

ADVOCATES ASSOCIATION of SARAWAK
PERSATUAN PEGUAMBELA SARAWAK



Date: 18th October 2024

To: All Members of Kuala Lumpur Bar

OPENING OF LEGAL YEAR 2025

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We are pleased to inform that The Advocates Association of Sarawak (Central) together with Sibu and Bintulu Branch will jointly host the Opening of Legal Year 2025 of the High Court of Sabah and Sarawak with the Judiciary. All Members of Kuala Lumpur Bar are invited to join the march by way of a 15-minute procession in full High Court attire from Old Court House to Hikmah Exchange.

The date for Opening of Legal Year 2025 is fixed on 10th January 2025.

There will also be a Gala Dinner on 10th January 2025. We will provide more information on Gala Dinner once there are more particulars.

NATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON ISLAMIC BANKING AND FINANCE 2025

In conjunction with the Opening of Legal Year 2025, AAS Sibu and Bintulu in partnership with Association of Islamic Banking and Financial Institutions in Malaysia ("AIBIM"), is organising the National Symposium on Islamic Banking and Finance 2025 ("National Symposium 2025") in Kuching, Sarawak.

The National Symposium 2025 is timely as a means of knowledge enhancement on the development and practice of Islamic Banking and Finance over the years since the last Symposium was held in 2023.

The dates for National Symposium 2025 are fixed from 11th to 12th January 2025.

All members of Kuala Lumpur Bar are also invited to attend the National Symposium 2025. The Brochure and Programme List for the National Symposium 2025 are enclosed for your action.

Please mark the above dates in your calendar to join us for the above events.

Yours faithfully,

GURVIR SINGH SANDHU
President
Advocates Association of Sarawak
(Central Committee)

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NATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON ISLAMIC BANKING AND FINANCE 2025

DATE: 11th -12th JANUARY, 2025

held in conjunction with

THE OPENING LEGAL YEAR 2025 OF SABAH & SARAWAK ON 10th JANUARY 2025

VENUE: RIVERSIDE MAJESTIC HOTEL, KUCHING

JALAN TUNKU ABDUL RAHMAN, P.O.BOX 2928, 93756 KUCHING, SARAWAK

Tel No.: +6(0) 82 532222 Email: reservation@rmh.my

(Limited Seats Available)

Registration Fees: Members of the AAS, Malaysian Bar, SLS and AIBIM: **RM1,800.00**

Non-Members: **RM2,200.00** Pupils: **RM900.00**

*inclusive of two (2) tea breaks, lunch and course materials

Early Bird : before **31 December 2024**

*Additional **RM400.00** each will be charged per participant after 1 January 2025 and subject to availability of seats.

Note: Not under HRD Corp Claimable Scheme

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10 CPD points (Bar Council)

5 CPD points (SLS)

Google Registration Form Link for National Symposium 2025 (clickable):

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdSin11zxxFMrGiPxKg80vy3DSFof_C1jY6M_2LZY_Qm14UAA/viewform

Keynote Address & Opening Ceremony by:

YAA Tun Tengku Maimun binti Tuan Mat



Distinguished Speakers:

Yang Arif Dr. Mohd Johan Lee, Professor Dr. Rusni Hassan



The Advocates Association of Sarawak Official Website: <https://sarawakadvocates.com.my>

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Participants are invited to join the unique Opening of Legal Year 2025 procession which is a 15-minute walk from Old Court House to Hikmah Exchange in High Court attire at 6.30am on 10th January 2025 and the OLY Gala Dinner in the evening (ticket purchase is required for Gala Dinner)

Google Registration Form Link for Opening of Legal Year 2025 Procession (clickable):

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdIMiGIA215k6DYnZWxrw0yDRi6bgXAgDDPoDVU5fVF7W9siQ/viewform>

DAY 1

9.00a.m.-10.00a.m.

- Welcoming Speech by the President of the Advocates Association of Sarawak
- Special Address by Dato' Mohd Muazzam Mohamed, President of AIBIM and Group CEO of Bank Islam Malaysia Berhad
- Keynote Address by The Right Honourable Chief Justice of Malaysia Her Ladyship Tun Tengku Maimun Binti Tuan Mat
- Opening Ceremony

10.00a.m.-10.30a.m.

Tea Break

10.30a.m.-12.30p.m.

- Legal Regulatory Framework of Islamic Banking by YA Dr. Johan Lee
- Court of Adjudication and Federal Constitution
 - Laws governing banking industry
 - Laws governing non-banking industry

12.30p.m.-1.30p.m.

