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“A HOME FOR THE WHOLE SPECTRUM OF
LAW PROFESSIONALS”

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PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS



FOUNDING PRESIDENT OF
INNS OF COURT MALAYSIA

TUN DATO' SERI ARIFIN
BIN ZAKARIA

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ
السَّلَامُ عَلَيْكُمْ وَرَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ وَبَرَكَاتُهُ

Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is both a privilege and a profound honour to record my thoughts and best wishes in this commemorative publication celebrating the Tenth Anniversary of the Inns of Court Malaysia ("ICM") following A Decade of Purpose, Fellowship and Legal Excellence.

I extend my sincere appreciation to the Office Bearers, Executive Committee and Organising Committee for their dedication in bringing together this meaningful celebration. As the Founding President of ICM, I am deeply grateful for the opportunity to reflect upon a journey that has been defined by vision, commitment and the collective efforts of countless individuals who believed in the same noble purpose. This year marks a significant milestone.

Ten years ago, on 10 November 2016, the Inns of Court Malaysia was officially established, shortly before I retired as the Chief Justice of Malaysia after many years of judicial service.

Looking back today, it is immensely gratifying to witness how an idea conceived with hope and conviction has flourished into a respected national institution that continues to promote excellence, professionalism and fellowship throughout the Malaysian legal fraternity.

Our Origins

The tradition of the Inns of Court has a distinguished history. The four English Inns of Court - Lincoln's Inn, Gray's Inn, Middle Temple and Inner Temple trace their origins to the fifteenth century, with records of Lincoln's Inn dating back to 1422. As a Bencher of the Honourable Society of Lincoln's Inn, I have always held those traditions in the highest regard. Yet the Inns of Court Malaysia was never intended to be merely an imitation of the English model.

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Rather, it drew inspiration from both the English Inns and the American Inns of Court, where the American Inns were established only in the 1980s with the objective of promoting ethics, professionalism and excellence within the legal profession.

For a relatively young nation that has achieved independence only sixty-nine years ago, the establishment of our own Inns of Court represents a significant milestone in our legal development and nation-building journey. Ten years may be but a brief moment in history, yet it is nevertheless a landmark worthy of celebration.

A Home for the Whole Spectrum of Law Professionals

From its inception, ICM was conceived with a simple but noble vision - to become a home for the whole spectrum of law professionals. Our purpose extends beyond lectures and academic programmes.

It is a place where judges, advocates, corporate counsel, academics, jurists and students come together to learn from one another, exchange ideas and engage in thoughtful discourse on the legal issues of the day and future issues of tomorrow. It is a place where mentorship flourishes, friendships are formed and the future of our profession is quietly but meaningfully shaped.

Today, that vision is succinctly reflected in our enduring tagline:

"A Home for the Whole Spectrum of Law Professionals."

It remains a uniquely Malaysian institution, welcoming not only members from within our country but also Associate Members from overseas who maintain close professional ties with Malaysia. What unites us all is a common commitment to uphold the rule of law and to advance legal excellence for the benefit of society.

The Birth of an Idea

Looking back, I vividly recall the evening when the idea of establishing an Inns of Court in Malaysia first began to take shape. Tun Zaki Azmi and I had the privilege of dining with Justice Clifford Wallace, the Senior United States Circuit Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit. Justice Wallace spoke passionately about the American Inns of Court and the importance of bringing together judges, senior practitioners, young lawyers and students in a collegial environment dedicated to ethics, advocacy skills and professionalism.

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What impressed me most was not merely the structure of the institution but the philosophy behind it - that excellence in the legal profession is best cultivated through continuous learning, mentorship and mutual respect. That conversation planted the seed which eventually grew into the Inns of Court Malaysia.

Building the Institution

The idea soon evolved through countless meetings and discussions with an exceptional group of founding members, including Tun Zaki Azmi, Tun Raus Sharif, Tan Sri Zulkefli Ahmad Makinudin, Tan Sri Zainun Ali, Tan Sri Abdull Hamid Embong, Tan Sri Cecil Abraham, Dato' Mah Weng Kwai, Dato' Mah Siew Kwok, Datuk S. Nantha Balan , Dato' Mary Lim and many others.

Together, we adapted the best traditions of the English and American Inns while developing a Charter and Constitution that would reflect Malaysia's own legal culture and aspirations.

Special recognition must also be given to our Founding Secretary, Mary-Ann Ooi Suan Kim, now our Treasurer, and Tuan Mohd Aizuddin Zolkeply, our former Assistant Secretary. Their tireless efforts in preparing the Constitution, drafting every document, attending to every requirement and responding to numerous queries from the Registrar of Societies ultimately culminated in the successful registration of the Inns of Court Malaysia on 10 November 2016. To every founding Office Bearer and Executive Committee member, I extend my deepest appreciation.

The institution we celebrate today stands upon the foundation built through your dedication, perseverance and unwavering belief in a common purpose.

Growth with Purpose

Following its soft launch at the Palace of Justice in early 2017 and its inaugural Grand Dining later that year at the Royale Chulan Hotel, Kuala Lumpur, the Inns of Court Malaysia has continued to grow from strength to strength. Today, ICM proudly comprises more than 1,400 members drawn from every segment of the legal profession.

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Subsequent constitutional amendments introducing corporate membership, student membership and the distinguished category of Benchers reflect our commitment to inclusivity and continued evolution. Yet numbers alone do not define our success.

Institutions are measured not by the size of their membership but by the values they uphold and the standards they inspire. The Inns of Court Malaysia is more than an organisation. It is a community united by professionalism, ethics, integrity, advocacy, civility and service to justice. Those principles remain the foundation upon which our future must continue to be built.

Advancing Legal Education

Over the past decade, ICM has developed programmes that have become defining features of our institution. Through our Legal Education Series, Legal Expert Series and specialist conferences, judges and experienced practitioners share their knowledge with young lawyers and students, ensuring that practical wisdom complements academic learning.

Our Grand Dining traditions, inspired by the Inns of Court yet distinctly Malaysian in character, provide a setting where mentorship and fellowship flourish naturally across generations and disciplines. ICM has likewise strengthened its collaboration with universities, regulatory bodies and professional institutions through the inking of numerous Memorandum of Understanding. These partnerships are designed to ensure that Malaysian law graduates are equipped not merely with legal knowledge but also with the practical skills, ethical values and professional competence required of future leaders of the Bar and Bench.

A National Institution

One of the defining moments in our recent history was the Grand Dinner held in Kuching in August 2025 in conjunction with the Inaugural Benching Ceremony of His Excellency Tun Pehin Sri Dr. Haji Wan Junaidi Bin Tuanku Jaafar.

The overwhelming support from members, law firms and corporate partners from both East and West Malaysia demonstrated that the Inns of Court Malaysia has truly become a national institution.

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This year, as we celebrate our Tenth Anniversary Gala Dinner, we are honoured to welcome two further distinguished Benchers:

**The Right Honourable Deputy Prime Minister II of Malaysia,
YAB Datuk Amar Haji Fadillah Bin Haji Yusof**

and

**The Right Honourable Chief Justice of Malaysia,
YAA Tun Wan Ahmad Farid Bin Wan Salleh.**

Their acceptance of this honour strengthens our institution and reflects the growing significance of ICM within Malaysia's legal landscape.

I also take this opportunity to extend my warmest congratulations to Tun Wan Ahmad Farid Bin Wan Salleh on the conferment of the title "Tun", a recognition of his distinguished service to the nation and to the administration of justice.

Looking Towards the Future

As we celebrate ten years of achievement, our attention must also turn towards the future. The Malaysian legal education system has attained global standards comparable with the best in the world. Increasingly, there is no necessity for aspiring lawyers to leave our shores in pursuit of legal education. The next chapter for the Inns of Court Malaysia is therefore both ambitious and distinctly national.

Our aspiration is to develop a comprehensive programme of professional legal skills training, in collaboration with institutions of higher learning, that will produce advocates and legal professionals grounded in excellence, integrity and service. In time, we envision the emergence of a uniquely Malaysian professional identity through the recognition of Barristers of the Inns of Court Malaysia - legal practitioners whose training reflects our constitutional values, our traditions and our commitment to the rule of law.

This is not simply an institutional aspiration. It is part of a broader national vision to position Malaysia as a respected centre of legal education, professional training and dispute resolution within the region and beyond.

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Our Shared Calling

Law is more than a profession. It is a public trust. Whether we serve as judges, advocates, corporate counsel, academics or students, we are united by a common responsibility to uphold justice, protect the rule of law and preserve public confidence in our legal institutions. Those ideals have guided me throughout my career, and they continue to inspire my service as President of the Inns of Court Malaysia.

So long as I am entrusted with this responsibility, I shall remain devoted to advancing the interests of our profession and serving the nation through this institution that we have collectively built.

Conclusion

As we commemorate this Tenth Anniversary, we celebrate far more than the passage of time. We celebrate a vision conceived with conviction, nurtured through perseverance and realised through the dedication of judges, lawyers, academics, students, sponsors, supporters and friends who believed that Malaysia deserves an institution of this nature.

My sincere hope is that future generations will inherit an Inns of Court Malaysia even stronger than the one we celebrate today - an institution recognised not merely for its traditions and ceremonies, but for its unwavering commitment to legal excellence, ethical leadership and the advancement of justice.

To every Office Bearer, Executive Committee member, sponsor, contributor and supporter, I extend my heartfelt gratitude. Your commitment has transformed an idea into an enduring institution and a true home for the whole spectrum of law professionals.

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Before I conclude, allow me to leave you with a simple pantun:

*Burung kenyalang terbang ke angkasa,
Hinggap sejenak di pohon cendana;
Sepuluh tahun ICM berjasa,
Menjunjung keadilan seluruh negara.*

*Sirih dijunjung di dalam dulang,
Dibawa berarak ke tengah dewan;
Sepuluh tahun ICM cemerlang,
Erat berpadu bagi sekawan.*

May the flame of the Inns of Court Malaysia continue to burn brightly for generations to come, inspiring excellence, strengthening fellowship and upholding the highest ideals of our noble profession.

Here's to Inns of Court Malaysia; to friendship; to excellence.

**Wabillahi Taufik Walhidayah, Wassalamualaikum Warahmatullahi
Wabarakatuh.**

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COMMITTEE**

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**AN ANTHEM OF
FELLOWSHIP:
THEME SONG OF THE
INNS OF COURT MALAYSIA**

“ONE VOICE, ONE LAW”

VERSE 1

From the Palace of Justice, to the classrooms of the young,
From the bench of wisdom, to where advocacy's sung,
Judges, scholars, counsel - every voice belongs here,
Beneath one noble banner, we gather without fear.

PRE-CHORUS

We come from every background,
Every calling, every creed,
Bound together by the law we serve,
And the justice that we need.

CHORUS

One voice, one law, one home for all,
We rise together, we stand tall,
Inns of Court Malaysia - excellence our call,
Diverse in many, united in one hall

VERSE 2

We sharpen minds and shape the law, we learn, we grow, we lead,
A sanctuary of excellence, where every soul may seed.
Corporate counsel, academia, the practising and more
No title keep us apart, we walk through one same door

PRE-CHORUS

We honour those before us.
We light the way ahead
With integrity within our hearts
and justice in our steps

CHORUS

One voice, one law, one home for all,
We rise together, we stand tall,
Inns of Court Malaysia - excellence our call,
Diverse in many, united in one hall

VOICE OVER

“This is a home,
For every legal mind that dares to dream,
For every heart that believes in the rule of law
You belong here.”

FINAL CHORUS

One voice, one law, one home for all,
We rise together, we stand tall,
Inns of Court Malaysia - excellence our call,
Diverse in many, united in one hall.

One voice, one law, for all

**THE FORMATION OF
“NADA SEBELAS:
THE VOICE OF ELEVEN”**

THE FORMATION OF NADA SEBELAS - THE VOICE OF ELEVEN

Some moments in an organisation's history deserve more than a speech or a celebration - they deserve a voice.

As preparations were underway for the Inns of Court Malaysia's 10th Anniversary Gala Dinner, the newly composed ICM theme song, with its stirring melody and meaningful lyrics, sparked an idea. Rather than allowing the song to remain merely a piece of music, a group of dedicated members envisioned bringing it to life through a live performance that would capture the essence of ICM's journey over the past decade. From that vision, *Nada Sebelas: The Voice of Eleven* was born.

Comprising YA Datuk Seri Mohd Firuz Bin Jaffril, YBhg. Dato' Sri Mariana Binti Haji Yahya, ICM Treasurer Mary-Ann Ooi Suan Kim, ICM Secretary Idza Hajar Binti Ahmad Idzam, ICM Asst. Secretary Leng Wie Mun, Datin Isharidah Binti Ishak Tadin, Nik Azli Bin Abu Zahar, Nik Hajar Binti Nik Hisham, Nurdini Adriana Binti Shamsul Ehsan, Siti Nazatul Nadia Binti Mohd Ridzuan, and Jason Tan Jin Hong, the ensemble represented a remarkable cross-section of the ICM community. The name *Nada Sebelas: The Voice of Eleven* was collectively proposed and warmly embraced by the team. Yet the name came to signify far more than the number of performers on stage. It became a symbol of unity in diversity: eleven individuals from different generations, professions, and walks of life coming together in harmony, each voice distinct, yet contributing to a shared melody, shared purpose and shared vision.



