



Celebrating the Life of...

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En. Ahmad Wajih Surairin Bin Sani
(13th April 1989 – 12th September 2018)

It is with great sadness that we record that Ahmad Wajih Surairin Bin Sani, who was a partner of Messrs Shermaine Tan & Co. in Telok Panglima Garang, Selangor, passed away on 12 Sept 2018.

Ahmad Wajih Surairin Bin Sani obtained his law degree from Universiti Islam Antarabangsa (UIA) and did his chambers at Lim Soh & Goonting (Klang). Ahmad Wajih Surairin Bin Sani was admitted as an advocate and solicitor of the High Court of Malaya in 2014.

Ahmad Wajih was encouraged and supported to do law degree by his dad, Late Mr. Sani, Unfortunately Late Mr. Sani passed away a day earlier than Mr. Ahmad Wajih Surairin and both were buried on the same day.

The Selangor Bar extends its heartfelt condolences and sympathies to his family members and loved ones.

Written By,
Pn. Azizah



Dato' Sri Dr. Sim Ooi Hong

(22nd March 1969 – 22nd December 2018)

It is with great sadness that we record that Dato' Sri Dr Sim Ooi Hong, who was a partner of Messrs Sim, in Kuala Langat, Selangor, passed away on 22 Dec 2018.

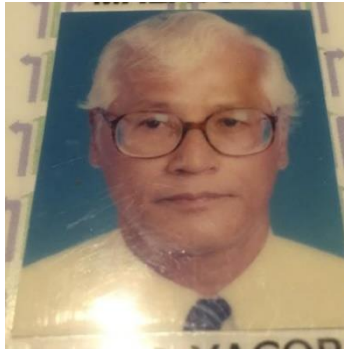
Dato' Sim Ooi Hong was born in Tanjung Sepat, Selangor, with a congenital bone condition called Osteogenesis Imperfecta (OI). It is a condition that causes his bones to be brittle.

Despite all of the obstacles in his path, he managed to persevere and became a lawyer. Dato' Sri Dr Sim Ooi Hong was admitted as an advocate and solicitor of the High Court of Malaya in 1997. He went on to start his own law practice in Perak.

Despite all the obstacles he faced, he managed to rise to the occasion and helped the community through his enthusiasm and drive. With the Persons with Disabilities Act 2008 (Act 685), Sim hopes that more Malaysians with disabilities will be able to have equal opportunities when it comes to employment, accessibility and facilities.

He believes that every person with disabilities have the potential to contribute to the nation, and should be given full accessibility, in terms of employment, social economics and physical environment, as well as the right to equal opportunities in all aspects of life.

The Malaysian Bar extends its heartfelt condolences and sympathies to his family members and loved ones.



Tuan Haji Mohd Yacob Bin Karim

(30th June 1942 – 4th January 2019)

“A man of integrity will never listen to any plea against conscience” - Home

Arwah Tuan Haji Mohd Yacob Karim was born in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia on the 30th of June 1942. He was the eldest son of late Colonel Abdul Karim Bin Bagoo.

Tuan Haji Yacob received his pre-tertiary education in Raffles Institution (RI) in Singapore. Tuan Haji Yacob obtained his law degree from The Honourable Society of The Inner Temple and was admitted to the High Court of Malaya as an advocate & solicitor in 1976.

Tuan Haji Yacob thoroughly enjoyed the profession of his choice. As fate would have it started off his career in the Malaysian Judicial Legal Service and served as a Magistrate in the Segamat district; the state of Johor Darul Ta'zim. He recounted stories from his fond interaction with the locals as well the types of animals that thrived their midst it's rural beauty.

Venturing into private practice in the early 80s he established himself amongst the Bumiputera Legal firms (Yacob & Rakan-Rakan) with the head office at Jalan Tengku Diauddin , Klang. He took great pride in having one of the most complete and up-to-date hard copy libraries at that time. Students from local universities as well legal practitioners would come to benefit from those legal resources as well Tuan Haji Yacob's expertise. He welcomed them all.

It was during the period that Tuan Haji Yacob represented without fear or favour numerous high-profile clients. Some of the cases which he represented are being taught in legal institutions as case studies as well referenced as judicial precedents by legal practitioners.

Tuan Haji Yacob would continue in his profession as a consultant & Public Notary at Messrs Saladin & Associates, Shah Alam, True to his disciplined nature clients always found him dependable and professional. He never missed a day of work and was always punctual.

Tuan Haji Yacob is remembered by his family as a kind and generous soul who was always in the path of charity. A loving father who kept to his responsibilities as the head of the family without complaint or burden. He was an old-school professional committed to the ideals of integrity. He was dutiful husband his wife of 47 years.

Tuan Haji Yacob Bin Karim returned to Allah SWT on Friday the 4th of January 2019 and is buried at the Kota Damansara, Section 9 cemetery. He is blessed with 4 children and 6 grandchildren.

Written By,

En. Imran Imtiaz Shah Bin Mohd Yacob



Mr. Imerdeep Singh A/L Jagdis Singh

(7th June 1976 – 24th January 2019)

Imerdeep Singh was born on 7th June 1976 in Sungai Petani as the third child of Mr & Mrs Jagdis Singh Sandu. He completed his Primary Education at Sekolah Kebangsaan Methodist Ho Seng Onn, Ipoh and Sekolah Kebangsaan Cator Avenue, Ipoh and further completed his Secondary Education at Sri Inai Secondary School, Ipoh and also at the prestigious Rossmoyne Senior High School in Perth.

