

Joint Symposium on the Tort of Invasion of Privacy in Malaysia

23 Oct 2023 (Monday) | 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm
 Monash University Malaysia, Jalan Lagoon Selatan
 Bandar Sunway, 47500 Subang Jaya, Selangor

1 CPD Point will be allocated

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The Defamation Law Reform Subcommittee of the Bar Council Civil Law and Law Reform Committee and the Department of Business Law and Taxation of Monash University Malaysia are organising a "Joint Symposium on the Tort of Invasion of Privacy in Malaysia".

The right to privacy is not merely a privilege but a fundamental human right deserving protection from the courts. It is a vital component of an individual's autonomy and personal freedom, and any infringement upon this right should be addressed through appropriate legal remedies.

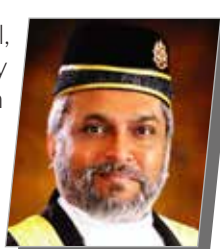
This symposium aims to evaluate whether the invasion of privacy – both physical and informational – is recognised as an actionable wrong under Malaysian law. Recent judicial pronouncements signal that Malaysian courts are grappling with the recognition of privacy invasion as an actionable wrong. Furthermore, the Personal Data Protection Act of 2010, with its primary focus on data regulation in commercial industries, offers only limited safeguards for data privacy.

This symposium provides a forum for members of the judiciary, legal practitioners, and academics to engage in scholarly discussions to propose optimal solutions for the recognition of privacy invasion as an actionable wrong.

The participants are encouraged to read the journal article, accessible at this [link](#). The findings from this article will be discussed by the panel members during the symposium.

Moderator

YA Datuk Vazeer Alam Mydin Meera is a Judge of the Court of Appeal, Malaysia, and concurrently an Adjunct Professor at Monash University Malaysia. He is also a Fellow of the Commonwealth Judicial Education Institute and a Fellow of Aberystwyth University.

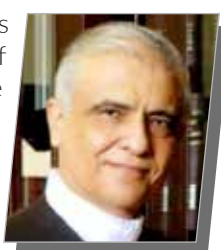


Justice Vazeer is a graduate of the National University of Singapore (BA in Philosophy, Political Science and Economics); University of Wales, Aberystwyth (Bachelor of Laws (Hons)); and International Islamic University Malaysia ("IIUM") (Master of Comparative Laws). He attended Universiti Malaya for the Certificate in Legal Practice. He was a private law practitioner for some 20 years before his appointment to the High Court in 2010. Whilst in legal practice Justice Vazeer held various leadership positions in the Malaysian Bar, both at state and national levels.

Justice Vazeer is also an advocacy trainer affiliated with the International Advocacy Training Council based in Hong Kong. He regularly teaches with the faculty of trainers at advocacy training courses conducted both in and outside Malaysia.

Speakers

YA Datuk Harmindar Singh Dhaliwal is presently a Judge of the Federal Court of Malaysia. He studied for his law degree in Universiti Malaya and obtained an LLB (Hons) degree in 1982. Justice Harmindar also obtained an LLM (Media, Communications and Information Technology Law) degree from the University of New South Wales, Sydney, Australia in 2000.



Upon graduation, Justice Harmindar began his career in the Judicial and Legal Service Malaysia in 1982. He has served as a Magistrate, Senior Assistant Registrar of the High Court, and Sessions Court Judge at various stations. He has also served in the Attorney General's Chambers as a Deputy Public Prosecutor, Senior Federal Counsel, and Senior Assistant Parliamentary Draftsman.

In March 2009, Justice Harmindar was appointed as a Judicial Commissioner of the High Court of Malaya. In April 2012, he was elevated as a High Court Judge and subsequently as a Court of Appeal Judge in March 2016. In March 2020, he was elevated to the Federal Court of Malaysia.

Justice Harmindar was admitted as an advocate and solicitor of the High Court of Malaya in 1990. He has written close to a thousand judgments as a Magistrate, Sessions Court Judge and Judge of the Superior Courts of Malaysia. He has also given many lectures to diverse organisations and written several articles in various journals and periodicals.

Dr Adnan Trakic is an Associate Professor and the Head of the Business Law and Taxation Department at the School of Business, Monash University Malaysia. He holds a Bachelor of Laws (LL.B (Hons)), a Master of Comparative Laws (MCL), and a Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) from the International Islamic University Malaysia (IIUM), as well as a Graduate Certificate in Higher Education (GCHE) from Monash University. He has taught and researched in the fields of commercial law, comparative law, and dispute resolution. A co-author and co-editor of several books, his published work extends to numerous articles, book chapters and other contributions.



Dr Ridoan Karim is a lecturer at the School of Business, Monash University Malaysia, where he teaches and conducts research in the fields of business and international trade law. He is a passionate academic and researcher who has published widely in peer-reviewed journals and presented papers at numerous national and international conferences. His areas of interest include "science, technology and law", "privacy and data protection law", and "asian and comparative law", among others.



Dr Hanifah Haydar Ali Tajuddin is a lecturer at the Faculty of Law, Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia. She specialises in the field of comparative criminal justice. Her research encompasses a wide range of topics, including comparative criminal law, comparative evidence law, administration of Islamic law, and the Malaysian legal system. She received her tertiary education at the Ahmad Ibrahim Kulliyah of Laws, IIUM.



Saraswathy Shirke Deo (Sara Deo), LLB (Hons) London, CLP, MBA (Delhi), PCrt [edX] Contract Law (Harvard Law School).



Sara Deo began her career as a principal lecturer in law in 1999 teaching law students in both UK and Australian law programmes. In 2013, she transitioned to law practice, where she worked alongside consultants and senior litigators, focusing on appellate matters at the Court of Appeal and Federal Court.

She currently practises under her own boutique law firm Sara Deo & Co, where she mainly acts as counsel, focusing on strata management law, law of defamation, professional negligence, administrative law, injunctions, and commercial law. She has published several articles in local law journals and actively participates in law reform efforts relating to her practice areas. Currently, she serves as the Chairperson of the Defamation Law Reform Subcommittee of the Bar Council Civil Law and Law Reform Committee.

Vinodhan Kuppusamy holds an LLB (Hons) degree from Universiti Malaya. Currently, Vinod is awaiting his graduation (scheduled for November 2023) for his postgraduate studies (Master in Commercial Law) from Universiti Malaya.



In January 2020, four months after being admitted as an advocate and solicitor of High Court of Malaya, Vinod set up his own practice under the style of Vinodhan Kuppusamy, Advocates & Solicitors, a dispute-resolution-only legal practice. His key area of practice includes general litigation, commercial and corporate litigation, debt recovery, and restructuring and insolvency, and bankruptcy. He has appeared at all tiers of the Malaysian Courts.

Outside of practice, he is a writer, contributing to his own firm's website and several other legal blogs where he shares bite-size views on legal matters. Vinod also frequently volunteers to judge Moot and Debate Competitions at varsity levels. On weekends, he coaches competitive debating to students aged 10 to 24.

This event is free of charge, but advance registration is required and will be on a first come, first served basis.

Upon successful registration, a confirmation email will be sent to registered participants only. Registration will close on **19 Oct 2023 (Thursday), at 2:00 pm**.

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