THE FORMATION OF NADA SEBELAS - THE VOICE OF ELEVEN

The journey towards the performance was, in many ways, as meaningful as the performance itself. Amid demanding court schedules, professional commitments, official obligations, and academic responsibilities, the members dedicated countless hours to rehearsals. Judges, counsel, practitioners, and students gathered after work, setting aside titles and professional distinctions to pursue a common goal. What began as a musical project soon evolved into something much deeper - a testament to teamwork, friendship, and collective dedication.

Each rehearsal became a space where relationships were strengthened, laughter was shared, and mutual respect flourished. The process reflected the very ideals upon which ICM was founded: collegiality, civility, mentorship, inclusivity, and the belief that the legal profession is strongest when its members stand together.

As Nada Sebelas prepares for its debut at the 10th Anniversary Dinner, it carries with it more than just a song. It carries the spirit of unity, the effort of many hands, and the anticipation of a shared moment yet to unfold. When the time comes, it will stand as a reminder that beyond professional roles and individual journeys, there exists a common rhythm that binds all together - *“One Voice, One Law”*.



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**A DECADE OF
EXCELLENCE:
COMMEMORATING THE
10TH ANNIVERSARY
OF ICM**

10TH ANNIVERSARY WRITE UP



In honour of ICM's 10th anniversary, a truly meaningful milestone, this celebration has been brought to life through the collective dedication of many hands and hearts. As we prepare for this occasion, we reached out to members of the Judiciary, distinguished leaders, seasoned practitioners, young lawyers, students, and friends of the legal fraternity, weaving together the wisdom of experience and the promise of new beginnings into one shared celebration.

More than an anniversary, this occasion is a tribute to legacy, excellence, and belonging. It honours the journey ICM has traversed over the past decade and pays homage to all who have shaped its growth into a home for learning, fellowship, and professional engagement.

Over the years, ICM has steadfastly nurtured meaningful connections across the Bench, the Bar, academia, corporate leadership, and the wider legal community. It has become a meeting place where wisdom is exchanged, friendships are forged, and generations of legal minds converge in the common pursuit of justice, integrity, and professional distinction. Through its lectures, forums, legal education series, student engagements, and fellowship events, ICM has remained true to its mission: to cultivate a legal community that is not only learned in the law, but also deeply rooted in civility, service, ethics, and mutual respect.

Thus, this 10th anniversary is not merely a passage of time to be marked. It is a celebration of the values that have carried ICM forward: collegiality, mentorship, lifelong learning, and devotion to the rule of law. It is also a moment to honour those who laid the institution's foundations, whose vision and unwavering commitment have shaped ICM into what it stands for today. Their legacy endures in every gathering, every conversation, and every initiative that seeks to strengthen the bonds within the legal fraternity.

10TH ANNIVERSARY WRITE UP

This year, the Anniversary Dinner will be hosted at The Majestic Hotel, Kuala Lumpur, a setting that evokes warmth, reunion, and homecoming. It gathers our learned brothers and sisters of the law, offering a gracious platform to reconnect, deepen friendships, and renew the ties that unite us as one legal family.

As we assemble for this special evening, we honour the foundations laid by those who came before us, celebrate the achievements of the present, and look forward with hope to the legacy that ICM will continue to build and achieve in the years to come.



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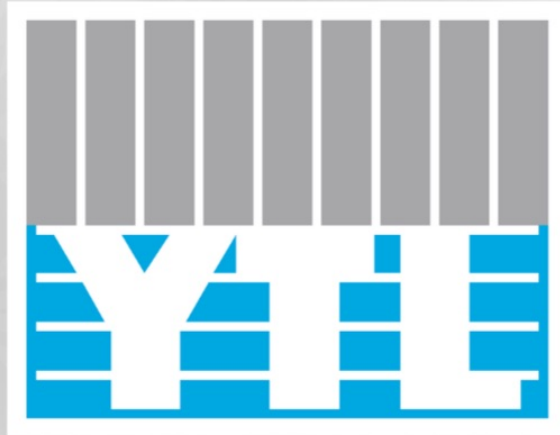
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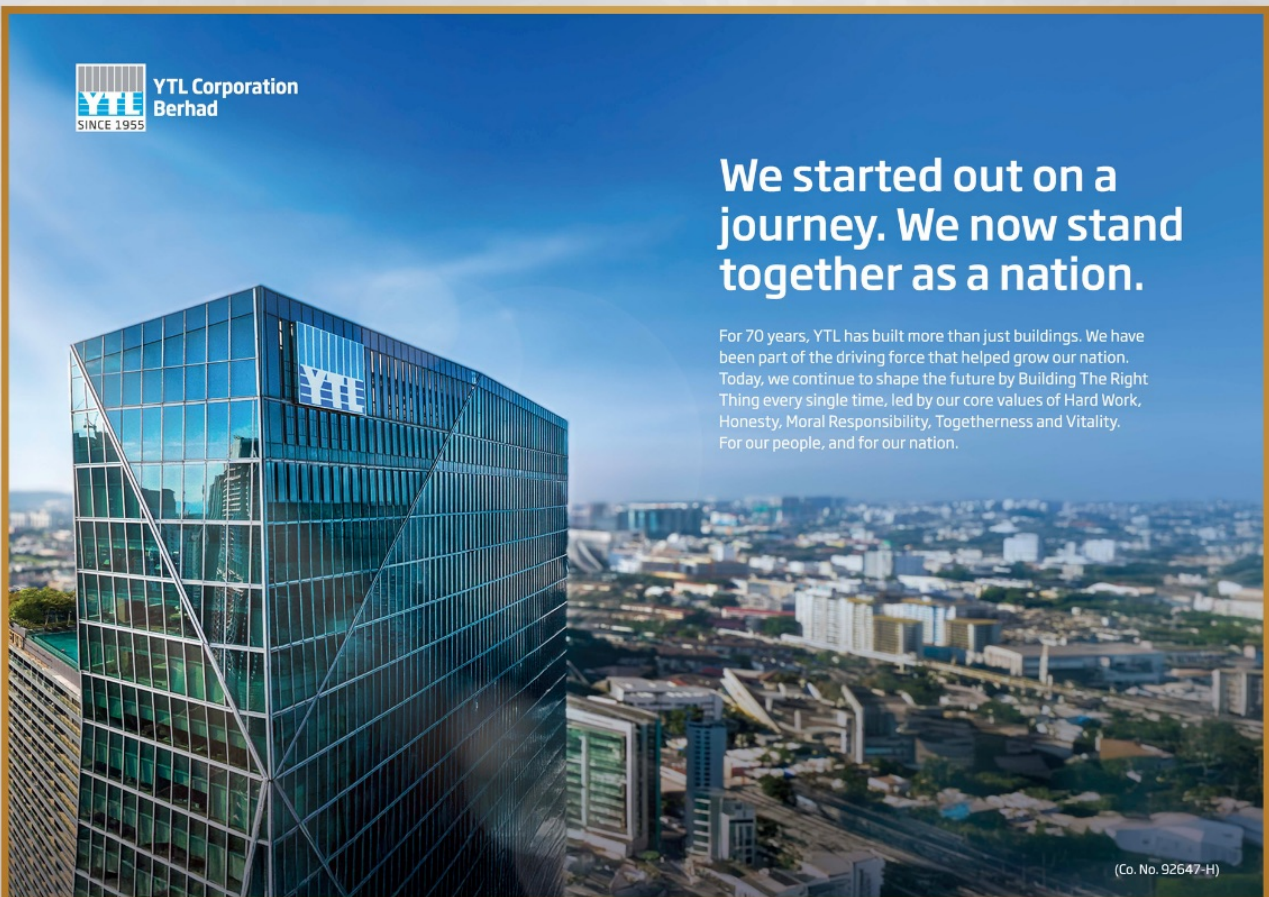
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**FORMALISING SHARED
COMMITMENTS:
MEMORANDUM OF
UNDERSTANDING**

UNIVERSITI MALAYA

A significant milestone in legal collaboration was achieved on 11 January 2025 in Kuching, when Universiti Malaya and the Inns of Court Malaysia formalised their partnership through a Memorandum of Understanding during ICM's Grand Night 2025. The ceremony was witnessed by His Excellency The Governor of Sarawak, Tun Pehin Sri Dr. Haji Wan Junaidi bin Tuanku Jaafar, as Special Guest of Honour. Also present was Deputy Prime Minister YABhg. Dato' Sri Fadillah Bin Haji Yusof, who delivered the Keynote Address.

The MOU marks a significant milestone in advancing legal research and education. It paves the way for joint research, academic exchanges, and professional development programmes, benefiting both institutions and the wider legal fraternity.



UNIVERSITI SAINS ISLAM MALAYSIA

On 27th April 2024, ICM inked a historic Memorandum of Understanding with USIM. It was more than a signing. It was a meeting of minds and values, a bridge between legal heritage and institutional vision.

In conjunction with the ceremony, YA Dato' Hajah Aliza Binti Sulaiman delivered the Keynote Address on behalf of our President, YABhg. Tun Arifin Bin Zakaria. Her words carried the weight of ICM's journey and its hopes for meaningful partnership.



That same event carried another layer of significance. It also commemorated 60 years of diplomatic relations between Malaysia and Türkiye. The Ambassador of the Republic of Türkiye to Malaysia, H.E. Emir Salim Yuksel, graced the occasion with a Special Address, adding a touch of international goodwill to our homegrown celebration.

A panel session followed on the thought provoking topic 'Halal in Legal Pluralism; Finding the Right Balance'. The distinguished speakers included the Vice Chancellor of USIM, YBhg. Dato' Professor Ts Dr Sharifudin Bin Md Shaarani, and our own ICM member, Sharifah Shafika Binti Alsagoff. Their conversation was a reminder that law lives not in isolation, but in the rich spaces between tradition, faith, and modernity.

MALAYSIAN INSTITUTE OF CHARTERED SECRETARIES AND ADMINISTRATORS



A Memorandum of Understanding was signed between MAICSA and ICM on 4 May 2024 during the grand dinner celebrating eight years of ICM's contribution to the legal profession. The event was attended by Deputy Prime Minister YABhg. Datuk Seri Fadillah Binti Haji Yusof, Minister of Youth and Sports YB Hannah Yeoh Tseow Suan, Chief Justice of Malaysia YAA Tun Tengku Maimun Binti Tuan Mat, ICM Advisor YABhg. Tun Zaki Bin Tun Azmi, ICM Deputy President YBhg. Dato' Mary Lim Thiam Suan, and other guests.

Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Fadillah Binti Haji Yusof delivered a keynote address on strengthening unity within the legal profession. According to MAICSA President Simon Yeoh, the collaboration reflects a shared commitment to governance excellence. ICM Treasurer Mary-Ann Ooi Suan Kim stated that the MOU supports the collective effort for governance excellence and sharing of best practices. MAICSA CEO Justin J Anthony added that the partnership will provide MAICSA's Chartered Governance Professional designation to ICM members and promote university partnerships for student memberships.



UNIVERSITI TEKNOLOGI MARA

On 4 May 2024, a significant ceremony took place at The St. Regis Kuala Lumpur, where the Faculty of Law of Universiti Teknologi MARA (UiTM) formalised a Memorandum of Understanding with the Inns of Court Malaysia. This collaboration marks a new chapter of partnership aimed at fostering legal education, research, and professional development.

The occasion was made even more memorable with the presence of several distinguished guests. The ceremony was graced by YAB Deputy Prime Minister, YB Minister of Youth and Sports, and the Chief Justice of Malaysia, YAA Tun Tengku Maimun Binti Tuan Mat. Their attendance underscored the importance of this initiative and reflected the broad institutional support for strengthening ties between academia and the legal profession.



ASIAN INTERNATIONAL ARBITRATION CENTRE

An MOU was signed between ICM and AIAC on 27 August 2024. Our President YABhg. Tun Arifin Bin Zakaria signed, witnessed by Deputy President YBhg. Dato' Mary Lim Thiam Suan and other Office Bearers. Numerous ICM Office Bearers also attended the congress, underscoring the strong partnership between the two institutions. This historic occasion marked a significant step forward in advancing Alternative Dispute Resolution in Malaysia.



UNIVERSITI UTARA MALAYSIA

ICM signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Universiti Utara Malaysia in Sintok, Kedah on 13 October 2024. Our President YABhg. Tun Arifin Bin Zakaria led the delegation, joined by Vice President II YA Datuk Seri Mohd Firuz Bin Jaffril, Vice President III YA Dato' Hajah Aliza Binti Sulaiman, Exco member YA Dr. Arik Sanusi Bin Yeop Johari, ICM Treasurer, Mary-Ann Ooi Suan Kim, and ICM Secretary, Idza Hajar Binti Ahmad Idzam.