Lunch

2.00p.m.-3.00p.m.

- Introduction to Islamic Banking and Finance by YA Dr. Johan Lee
- Basic Pillars
 - Compare and Contrast with Conventional Banking Products and Services
 - Types of Contracts

3.00p.m.-3.30p.m.

Tea Break

3.30p.m.-5.00p.m.

- Legal Documentation for Sale Based Contracts by YA Dr. Johan Lee
- Common Types of Sale Based Contracts in Malaysia
 - Common Pitfalls
 - Crucial Elements

End of Day 1

DAY 2

9.00a.m.-10.30a.m.

- Islamic Finance Insights: Wisdom on Indebtedness in Financing Arrangement and Agreement by Professor Datin Dr. Rusni Hassan, AIBIM Shariah Advisory Committee (SAC) Member and Dean of IIUM Institute of Islamic Banking and Finance (IiBF)

10.30a.m.-11.00a.m.

Tea Break

11.00a.m.-12.30p.m.

- Legal Documentation for Lease Based Contracts by YA Dr. Johan Lee
- Common Types of Lease Based Contracts in Malaysia
 - Common Pitfalls
 - Crucial Elements

12.30p.m.-1.30p.m.

Lunch

1.30p.m.-3.00p.m.

- Legal Documentation for Partnership Based Contracts and Other Contracts by YA Dr. Johan Lee
- Common Partnership Based Contracts and Other Contracts in Malaysia
 - Common Pitfalls
 - Crucial Elements

3.00p.m.-3.30p.m.

Tea break

3.30p.m.-5.00p.m.

- Variation, Rescheduling and Restructuring of Islamic Facilities by YA Dr. Johan Lee
- Shariah Requirements when there is a Variation
 - Shariah Requirements when there is a Rescheduling
 - Shariah Requirements when there is a Restructuring

5.00pm onwards

Collection of Certificates

End of Day 2



YANG ARIF DR. MOHD JOHAN LEE

YA Dr Johan is a judge of the Kuala Lumpur High Court. He is also currently an adjunct professor of the UUM School of Law, of UUM College of Law, Government & International Studies. He graduated with LLB (Hons) degree from IIUM. He also holds a Master of Comparative Laws degree, a post-graduate Diploma in Shariah and Legal Practice both of which from IIUM, an MA in Economics from King's Collage London and a Ph.D in Business and Commercial Law from Monash University Australia. He was an advocate and solicitor of the High Court of Malaya, High Court of Sabah & Sarawak, the Shariah Court and the Supreme Court of Brunei.

Up till his elevation, he was in active legal practice. He was the managing partner of J. Lee & Associates, an award-winning legal firm, for more than 20 years. Beside his active legal practice, he lectured part-time in a few local law schools (namely IIUM for the LLM and Sultan Zainal Abidin University – UniSZA and University Malaya for the LLB programmes) and in the liBF of IIUM for the MSc. in Islamic Banking programme since 2001. In 2006, he was a visiting scholar to the Asian Law Centre of the University of Washington.

Besides, he was a member of the Board of Studies of the Institute of Islamic Banking and Finance, International Islamic University Malaysia for the 2010-2012 tenure. He was also a member of the Board of Studies of the Faculty of Law of University Malaya for the 2015- 2017 tenure.

He was a member of the Shariah Advisory Committee (SAC) of the Association of Islamic Banking and Financial Institutions Malaysia (AIBIM) since 2015 right until his elevation. He was also a shariah committee to an international commercial bank and a local takaful operator.

He has authored more than 10 text books and reference books and written numerous articles globally. YA Dr Johan was elevated and appointed as a judicial commissioner effective 1st April, 2021. He was later confirmed as a high court judge in June, 2023.

He is also a member of the Board of Studies of the Faculty of Law of University Malaya for the 2021-2024 tenure. He is a certified arbitrator and mediator since 2003 and 2008 respectively.

PROFESSOR DR. RUSNI HASSAN



Prof. Datin Dr. Rusni Hassan is the Dean of IIUM Institute of Islamic Banking and Finance, International Islamic University Malaysia (IIUM). She graduated with LLB (Honours), LLB (Shariah) (First Class), Master of Comparative Laws (MCL) and Ph.D in Law. Her area of specialization includes legal, governance and Shariah aspects of Islamic Banking and Finance.

She is an active researcher and expert trainer in IBF. Her publication includes books on Islamic Banking and Finance, chapters in books and articles published in local and international journals. She is listed as Top 10 contributor for research in Islamic Finance in Scopus database.

