



Dato' Dr. Arunan Selvaraj

(24th May 1966 – 19th December 2019)

Dato' Dr. Arunan Selvaraj holds a Bachelor of Laws (Hons), England and a Doctorate in Family Law. He was called to the Malaysian Bar and admitted as an Advocate & Solicitor in 1992. With 27 years of practice, Dato Dr. Arunan Selvaraj is a specialist in Matrimonial and Family Law. He has handled array of matters in the practice area of Matrimonial and Family Law including ***Adoption, Child Custody, Change of Child's Surname, Divorce (Joint Petition and Contested), Spousal Maintenance, Property Division***, Private Probate, Management of Private Companies, Wealth Accumulation and Preservation, Finance Management, Wills and Insurance.

Under his leadership, Rusmah Arunan and Associates, the Firm that he established was awarded the ***Matrimonial & Family Law Firm of the Year consecutively in 2017 and 2018***. Dato Arunan Selvaraj was also declared the ***Managing Partner of the Year 2019 at the ALB Malaysia Law Awards 2019***. Rusmah Arunan & Associates also won the ***ALB-Dispute Resolution Boutique Law Firm of the Year 2019 recognising Dato' Arunan's commitment to saving marriages and reconciling couples with troubled marriages who came to see him. Dato' Arunan gave of his best and always strived to*** resolve the disputes in relation to divorce, matrimonial and family law matters that came to him in the most amicable manner. Every client was given specialized and personalized attention.

Dato Dr. Arunan Selvaraj also continued to do pro bono work whenever invited to do so by the Courts or by Legal Aid for those with financial constraints. He worked closely with Legal Aid and often supervised visits for young lawyers to the Prisons to ensure that legal assistance was made available as much as possible to all in need. Dato Dr. Arunan Selvaraj created legal history for Malaysia when his Firm was the first Firm to file an action in the Courts and obtain settlement for a client following the MH370 tragedy.

A Man of Many Talents – Dato' Dr. Arunan Selvaraj is also the author of the book entitled "*Saving Your Marriage*", a book that encompasses the rudiment details of marriage and divorce. In his book, Dato' Dr. Arunan Selvaraj shared his experience. He had just completed his second book which was to be published soon, a task which will be undertaken by his loved ones.

Dato Dr. Arunan has been invited to appear as a guest on numerous television programmes including Astro Ria, TV3 and TV1. He has been accepted many speaking engagements to speak on an array of subject which include law reform, entrepreneurship, being positive and living better lives. He has published many articles in relation to marriage and relationships which have carried by the News Strait Times and The Star. Dato Dr. Arunan Selvaraj has also been featured in The Caliber Magazine, The Newman Magazine, The Health Magazine, Marie Claire, Her World and CSR Malaysia. Dato' Dr. Arunan Selvaraj was the Speaker representing Malaysia at the 7th LawAsia Family Law & Children Right's Conference. He has also conducted seminars and given talks on marriage and relationship and other various aspects of law.

Besides being a law practitioner, Dato' Arunan, was a passionate man and believed in giving back to society especially to those in need. He has worked closely with various NGOs on charity projects. His notable projects to raise funds for cancer patients include **Trek Everest Base Camp** which successfully raised over RM150,000.00, **Trek Mount Kamchatka & 'Jom Botak'** raising funds over RM300,000.00 and **'Movember- Ultimate Shave Off'** raising over RM200,000.00. All the funds raised were channelled to the cancer patients.

'Puncak Harapan-No Mountain is Too High' was a project led by Dato Dr. Arunan

Selvaraj with his team of 10 hikers where he and his team took along 3 mentally handicapped students from Wisma Harapan for an expedition to scale Mount Kinabalu. It was a project initiated to raise funds for the mentally handicapped kids and adults in Wisma Harapan – SAMH and to realise the dreams of the kids to scale Mount Kinabalu. The Selangor and Federal Territory Association for Mentally Handicapped (SAMH) received a donation of more than RM100, 000.00 through the project.

The project was recognised by the CSR Malaysia Publication as one of the inspiring CSR projects for year 2017 resulting in Dato Arunan being awarded the **CSR Malaysia Awards 2017 – SME category Award**. Dato Arunan is also the recipient of Malaysia's **Top 10 Most Inspiring Entrepreneur Award**. Dato Arunan led his team in yet another noble project '**Stronger Together**' which was a 2-part charity project to raise funds and create awareness about Children with Cerebral Palsy and Gabungan Anak-Anak Palsi Serebrum (GAPS). The SAMH Charity Balloon Run 2019 was organised to raise funds and create awareness for the Selangor and Federal Territory Association for the Mentally Handicapped. The project successfully raised funds of RM100,

000.00 which was channelled to GAPS. The project was a charity run which Dato Arunan had planned and organised and which proceed on 22 December 2019 after Dato Arunan's demise on December 19 2019.

On the bright Sunday morning of 22 December 2019, more than 1000 participants gathered together to show their support via donations and participation to raise funds for this benevolent cause of this run. Despite the merriness of the event, the absence of the late Dato Arunan whose semblance is kindness was greatly felt. Even in the wake of his passing, his vision and legacy will survive in perpetuity. A great man of good thoughts, good words and good deeds, Dato' Dr Arunan leaves behind his dearest mum Savithiri, his cherished wife Datin Veronica, his darling daughters Amaraa Reyna Arunan and Callista Aveena Arunan and his wonderful son Vernan Labrooy Arunan, loving family relatives and great friends to carry on his good deeds.

Written by,

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