In conjunction with the signing, UUM and ICM co-organised a panel forum titled 'Emerging Trends in Corporate Governance: The Evolving Role of In House Counsel'. Our own YA Dato' Hajah Aliza Binti Sulaiman, YA Datuk Seri Mohd Firuz Bin Jaffril, and YA Dr. Arik Sanusi Bin Yeop Johari served as panel speakers, joined by guest panel speakers, Hemalatha, a UUM alumna, and Dato' Akbar Bin Moidunny, President of MAICSA. That same day, our President delivered a lecture on 'Ethical And Legal Issues In Artificial Intelligence (AI) Development', a topic that gently reminds us of the shifting ground beneath the legal profession.

BRICKFIELDS ASIA COLLEGE MALAYSIA

ICM signed a momentous Memorandum of Understanding with BAC on 22 October 2024.. In conjunction with the signing, our Deputy President, YBhg. Dato' Mary Lim Thiam Suan delivered the Inaugural BAC ICM Lecture Series on 'The Role of Judges in Promoting Access to Justice'. The ceremony was attended by our President YABhg. Tun Arifin Bin Zakaria, Hon. Advisor YABhg. Tun Zaki Bin Tun Azmi, and many Office Bearers and Exco members. The hall was full, with approximately 350 guests present.



SECURITIES COMMISSION MALAYSIA

ICM signed a historic MOU with the Securities Commission on 25th November 2024. The Chairman, YBhg. Dato' Mohammad Faiz Bin Mohammad Azmi, who is also an ICM member, hosted the event. Our President YABhg. Tun Arifin Bin Zakaria signed the MOU, witnessed by ICM Treasurer Ooi Suan Kim and SC Director Budiman Lutfi Bin Mohamed. On that same day, 110 legal officers from the Securities Commission were admitted as ICM members. Our President personally handed each certificate. The event was attended by the Chief Judge of Malaya, many ICM Exco members, judges, and corporate members. A signing; a ceremony; a new family of 110 members. Another red- letter day for ICM; an impactful milestone in ICM's unfolding legacy.



MULTIMEDIA UNIVERSITY

On 7 January 2023, the Inns of Court Malaysia visited Multimedia University, Melaka Campus, for the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding between ICM and MMU. The MOU marked a significant and historical step towards strengthening industrial collaboration and cooperation between ICM and MMU's Faculty of Law.

The signing ceremony was held at the Persada Permata Dunia Hall and was attended by distinguished guests including YABhg. Tun Zaki Bin Tun Azmi, Chancellor of MMU, and Datuk Vernon Ong Lam Kiat, MMU Adjunct Professor. ICM was represented by its President, members of the Executive Committee, ICM Judges, members and student members.



Following the signing ceremony, students attended an insightful forum titled “Graduating from Law School: What’s Next?” The session was moderated by ICM Treasurer, Mary-Ann Ooi Suan Kim, and featured a distinguished panel of ICM Judges comprising YA Datuk Noorin Binti Badaruddin, YA Tuan Mohamed Zaini Bin Mazlan, and YA Datuk Seri Mohd Firuz Bin Jaffril.

TAYLOR'S UNIVERSITY

ICM and Taylor's Law School signed a historic Memorandum of Understanding on 9 September 2023 at Taylor's Lakeside Campus. The signing ceremony was held in conjunction with Taylor's Law School Awards Ceremony, adding a celebratory atmosphere to the occasion.

Vice President, YA Datuk Seri Vazeer Alam Bin Mydin Meera delivered a rousing and inspiring Keynote Address at this historic event, energising all those present. The MOU serves to strengthen the links between the legal profession and academia, with a shared commitment towards achieving legal excellence through collaboration and mutual support.



In attendance were Vice President, YA Datuk Seri Mohd Firuz Bin Jaffril and Vice President YA Dato' Hajah Aliza Binti Sulaiman, together with a number of ICM members who were present to witness the occasion. Their presence underscored the importance of this partnership and ICM's dedication to nurturing future generations of legal talent.



UNIVERSITY OF READING MALAYSIA

ICM expanded its presence southward with a historic Memorandum of Understanding signing with the University of Reading Malaysia (UORM) on 7 October 2023 at Educity, Iskandar Puteri, Johor. The event was arranged by the ICM Zon Selatan Committee, headed by YA Dato' Hajah Aliza Binti Sulaiman, together with Professor Anne Vergis, Head of the Law School. The MOU was signed by Professor Wing Lam, CEO and Provost of UORM, and YABhg. Tun Arifin bin Zakaria, ICM President. To mark the collaboration, UORM and ICM launched the Annual Reading-ICM Distinguished Law Talk Series. YABhg. Tun Arifin Bin Zakaria delivered the inaugural keynote on ESG and the Law.

A panel discussion followed, titled “Profit to Purpose (or Purpose to Profit)? Navigating ESG within the Legal Realm.” Panellists included Vice President YA Datuk Seri Mohd Firuz Bin Jaffril, Professor Andrew Harding, Exco member Nik Azli Bin Abu Zahar, and Syed Marzidy Bin Syed Marzuki. The session was expertly moderated by YA Puan Evrol Mariette Peters-Goh, resulting in an intriguing and thought provoking exchange.



INSTITUTE OF CORPORATE DIRECTORS MALAYSIA

ICM signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Institute of Corporate Directors Malaysia (ICDM) on 30 October 2023 at the ICDM Penta Hall. This strategic move will, among other benefits, result in the exchange of membership privileges between the two organisations. The ceremony was hosted by ICDM, with YBhg. Tan Sri Zarinah Binti Anwar, Chairman of ICDM and an ICM member, representing ICDM. ICM President YABhg. Tun Arifin Bin Zakaria signed on behalf of ICM, witnessed by members from both organisations. ICDM CEO Michele Kythe Lim witnessed for ICDM, while ICM Treasurer, Mary-Ann Ooi Suan Kim witnessed for ICM.

This significant gesture symbolises the unity of both organisations and marks the beginning of a new era of cooperation and mutual progress. ICM Treasurer, Mary-Ann Ooi Suan Kim and ICM Asst. Secretary, Leng Wie Mun attended the event, together with other ICM members.



SUNWAY UNIVERSITY

ICM marked the end of 2023 with a Memorandum of Understanding signing with Sunway University on 15 December 2023. The event began with a powerful Welcome Address by Professor Sibrandes Poppema, followed by a welcome from Professor Lynette Chua, President of ALSA 2023.

Deputy President, YA Dato' Mary Lim Thiam Suan then delivered an eloquent Opening Keynote Address on the theme of Law, Life and Sustainability. Her remarks set a thoughtful tone for the official launch of the Asian Law and Society Association Meeting 2023. The ceremony concluded with the MOU signing between ICM and Sunway University.



The event attracted international delegates and participants from around the world, all renowned experts in sustainability and biodiversity. For ICM, the MOU was signed by ICM Treasurer Mary-Ann Ooi Suan Kim, with ICM Assistant Secretary Leng Wie Mun as witness. Deputy President YA Dato' Mary Lim, Vice President YA Datuk Seri Mohd Firuz Bin Jaffril, and Vice President YA Dato' Hajah Aliza Binti Sulaiman collectively witnessed the signing. Sunway University was represented by President Professor Sibrandes Poppema, witnessed by Provost Professor Abhimanyu Veerakumarasivam.

ADVANCE TERTIARY COLLEGE

On 9 January 2020, as Malaysia ushered in Wawasan 2020, Advanced Tertiary College held its graduation ceremony for approximately 300 students of the Class of 2018 and 2019 at the Plenary Hall, Kuala Lumpur International Convention Centre. The ceremony was distinguished by a special feature: the invitation of Exco members of the Inns of Court Malaysia to grace the occasion and witness the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding between ATC and ICM. Present for the signing were ICM President YABhg. Tun Arifin Bin Zakaria, Vice Presidents Dato' Mah Weng Kwai and Dato' Professor Johan Shamsuddin Bin Sabaruddin Othman, along with many other Exco members and members.

The collaboration theme between ICM and ATC was "Steering The Future of Legal Education". This inspirational theme was created to strengthen, promote, and develop academic and research cooperation, training, and cultural exchange between both parties on the basis of equality and mutual benefits, reflecting the objectives of both organisations.



UNIVERSITI KEBANGSAAN MALAYSIA

On 4 December 2018, the Memorandum of Understanding signing ceremony between Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia and the Inns of Court Malaysia took place at the Senate Room. Prof. Dato' Dr Nor Ghani Bin Md. Nor, Pro Vice-Chancellor of UKM, delivered a welcoming speech.

He expressed honour that UKM's Faculty of Law was collaborating with ICM, a distinguished society of judges, lawyers, and legal academics. He noted that UKM's vision is to become a world-recognised research university, and this partnership would provide a platform to network with ICM's resourceful members.



The collaboration would create opportunities for events, training, and programmes aimed at professional legal excellence. It aligns with UKM's aspiration to build strong industry networks and foster local and international community relations.

UNIVERSITI SULTAN ZAINAL ABIDIN

On 9 April 2018, a momentous occasion unfolded at the Banquet Hall of the Attorney General's Chambers in Putrajaya. The Inns of Court Malaysia, represented by its President, YABhg. Tun Arifin Bin Zakaria, former Chief Justice of Malaysia, formally signed a Memorandum of Agreement with Universiti Sultan Zainal Abidin. Signing on behalf of the university was its Vice Chancellor, Professor Dato' Dr Ahmad Zubaidi Bin Abd Latif.

The proceedings were graced by the presence of two of the most senior figures in the Malaysian judiciary and legal administration. The Honourable President of the Court of Appeal and the Attorney General of Malaysia both served as witnesses to the signing, underscoring the significance of this collaboration. Their presence reflected the broad institutional support for bridging legal practice and legal education.



INTERNATIONAL ISLAMIC UNIVERSITY MALAYSIA



On 12 December 2017, a significant step was taken in strengthening the ties between legal education and professional practice. The Inns of Court Malaysia formalised a Memorandum of Understanding with the International Islamic University Malaysia in a ceremony held at the Banquet Hall of the Palace of Justice in Putrajaya.

The signing marked the beginning of a collaborative journey aimed at enhancing legal scholarship, professional development, and mutual exchange between the two institutions. IIUM, renowned for its integration of Islamic and common law traditions, found a natural partner in ICM, a body that unites judges, legal officers, practitioners, and academics under a shared commitment to legal excellence.

The ceremony was held in the dignified surroundings of the Palace of Justice, a venue that symbolises the highest ideals of the Malaysian judiciary. Representatives from both institutions gathered to witness this historic occasion, reflecting a collective vision of nurturing future generations of legally trained professionals.



UOW MALAYSIA KDU COLLEGE

On 12 December 2017, the Grand Ballroom of the Palace of Justice in Putrajaya hosted a historic signing ceremony between KDU Law School and the Inns of Court Malaysia. This marked KDU's first and only official collaboration with ICM, a distinguished professional body comprising judges, judicial officers, lawyers, and legal academics.

KDU was represented by its Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academic), Associate Professor Dr Hon Wei Min, while ICM was represented by its President, YABhg. Tun Arifin Bin Zakaria. The ceremony was witnessed by Deputy President YAA Tun Md Raus Bin Sharif, who was also Chief Justice of Malaysia, along with ICM Treasurer S. Nantha Balan, ICM Secretary Mary-Ann Ooi Suan Kim, and Head of KDU Law School, Evon Lim Ee Teng.



**A CHRONICLE OF
EXCELLENCE:
CELEBRATING ICM
EVENTS THROUGH
THE DECADE**

2016/2017

“The legacy starts here”

THE INAUGURAL DINING OF THE INNS OF COURT MALAYSIA

On 18 May 2017, the Inns of Court Malaysia held its inaugural dinner at Royale Chulan Kuala Lumpur. The occasion marked an important moment in the Malaysian legal calendar, honouring the retirement of YAA Tun Arifin bin Zakaria as Chief Justice of Malaysia, as well as the elevation of YAA Tun Dato' Seri Md Raus Bin Sharif as Chief Justice of Malaysia, YAA Tan Sri Dato' Seri Zulkefli Bin Ahmad Makinudin as President of the Court of Appeal, and YAA Tan Sri Dato' Sri Ahmad Bin Haji Maarop as CJM.



The evening was graced by distinguished members of the legal fraternity, including judges, judicial officers, legal practitioners, academicians, law students, representatives of the Bar, the British High Commission, the British Council, and deans of Malaysian law faculties.

Inspired by the dining traditions of the Inns of Court in England, the dinner featured long-table seating in an elegant setting. Each table was named after a Malaysian state and thoughtfully arranged to bring together guests from different backgrounds, seniority and areas of practice. This created a warm and inclusive atmosphere for conversation, mentorship and fellowship. The inaugural dinner was a meaningful celebration of leadership, tradition and collegiality, setting the tone for ICM's continuing role in uniting the legal community.