Imerdeep Singh graduated with a law degree from Bond University Gold Coast, Australia at the age of 22 and was thus admitted as an Advocated & Solicitor at the High Court of Malaya in Ipoh on 9th October, 1999. On 1st January 2006, Imerdeep became a Partner at Sandu & Associates where he pursued his dream and passion for the legal world. He expressed particular interest in the plight of foreign workers in this country and assisted many who were being exploited and denied the fruits of their hard work.

Imerdeep was fondly known to his family and his peers as 'Smiley'. His charming personality never failed to capture hearts of those around him. Behind his big personality, lay a soft heart and kind soul. You would not be surprised to hear of him going to a coffee shop for a meal, seeing a beggar on the street and taking him in and giving him a meal.

Imerdeep was also a member of the Masonic Fraternity. He joined the Lodge, Kedah under the District Grand Lodge of Eastern Archipelago and rose to the rank of a Master Mason.

Unfortunately, Imerdeep fell sick on 28th December 2018 and passed away on 24th January 2019, leaving behind and is deeply missed by his parents, siblings, nephews, nieces, family and friends.

Written By,

Ms. Sangeet Kaur Deo



Dato' Kanagasabapathi A/L Shanmugam

(15th April 1946 - 25th February 2019)

Dato' S. Kanagasabapathi read law in Inner Temple and was qualified in 1976. In 1977, after completing his pupillage in the chambers of Dato' Dr. R. K. Nathan, he was called to the Malaysian Bar. Thereafter, he was retained in Messrs R. K. Nathan & Co. as a Legal Assistant where he handled civil litigation matters. In 1979, he was made a partner of Messrs R. K. Nathan & Co. and headed the litigation department in respect of insurance claims.

During the course of his practice, Dato' S. Kanagasabapathi has acquired not only a wealth of knowledge but expertise and utmost respect from the legal profession in handling civil litigation, criminal litigation, corporate work, contractual matters and medical negligence matters. Dato' S. Kanagasabapathi had a vast experience in a wide array of legal proceedings, in particular motor claims, medical negligence and an extensive area of non-motor claims as well. As a Senior partner, he has had a fair number of trials in all the High Courts of Malaya and also in the Court of Appeal and Federal Court of Malaya.

Being a highly experienced and senior counsel, Dato' S. Kanagasabapathi has had numerous cases reported in the Malaysian Law Journals to date. Dato' S. Kanagasabapathi had also served on a number of committees under Bar Council Malaysia, namely as a member of the committee for "No-Fault Liability Scheme" and a committee member of the "Contingency Fee Rules Committee", amongst others.

I have had the pleasure and honour of not only being his Pupil but his Legal Assistant and finally to become his Partner. Having had the chance to work for him and with him

over these years, we had become more than friends. He is without doubt one of the most compassionate, humble, kind and knowledgeable men that I have met. He represents all that is good and is missing in today's world. With a contagious smile and infectious laugh, he never fails to put a smile on your face nobody how bad a day you would have had.

Boss or Mr K as he was fondly known, was passionate about the Law. Always helping and guiding the younger lawyers to become better and pushing as hard as he could, he had this singular need to ensure that those that came through his doors, went away as some of the best advocates around. There were so many practitioners that have come and gone. So many people that have been in some way touched, by this man in some shape or form.

To say that Dato' Kanaga was a generous man is an understatement to those who have known him. Always willing to help any poor soul. He ensured that whatever help that one needed was always given. A deeply religious and devout man, he has been a fervent champion in Temples around this country. His Charity knows no bounds and has helped many a student to achieve their dreams. So many people have graduated to achieve their dreams because of him. He has in short, touched many lives.

When Boss was first diagnosed with the dreaded C, he did his usual. He dug his heels in and fought and in his usual style and panache, and true to form, he beat it. Unfortunately, years later it was to rear its ugly head again. And just as expected, he put up his good fight, but alas, it was not to be. We all had hoped and prayed that he would pull through, sadly on the 25th February he passed away having fought on till the end. He leaves behind 3 children and a Lovely wife who I am sure will go on to emulate the same values and believes that he so cherished and believed in.

He was our Rock at the Firm and to so many more people out there....I shall miss you my dear Friend.

Written By,

Mr. Suresh S., Messrs Kanaga, Suresh & Co



Ms. Sree Devi Naidu A/P T. Sree Ramalu Naidu

(14th July 1970 - 27th February 2019)

It is with great sadness that we record that Sree Devi Naidu, who was the sole proprietor of Messrs S R Naidu & Co., in Kajang, Selangor, passed away on 27 February 2019.

Sree Devi Naidu was admitted as an advocate and solicitor of the High Court of Malaya in 2004.

The Malaysian Bar extends its heartfelt condolences and sympathies to her family members and loved ones.



Dato' Balbir Singh Sidhu

(17th February 1937 to 17th March 2019)

Barrister-at-Law, Middle Temple, London (1963)

Advocate & Solicitor, High Court of Malaya (1964)

Barrister-at-Law, Supreme Court of Queensland, Australia (1980)

Solicitor, Attorney and Proctor of the Supreme Court of New South Wales in Sydney, Australia (1987)

Barrister-at-Law, High Court of Australia in Canberra, Australia (1987)

We are here to remember the distinguished life of a very senior member of the Malaysian Bar, an advocate and solicitor for 55 years, Dato' Balbir Singh Sidhu, or Dato' B S Sidhu, known to his friends as Bill, who left us at dawn on 17 March 2019. We miss him dearly.

