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- President, Malaysian Bar 03/2007 – 03/2009
- Vice President, Malaysian Bar 03/2005 – 03/2007
- Secretary, Malaysian Bar 03/2004 – 03/2005
- Council Member, Malaysian Bar 03/2002 – 03/2004
- Kuala Lumpur Bar representative, Malaysian Bar 03/2002 – 03/2004
- Kuala Lumpur Bar Committee Member 03/2000 – 03/2001
- Panelist of the Kuala Lumpur Regional Centre for Arbitration under the Malaysian Network Information Centre Domain Name Dispute Resolution Policy (“MYDRP”) from 2006 – 2009
- Chairperson of the Intellectual Property Sub-Committee of the Bar Council (September 2005 – March 2006)
- Vice President, Malaysian Intellectual Property Association (2002)
- Committee member of the Women’s Aid Organisation, a centre for abused women from 2009 to 2011 (was one of the pioneers in setting up of the Organisation in the year 1982)
- Chairperson of the Coalition For Clean and Fair Elections (Bersih 2.0) from 2010 till January 2011
- Co-Chairman of the Coalition For Clean and Fair Elections (Bersih 2.0) from January 2011 till the present

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Date of Birth: -

Dispute Resolution Training & Experience

A practising lawyer of 30 years experience in Malaysia. Appears as counsel in corporate, commercial, civil, employment, intellectual property and public interest litigation in the superior courts (High Courts, Court of Appeal and Federal Court). Substantial trial experience.

Career

1982 – 2001	Skrine, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia Legal Assistant and then Partner in 1991
2001 – 2002	Tommy Thomas, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia Partner
2002	Sreenevasan, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia Partner

Area of Expertise

Presented several papers at seminars in Malaysia and internationally including the following:

- 25th Lawasia Conference – “Pro-Democracy Movements in Asia; the Abuse of Criminal Law and the Role of Lawyers” (Indonesia) (2012)
- Is Clean Governance Essential for the Advancement of Democracy? (Malaysia) (2012)
- Talk on “Specific Challenges and Potential of Human Rights Defenders in the Context of Peaceful Protest (Malaysia) (Norway) (2012)
- Talk on Free & Fair Election (Malaysia) (2012)
- Talk on Human Rights, Civil Liberties & Democracy in Malaysia Today (Malaysia) (2012)
- Talk on Civil Society Activism and Democracy (Malaysia) (2011)
- Human Rights, Politics and Transplantation (Malaysia) (2011)
- Electoral Reform and the Quest for Democracy in Malaysia (Australia) (2011)
- The Role of the Legal Profession in the Fight against Corruption and the Shift to the Democratic Paradigm (Geneva) (2011)
- What the Rule of Law means to Us (Malaysia) (2009)
- Energy Justice and the Empowerment of Women (USA) (2009)
- Rule of Law (Nigeria) (2009)
- The Chevening Alumni public lecture entitled “Democracy, Law and Human Rights in an Era of Globalisation” (Malaysia) (2009)
- The Free Society : Perception and Progress (Malaysia) (2009)
- Engendering Trust in Leadership (Malaysia) (2009)
- Democracy, Law and Human Rights in an Era of Globalisation (Malaysia) (2009)
- Speech to Commemorate the 60th Anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (Malaysia) (2008)
- Legal Struggles faced by Non-Muslims in Malaysia in relation to religion and conversion (Malaysia)
- Is the Judicial Appointments Commission Enough to Restore Confidence in the Judiciary? (Malaysia)
- The Rule of Law and Economic and Social Development (Singapore)
- Roundtable Forum on Supremacy of our Constitution (Malaysia) (2007)
- Mergers & Acquisitions and the Regulations on Termination and Lay-Off – Employees and the Change in Ownership of Business (Malaysia)
- Intellectual Property and the Internet-Domain Names
- Proving Infringements and Legal Remedies under Patents (1996)
- Protecting Trade Secrets & Confidential Information (1994)

Authored or co-authored the following publications:

- Equal Rights and Civil Liberties : Daring to Dream, a chapter in the book “Malaysia The Next Chapter Volume 1, Discern Publishing House 2010”
- “Malaysia’s Legal System : Responsive to Business”, in the British Malaysian Chamber of Commerce Directory (2008)
- A paper on “Obligations of Labour Contractors and Agents” for the Labour Law Conference 2006 organised by Lawasia.

- A paper by the Kuala Lumpur Bar Committee entitled “Administration of Justice in Malaysia”.(2001)
- The Labour Law title for the Malaysian Court Forms published by the Malayan Law Journal Sdn Bhd.(2000)
- Legal Aid literature on Family Law and Employment Law (2000)
- A chapter entitled ‘The Protection of Well-known Marks in Malaysia” in the book entitled “The Protection of Well-Known Marks in Asia” published by the Max Planck Institute for Foreign and International Patent, Copyright and Competition Law, Munich, 2000.
- “Recent Developments in Intellectual Property Protection in Malaysia” in the book entitled International Review of Industrial Property and Copyright Law” published by the Max Plank Institute for Foreign and International Patent, Copyright and Competition Law, Munich, 1997.
- “Entertainers and Restraint of Trade Clauses in Malaysia” published by Entertainment Law Review 1996.
- A chapter on Counterfeit Suppression through Intellectual Property Law in Malaysia, 1990.

Language

Fluent in English

Other Relevant Experience

- In the course of holding office in the Bar Council was involved in the drafting and presenting of several papers and memoranda on issues relating to the rule of law, the judiciary and the administration of justice.
- Active interest in human rights issues and the promotion and upholding of the rule of law, having been involved in the following:-
 - - (a) A working group on reform of the law relating to divorce and marriage in situations where one spouse converts to Islam.
 - (b) Preparing several papers and memoranda on reform of other laws.
 - (c) Promoting the rights of communities that are marginalised and/or face discrimination, especially women, indigenous peoples and the disabled.
 - (d) Advocating and promoting legal aid and access to justice, the rule of law and judicial independence.
 - (e) Preparing the Bar Council’s memorandum on the setting up of a Judicial Appointments Commission, and a Commission to address police misconduct.
 - (f) Opposing all laws that allow for preventive detention, including undertaking trips to Kem Kamunting to visit detainees held under the Internal Security Act 1960.
 - (g) Establishing of the Panel of Eminent Persons to review the 1988 judicial crisis in Malaysia, resulting in a report which was the first of its kind

- (h) Leading the Malaysian Bar in its historic Walk for Justice on 26 September 2007, to express concern over the state of the Judiciary.
- (i) Leading the Bersih 2.0 and Bersih 3.0 rally for free and fair elections on 9th July 2011 and 28th April 2012