2017/2018

*“The journey was no
longer about starting,
it was about thriving”*

ICM 2017 YEAR-END GATHERING

The ICM 2017 Year-End Gathering was held on 12 December 2017 at the Banquet Hall, Palace of Justice, Putrajaya. The event brought together over 200 members of the Malaysian legal fraternity, including judges, judicial officers, legal practitioners, academics, and law students, in celebration of the achievements and milestones attained throughout the year. As a professional membership body committed to promoting legal excellence and fostering collegiality within the legal profession, ICM utilised the gathering as a platform to strengthen professional networks and encourage meaningful engagement among its members.

A key highlight of the event was the commemoration of the MOU signed between ICM and the International Islamic University Malaysia, as well as between ICM and KDU University College.

These collaborations reflected ICM's commitment to supporting legal education, mentoring future legal professionals, and strengthening ties between academia and the legal industry.

The gathering also featured the unveiling of exclusive benefits for ICM members, further reinforcing the organisation's vision of serving as “a home for the whole spectrum of law professionals” while advancing professional development within the Malaysian legal community.



MALAYSIAN CORPORATE COUNSEL ASSOCIATION (MCCA) INAUGURAL CONFERENCE 2018

The Malaysian Corporate Counsel Association (MCCA) Inaugural Conference 2018 was held on 10–11 April 2018 at the Inter Continental Kuala Lumpur with the support of the ICM. The conference brought together corporate counsel, legal practitioners, and industry leaders to discuss emerging challenges and opportunities within the evolving legal landscape.

The event was officiated by Thavakumar Kandiahpillai, President of MCCA, and featured a keynote address by YABhg. Tun Arifin Bin Zakaria, President of ICM and former Chief Justice of Malaysia, titled “The Development of the Legal Arena: Where We Are Today; What's Coming Tomorrow.”

YABhg. Tun Arifin Bin Zakaria also shared insights on judicial reforms, technological advancements in the courts, and the importance of strengthening collaboration between the judiciary, legal practitioners, and corporate counsel.

Held under the theme “Spotting and Overcoming Disruptive Trends in the Legal Landscape,” the conference featured discussions on fintech, Islamic finance, data protection, competition law, corporate restructuring, and alternative dispute resolution.

The session indeed provided participants with valuable knowledge and practical perspectives on contemporary legal developments.



ICM INAUGURAL LEGAL EDUCATION SERIES

On 29 March 2018, the Inns of Court Malaysia hosted its inaugural Legal Education Series #1 at the Kompleks Mahkamah Kuala Lumpur. Organised by YA Tuan S. Nantha Balan, the event drew over 400 participants.



The evening session featured speakers from the Bench: Court of Appeal Judges YA Dato' Mary Lim Thiam Suan and YA Datuk Harmindar Singh, alongside High Court Judge YA Tuan Azizul Azmi Bin Adnan, with YA Tuan Nantha Balan as moderator. Topics included effective case management, civil and criminal appellate advocacy.

Chief Justice of Malaysia YAA Tun Dato' Seri Md. Raus Bin Sharif graced the occasion alongside ICM President YABhg. Tun Arifin Zakaria and Honorary Advisor YABhg. Tun Zaki Bin Tun Azmi. The event aimed to enhance advocacy skills among young practitioners. Sessions were interactive, offering practical guidance on trial and appeal conduct. The Chief Justice delivered an inspiring closing address.



ICM received resounding positive feedback and remains committed to recreating the Inns experience of legal education, Malaysian style.



ICM INAUGURAL GOLF TOURNAMENT 2018

The inaugural Inns of Court Malaysia (ICM) Golf Tournament was held on 13 January 2018 at the Nilai Springs Golf & Country Club, Negeri Sembilan. As one of ICM's earliest flagship events, the tournament was organised with the dual objective of raising funds for the newly established organisation and fostering closer relationships among members of the judiciary, legal profession, civil service, business community, and academia.

The event attracted an impressive participation of 128 golfers, including the Chief Justices of Malaysia and Indonesia, members of the judiciary, legal practitioners, senior civil servants, and distinguished guests. Their presence reflected ICM's commitment to promoting fellowship, professional networking, and meaningful engagement across different sectors of society. The strong support received from individuals and corporate sponsors, who collectively sponsored all 18 holes of the tournament, contributed significantly to the success of the event and demonstrated confidence in ICM's mission and objectives.



The occasion was further enhanced by welcoming remarks from Tan Sri Dato' Seri Abdull Hamid Bin Embong, Chairman of the ICM Golf and Sports Subcommittee, followed by a presidential address delivered by YABhg. Tun Arifin Bin Zakaria. Beyond the competition, participants enjoyed opportunities for networking and camaraderie, culminating in a luncheon accompanied by live musical performances.

2018/2019

*“In the face of uncertainty,
determination found its voice”*

ICM LEGAL EDUCATION SERIES 2

The Inns of Court Malaysia held the second session of its Legal Education Series titled 'On Trial and Appellate Advocacy: Perspectives from the Bench and Bar' at the Dato' Teo Hang Sam Auditorium, KDU University College, Shah Alam.



Moderated by YA S. Nantha Balan, the event featured three eminent speakers: YA Dato' Mary Lim Thiam Suan (Court of Appeal), YA Datuk Vazeer Alam Bin Mydin Meera (High Court), and Hisyam Teh Poh Teik, a senior criminal law advocate. The evening was graced by the then Chief Judge of Malaya, YAA Tan Sri Dato' Sri Ahmad Bin Haji Maarop.

YA Datuk Vazeer Bin Alam Mydin Meera spoke on civil trial advocacy, emphasising concise pleadings and effective case management. YA Dato' Mary Lim Thiam Suan addressed civil appellate advocacy, sharing practical dos and don'ts. Hisyam Teh delivered a powerful session on criminal trials and appeals, stressing uncompromised client representation and thorough preparation.

CRIMINAL & CIVIL TRIAL ADVOCACY

Good advocacy lies at the heart of effective legal practice. YA Tuan S. Nantha Balan, as moderator, set the tone by emphasising its importance. The lecture was attended by law students, ICM members, and members of the Bar, alongside distinguished dignitaries including retired Chief Justice, YABhg. Tun Arifin Bin Zakaria and several retired judges.

YA Datuk Vazeer Alam Bin Mydin Meera defined advocacy as the art of skilful persuasion through clear, ethical communication. He stressed that trial advocacy is best learned through practical immersion. He recommended Ian Morley QC's book *The Devil's Advocate* as a concise guide for sharpening advocacy skills.



CRIMINAL & CIVIL TRIAL ADVOCACY



His Lordship shared a memorable experience from 1987, defending Private Adam Jaafar in the “Adam Rambo” case, where he successfully pleaded unsoundness of mind. He highlighted the importance of mastering facts and evidence.



YA Datuk Vazeer Alam Bin Mydin Meera reminded practitioners of the 7 Ps: Proper Planning and Preparation Prevents Piss Poor Performance. He urged advocates to plan their case in reverse, always aiming to assist the judge. Finally, he emphasised courtesy and decorum towards judges, opponents, and witnesses as non-negotiable virtues. The key to improvement remains constant practice.



ICM LEGAL EDUCATION SERIES #4

On a Wednesday evening, 20 February 2019, University of Malaya, Law Faculty hosted the fourth series of the Inns of Court Malaysia Legal Education Series. Held at the Tun Mohd Suffian Auditorium, the event brought together legal minds eager to learn and connect.



The highlight of the night was a casual yet enlightening talk by retired Court of Appeal Judge YBhg. Dato' Selenthiranathan. He began with a light-hearted reminder about the correct reference to "High Court in Malaya" rather than "of Malaya." He then shared stories from his distinguished career, including how he deliberately sought greater challenges by moving from a quiet court to a bustling one. He also recounted memorable moments attending events with the Sultan. His journey inspired all present.



CHANCELLOR TUANKU MUHRIZ LECTURE 2018 & ABERYSTWYTH UNIVERSITY VISIT TO UKM

On 3 December 2018, Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia, in collaboration with Aberystwyth University and with the support of the Inns of Court Malaysia, held the 3rd Chancellor Tuanku Muhriz Lecture at UKM. The event was graced by His Royal Highness Tuanku Muhriz bin Almarhum Tuanku Munawir, Chancellor of UKM, and Her Royal Highness Tuanku Aishah Rohani binti Almarhum Tengku Besar Mahmud. Also present was The Right Honourable Lord Thomas of Cwmgiedd, Chancellor of Aberystwyth University, along with the Chief Justice of Malaysia, members of the Bench and Bar, ICM members, and students.

Lord Thomas delivered a lecture titled “Whither the Rule of Law?” He clarified that the inquiry concerned the present state of the rule of law, not its degradation. He emphasised that nations with an independent judiciary have withstood great turbulence. He cited recent examples, including Brexit, where the UK Supreme Court ruled that government could not initiate withdrawal without Parliament’s consent, and a gag order case where a parliamentarian inappropriately revealed identities. Lord Thomas stressed that all three branches of government must cooperate to uphold the rule of law.



ICM INTER-UNIVERSITIES' STUDENT DINING 2018

On 5 December 2018, the Inns of Court Malaysia partnered with the International Islamic University Malaysia to host an Inter-University Student Dining event at the Persatuan Alumni Universiti Malaya Clubhouse in Kuala Lumpur. The gathering aimed to immerse law students from UIAM, UM, UKM, KDU, UniSZA, USIM, and the University of Law in meaningful engagement with legal professionals. Deans, academics, and student representatives attended.



ICM INTER-UNIVERSITIES' STUDENT DINING 2018

The evening was graced by distinguished figures including former Chief Justices YABhg. Tun Zaki Bin Tun Azmi, Tun Arifin Bin Zakaria, Tun Md Raus Bin Sharif, and Tun Michael Chen Wing Sum, as well as retired Presidents of the Senate. ICM President YABhg. Tun Arifin Bin Zakaria delivered a welcoming speech, highlighting ICM's success in 2018, particularly the Legal Education Series and the Marshalling Programme led by YA Dato' Mary Lim. He encouraged students to join ICM and network with peers and professionals.

After dinner, YABhg. Tun Zaki Bin Tun Azmi spoke on "The Future of Judicial Systems: DIFC Courts and Malaysia's New Commercial Courts," comparing both systems and applauding Malaysia's progress. The night ended with a lively lucky draw and a display of the latest Audi Q3.



2019/2020

*“Challenges tested resolve,
perseverance revealed purpose”*

INTRODUCTION TO THE ICM INNSBULLETIN

The inaugural ICM InnsBulletin, published in collaboration with CLJ, was officially launched on 26 April 2019, following ICM's 3rd Annual General Meeting at the University of Malaya. The launch marked a meaningful step in strengthening ICM's intellectual and professional engagement with its members, providing a platform for the exchange of ideas, legal reflections, and contributions from members of the legal fraternity.



As the legal profession continued to adapt to changing times, ICM sought to carry this initiative forward through the development of the E-InnsBulletin. In line with the demands of the new norm, the electronic bulletin was envisioned as a more accessible and participatory platform, encouraging members to contribute articles for publication and circulation.

However, due to the Movement Control Order and the ongoing effects of the pandemic, ICM's physical activities had to be placed on hold. Despite these challenges, ICM remained committed to staying connected with its members and successfully organised two online events in 2021 through various digital platforms.

Moving forward, ICM continues to explore meaningful collaborations with organisations and professional bodies. These efforts are directed towards supporting members' professional growth, enhancing their skills and knowledge, expanding career opportunities, and building new networks for legal excellence in line with the evolving realities of the legal profession.



2020/2021

*“Halfway through the journey,
the destination felt closer
yet further away; but with hope,
anything is possible”*

TALK ON 'LIFE AFTER UNIVERSITY' WITH UiTM LAW STUDENTS

On 11 February 2021, the Inns of Court Malaysia, in collaboration with Messrs Zul Rafique & Partners, organised an engaging webinar titled “Life After University” for final-year UiTM law students and other aspiring members of the legal fraternity. Held virtually via Microsoft Teams, the session was attended by close to 90 students on average, with peak attendance exceeding 100 participants.

The webinar was delivered by Amylia Soraya Binti Aminuddin, Partner in the Knowledge Management Department of Messrs Zul Rafique & Partners, and moderated by Idza Hajar Binti Ahmad Idzam, Partner of the firm and ICM Secretary.



Structured as a two-hour sharing session, the webinar offered practical and meaningful guidance on the transition from university to professional life. It explored various career pathways available to law graduates, including legal practice, in-house counsel roles, academia, and government service. The session also introduced students to the structure of law firms, differences between small, mid-sized and large firms, and the range of practice areas within the profession. Beyond career options, Amylia Soraya Binti Aminuddin also shared practical advice on personal branding, resume and cover letter preparation, and interview etiquette. The session concluded with a discussion debunking common myths about working in law firms, making it a fruitful and insightful experience for students preparing to enter the legal profession.