A memorable figure in the Courts of Malaya, Dato' B S Sidhu was a striking man with kind eyes, who treasured his family, friends, peers, clients and justice. He was a man for all seasons, blessed with an angel's wit and a natural ability to defend the truth. The law was his passion, the Court was his playground, and the library was his fortress. Hailing from the silver state of Perak, born on 17 February 1937, Dato' B S Sidhu was a Sitiawan boy at heart. Enjoying his salad days at Anglo Chinese School, Sitiawan, Dato B S Sidhu was an active sportsman, a hockey player, and a diligent and determined student who embraced the literary arts, studies in religion and history. From an early age however, he knew he wanted to read law in London.

Imbued with that rare quality of purpose, a young and resolute Dato' B S Sidhu arrived in London on 14th December 1959, and enrolled as a law student at The Honorary Society of the Middle Temple, London. Student days in London shaped the affable Dato' B S Sidhu and it was in London that he forged life-long friendships which he

would cherish, continue to create memories with, and celebrate in the many birthday and Christmas parties in the years to come. Dato' B S Sidhu was a proud and founding member of FOMSA (Malaysian Students Union) in London, 1960, and was honored to call amongst his close learned friends in London, several future cabinet ministers, a finance minister, a prime minister, and a sultan of Malaysia, in addition to outstanding members of the judiciary with whom he had a good and long friendship. He would often recount that he had lived through a time in history best described by Charles Dickens in the famous opening paragraph of his novel, A Tale of Two Cities:

It was the best of times, it was the worst of times, it was the age of wisdom, it was the age of foolishness, it was the epoch of belief, it was the epoch of incredulity, it was the season of Light, it was the season of Darkness, it was the spring of hope, it was the winter of despair... in short, the period was so far like the present period.

Dato' B S Sidhu was called to the Bar of England and Wales as a Barrister-at-Law of The Honourable Society of the Middle Temple, London on 26 November, 1963. He was admitted to the High Court of Malaya on 5 October 1964 and moved to the capital, Kuala Lumpur, where on 1 January 1965 he set up his own firm, the eponymous B. S. Sidhu & Co, which he helmed with passion for the entirety of the rest of his life. The firm, now 55 years and running, a part of his legacy, continues to this day.

During that same year, he met and on Christmas Eve married a young, beautiful staff nurse of Malaysian-Chinese descent, the love of his life, Datin Girlie Sidhu, with whom he had two dotting daughters, and the privilege to love and to be loved by her dearly and closely for the rest of his life. It was surrounded by Datin Girlie Sidhu and his two daughters, Sharon and Shireen Sidhu, at the family home that he peacefully and quietly took his last breath.

Dato' B S Sidhu was a respected and feared lawyer, the lawyer you want on your side. In one instance, a conglomerate which he had fought against in a previous case, and won, later approached him as a client on another matter, and they became and remained good friends. He practiced as a sole proprietor and had a strong flow of clients from all over the country, and internationally, most of whom had been recommended by former clients, and it would be some 25 years or so before he would take on two long awaited pupils as his chambering students, and open his firm to them

as partners, the culmination of a grand design, perhaps. His long wait was rewarded when he was joined in practice by both his daughters who were, like their father, also admitted as an advocate and solicitor to the High Court of Malaya at Kuala Lumpur, after their return from London.

In recognition of his public service, he was conferred the award of Darjah Indera Mahkota Pahang (D.I.M.P.) by His Royal Highness, the Sultan of Pahang in 2005.

Dato' B S Sidhu spent time living in the cities of London, Kuala Lumpur, Brisbane, and Sydney, where he was, respectively, a Barrister-at-Law, Advocate & Solicitor, Barrister-at-Law, and, Solicitor, Attorney and Proctor, and though he loved to travel, in his speech during a 70th birthday celebration at the Grand Ballroom at the Regent Hotel, Kuala Lumpur, he described Malaysia as his beloved home, the country which truly flows with milk and honey. He found that special sense of coming home each time his plane would make its landing at then Subang International Airport, and later at Kuala Lumpur International Airport.

Opposite the Kuala Lumpur High Courts was and still is a private member's club which most of the lawyers of the day frequented, on account of the proximity to the Supreme Court, Court of Appeal, and Kuala Lumpur High Court houses at the time. Dato' B S Sidhu was an active and vocal Royal Selangor Club member, often seen taking lunch with clients after a good day in Court, and where he was involved in various committees over the years ranging from Entertainment & Special Events, Editorial Board, and sections such as Motorsports, Darts, Dancesports, and many more, and his favourite, the Musical & Arts section where he was appointed Convenor. Throughout his life he continued to lunch at the club whenever possible, fondly looking out at the view of the former Court houses across Merdeka Square. His choice of the law profession carved out the path of his years, weeks, days of his life, like waters from a river inevitably shaping the canyon through which it ebbs and flows.

Though his interests were vast and he also found time to participate as an active member of the Selangor Turf Club, the Royal Lake Club, and the Port Dickson Yacht Club, amongst others, the law, he would often say, was his hobby, and the Courts were his playground. With a high regard for the Latin language and of the power of words, Dato' B S Sidhu was a man of letters, a voracious reader, and had in his youth

excitedly studied the Shakespearean plays, of which Julius Caesar remained his favorite, rich with powerful verses and a moving speech which provoked and changed the course of events. He believed that one man, one voice, one extraordinary mind can change the world.