Dr Rusni is also actively involved in the IBF industry. She was a member of Shariah Advisory Council Bank Negara Malaysia, the Chairman of Shariah Committee for Hong Leong Islamic Bank and Exim Bank Berhad. She is also the Shariah Committee for several institutions in Malaysia including Association of Islamic Banking Institutions Malaysia (AIBIM), Etiqa Family and Etiqa General Takaful Berhad, Waqf Al-Nur, Koperasi J-Corp, BIMB Securities Sdn Bhd., Lembaga Tabung Haji and Terengganu Incorporation. Presently she is the Board and member of Risk Management Committee for Etiqa General Takaful Bhd.

Internationally, she is the Shariah Committee for Housing Development Corporation and Housing Development Financing Corporation, Maldives. Her contribution to Islamic Finance in Maldives has been recognized by the Government of Maldives when she was awarded the National-Recognition for Outstanding Contribution of Females to Develop and Sustain Islamic Finance Industry in Maldives in 2018.

She is a registered Shariah Advisor with the Securities Commission Malaysia. She was instrumental for the establishment of the Association of Shariah Advisors in Islamic Finance Malaysia (ASAS) and the International Council of Islamic Finance Educators (ICIFE) whereby she was pro-tem committee and the Secretary for both associations respectively. She is now the Advisory Council to ASAS and President of ICIFE.

Her works and contribution to Islamic Finance has also been recognized internationally when she was listed among the Top Women in Islamic Finance since 2013. The most recent was The Top 50 Most Influential Women in Islamic Finance 2018; Top 10 Most Influential Women in Islamic Business and Finance for five (5) consecutive years since 2019 - 2023 by Cambridge IFA.

ISI KANDUNGAN

PEMBUKAAN TAHUN PERUNDANGAN SABAH & SARAWAK 2025

ATUR CARA

- 6.30 pagi ☪ Ketibaan Tetamu Jemputan:
(a) Kompleks Mahkamah Lama Kuching
(bagi yang menyertai Upacara Perarakan)
- 6.45 pagi ☪ Ketibaan Tetamu Jemputan:
(b) Hikmah Exchange Event Centre
(bagi yang tidak menyertai Upacara Perarakan)
- 6.45 pagi ☪ Sesi Fotografi di Kompleks Mahkamah Lama Kuching
- 7.00 pagi ☪ Upacara Perarakan
- 7.30 pagi ☪ Ketibaan Perarakan
- 8.30 pagi ☪ Persidangan Mahkamah Terbuka
- Lagu Kebangsaan 'Negaraku'
- Lagu Rasmi Negeri Sarawak 'Ibu Pertiwiku'
- Lagu Rasmi Negeri Sabah 'Sabah Tanah Airku'
- Bacaan Doa
- Ucapan oleh:
- Yang Berbahagia Presiden Pertubuhan Undang-Undang Sarawak
 - Yang Berbahagia Presiden Persatuan Peguam Bela Sabah
 - Yang Berbahagia Peguam Besar Negeri Sarawak
 - Yang Berbahagia Peguam Besar Negeri Sabah
 - Yang Berbahagia Peguam Negara
- Ucapan Balas oleh:
- Yang Amat Arif Hakim Besar Sabah dan Sarawak
- 11.00 pagi ☪ Jamuan
- Bersurai

PROGRAMME

- 6.30 a.m. ☪ Arrival of Guests:
(a) Old Court House
(for guests participating in the Ceremonial Procession)
- 6.45 a.m. ☪ Arrival of Guests:
(b) Hikmah Exchange Event Centre
(for guests not participating in the Ceremonial Procession)
- 6.45 a.m. ☪ Photography Session at the Old Court House
- 7.00 a.m. ☪ Ceremonial Procession
- 7.30 a.m. ☪ Arrival of Procession
- 8.30 a.m. ☪ Open Court Proceedings
- National Anthem 'Negaraku'
- Official State Anthem of Sarawak 'Ibu Pertiwiku'
- Official State Anthem of Sabah 'Sabah Tanah Airku'
- Recitation of Du'a
- Speeches by:
- The Honourable President of the Advocates Association of Sarawak
 - The Honourable President of the Sabah Law Society
 - The Honourable State Attorney-General of Sarawak
 - The Honourable State Attorney-General of Sabah
 - The Honourable Attorney General
- Reply Speech by:
- The Right Honourable Chief Judge of Sabah and Sarawak
- 11.00 a.m. ☪ Refreshments
- End of Programme



ROUTE MAP FOR PROCESSION
OPENING OF THE LEGAL YEAR
SABAH AND SARAWAK
2025



THE MALAYSIAN JUDICIARY

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