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Practicing law in Malaysia since 1991, focused on corporate insolvency, commercial and shipping litigation and disputes. Represents diverse Malaysian and foreign corporations and commercial interests; including shipowners, commodity traders, port operators, Protection and Indemnity Clubs, insurers, financial institutions, Malaysia's national asset management corporation, and securities commission.

Involved in over 100 shipping *In Rem* and *In Personam* actions, including arrest of ships, charterparty, cargo, international trade, documentary credit, marine insurance, and bunkering disputes; and collision, shipyard and port claims. Featured in successive editions of *The Asia Pacific Legal 500* since 2005. Singled out by *Shipping & Transport International*, published in London in 2008, as a significant maritime personality.

President of the International Malaysian Society of Maritime Law (IMSML). Chair of the Shipping and Admiralty Law Committee of the Malaysian Bar Council. Chair of the Maritime Committee of the Inter-Pacific Bar Association (IPBA [2015-2017]). Co-Chair of the International Arbitration Committee of the International Association of Defense Counsel (IADC). Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (CIArb) and the Malaysian Institute of Arbitrators (MIArb). Member of Panel of Arbitrators of the Kuala Lumpur Regional Centre for Arbitration (KLRC), Singapore International Arbitration Centre (SIAC), Singapore Chambers of Maritime Arbitration (SCMA). Supporting member of the London Maritime Arbitrators Association (LMAA). Regularly appointed as Arbitrator in international, regional and domestic references on commercial, international trade and shipping disputes.