With a profound respect for law, and an innate sense of justice, of fairness, his logical mind was never complacent, never resigned or content with mediocrity. Good enough simply is not good enough. He would often quote his Boys' Scout motto, "Be prepared," and to this end, Dato' B S Sidhu enjoyed thorough research before every case. He would always strive for excellence, and demanded the best from those around him, often working late into the night when necessary. He would fight the good fight, indeed, he would ensure he finished the race.

Within the law, Dato' B S Sidhu found he could help those in need, and for his clients, he led the charge for justice. Amongst the numerous large-sized lacquered wood and gold engraved plaques he was bestowed by grateful clients, we highlight three to offer a glimpse of Dato' B S Sidhu, the people's lawyer. One read, "To B S Sidhu, Our Great Defender;" another labeled him, "Champion of the Poor;" and a third, simply stated in large letters across the board, "Thank You For Your Brilliant Defence."

"O death where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?" he often would quote at poignant times, especially later in his life, with full conviction and faith. It is with this faith and light we released our beloved, inimitable, eloquent, charismatic, and unforgettable Dato' B S Sidhu.

Our firm, and our family and friends present and absent, are grateful for this opportunity to commemorate his beautiful and blessed life today, in his favourite domain, a Court of law. Always remembered, never forgotten, Dato' B S Sidhu is our inspiration, our safe harbor, our shining light, our mentor, our defender, our champion.

Written By,

Ms. Shireen Sidhu & Ms. Sharon Sidhu, daughters of Dato' B S Sidhu



En. Mohammad Afif Bin Daud

(26th October 1991 – 23rd May 2019)

“Mohammad Afif bin Daud was born on the 26th of October, 1991, in Kota Tinggi, Johor. He is the second child born to Daud bin Abu Bakar and Faridah binti Taib, as well as brother to siblings Natasha Ashila binti Daud and Muhammad Akmal bin Daud. Afif’s unrelenting desire to reach for the stars and succeed in life, he admits, is greatly attributed to his modest upbringing.”

That was the opening paragraph of Afif’s scholarship application letter back in September 2013. The rest of the letter goes on to explain the rest of Afif’s incredible accomplishments, such as his academic success, his involvement in co-curricular activities, and his desire to eventually transition from corporate practice to the judiciary, where he wanted to make his mark in the legal community in a big and meaningful way.

All of these things were true, by the way. Afif was not the type of person to toot his own horn without the evidence to back himself up.

Having graduated law school with First Class Honours and several impressive titles under his belt (recipient of the Universiti Teknologi MARA’s coveted *Tan Sri Arshad Ayub Excellence Award*, *Tun Abdul Razak Award*, and national champion of the Philip C. Jessup Moot Competition 2011, to name a few), Afif then chambered and started legal practice with law firm Messrs. Lee Hishammuddin Allen & Gledhill after being called to the Bar in August 2015. In 2017, Afif made the bold leap from lawyer to partner of his own private practice, *Afif, Rahman & Chong*, where he specialised in corporate and commercial dispute resolution, as well as foreign corporate and M&A law.

The Selangor Bar was gracious enough to give us this opportunity to memorialise Afif forever, but the truth is, Afif is far more than a list of accomplishments.

Afif was only 27 years old when he started his own practice, and just like any other 27-year-old, he was still figuring things out.

When he was not running in and out of court for his clients, or sprawled out on the floor reading new case laws with his earphones in, Afif was trying his hand at a new recipe for *sambal belacan*, or painting a new canvas for his room. When he was not being awarded, “Best Student in the Room” by whoever was authorised to do so, he was laughing with friends, reading a new book or talking about something that recently happened to his favourite K-pop artist.

Afif was the type of person who was always down for anything— he would be the first person to say “yes” to late-night car rides around the city when you were feeling down and just needed to be in the presence of someone you trusted, he would always say yes to the crazy idea to get your hair shaved off, and he would always be optimistic about new experiences.

Natural talent and intelligence aside, Afif stood out from the crowd for two reasons— his childlike sense of curiosity and his ruthless desire to truly live life.

In an article he published on 1 January 2017 called, “Your Breakup With Walter Mitty”, Afif recalls the tale of a fictional character named “Walter Mitty” from James Thurber’s short story, “The Secret Life of Walter Mitty.” Walter Mitty in this story spends more time daydreaming than he does paying attention to the real world.

To maintain the authenticity of Afif’s thoughts regarding this character, allow me to quote the following statements in his article—

It is a sad thing indeed for any one of us to live our lives as Walter Mitty-s.

While it may be impossible to disregard the humdrum of our “realities” all together, we should nevertheless not allow our realities to get in the way of our ability to achieve our dreams and reach our potentials.

*It is a shame for our imaginations to stay hidden in the corners of our minds. We have to stop limiting ourselves to Walter Mitty. **We have to start doing.***

Stop living your life within the limits you have put upon yourself. Now is the time for you to shine and become the person you always dreamed of being.

This is your world. This is your life.

Breakup with the Walter Mitty in you.

The universe has done a great injustice to our legal fraternity to have taken Afif away from us at such a young age. I have no doubt in my mind that he would have been a great and impartial judge.

If there is one takeaway to be made from Afif's story, it is that passion is a defining trait in great minds.

Afif always lived his life passionately.

Afif lived his life passionately until the very end.