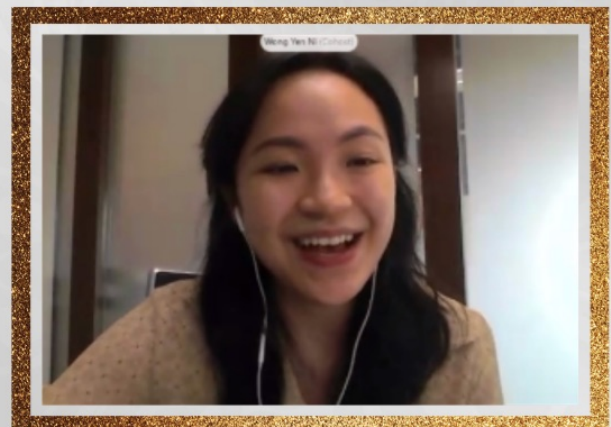
TALK ON 'LIFE AFTER UNIVERSITY' WITH UITM LAW STUDENTS

In conjunction with International Women's Day 2021, the Inns of Court Malaysia collaborated with Messrs Zul Rafique & Partners to host a meaningful panel discussion on issues affecting women in the legal profession. The forum was held on 10 March 2021 via Cisco Webex and was attended by over 110 participants.



The session featured an esteemed panel comprising women practitioners from various areas of practice, including Idza Hajar Binti Ahmad Idzam, Partner at Zul Rafique & Partners and ICM Secretary, Mary-Ann Ooi Suan Kim, Managing Partner of Messrs OS Kim & Associates and ICM Treasurer, Farah Shuhadah Binti Razali, Partner at Zul Rafique & Partners; and Lee Yee Fern, Legal Associate at Zul Rafique & Partners. The session was moderated by Wong Yen Ni, Legal Associate at Zul Rafique & Partners.

Centred on the experiences, challenges and reflections of women in law, the discussion explored the panellists' career journeys, their early motivations to pursue the legal profession, and the differences between corporate practice and litigation. The panelists also reflected on the evolving role of female practitioners, including perceptions of women in leadership, unconscious bias, and the realities of navigating a demanding profession.



The forum further addressed workplace stress, burnout, and the importance of rest, resilience and support systems. Through candid sharing and practical advice, the panellists encouraged young lawyers to remain curious, disciplined and patient in building their careers.

2021/2022

*“Growth is often invisible,
until one looks back”*

THE LAUNCH OF ICM'S INAUGURAL EXPERT SERIES

On 17 December 2021, the Inns of Court Malaysia marked another milestone with the launch of its inaugural ICM Expert Series, an initiative designed to provide a platform for meaningful discussion on pressing legal issues across jurisdictions. The series was conceived to bring together leading voices and subject-matter experts to examine contemporary legal developments from both local and international perspectives.

The first instalment, titled “Coming Out of COVID: The US Justice System, Prosecutors, Public Defenders, Terrorism & Money Laundering”, explored a wide range of issues arising in the post-pandemic legal landscape. The webinar featured an impressive line-up of speakers, including Aaron Lucoff, Resident Legal Advisor of OPDAT, United States Department of Justice, and a member of ICM, who provided insights from the United States and international perspective.

The Malaysian perspective was presented by DCP Normah Ishak, Principal Assistant Director of the Bukit Aman Special Branch Counter Terrorism Division E8, who shared her expertise on issues relating to terrorism and enforcement. Attended by over 200 participants, including members of the Judiciary, Attorney General’s Chambers, legal practitioners, in-house counsel and academics, the webinar was a strong and timely beginning to the Expert Series, reflecting ICM’s commitment to legal excellence, dialogue and cross-border learning.



ICM LEGAL EDUCATION SERIES #7

On 30 July 2021, ICM has organised its flagship Legal Education Series 7, titled “Effective Online Application Hearings, Trial and Appellate Advocacy – Perspectives from the Bench”. Held via Zoom, the session offered members of the legal fraternity a rare opportunity to gain practical insights on online advocacy from eminent members of the Malaysian Judiciary.

The distinguished panel comprised YA Dato’ Lee Swee Seng, YA Datuk S. Nantha Balan, YA Datuk Seri Mohd Firuz Bin Jaffril, and YA Dato’ Lim Chong Fong. The session was led by YBhg. Dato’ Mah Weng Kwai as Lead Moderator, together with YA Datuk Vazeer Alam Bin Mydin Meera as Moderator. The event was also graced by the presence of senior members of the Judiciary, including the Chief Justice of Malaysia, YAA Tun Tengku Maimun Binti Tuan Mat, honourable judges, judicial officers, members of the Attorney General’s Chambers, members of the Bar, in-house counsel, corporate leaders, and law students.



The presentations covered key areas such as online trial preparation, post-trial submissions, interlocutory applications, written advocacy and appellate advocacy. Their Lordships emphasised the importance of preparation, clarity, brevity, courtroom etiquette, effective written submissions, and the need to focus swiftly on the real issues before the court.

The session concluded with an engaging Q&A segment, allowing participants to seek guidance directly from the Bench. It was a highly enriching and timely discussion on advocacy in the evolving digital legal landscape.

ICM LEGAL EDUCATION SERIES #8

On 18 March 2022, the Inns of Court Malaysia organised its flagship Legal Education Series 8, titled “Effective Criminal Trial and Appellate Advocacy - Perspectives from the Bench”. Held via Zoom, the session was designed to provide practical and realistic insights into criminal advocacy at both trial and appellate stages, as seen from the perspective of the Bench.

The session featured YA Datuk Harmindar Singh Dhaliwal and YA Datuk Noorin Binti Badaruddin as distinguished speakers, with YA Datuk Seri Mohd Firuz Bin Jaffril serving as moderator. The event was attended by almost 850 participants, comprising judges of the Federal Court, Court of Appeal and High Court, Judicial Commissioners, judicial and legal service officers, members of the Bar, corporate counsel, government officials, academicians and law students.

The event commenced with a welcome address by ICM President, YABhg. Tun Arifin Bin Zakaria, who highlighted the importance of effective criminal advocacy in safeguarding both the rights of accused persons and the broader public interest. The session concluded with an engaging Q&A segment and a photography session, marking a fruitful evening of wisdom, reflection and professional learning.

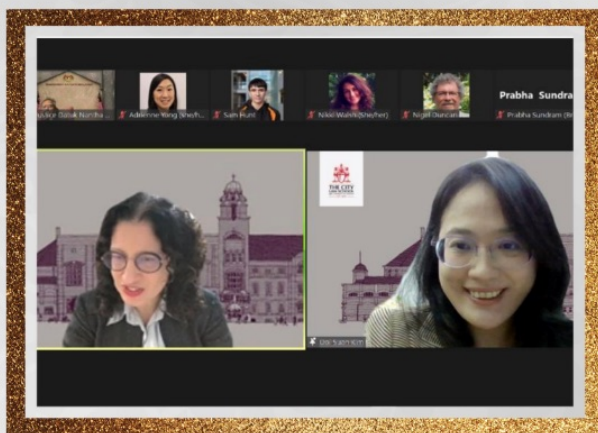


A JOURNEY THROUGH THE CITY LAW SCHOOL TO THE BAR



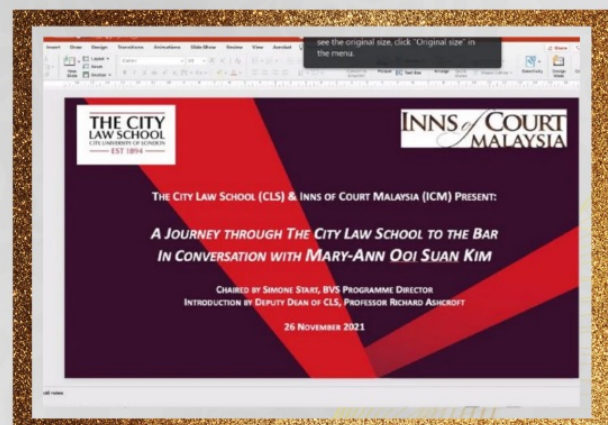
On 26 November 2021, the Inns of Court Malaysia collaborated with The City Law School to host a webinar titled “*A Journey through the City Law School to the Bar: In Conversation with Hon. Treasurer Ms Ooi Suan Kim.*” Held via Zoom, the session offered participants an insightful and personal account of the pathway to the Bar, particularly for those considering or currently undertaking Bar training in the United Kingdom.

Mary-Ann Ooi Suan Kim shared her journey through UK Bar training, her admission to the Malaysian Bar, and her subsequent experiences as a legal practitioner in Malaysia. The session was especially meaningful for Malaysian UK Bar students, prospective Bar students, parents exploring the UK Bar route for their children, and ICM members with children currently pursuing Bar studies.



The webinar featured Mary-Ann Ooi Suan Kim, ICM Treasurer, together with Simone Start, Programme Director of the Bar Vocational Studies at The City Law School. Drawing from her own experience as a former student of The City Law School, formerly known as the Inns of Court School of Law.

Through a candid and engaging conversation, the webinar provided practical guidance on expectations, challenges and opportunities along the path to qualification. More than an information session, the event served as a bridge between legal education and professional practice, offering encouragement and clarity to those preparing to embark on their own journey towards the Bar.

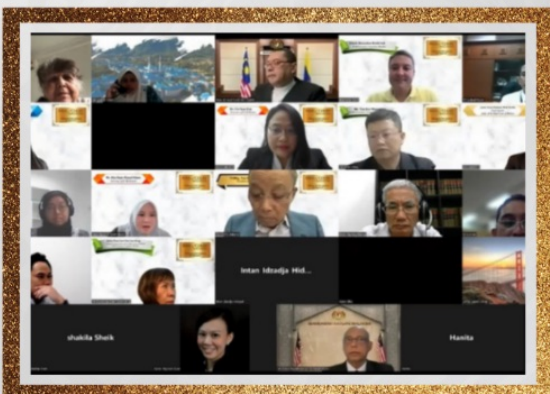


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*“The law taught precision;
the journey taught perseverance”*

ICM LEGAL EDUCATION SERIES 9

On 22 July 2022, ICM organised its flagship Legal Education Series 9, titled “*Judicial Management and Corporate Rescue*”. Held virtually via Zoom, the session brought together an impressive panel of moderators and speakers to discuss key developments and practical issues in corporate rescue and insolvency law. The session was led by YA Dato’ Hajah Aliza Bin Sulaiman as Lead Moderator, with YA Dato’ Ahmad Fairuz Bin Zainol Abidin serving as Moderator. The distinguished speakers were YA Tuan Nadzarin Bin Wok Nordin, Lee Shih, and Norhaslinda Binti Salleh.



The discussion explored several important themes, including the strengths and weaknesses of winding up and judicial management, practical do’s and don’ts, and useful guidance for practitioners involved in corporate rescue matters. The speakers also addressed the delicate balance between the rights of creditors and the interests of financially distressed companies, while considering the wider impact on debtors, shareholders, directors and the public at large.

The webinar attracted over 1,000 participants, comprising members of the Judiciary, the Attorney General’s Chambers, legal practitioners, in-house counsel and academics. ICM was also pleased to collaborate with Thomson Reuters, CLJ Malaysia and Lexis Analytics, which supported the event by offering free trials and discounted legal publications.

The session was both timely and insightful, reaffirming ICM’s commitment to promoting legal education and professional discourse on areas of growing importance to the legal community.

FORMATION OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE ON LAW SCHOOLS ENGAGEMENT

In 2022, the Inns of Court Malaysia formed the Subcommittee on Law Schools Engagement, chaired by YA Dato' Hajah Aliza Bin Sulaiman and co-chaired by YA Datuk Seri Mohd Firuz Bin Jaffril. The Subcommittee met three times throughout the year, with judicial members including YA Dr Shahnaz Binti Sulaiman and YA Dr Arik Sanusi Bin Yeop Johari.



The Subcommittee was established to strengthen ICM's engagement with law faculties, particularly those with existing MOU with ICM. Through its network of talents and experts across various legal subject areas, ICM aims to support law schools in exposing students to the realities of legal practice, while enhancing their legal skills, emotional intelligence and awareness of career development pathways.

Beyond existing partnerships, the Subcommittee continues to explore further collaborations and MOUs with other law faculties. These efforts are directed towards greater cooperation, industrial collaboration, skills development and the broader pursuit of professional legal excellence. In doing so, the Subcommittee seeks to invigorate ICM's educational activities across Malaysia.

ICM's engagement also extends beyond national borders. In September 2022, academics from The City Law School, University of London visited ICM as part of their global engagement initiatives and to strengthen institutional ties. This was especially significant given that Malaysians form the largest cohort of international students in the school's Bar Vocational Studies programme.

A Digital Communications Subcommittee was also formed to assist ICM's Honorary Secretary and Honorary Treasurer, comprising student members including Nik Hajar Bin Nik Hisham, a final-year law student from IIUM, and other student volunteers.

CIVIL LAW E-CONFERENCE

On 1 and 2 July 2022, the Inns of Court Malaysia collaborated with the Selangor Bar to organise a two-day Civil Law E-Conference, held virtually via Zoom. The conference brought together members of the legal fraternity for a series of engaging sessions covering various areas of civil law practice.

The event commenced with an opening speech by YABhg. Tun Arifin Bin Zakaria, President of ICM, who set the tone for the conference by highlighting the importance of continuous legal education and professional development within the profession.

