



Selangor Bar Committee
**'CHALLENGING THE CONSTITUTIONALITY
OF THE PRE-MERDEKA LAW'**
By Datuk Seri Gopal Sri Ram



Date: 19th January 2018 Time: 3.30pm

Venue: No.37, 39 & 41, Jalan Bola Jaring 13/15, Section 13, Shah Alam, 40100, Selangor

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In July 1969 he was called to the English Bar at Lincoln's Inn of which he is now an honorary Bencher. On his return to Malaysia he was admitted as an Advocate and Solicitor of the Bar of the West Malaysian High Court. He then practised as an Advocate of the Superior Courts of Malaysia until his elevation as a judge of the Court of Appeal.

As an Advocate, Justice Dato' Gopal Sri Ram had a very lucrative and busy practice. His practice covered a wide field and he had argued many important constitutional, commercial and criminal cases that broke new ground in Malaysian law. Very early in practice he won a red bag for his contribution in the Tun Mustapha trial.

He was also invited to attend and deliver papers at several Conferences. In 1990 he delivered a paper entitled "The Dynamics of the Common Law: The Malaysian Experience" at the Commonwealth Law Conference held at Auckland, New Zealand. The other speaker at that session was the present Lord Cooke of Thorndon who was the then President of the New Zealand Court of Appeal.

In 1994 he became the first member of the Bar in the history of Malaysia to be appointed directly as a judge of the Court of Appeal of Malaysia, bypassing the High Court. After his appointment he delivered several judgments in the field of labour law, commercial law and constitutional law of great importance. Because of his concern for the speedy disposal of cases to reduce the backlog, he often delivered *ex tempore* judgements even in complex cases. In 1996, he was conferred State Honours by the Sultan of Pahang and the Governor of Malacca. In 2009, he was conferred the Pingat Jasa Negara by His Majesty the Yang di Pertuan Agong and on 1 February, 2010 he was conferred the Seri Mahkota Wilayah by DYMM Timbalan Yang di Pertuan Agong which carries the title "Datuk Seri".

In April 2009, he was elevated as a Judge of the Federal Court of Malaysia, a position he held until his retirement in February 2010.

While on the bench, he delivered more than 800 Judgements of which many have become leading legal authorities and precedents that are used in Malaysia and Singapore.

Datuk Seri Gopal Sri Ram has presented papers at numerous Malaysian and International Conferences. He has also acted as arbitrator in several domestic and international arbitrations.

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