Written by,

Cik. Hannah Nasir



En. Zaharudin Bin Nain

(13th March 1947 – 22nd September 2019)

ZAHARUDIN BIN NAIN, received his B.A (Hons) in Law from the University of Middlesex, England in 1986. He was admitted to the Malaysian Bar in 1988. Prior to receiving his legal education Zaharudin was a senior office with Lembaga Pelabuhan Klang (LPK). During his term with LPK, Zaharudin was responsible for the various operational duties at the port. He was well versed with trade and practise of the shipping industry as well as on maritime law and ocean transport. He was also a Member of the Chartered Institute of Transport (MCIT), London.

Whilst with the port he was elected to attend a nine (9) months extensive and comprehensive course in Belgium which covered all aspects of Container Terminal Management and Roll On and Roll Off Ferries operation. He was conferred a professional certificate at the end of the course.

In 1996, he established the law firm of Zaha & Bili together with Biliwi Singh and remained as an active partner until his passing away after a short illness. He will be remembered by his staff as caring man and always there to guide them.

Written By,

Mr. Biliwi Singh



Ms. Rasamani Kandiah

(14th July 1945 – 22nd October 2019)

Dr. S. Kandiah and Saraswathy. Kandiah who knew and valued the importance of education, sent their second child to London to commence her legal studies at the Inner Temple, London at the tender age of 18. Two years later, in 1965, Rasamani Kandiah did her parents proud by completing the Bar-at -Law examination. As she was only 20 when she completed her Bar-at -Law examination, she attended further legal studies to mark time to attain the age of 21 before she could be admitted to the Bar of England and Wales. In 1966, she was admitted to the Bar of England and Wales.

Thereafter, Rasamani returned home and proceeded to do her pupillage with Rodyk & Davidson, a prominent legal firm in Singapore. She was admitted to the Singapore Bar in 1967. Though born in Singapore, but her ultimate aim was to be admitted to the Malaysian Bar.

She then went on to do further pupillage with Messrs Rithaudeen & Aziz in Kota Bahru, Kelantan and Messrs Khoo & Sidhu in Kuala Lumpur. Finally, in 1968, she was admitted to the Malaysian Bar. A truly proud moment for Rasamani and her family. She set an impressive benchmark for herself and her siblings.

Rasamani commenced her legal career as a legal assistant with the firm of Messrs Khoo & Sidhu, where she was later made a partner of the firm.

In the early years of her legal career, Rasamani was often chaperoned by her late mother, whenever she travelled outstation to attend hearings.

Many years later she moved on to Messrs Mohd Latip & Associates (Kuala Lumpur & later Banting) and practised as a partner alongside her younger sister, Ms Kunamony Kandiah, until her untimely passing away.

Rasamani is remembered for her kindness, generosity, loyalty, perseverance, commitment and passion to her legal career and clients.

Being the second eldest in a family of eight siblings, Rasamani was an amazing, loving, awesome and responsible sister. Following the demise of both parents in the late seventies, Rasamani easily took charge of the welfare of her younger siblings and all family matters. She took her responsibility seriously and succeeded in educating all her younger siblings. Her siblings relied on her in difficult times and received support for the challenges they faced.

Family bonding was of utmost importance to her and she repeatedly reminded her siblings to maintain their closeness. Rasamani was fondly known to her siblings as “Rasa”.

Despite her siblings living all over the globe, they always made a point to meet as often as they could in Petaling Jaya at Rasa’s beautiful home. She would often travel to meet her siblings either in Dubai, Spain, the U.K and Netherlands. Last year, she spent a month in the U.K, enjoying the English summer and her rose garden.

The untimely passing away of her only brother in April 2019, her beloved German Shephard dog, Lord Justice King in October 2018, had a tremendous impact on her. She had not gotten over her two major losses and often spoke about her brother and her best friend, Lord Justice King.

For Rasamani, learning had no limits. To further broaden her knowledge, she went on to do a study in Islamic law. She successfully completed a Post Degree Diploma In Islamic Law which was conducted by the International Islamic University Malaysia. Her last progressive education was a Masters course in International Trade.

With more than 5 decades (52 years) of legal career, many of which involved litigation work and charitable causes. Her accomplishments were commendable. She still had so much more to give and to share. She touched many lives, young and old.

For the financially unfortunate, regardless of age, gender or religion, she would represent them in Court personally to ensure they were delivered justice accordingly. Over the years, Rasamani did Pro bono work by taking on Legal Aid files. The numerous wreaths and messages of condolences, love, respect and adoration were testament to this.

She made her sisters proud, leaving several legacies. As an eminent lawyer, she used her legal platform to support the voiceless and the poor. Rasamani was committed to humanity and helping the less fortunate. She was often seen during the Malaysian Bar AGM's to raise matters affecting women and children.

In court, Rasamani was a formidable opponent who never asked for a quarter nor gave one. She fought fiercely for her clients. However, outside court she was kind and compassionate.

Amidst a busy legal practice, she made time. And contributed her time and energy to various causes and held the following positions:

- a) Committee Member of the Selangor Bar.
- b) Founder Member of the Association of Women Lawyers.
- c) Chairperson of the Law Commission for National Council of Women's Organization (NCWO).
- d) Member of The National Advisory Council for Woman and Development. (NACWID)
- e) Committee Member of (EWRF) – Education. Welfare and Research Foundation.
- f) Chairperson of Jaffnese Co-Operative Society.

In addition, Rasamani had presented papers at several International Conferences, in Sri Lanka, China, Japan and Malaysia.

