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# Alumni Insights From the Bench & A Glimpse Into Legal Aid

9 November 2024 (Saturday) | 9:00AM - 12:00PM  
Perpustakaan Tun Abdul Razak 2, Faculty of Law, UiTM



**YA Puan Hayatul  
Akmal Binti  
Abdul Aziz**

High Court Judge at  
Kuala Lumpur High  
Court (NCVC 7)



**YA Dato' Ahmad  
Shahrir Bin  
Mohd Salleh**

High Court Judge at  
Kuala Lumpur High  
Court (NCVC 11)



**YA Dr. Shahnaz  
Binti Sulaiman**

High Court Judge at  
Shah Alam High  
Court (Special Powers  
Division)



**YA Puan Jamhirah  
Binti Ali**

Judicial Commissioner  
at Shah Alam High  
Court (NCVC 1)



**YA Dato' Raja Ahmad  
Mohzanuddin Shah Bin  
Raja Mohzan**

Judicial Commissioner  
at Kuala Lumpur High  
Court (NCVC 5)



**Farah Shuhadah  
Binti Razali**

Partner, RDS  
Partnership



**Nur Amira  
Binti Ahmad Azhar**

Partner, RDS  
Partnership



**Steven Perian  
KC, FCI Arb**

Partner, RDS  
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## AGENDA

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| 9:00 AM                | Registration & Welcome Reception  |
| 9:20 AM -<br>9:25 AM   | Welcoming Remarks by<br>Dato' Edwin Paramjothy,<br>Vice Chairman of Yayasan Tan Sri<br>Profesor Ahmad Ibrahim |
| 9:25 AM -<br>9:30 AM   | Opening Remarks by Assoc Prof. Dr Nur<br>Ezan Rahmat, Dean of Faculty of Law, UiTM                            |
| 9:30 AM -<br>11:00 AM  | <b>Session 1</b><br>Morning Tea and Judicial Insights: A<br>Dialogue with Distinguished UiTM Alumni           |
| 11:00 AM -<br>11:30 AM | <b>Session 2</b><br>A Glimpse Into Legal Aid<br>by RDS Partnership  |
| 11.30 AM -<br>12:00 PM | Networking Session and Brunch   |



## Alumni Insights From the Bench

# SPEAKER PROFILE



**YA Puan  
Hayatul Akmal  
Binti Abdul Aziz**

High Court Judge  
at Kuala Lumpur  
High Court  
(NCVC 7)

Justice Hayatul Akmal binti Abdul Aziz is a distinguished legal professional with an extensive career spanning over three decades in Malaysia's judiciary. She holds a Master of Laws (LL.M) from Universiti Malaya and a Bachelor of Laws (LL.B) from Institut Teknologi MARA, showcasing her solid academic foundation in law.

Her Ladyship began her judicial career as a Judicial Commissioner at the High Court of Ipoh in 2015. She later served at the Shah Alam High Court from 2017 to 2021. Her Ladyship was appointed as a High Court Judge on 9 April 2019 and, now, serving at the High Court of Kuala Lumpur. Her judicial journey reflects a deep commitment to the rule of law and an unwavering dedication to Malaysia's legal system.



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# SPEAKER PROFILE



**YA Dato'  
Ahmad Shahrir  
Bin Mohd Salleh**

High Court Judge  
at Kuala Lumpur  
High Court  
(NCVC 11)

Justice Dato' Ahmad Shahrir bin Mohd Salleh is a distinguished judge with a rich legal background spanning over three decades. He began his career as a Deputy Public Prosecutor at the Attorney General's Chambers, Penang and at the Royal Malaysian Customs and Excise Department before moving into private legal practice as a lawyer.

He started his judicial career since 2017 as a Judicial Commissioner at the High Court of Penang. Later, he was appointed as a High Court Judge presiding over Criminal 5 Courtroom at the Kuala Lumpur High Court. He is presently presiding over the NCVC 11 Courtroom of the same court. Justice Dato' Ahmad Shahrir is recognised for his expertise in civil and criminal matters, contributing significantly to the legal landscape of Malaysia.



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# SPEAKER PROFILE



**YA Dr. Shahnaz  
Binti Sulaiman**

High Court Judge  
at Shah Alam High  
Court (Special  
Powers Division)

Justice Dr. Shahnaz binti Sulaiman was appointed a Judicial Commissioner on 3 May 2019 and was elevated to the High Court of Malaya as a Judge on 27 April 2022. Before joining the bench, she served as an Associate Director at the Malaysian Aviation Commission. Her Ladyship also served at the Attorney General's Chambers for 22 years, holding roles such as Senior Federal Counsel and Federal Counsel at the Advisory Division, the International Affairs Division and the Office of the Attorney General.

