectrum of industries and sectors, including aviation, construction, commodities, shipping, and technology. She is also serving as an elected Council member of the Law Society of



Singapore and is presently in the Society's Publications Committee, Insolvency Practice Committee, and Generative AI Working Group, among other committees.

Nereen Kaur Veriah, *Partner, Atma Singh Veriah & Co*

Nereen is an international arbitrator focusing on building and construction disputes and is empaneled with the AIAC, THAC, MIAC and RAC. Nereen is also a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators and the Malaysian Institute of Arbitrators.



Nereen obtained her Masters with Queen Mary University of London in International Arbitration and has contributed to the chapters "Specialized Arbitration: Emerging Trends and Practice-Emerging Trends in Third-Party Funding in Investment Arbitration" (Thomson Reuters, September 2021) and "Law and Practice of Construction Law in Malaysia- Chapter 3- Statutory Control of the Construction Industry" (Sweet & Maxwell, November 2021).

Her primary area of practice is building and construction law.

Wan Zafran Pawancheek, *Partner, Wan Marican Hamzah & Shaik*

Wan Zafran Pawancheek is a practising advocate and solicitor, and a litigator.

Lim Wei Jiet, *Founder, Lim Wei Jiet*

Wei Jiet has been a litigator for close to 8 years, having appeared as lead and co-counsel at all levels of the Malaysian Courts and in arbitration proceedings. His core areas of practice are corporate, employment and public law. Over the years, Wei Jiet has acted for the Malaysian Government, State Governments, Ministers, multinational companies ("MNCs"), high networth individuals ("HNWIs"), trade unions and leading human rights NGOs in a variety of landmark cases. He is also the author of various practitioner texts, including "Malaysian Court Practice - Trial Courts" for LexisNexis in 2019. He was named "Young Lawyer of the Year" at Thomson Reuters' Asian Legal Business Malaysian Law Awards 2022, and is a finalist for "Dispute Resolution Lawyer of the Year" for the 2024 edition.



Lim Yvonne, *Partner, Malik Imtiaz Sarwar*

Lim Yvonne holds an MA in Law from the University of Cambridge, UK and is a member of Gray's Inn. She was admitted as an advocate and solicitor of the High Court of Malaya in 2014 after completing her pupillage under the tutelage of Malik Imtiaz, and was made a partner of the firm in 2021. Yvonne's experience from her prior in-house roles at Khazanah Nasional and 500 Startups include corporate mergers and acquisitions ("M&A"), fund formation and management, and venture capital investments. She appears regularly as assisting counsel to Malik Imtiaz in a wide range of commercial and civil disputes.



Sarah Yong Li Hsien, *Chairperson, Bar Council Technology, Cyber and Privacy Laws Committee*

Sarah Yong Li Hsien practices both civil and criminal litigation. In 2022, she founded her own practice Sarah Yong & Co. She holds an LLB from the University of Sheffield, UK and a Certificate in Legal Practice from the Legal Profession Qualifying Board, Malaysia. She was admitted as advocate and solicitor to the High Court of Malaya in 2017. Sarah is also a mother of one. A few months after she gave birth, she ran for the Bar Council elections in 2021 and was the junior-most lawyer to be elected as a Member of the Bar Council, then in her 4th year of legal practice. Sarah was re-elected into the Bar Council and is currently the Chairperson of the Bar Council Technology, Cyber and Privacy Laws Committee. She was formerly Co-Chairperson of the Bar Council IT, Innovation and Future in Technology Committee, as well as the National Young Lawyers and Pupils Committee and Co-Deputy Chairperson of the Bar Council Cyberlaws Committee. She is regularly invited as a speaker on topics concerning the legal profession and technology, cybercrimes, digital privacy, data protection law, local laws governing the internet and internet freedom.



Ooi Jia Liang, *Member, NYLPC; Partner, Willie Ong & JL Ooi*

Jia Liang is a partner in Willie Ong & JL Ooi. He is experienced in civil and commercial litigation encompassing an wide array of areas including contract, banking and finance, employment and industrial relations, land and strata disputes.



Jia Liang is presently the Deputy Chairperson of the Kuala Lumpur Bar Committee's Pupils Committee. He also sits in the Bar Council Legal Profession Committee and NYLPC.

Boo Cheng Xuan, *Member, NYLPC; Associate, Shearn Delamore & Co.*

Cheng Xuan began his legal career as a legal executive with one of Singapore's "Big Four" law firms, and later returned to Malaysia to join Shearn Delamore & Co. as part of the firm's technology, media and telco practice group. Cheng Xuan primarily focuses on advisory and transactional matters relating to digital technology, as well as matters ancillary to technology such as cybersecurity, data protection, telecommunications services and facilities, and intellectual property. Examples include advising on the development of two digital banks in Malaysia, the development of metaverse platforms and games, and the operation of data centres in Malaysia.



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