In her younger days, Rasamani was an avid ballroom dancer and had won several awards at her school of dancing. Other than her love for ballroom dancing she was an ardent lover of dogs, a passion she acquired from her late father, Dr. S. Kandiah, a

veterinarian. She had several pets over the years, a German Spitz called Rover, Lord Justice King and Lord Justice Prince, both German shepherds.

Ms. Rasamani Kandiah was an exemplary woman who was held in high esteem by her peers and mentors. Her sudden demise, is a great loss to the family and to the legal fraternity. The bar mourns the loss of one of its able members.

“Tears are sometimes an inappropriate response to death when life has been lived completely honestly, completely successfully or just completely, the correct response to death’s perfect punctuation mark is a smile”. (Julie Burchill)

Written By,

Dato’ Yasmeen Shariff



En. Wan Haron Bin Wan Hassan

(3rd July 1952 – 11th November 2019)

It is with great sadness we record that Mr Wan Haron Bin Wan Hassan, who was a partner of Messrs Wan Haron & Associates in Subang Jaya, Selangor, passed away on 11 November 2019.

Short Biography

Wan Haron was born on 3 July 1952 to Wan Hassan Wan Abdullah, a businessman and Wan Aminah Che Ali, a housewife and brought up in Kota Bharu, Kelantan, where he attended Sultan Ismail College, Kota Bharu for his secondary education. He was subsequently awarded a scholarship by Malaysian International Merchant Bankers (now known as Maybank Investment Bank) to pursue a degree in Economics & Business Administration in University Malaya in 1973 till 1976. During his stint there, he was very active in the student unions' activities.

After a few years working in the corporate sector, Wan Haron who was blessed with the gift of the gab, realised he had law as his calling. In 1980, he brought his young family to the UK to read law at the University of Buckingham where he obtained his second degree, the LLB. He then proceeded to do the Barrister-at-law course at Lincoln's Inn of Court.

In 1983, Wan Haron returned to Malaysia with his family and after completing his pupillage in 1985, he was admitted as an advocate and solicitor of the High Court of Malaya. He then founded and set up the legal firm Messrs Wan Haron Sukri & Nordin in Kota Bharu with his 2 ex-magistrate friends, which still stands till today. In 1989, he moved to Kuala Lumpur and opened up a branch in Kuala Lumpur and later on, 2 more branches in Petaling Jaya and

Subang Jaya before consolidating the Klang Valley branches under one Subang Jaya branch in 2011. In the same year, Wan Haron made the decision to re-organise the firms by leaving the existing partnership and continuing his legal practice under the name and style of Messrs Wan Haron & Associates alongside his eldest daughter and younger brother.

Those who have known Wan Haron would be familiar with his delightful personality. He had the ability to make everyone feel at ease with him, often cracking jokes coupled with witty comments. Yet he was not just a mere humorist amongst the lads or so to speak. Most importantly, he was well-known for his charismatic personality and insightful analysis on current affairs. He always spoke of the inspiring possibilities. A conversation with him would always leave you feeling inspired and re-energized to dream bigger and achieve more.

As a testament to his leadership abilities, in his youth he held the post of Chairman of the Mosque Committee of Banggol, Kota Bharu with YM Tengku Razaleigh as the patron. In 1988, he rallied his friends and successfully built the first mosque in his hometown, Sultan Ismail Mosque in Kg Banggol, Kelantan, uniting people of various political backgrounds. He dedicated the last few years of his life as a Legal Adviser to the Masjid Darul-Ehsan Subang Jaya Mosque Committee and SS12/2 Residents' Association. He also had a particular interest in national affairs and was always in the midst of political activism, either as an active participant or as an advisor. In addition, he had a fervent passion in writing, often publishing articles in the *Edge*, *Sinar Harian* & *Malaysia Today* on matters of national interest. Restless to see more positive improvements in the nation yet fatigued with the advancing age and sickness that was catching up with him, he would often remind himself of the Robert Frost quote: -

*"The woods are lovely, dark and deep,
But I have promises to keep,
And miles to go before I sleep,
And miles to go before I sleep."*

In his view, which he often advocates to friends and family members, more needs to be done thus we should not rest on our laurels.

Though he attained success in his career, he remains rooted to his humble upbringing. Equally polished to speak and dine with kings but also at ease and home with the common man.

As a family man, he was well loved by many. To each of his 6 children, he managed to make each and everyone feel like they were his favourite. Amongst the nephews and nieces, many would deem him as their favourite uncle. He was the 'go-to' grandparent, often spoiling his grandchildren with secret treats, expensive toys and spontaneous trips to the shopping malls. He would make time and the effort to listen to his family members' problems including the teenage woes of his grandchildren, and offer them sound advice and practical solutions. Being the eldest son with 6 other siblings and the glue that holds the family together, Wan Haron would often play host to his extended family members, hosting family gatherings and events complete with "gotong royong" type of cooking to strengthen the bond and harmony among his family, siblings and their families. Family was his upmost priority. Amongst his last few departing words to his family were "*We have a happy family*", "*I am proud of my children*" and "*Keep the kinship amongst our family strong*".

Wan Haron was also known to be an eternal optimist. It was difficult not be roused and spirited by his great enthusiasm. Whenever he spoke, he would captivate his audience with his charm, humour and zeal for life. Despite being diagnosed with cancer for the first time in March 2019 and undergoing intensive treatments following the months after, he was still able to cheerfully entertain his visitors and talk to them in his usual bantering self. Seeing his spirit and lively character, one would not have guessed he was battling Stage 4 cancer. It was his nature to always make others feel happy and at ease with him. Even at his death bed, he sensed the anxiousness of his family members around him yet he managed to comfort and lift up their spirits by saying "*We will fight this together*".