Justice Dr. Shahnaz is an alumna of UiTM and holds an LL.M from SOAS, University of London, a PhD in aviation law from City Law School, London, and embarked her legal career at Kadir, Tan and Ramli. She is also the current President of the Competition Appeals Tribunal and serves on various legal committees.



## Alumni Insights From the Bench

# SPEAKER PROFILE



**YA Puan  
Jamhirah  
Binti Ali**

Judicial  
Commissioner at  
Shah Alam High  
Court (NCVC 1)

Justice Jamhirah binti Ali is a distinguished legal professional with a robust career spanning over three decades. She holds a Master's of Criminal Justice from Universiti Malaya, an Advanced Diploma in Law and a Diploma in Law from Institut Teknologi MARA (UiTM), before being admitted as an advocate and solicitor of the High Court of Malaya. She began her career as a Parliamentary Assistant Law Drafter before transitioning into the judiciary as a Magistrate.

Over the years, she has held significant roles, including Senior Federal Counsel and Director of the Legal Division, serving key government institutions such as the Insolvency Department and the Attorney General's Chambers. Currently, she serves as a Judicial Commissioner at the Shah Alam High Court. Alongside her legal achievements, Justice Jamhirah is also an accomplished artist, with her works featured in international exhibitions.



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**YA Dato' Raja Ahmad  
Mohzanuddin Shah  
Bin Raja Mohzan**

Judicial  
Commissioner at  
Kuala Lumpur  
High Court  
(NCVC 5)

Justice Dato' Raja Ahmad Mohzanuddin has been with Azmi & Associates for over 18 years, since January 2004. He climbed the corporate ranks and was promoted as a Partner in October 2006. He was subsequently made Co-Deputy Managing Partner in July 2012.

Justice Dato' Raja is also a member of the Asian International Arbitration Centre (AIAC) Advisory Council since 1 April 2021. Justice Dato' Raja began his judicial career in 2022 where he was appointed a Judicial Commissioner on 30 September 2022.



## A Glimpse Into Legal Aid

# SPEAKER PROFILE



**Farah Shuhadah  
Binti Razali**

Partner,  
RDS Partnership

Farah regularly acts for local and international clients in a wide range of corporate and commercial disputes ranging from oil & gas downstream business related contracts to product supply agreements as well as debt recovery and insolvency matters. Farah also has experience advising and acting in various tortious matters including claims in defamation, conspiracy, trespass, nuisance and negligence involving individuals and class actions claims whilst maintaining a special interest in public and administrative law matters particularly those involving town planning and land issues.

Farah also has been involved in commercial arbitrations and mediations. Her ability has been specifically highlighted in The Legal 500 Asia Pacific (Legalease) where she was listed as a Recommended Lawyer in Dispute Resolution, 2021 and Farah was also listed as one of the finalist for the Rising Star Award: Litigation by Women in Business Law Awards (APAC) 2022.



## A Glimpse Into Legal Aid

# SPEAKER PROFILE



**Nur Amira  
Binti Ahmad Azhar**

Partner,  
RDS Partnership

Amira is a partner with the firm's Tax, SST, and Customs practice. She has represented Fortune 500 companies in Malaysia and leading Malaysian companies in various tax disputes before the Special Commissioners of Income Tax, High Court, Court of Appeal, and Federal Court. She is presently involved in one of the largest tax disputes in Malaysia amounting to RM9 billion in claims. Amira also focuses on negotiations with the Inland Revenue Board and the Royal Customs of Malaysia where a good number of her matters are resolved amicably through discussions with the authorities.

In recognition of her expertise, she was appointed by her alma mater as a UiTMLaw Industry Reviewer for the tax law subject offered under the UiTM Bachelor of Laws program. Amira is also a member of the Chartered Tax Institute of Malaysia (CTIM).



## A Glimpse Into Legal Aid

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Steven Perian  
KC, FCI Arb

Partner,  
RDS Partnership

Steven Perian KC, FCI Arb stands as a towering figure in the legal arena, recognised for his excellence as a King's Counsel in Crime in London and is consistently recognised as a leading Silk in the Legal 500. Steven is the first and only English KC called to the High Court of Malaya. He was recently made a partner at RDS Partnership, where he deals with economic offences, Anti Money Laundering offences and Regulatory work.

His role as a Commercial Mediator in both the UK and Malaysia, and being a member of the Panel of Advocates for the International Criminal Court, demonstrates his commitment to international justice. Steven is also deeply committed to nurturing the legal talent of the future.