The e-Conference featured a distinguished line-up of speakers and moderators from ICM, including YA Dato' Mary Lim, YA Datuk S. Nantha Balan, YA Datuk Vazeer Alam Bin Mydin Meera, YA Dato' Sri Hasnah Binti Dato' Mohammed Hashim, YA Dato' Lee Swee Seng, YA Dato' Lim Chong Fong, YA Datuk Wong Kian Kheong, YA Dato' Faizah Binti Jamaludin, YA Tuan Nadzarin Bin Wok Nordin, and YBhg. Dato' Thavalingam Thavarajah.

Through its range of topics and experienced contributors, the conference provided participants with practical insights, current legal perspectives and valuable guidance on civil litigation and related areas of practice.

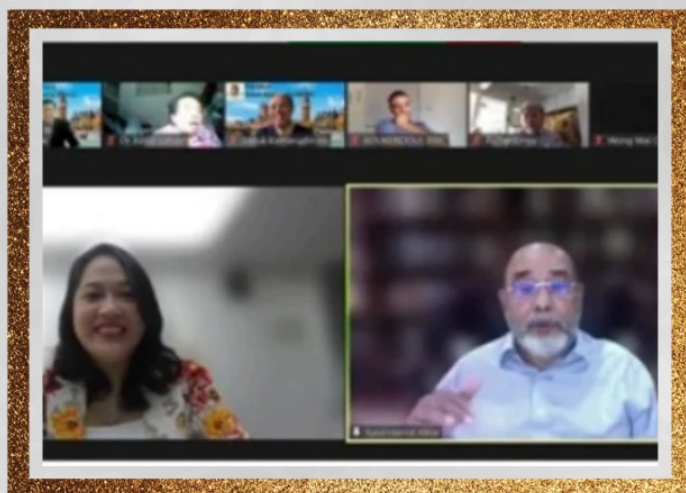


LIVE TO INSPIRE WITH TAN SRI SYED HAMID ALBAR



On 31 August 2022, ICM was pleased to be part of the “Live to Inspire” series organised by the British Graduates Association Malaysia. The session featured Tan Sri Syed Hamid Albar Bin Tan Sri Syed Jaafar Albar, a distinguished public figure and member of ICM, who shared reflections drawn from his extensive experience in public service, leadership and national affairs.

The session was moderated by Mary-Ann Ooi Suan Kim, ICM Treasurer, and ICM members were invited by the British Graduates Association Malaysia to attend on a complimentary basis. The event provided a valuable platform for members to engage with the life journey, perspectives and wisdom of one of Malaysia’s respected statesmen.



During the session, Tan Sri Syed Hamid Albar Bin Tan Sri Syed Jaafar Albar, reflected on a wide range of themes, spanning institutional, economic, political and socio-cultural dimensions. His sharing offered participants meaningful insights into Malaysia’s development, world affairs, leadership, governance and the broader responsibilities that come with public life.

More than a conversation on personal achievements, the session served as an inspiring reflection on service, resilience and the importance of contributing meaningfully to society. Through his experiences, Tan Sri Syed Hamid Albar Bin Tan Sri Syed Jaafar Albar encouraged participants to view leadership not merely as a position, but as a continuing commitment to nation-building and the public good.

LIVE TO INSPIRE WITH YABHG. TUN ZAKI BIN TUN AZMI



On 14 January 2023, ICM was pleased to be part of the “Live to Inspire” series organised by the British Graduates Association Malaysia, featuring YABhg. Tun Zaki Bin Tun Azmi as the distinguished speaker. YABhg. Tun Zaki Bin Tun Azmi, who also serves as the Honorary Advisor of ICM, shared his reflections and insights drawn from his vast experience in the Judiciary, legal profession and public service.

The session was moderated by Mary-Ann Ooi Suan Kim, ICM Treasure. ICM members were invited to attend the talk on a complimentary basis, making the session an accessible and meaningful opportunity for members to learn from one of Malaysia’s most respected legal figures.

Throughout the session, YABhg. Tun Zaki bin Tun Azmi spoke on a wide range of important and timely topics. These included the future of law faculties, possible career pathways for graduating law students, developments in higher education, technological advancement, the Judiciary, the administration of justice and the continuing importance of the rule of law.

YABhg. Tun Zaki Bin Tun Azmi also shared his experiences as Chief Justice of the Dubai International Financial Centre Courts, offering participants a valuable international perspective on judicial administration and legal development. The session was both inspiring and thought-provoking. It provided participants with a deeper appreciation of the evolving legal landscape, while encouraging future lawyers to remain adaptable, principled and committed to excellence in service of the law.



INTERNATIONAL DIRECTORS SUMMIT

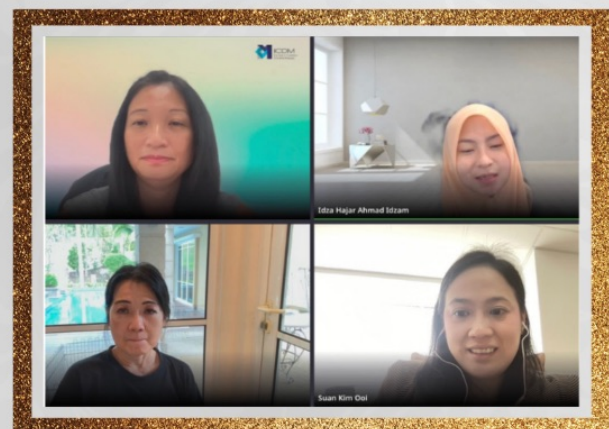
From 26 to 28 September 2022, the Inns of Court Malaysia served as a supporting organisation for the International Directors Summit, which was held online and brought together prominent speakers from across the world. The summit provided a platform for meaningful discussion on the latest developments, insights and best practices at board level, particularly in the areas of corporate leadership, governance and directorship.

The summit offered members an opportunity to gain exposure to global perspectives on boardroom responsibilities, institutional governance and the evolving expectations placed on directors in an increasingly complex corporate landscape.

ICM was represented at the online summit by its Honorary Secretary, Idza Hajar Ahmad Idzam, and Honorary Treasurer, Mary-Ann Ooi Suan Kim. Following the conclusion of the summit, YABhg. Tun Arifin Bin Zakaria, President of ICM, together with Mary-Ann Ooi Suan Kim, also attended the physical session held in connection with the event.

The summit also reflected the close ties between ICM and the wider corporate governance community.

The Institute of Corporate Directors Malaysia was chaired by YBhg. Tan Sri Zarinah Binti Anwar, with Michele Kythe Lim serving as its Chief Executive Officer, both of whom are life members of ICM.



ALSA MALAYSIA MEDIATION COMPETITION 2022

On 11 August 2022, the Inns of Court Malaysia supported the ALSA Malaysia Mediation Competition 2022 as a sponsor in kind. The competition provided a meaningful platform for law students to develop and demonstrate their skills in mediation, advocacy and alternative dispute resolution.

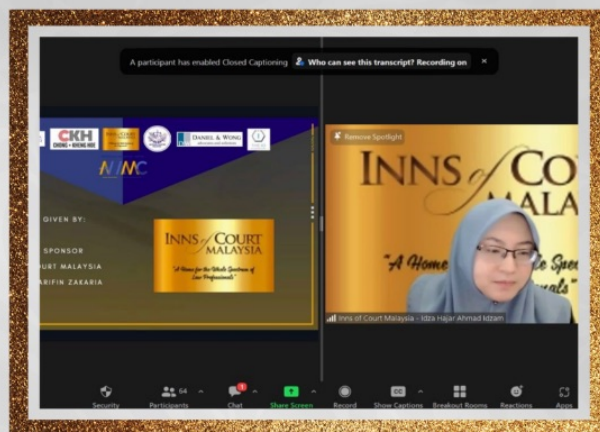
ICM has consistently supported student-led initiatives that contribute to the growth of future members of the legal profession.

Through competitions of this nature, students are given the opportunity to strengthen their analytical thinking, legal research, oral advocacy, procedural understanding and practical problem-solving skills.

The event also encouraged participants to appreciate the importance of mediation as an increasingly significant mode of dispute resolution within the legal landscape.

The competition was further enriched by the involvement of ICM members, many of whom generously volunteered their time and expertise as judges for the preliminary, quarter-final, semi-final and final rounds.

ICM was represented by its Honorary Secretary, Idza Hajar Binti Ahmad Idzam, who delivered the opening speech on behalf of the organisation. Her address set an encouraging tone for the competition and reaffirmed ICM's dedication to nurturing capable, confident and well-rounded future lawyers.



ICM's support for the ALSA Malaysia Mediation Competition 2022 reflected its broader mission of promoting legal excellence and meaningful engagement with law students across Malaysia.

ICM - THE JOURNEY: IIUM STUDENTS SESSION

On 4 November 2022, the Inns of Court Malaysia organised “ICM - The Journey”, an online engagement session with students from the International Islamic University Malaysia, held via Zoom. The session provided students with the opportunity to gain valuable insights into the different pathways available within the legal profession and to better understand the realities of legal practice.

The session featured YA Datuk Seri Mohd Firuz Bin Jaffril, who shared his reflections on possible career pathways in law. His Lordship’s sharing offered students a broader perspective on the many directions a legal education may lead to, whether in practice, judicial service, public service, corporate work or other areas connected to the law.



Following the main sharing session, students participated in an interactive Q&A session with ICM members and legal practitioners, namely Jamie Wong, Darren Lai, and Ng You Xian, a pupil in chambers. Through this segment, students were able to engage directly with practitioners at different stages of their legal careers and obtain practical insights into the expectations, challenges and demands of practice.

The discussion touched on the transition from law school to professional life, the skills required of young lawyers, and the resilience needed to navigate the profession. The session was both informative and encouraging, reflecting ICM’s commitment to engaging with law students and supporting the development of future members of the legal fraternity.

SLAM SPORTS LAW & ARBITRATION CONFERENCE



On 24 November 2022, ICM has supported the SLAM Sports Law & Arbitration Conference, held at Menara BAC. The conference brought together participants from diverse backgrounds, including athletes, former athletes, legal practitioners and sports law professionals from Malaysia and abroad.

As a supporting organisation, ICM members were entitled to a 20% discount to attend the event, allowing greater access to discussions on this growing and increasingly important area of law. The conference provided a timely platform for participants to examine pertinent issues within the sports law and arbitration landscape, including legal developments, dispute resolution mechanisms, governance and the protection of rights within the sporting industry.

ICM was represented at the conference by its Honorary Secretary, Idza Hajar Binti Ahmad Idzam, whose attendance reflected ICM's continuing support for specialised legal discourse and professional engagement beyond traditional areas of practice.

ICM's involvement in the conference demonstrated its commitment to encouraging members to explore emerging fields of law and to remain connected with developments across different sectors. By supporting platforms such as the SLAM Sports Law & Arbitration Conference, ICM continued to promote legal learning, professional networking and cross-disciplinary conversations that enrich the wider legal community.



UNISZA TALKS BY ICM MEMBERS

In 2022, the Inns of Court Malaysia continued its engagement with law students through a series of online talks organised for students of Universiti Sultan Zainal Abidin. These sessions formed part of ICM's broader commitment to supporting legal education, professional awareness and student development across Malaysian law faculties.



On 2 November 2022, Leng Wie Mun, ICM Executive Committee member, delivered an online talk to UnisZA students on “Legal Ethics and Professionalism.” The session provided students with an important introduction to the values, duties and standards expected of members of the legal profession. It also encouraged students to appreciate that legal practice is not only built upon technical knowledge, but also integrity, responsibility, discipline and respect for professional conduct.

Subsequently, on 14 December 2022, Idza Hajar Binti Ahmad Idzam, ICM Secretary, presented a talk on “Digital Transformation in the Legal Sector.” Held via Zoom, the session offered students valuable insights into how technology continues to shape legal practice, legal services and the future of the profession. By addressing ethics, professionalism and digital transformation, ICM helped bridge classroom learning with the practical realities of modern legal practice, reaffirming its role in nurturing professionally minded future lawyers.

ICM GRAND NIGHT 2022

On 1 December 2022, the Inns of Court Malaysia hosted the ICM Grand Night, a grand gala dinner held at the Grand Ballroom of The St. Regis Hotel, Kuala Lumpur. The evening was organised in honour of the Malaysian Judiciary, with YAA Tun Tengku Maimun Binti Tuan Mat, Chief Justice of Malaysia, as the distinguished guest of honour.

The gala dinner brought together an eminent gathering of guests from across the legal and professional community. Among those in attendance were YAA Tun Tengku Maimun Binti Tuan Mat, Chief Justice of Malaysia, YAA Tan Sri Abang Iskandar Bin Abang Hashim, His Excellency Charles Hay, British High Commissioner to Malaysia, judges of the Federal Court, Court of Appeal and High Court, retired judges, legal practitioners, corporate leaders, in-house counsel, academics and law students.



With over 600 dignitaries, guests and sponsors in attendance, the evening reflected the strong fellowship and mutual respect shared within the legal fraternity.

ADVANCED TERTIARY COLLEGE CONVOCAATION 2023



On 15 January 2023, YABhg. Tun Arifin Bin Zakaria, President of the Inns of Court Malaysia, officiated the ATC Convocation held at the Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre. The occasion was especially meaningful as it marked ATC's first physical convocation following the pandemic, bringing together graduates, families, academics and members of the legal community in a long-awaited celebration of achievement.