Wan Haron has left us too soon but we have been incredibly blessed to have had him in our lives. We take great comfort in knowing that he knew he was deeply loved and respected by so many. He will always be remembered as the charming, kind and generous man. The incorrigible optimist. May his legacy continue to live on the many lives that he had touched and inspired.

Al Fatihah to Allahyarham Wan Haron bin Wan Hassan, my late father - a devoted father, a loving husband, a thoughtful son, a fun and sporting grandfather, a rock steady brother and a great loss to all of us. You will always be missed and will forever be in our hearts.

Written By,

En. Azri Malek



Mr. Lee Lim Huat

(9th December 1944 - 20th November 2019)

In Memoriam | Lee Lim Huat It is with great sadness that we record that Lee Lim Huat, who was the sole proprietor of Messrs L H Lee & Co. in Kajang, Selangor, passed away on 20th November 2019.

The late Mr Lee was born in Melaka in 1944 during the Japanese Occupation of Malaya. He was the second oldest in a family of five boys. Growing up in the village of Bukit Rambai, he came from extremely humble beginnings. As a child, he worked to help his family to make ends meet – sorting out long beans for his parents to take to the market and peddling fresh kangkong in the kampung for sale to the village folk. In 1955, at the age of 11, he moved to KL to join his father, who had taken up a job driving a bus.

Despite financial hardship and various personal obstacles, Mr Lee persevered in his studies and gained admission to the University of Malaya, where he majored in History. He graduated with a B.A. (Honours) in 1968 and not long thereafter, earned a Federal Judicial Scholarship to read Law in the UK. Mr Lee was admitted to the Honourable Society of the Middle Temple on 26th September 1968. He was subsequently called to the Degree of the Utter Bar on 23rd November 1971 and was one of the few Malaysians in his cohort to obtain a Second Class in the Bar Final Exams.

In late-1971, Mr Lee joined the Judicial and Legal Service and served as Magistrate, Deputy Public Prosecutor, and Legal Adviser in the Ministry of Housing and local government. He left civil service in mid-1982 to practice law in the firm of PG Lim. That year, he was admitted as an advocate and solicitor of the High Court of Malaya. In 1983, Mr Lee formed his own law firm in KL, which eventually evolved into the firm of Yusuf, Lee, Pathma, and Marbeck.

While in his 50's, Mr Lee took a hiatus from work due to health reasons. However, he returned to legal practice in the early 2000s, this time as a sole proprietor.

Mr Lee passed away unexpectedly at the age of 74. His family and friends remember him as a man who had a passion for life and an unquenchable thirst for knowledge. He was also kind and generous, and believed in helping others if he could. Mr Lee loved to read and to garden, and took immense pride and pleasure in tending to his fruit trees, flowers, and honey bees. He also believed in the value of staying active, and enjoyed his morning walks, playing badminton, and the occasional game of golf.

Mr Lee was extremely devoted to his family. He worked hard to ensure that his three children did not have to go through the hardships that he himself had experienced. He was also a doting grandfather who loved spending time with his five grandsons, ranging from ages 5 to 13.

The Malaysian Bar extends its heartfelt condolences and sympathies to his family members and loved ones

Written By,

Mr. Martin Lee



Ms. Mah Guek Yah

(9th February 1953 – 24th November 2019)

Born on 9th February 1953 in Sabak Bernam and having four brothers and a sister. She had her early education in Assunta School in Petaling Jaya and had excelled in her studies. She was offered a place in University of Malaya (Law Faculty) to continue her education in Bachelor of Law in the said University where she had graduated with Bachelor of Laws, Honours Class 2 on the 17th June 1978.

After she had obtained her law degree, she did her pupillage with Messrs T Tharu and Co and was called to the bar on the 25th January 1979. She then started her legal practice as a junior lawyer in the firm C S Tang & Co where she had acquired skills of both conveyancing and corporate.

Few months after she had been called to the Bar, she had then tight a knot with her beloved, Mr Teoh Seng Keat on the 7th April 1979 who was a soil scientist engaged by the Forest Institute of Kepong at that time before venturing into his own business. Together they had served not only in their church but also the community and people around them whenever need calls. Both of them served in various community services and had touched the lives of many people.

She then started to embark her journey in a partnership, Messrs P L Tan & Mah in Jalan Tuanku Abdul Rahman and thereafter remain in the same firm as a sole proprietor in Semua House, Masjid India.

I personally got to know her after being introduced by my husband, who was engaged by her as a court runner those days. Both of us finds Ms Mah to be very careful, meticulous and also very dedicated and passionate in her practice. She would perform a thorough research on the new development of law in relation to conveyancing practices to enhance her knowledge and also to ensure that she gave her clients the best advices. She would call either me or my husband or any other lawyers to discuss the latest development of law and practices. She was always conscientious about those who cannot afford legal fees and will try to help as far as possible especially to the simple folks from the villages near her office since 2001 in Puchong.

Due to her determination to keep abreast with current development of law, she had obtained a Degree of Master of Laws in Copyright Law and Alternative Dispute Resolution on the 4th September 2002.

When she was 1st diagnosed with breast cancer in 2010, she did not give up but continued her journey as a dedicated lawyer and continued to help people around her. She was a determined lady and with the love and care from her husband, Mr Teoh and also friends around her, she carried on with her daily chores and engagement in community and church work until she was admitted to hospital with 4th stage breast cancer on the 1st May 2019.

