



## **Mr. Lee Lim Huat**

(9<sup>th</sup> December 1944 - 20<sup>th</sup> November 2019)

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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

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