As the officiating guest, YABhg. Tun Arifin Bin Zakaria delivered the keynote address, offering words of wisdom, encouragement and reflection to the graduating students as they prepared to embark on the next stage of their legal journeys. His address underscored the importance of integrity, perseverance and commitment to excellence in the study and practice of law.



Following the address, YABhg. Tun Arifin Bin Zakaria presented scrolls to the top LL.B students who had achieved first-class honours and upper second-class honours, recognising their academic dedication and outstanding performance.

The event was coordinated by ICM member YBhg. Dato' Joshua Kevin, while ICM was also represented by its Honorary Treasurer, Mary-Ann Ooi Suan Kim, who attended as an invited guest.

ICM's participation in the convocation reflected its continuing support for legal education and its commitment to encouraging the next generation of law graduates as they step forward into the profession.

ICM LEGAL EXPERT SERIES #2

On 8 February 2023, the Inns of Court Malaysia held our Legal Expert Series 2, titled “Fact Finding and the Assessment of Evidence.” This event was especially significant as it marked ICM’s first physical educational talk series following the Covid-19 pandemic, symbolising a welcome return to in-person professional engagement. The event was organised in collaboration with 3 Verulam Buildings, London, and Cecil Abraham & Partners, and was supported by the Asian International Arbitration Centre. Held physically at AIAC, the session drew overwhelming interest from the legal community, leading ICM to increase the audience capacity from 100 to 200 participants.

The panel featured a distinguished line-up of speakers comprising YA Dato’ Mary Lim Thiam Suan, YA Puan Evrol Mariette Peters, and Hodge Malek KC, with YBhg. Tan Sri Dato’ Cecil Abraham serving as moderator.

The discussion explored important and practical issues surrounding the assessment of evidence, including the role of witness demeanour in fact finding, the treatment of evidence within inquisitorial and adversarial systems, and the particular challenges involved in assessing the demeanour of child witnesses. The panel also examined how appellate courts consider and weigh demeanour when reviewing findings of fact.

The event reaffirmed ICM’s commitment to creating high-quality platforms for legal learning, professional dialogue and the continued advancement of legal excellence.



UNIVERSITY OF READING SCHOOL OF LAW LEGAL EDUCATION TRIP

On 16 February 2023, ICM has supported the University of Reading Malaysia School of Law Legal Education Trip by curating a special tea-time talk held at the Asian International Arbitration Centre. The session, titled “The Future of the Legal Profession and Legal Professional Ethics”, provided law students with a valuable opportunity to engage directly with members of the Bench.

The talk featured a distinguished panel of ICM Judges, with YA Dato’ Mary Lim Thiam Suan as moderator, and YA Dato’ Hajah Aliza Binti Sulaiman, YA Dr Shahnaz Bin Sulaiman, and YA Tuan Atan Mustaffa Bin Yussof Ahmad as speakers.

During the session, the panel shared diverse and thought-provoking perspectives on the future direction of the legal profession. The discussion touched on emerging developments such as artificial intelligence, technology, evolving legal practice, and the increasingly interdisciplinary skills required of future lawyers.

The event was attended by ICM members, including University of Reading alumni such as Kee Hui Yee and Mak Hon Pan, together with students and faculty members from the UoRM. A particularly meaningful feature of the session was the close interaction between the ICM Judges and the students, with each Judge sharing judicial perspectives and personal experiences in small-group settings. This gave students rare and invaluable exposure to the Bench, making the session both memorable and enriching.



PHILLIP C. JESSUP INTERNATIONAL LAW MOOT COURT COMPETITION (NATIONAL LEVEL) 2023



From 3 to 5 March 2023, the Inns of Court Malaysia served as a supporting organisation for the Phillip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition (National Level), held at UKM. The competition was sponsored by Shearn Delamore & Co., with valuable support from the Office of the Chief Registrar and the Judiciary.



The event saw the active involvement of ICM Judges and members, many of whom generously contributed their time as judges across the various rounds of the competition. Among them were ICM Treasurer Mary-Ann Ooi Suan Kim, together with ICM practitioner members including Karen Ng, Charlaine Chin, and others.

The competition showcased the impressive advocacy skills of participating law students, who demonstrated strong command of international law, careful application of legal principles to the facts, and commendable ability to respond to questions from the Bench with poise, confidence and composure. The standard of advocacy reflected the dedication of the teams, as well as the growing strength of mooting culture among Malaysian law students.

The championship was won by Brickfields Asia College, while Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia went on to represent Malaysia in Washington D.C. in April 2023. UKM achieved notable success at the International Rounds, advancing into the Top 48 Knockout Rounds and receiving the Hardy C. Dillard Award and Alona E. Evans Award for outstanding memorial submissions.

ICM's support for the competition reaffirmed its commitment to nurturing advocacy, legal research and international legal excellence among future lawyers.

THE 3RD ANNUAL SPORTS ARBITRATION MOOTING COMPETITION



From 24 to 26 March 2023, the Inns of Court Malaysia served as a supporting organisation for the 3rd Annual Sports Arbitration Mooting Competition (SAMCO). The competition provided an important platform for law students to develop advocacy skills in the specialised and growing field of sports law and arbitration.

ICM was well represented throughout the event. Richard Wee, a member of ICM, delivered the opening speech, while YA Tuan Atan Mustaffa Bin Yussof Ahmad, ICM Judge, delivered the opening remarks.

Their contributions set an encouraging tone for the competition and reflected ICM's continued support for student advocacy and emerging areas of legal practice.

The competition also benefited from the participation of several ICM members who served as judges across the various rounds.

These included ICM Secretary Idza Hajar Binti Ahmad Idzam, ICM Treasurer Mary-Ann Ooi Suan Kim, and other members of the organisation. For the Grand Final Round, YA Tuan Anand Ponnudurai, ICM Judge, sat as a member of the judging panel, further elevating the occasion. The championship was won by UM, while UiTM emerged as the first runner-up.

ICM's support for SAMCO reaffirmed its commitment to nurturing young advocates, promoting specialised legal education and encouraging student engagement with contemporary areas of law.



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*“What once seemed impossible
became possible”*

ICM EXCLUSIVE AIDILFITRI GET TOGETHER EVENT AND KNOWLEDGE SHARING AND LEARNING EXCELLENCE SERIES



Held at Sasana Kijang, the gathering attracted honourable judges, ICM members, students, athletes, and ministry representatives. What followed was a robust and insightful discussion touching on the role of young Malaysians in sports, the Ministry's funding strategies, persistent industry challenges, and judicial perspectives on the adequacy of existing sports laws.

On 28 April 2023, ICM marked its Exclusive Aidilfitri Get Together with a panel session titled “The Future of Youth and Sports from a Ministerial Perspective.” The event was supported by the Asian International Arbitration Centre and the Sports Law Association. It also served as the inaugural Knowledge Sharing and Learning Excellence Series.

The panel brought together the Minister of Youth and Sports, YB Hannah Yeoh Tseow Suan, alongside ICM Panel Judges YA Datuk Seri Mohd Firuz Bin Jaffril and YA Tuan Anand Ponnudurai. Together, they explored the evolving landscape of youth and sports in Malaysia.



SUPPORTING ORGANISATION FOR THE CONSTRUCTION CLAIMS & ADR CONFERENCE SABAH & SARAWAK

ICM was pleased to serve as the supporting organisation for the distinguished Construction Claims and ADR Conference focusing on the regions of Sabah and Sarawak.

This notable event took place on 12 May 2023 at the RAIA Hotel and Convention Centre in Kuching, bringing together legal practitioners, dispute resolution specialists, and construction industry professionals.



As a token of appreciation for its members, ICM secured an exclusive benefit for those attending the conference. All ICM members were granted a preferential rate, receiving a generous 10 percent discount off the published price. This special arrangement reflected ICM's ongoing commitment to providing valuable learning opportunities while easing the financial considerations of professional development.

SUPPORTING ORGANISATION FOR THE INTERNATIONAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE YOUNG ARBITRATION AND ADR FORUM (ICC YAAF) PANEL SESSION

ICM proudly lent its support as the sponsoring organisation for an insightful panel session organised by the ICC Young Arbitrators and ADR Forum (YAAF). The session was titled “The Road Ahead for International Arbitration in Malaysia” and took place on 23 May 2023 at the Asian International Arbitration Centre, a venue widely regarded as a cornerstone of the country’s dispute resolution landscape.



The panel featured two distinguished voices closely associated with ICM. Its Deputy President, YA Dato’ Mary Lim Thiam Suan, shared the floor as a keynote speaker alongside another esteemed ICM member, Dato’ Sunil Abraham.

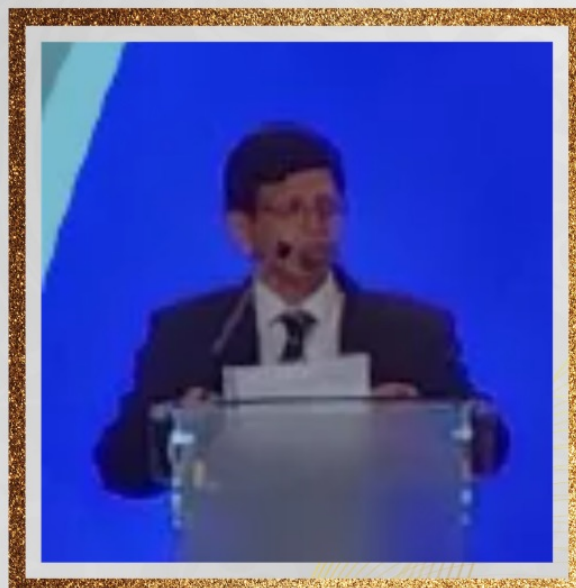


Together, they offered their perspectives on the evolving trajectory of international arbitration in Malaysia, addressing both emerging opportunities and persistent challenges.

LAUNCH OF 'STATUTORY INTERPRETATION IN MALAYSIA' BY THOMSON REUTERS AND SWEET & MAXWELL MALAYSIA

ICM received a distinguished invitation from Thomson Reuters and Sweet & Maxwell Malaysia to attend the launch of their notable publication, Statutory Interpretation in Malaysia. The event took place on 12 May 2023 at the Asian International Arbitration Centre, a premier venue for legal discourse in the region. Among the book's distinguished authors was YA Dato' Abu Bakar Bin Jais, whose contribution added significant weight to the work. The launch was officiated by The Chief Justice of Malaysia, YAA Tun Tengku Maimun Binti Tuan Mat, who also holds the esteemed position of Distinguished Life Member of ICM. Her presence lent great honour to the occasion.

ICM was well represented at the launch. Its Deputy President, YA Dato' Mary Lim Thiam Suan, attended alongside the ICM Treasurer, Mary-Ann Ooi Suan Kim, and Exco member Lavinia Kumaraendran. Other ICM members present included Haji Izhar Bin Ismail, Srimurugan Alagan, and S. Saravana Kumar, all of whom gathered to celebrate this significant scholarly achievement.



LAUNCH OF 'CONSTITUTIONAL PRINCIPLES AND INSTITUTIONS: TEXT, CASES & MATERIALS AND CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS: TEXT, CASES & MATERIALS' BY THOMSON REUTERS AND SWEET & MAXWELL MALAYSIA

ICM members were honoured to receive an invitation from Thomson Reuters and Sweet & Maxwell Malaysia to attend the launch of two significant legal publications: Constitutional Principles and Institutions: Text, Cases & Materials and Constitutional Rights: Text, Cases & Materials. The event was held on 29 May 2023 at the Asian International Arbitration Centre, a venue synonymous with legal excellence.

The book launch was officiated by a respected retired Federal Court Judge and ICM member, YBhg. Tan Sri Zainun Binti Ali. Her presence added a touch of distinction to the proceedings. The occasion also drew many Honourable Judges from the Federal Court, the Court of Appeal, and the High Court, reflecting the importance of the works being celebrated.



3RD TAN SRI HASHIM MEMORIAL LECTURE

The Third Tan Sri Harun M. Hashim Memorial Lecture was held on 17 May 2023 at the Ahmad Ibrahim Kulliyah of Laws, International Islamic University Malaysia. This lecture series stands as a tribute to a revered figure in Malaysia's legal heritage, and ICM was honoured to receive an invitation to attend.

Delivering the keynote address was The Chief Justice of Malaysia, YAA Tun Tengku Maimun Binti Tuan Mat. Her presence and insights lent immense distinction to the proceedings, drawing the attention of the entire legal community.



ICM was well represented by a distinguished group of attendees. Member Judges from ICM joined Exco members including Dato' Dhanaraj Vasudevan, Lavinia Kumaraendran, Wong Hin Loong, and Nik Azli Bin Abu Zahar. Practitioner members were also present, alongside the ICM Treasurer, Mary-Ann Ooi Suan Kim, and the head of ICM's Digital Subcommittee, Nik Hajar Binti Nik Hisham. Their collective participation underscored ICM's deep respect for legal scholarship and its commitment to honouring the legacy of Tan Sri Harun M. Hashim.