She had many friends and relatives who dearly loved her and cared for her and most importantly she had Mr Teoh who was the pillar of her strength during the difficult times. She had also been thankful to God for giving her additional years on this earth to continue embarking her career as a practising lawyer, a loving wife and a caring and kind friend to those around her including me and my husband.

Written By,

Ms. Kee Li Ling



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 financially 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 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,

Datin Veronica Selvanayagy



Mr. Rajehgopal Velu

(9th August 1952 – 2nd January 2020)

I come to pay tribute to a fellow apostle of truth, a brother in the mission to administer justice, a fellow member of the court, a lawyer, and faithful servant of the law. Those who loved him and knew him well, saw him grow from a boy to a Welfare Officer then to a man who was enamored with the romances of law. We have nothing but awe and admiration for such a passionate, energetic, and hardworking man. He was a man of the law, a very good father, a romantic husband, and a true friend.

Mr. Rajehgopal was born on 9th August 1952 in Kuala Lumpur to the late Mr. Velu and Madam Amirtham. He was the second child of 7 siblings but the eldest son in his family. Mr. Gopal (as he is fondly known) was raised in Klang town and received early education at the Methodist Boys School and thereafter continued his secondary education at ACS Klang. After completing his Form 6 exams he started working in various public sector to support his family and it was not until 1984, at the age of 32 years old, he decided to take the noble profession as an Advocate.

At the age of 32, his life journey took him to London, United Kingdom; leaving his family behind in Malaysia to pursue of a degree in law. He came back to Malaysia with a LLB degree besides being accepted to the prestigious Lincoln's Inn. In 1988, he completed his chambering months at Messrs. Fernandez & Partners in Klang and was called to the Malaysian Bar the following year. He started practicing law at Messrs. Fernandez & Partners until he ventured to open his own firm – Messrs. Rajehgopal Velu & Associates.

Mr. Gopal was a lawyer who never violated the canons of legal ethics or the code of professional responsibility. He was faithful to his calling, he never violated the trust of his clients, and he remained loyal to the court and to society.

As a lawyer, he was a roaring gladiator in the courtroom. He was merciless in his cross-examination, and almost flawless in his pleadings and manifestations. He was courteous to court personnel, respectful to judges, and fair to his opponents. He never refused to defend the accused even if the clients can't pay. Towards the later part of his career, he developed a passion for Criminal Law and was a master at it to many young lawyers.

He is gone far too soon, and the loss of this incredibly gifted man is made even more poignant by the promise of what else he might have accomplished had he also had the gift of time but I am certain that Mr. Gopal would not have wanted us to dwell on what might have been.

A great book, the best music and the finest men have a quality of their own which escapes definition. It is the thing about them which you cannot define which makes them great. A great book improves your mind; a great piece of music enriches and uplifts your spirit, and a fine man widens and deepens the lives of his friends. And so, it was with Mr. Gopal.

As we bid farewell to a devoted husband, a loving father, an exceptional servant of the courts – to our friend – let us resolve to do just that.

All of us will know more of justice and kindness because we knew him. He left us much more than memory. He left us a quality which was his very own and which will rest like a hand on our shoulder as long as we live.

It is with a great sense of honor that I as one of his friends and as a member of the Malaysian Bar join with you in paying this tribute to his memory.

Written By,

Dr. Elaijah Sasitharan & Family



En. Mohd Redzuan Bin Noordin
(18th March 1971 – 17th January 2020)

It had been almost five weeks since Mohd Redzuan Bin Noordin left us. Born in Kelantan on 18th March 1971 to Noordin Bin Husin and Jamilah Binti Jahya, Mohd Redzuan was called to his Maker on 17th January 2020 leaving his wife with three kids.

He met his wife, Norjaya Binti Ismail during his university's years and got married on 7th June 1996. After a while, they were blessed with three beautiful children named Mohammed Syafiq Syahmi (19), Mohammed Afiq Aiman (18) and Nordeen Syafiqah (14). According to them, their loving father never stop teaching them. He always gave words of encouragements and compliments whenever they achieved good grades in schools. A proud father he was, he will be missed so dearly by his family.

Mohd Redzuan had his early education at Kolej Islam Klang, Selangor Darul Ehsan and obtained his legal education at International Islamic University of Malaysia (IIUM). He graduated with LLB (Hons) Second Class Upper in 1994. He underwent his pupillage at the law office of Messrs. Umar Baki & Co. and was admitted to the Bar on 9th June, 1995. He was then retained as a Legal Assistant of the said firm until he decided to join Messrs. Rozali Ismail & Co. on 2nd January, 1996. In recognizing his contribution to the firm, he was elevated as a partner of the firm on 1st March, 1998. With a strong determination and courage, he then decided to venture as a partner in Messrs Mahadi Redzuan & Co on 9th January, 2003.

For the past 18 years that I had known him as a friend and as a partner, never once that I saw him expressed his anger and never once that I heard him raised his voice.

Affectionate towards his work, we had indeed lost a disciplinarian, a leader and a compassionate lawyer.

“Never stop learning, because life never stops teaching “had always been his advice.

Wan, you had gone too soon but you will always be remembered by many.

Written By,

En. Mahadi Muhammad

*And in The End,
It Is Not the Years in A Life,
It's the Life in The Years...*

(By Abraham Lincoln)

‘MAY THEIR SOUL REST IN PEACE’



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