SUPPORTING ORGANISATION FOR THE ISLAMIC ARBITRATION CONFERENCE 2023



The occasion was graced by ICM's own Honorary Advisor, YABhg. Tun Zaki Bin Tun Azmi, who officiated the event with distinction.

His presence lent considerable weight and prestige to the proceedings, underscoring the importance of Islamic arbitration within Malaysia's broader legal framework.

ICM was proud to serve as the supporting organisation for the Islamic Arbitration Conference, a notable event that took place on 20 June 2023 at the Asian International Arbitration Centre.

This conference brought together legal minds and dispute resolution specialists to explore the intersection of Islamic principles and modern arbitration practices.



SUPPORTING ORGANISATION FOR CIPAA CONFERENCE 2023

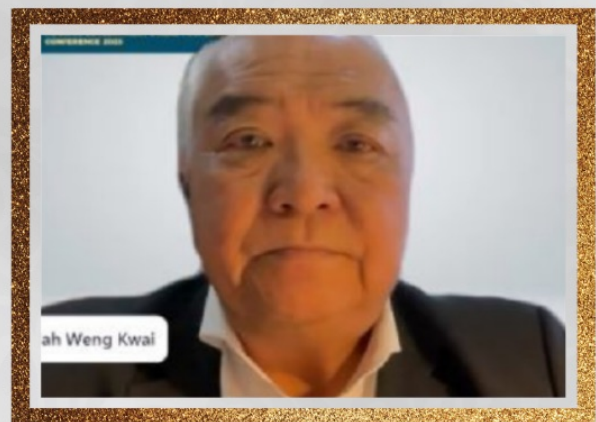
ICM was pleased to act as a supporting organisation for the CIPAA Conference 2023, a significant event dedicated to the Construction Industry Payment and Adjudication Act. The conference took place on 22 June 2023 at the Asian International Arbitration Centre, a well respected venue for legal discourse.



The official launch of the AIAC CIPAA Conference 2023 was graced by ICM's President, YABhg. Tun Arifin Bin Zakaria, whose leadership and vision set a distinguished tone for the proceedings. Several ICM leaders contributed their expertise as speakers or moderators throughout the conference sessions. These included ICM's Vice President, YA Dato' Hajah Aliza Binti Sulaiman, Exco member YA Tuan Nadzarin Bin Wok Nordin, and fellow ICM members YA Dato' Lee Swee Seng and YA Datuk Wong Kian Kheong. To conclude the event, ICM Deputy President YA Dato' Mary Lim Thiam Suan delivered the Closing Remarks. Her reflections captured the essence of the discussions and underscored ICM's ongoing commitment to advancing adjudication practice in Malaysia.

SUPPORTING ORGANISATION FOR THE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AND REAL PROPERTY CONFERENCE 2023

ICM was honoured to serve as the supporting organisation for the Housing Development and Real Property Conference 2023, an important event that examined key legal and practical issues affecting property development and real estate transactions in Malaysia. The conference took place on 23 June 2023



The conference featured several distinguished voices from within ICM. Esteemed Exco members Dato' Ricky Tan and ICM Assist. Secretary Leng Wie Mun shared their insights as speakers. Other ICM members also took the stage, including YBhg. Dato' Mah Weng Kwai, Aniz Ahmad Amirudin A/L Shahul Hameed, and Louise Jacqueline Azmi. Their collective expertise enriched the discussions and highlighted ICM's deep engagement with housing and property law.

COLLABORATION WITH UiTM FOR UiTM'S 3RD INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON LAW & SOCIETY 2023

ICM proudly collaborated with Universiti Teknologi MARA (UiTM) for the university's third International Conference on Law and Society. The event was held on 5 July 2023 at the UiTM Law Faculty in Shah Alam, bringing together legal scholars, practitioners, and students to explore contemporary legal challenges.



Delivering the Keynote Speech for the conference was ICM's Deputy President, YA Dato' Mary Lim Thiam Suan.

Her address set a thoughtful tone for the proceedings. Several distinguished ICM leaders also attended, including Vice President YA Datuk Seri Mohd Firuz Bin Jaffril, together with Exco member judges YA Datuk S. Nantha Balan, YA Dato' Lim Chong Fong, and YA Tuan Mohamed Zaini Bin Mazlan.



ICM'S MAIDEN BOOTH AT ATC LEGAL CAREER FAIR 2023



ICM marked a significant milestone by hosting its very first booth at the ATC Legal Career Fair 2023, an event designed to connect aspiring legal professionals with opportunities and organisations shaping the legal landscape.

The Career Fair took place on 8 July 2023 at the ATC KL Campus.

Delivering the Opening Address at the Career Fair was ICM's Deputy President, YA Dato' Mary Lim Thiam Suan. Her words inspired many young attendees.

Also present were the ICM Secretary, Idza Hajar Binti Ahmad Idzam, and ICM Assistant Secretary, Leng Wie Mun, who lent their support throughout the event.



The ICM booth was actively managed by the Head of ICM's Digital Communications Subcommittee, Nik Hajar Binti Nik Hisham, together with Hayatul Hafiza Binti Che Mat and Ulfaat Binti Abdul Washeff. They engaged warmly with students and legal practitioners, promoting awareness of ICM's existence, purpose, and the valuable role it plays within the legal community. Their efforts yielded a positive response, with a noticeable increase in membership applications received directly from the Career Fair.



UNISZA: TALK ON LAND FRAUD AND DEFAMATION

On 9 July 2023, ICM's Vice President, YA Datuk Seri Mohd Firuz Bin Jaffril, delivered an insightful and information packed talk to final year law students at UniSZA's Gong Badak campus in Kuala Terengganu. His lecture addressed two highly relevant and pressing legal topics: land fraud and defamation.

The students benefited greatly from his depth of knowledge and practical perspective.



Also present at the session were Exco member Professor Dato' Johan Shamsuddin Bin Dato' Haji Sabaruddin and ICM Secretary, Idza Hajar Binti Ahmad Idzam. Following the talk, YA Datuk Seri Mohd Firuz Bin Jaffril and Professor Dato' Dr Johan Shamsuddin Bin Dato' Haji Sabaruddin engaged in a productive discussion with faculty members regarding future and potential collaborations between ICM and UniSZA.

It is worth noting that UniSZA has been ICM's collaboration partner under a Memorandum of Understanding signed in 2018, a relationship that continues to bear fruit through meaningful academic and professional exchanges.



ICM AND COLGIS UUM 'STUDY VISIT TO KANGAR HIGH COURT'

ICM and COLGIS UUM jointly organised a Study Visit to the Kangar High Court in Perlis on 13 July 2023.

This valuable event was made possible through the dedicated efforts of the ICM Zon Utara Committee, chaired by Vice President YA Dato' Hajah Aliza Binti Sulaiman and led by Exco member YA Dr Arik Sanusi Bin Yeop Johari.

The study visit began with a delightful and informative presentation on the e-Courts system delivered by Deputy Registrar Norhanum Binti Hassan. This was followed by an insightful speech from YA Dr Arik Sanusi Bin Yeop Johari.



The programme then continued with a panel sharing session featuring Exco members Prof Dato Dr Johan Shamsuddin Bin Dato Haji Sabaruddin and YA Dr Arik Sanusi Bin Yeop Johari, together with ICM Secretary, Idza Hajar Binti Ahmad Idzam. The panel addressed the engaging topic "Expectation versus Reality: Arming Yourself for Legal Practice," offering practical guidance to aspiring legal professionals.

Special acknowledgment and thanks are extended to the Chief Registrar's Office for the excellent arrangements that made this study visit a success.

TALK BY PROFESSOR PIPPA ROGERSON ON PRIVATE INTERNATIONAL LAW IN ENGLAND POST BREXIT.



On 7 August 2023, ICM member Dr Paul Linus Andrews extended a warm invitation to fellow ICM members to attend a distinguished talk held at JC2, Level 1 of Sunway University. The event was part of the Jeffrey Cheah Distinguished Speaker Series, a platform known for bringing eminent voices to Malaysia.



Head of ICM's Digital Subcommittee, Nik Hajar Binti Nik Hisham, attended on behalf of the organisation. The featured speaker was Professor Pippa Rogerson, the former Director of Studies in Law at the University of Cambridge. She delivered an insightful and compelling lecture on the effects of Brexit on private international law rules in the United Kingdom.

Her analysis offered valuable perspectives for legal practitioners navigating cross border disputes in a post Brexit landscape.

SUPPORTING ORGANISATION FOR THE UNITED KINGDOM & EIRE MALAYSIAN LAW STUDENTS' UNION (KPUM)'S LAW CAREER CONVENTION.

ICM was pleased to serve as the supporting organisation for KPUM's Career event, held on 27 August 2023 at Brickfields Asia College. The Opening Keynote Address was delivered by Vice President YA Datuk Seri Mohd Firuz Bin Jaffril, setting an inspiring tone for the day.



The event featured several panel sessions covering a wide range of topics relevant to aspiring legal professionals.



ICM Secretary Idza Hajar Binti Ahmad Idzam participated as a panel member in a session titled "The Future of Legal Practice: Adapting to Changing Landscapes." Her insights offered practical guidance on navigating the evolving legal profession.

SUPPORTING ORGANISATION FOR THE LINCOLN'S INN LECTURE AND GRAND DINNER

ICM was honoured to serve as a supporting organisation for two back to back events featuring The Right Honourable Sir Geoffrey Vos, Master of the Rolls of England and Wales. These distinguished gatherings took place on 14 and 15 September 2023.

On 14 September, ICM supported the Honourable Society of Lincoln's Inn Alumni Association Malaysia in its Lecture Series. The Right Honourable Sir Geoffrey Vos, who also serves as Head of Civil Justice in England and Wales and Treasurer of Lincoln's Inn, spoke on the timely topic "Justice in the Digital Age." The lecture was held at the Majestic Hotel. Following his keynote, a lively fireside chat panel session took place, moderated by YA Puan Roz Mawar Binti Rozain, which proved to be a scintillating and insightful exchange.



On 15 September, President, YABhg. Tun Arifin Bin Zakaria attended, along with various honourable judges, ICM Executive Committee members, and ICM members. The President of LIAAM, YABhg. Tun Zaki Bin Tun Azmi, delivered a speech, followed by The Right Honourable Sir Geoffrey Vos and the Under Treasurer of Lincoln's Inn, Anne Sharp. Both evenings were resounding successes.

STRATEGIC PARTNER FOR THE CLJ MALAYSIA NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT LAWS 2023

ICM served as a strategic partner to Current Law Journal (CLJ) for the Malaysia National Conference on Local Government Laws, held on 20 and 21 September 2023 at M Resort and Hotel Kuala Lumpur. As a token of appreciation, all ICM members were granted a preferential 10 percent discount off the published registration rates.



The Keynote Address was delivered by The Chief Justice of Malaysia, YAA Tun Tengku Maimun binti Tuan Mat, who is also a distinguished life member of ICM. Her presence elevated the proceedings significantly. The conference drew a large number of local government authorities from various states across Malaysia, alongside legal professionals and corporate representatives.

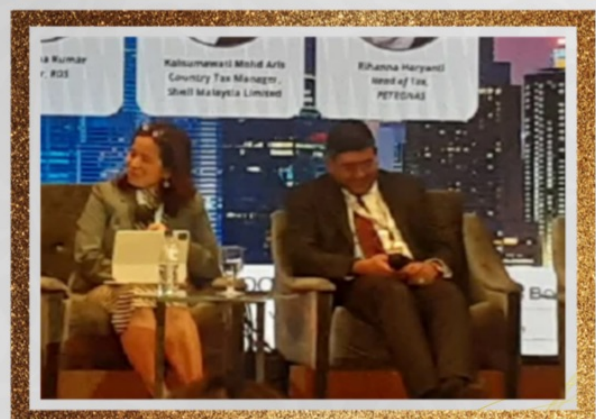
Honourable Judges who are ICM members attended and contributed as speakers. Among them, ICM Member Judge YA Dato' Azizul Azmi Bin Adnan shared his insights on the podium.

SUPPORTING ORGANISATION FOR THE MALAYSIA LEGAL FORUM 2023



ICM was proud to serve as a supporting organisation for the Malaysia Legal Forum 2023, a significant event held on 30 September 2023 at the Asian International Arbitration Centre. The Forum brought together legal minds from across the country to discuss pressing issues facing the legal profession.

A substantial number of ICM member Judges and ICM members contributed their expertise as moderators and speakers throughout the event, reflecting the organisation's deep engagement with legal discourse. Their participation enriched the quality of the discussions and showcased the depth of talent within ICM.



SUPPORTING ORGANISATION FOR THE ASIA LEGAL TECH LEADERS SUMMIT 2023 BY EMNES EVENTS

ICM was pleased to act as a supporting organisation for the Asia Legal Tech Leaders Summit 2023, held on 4 and 5 October 2023 at Pavilion Hotel Kuala Lumpur. The Summit brought together distinguished speakers, including in house counsel from multiple jurisdictions and diverse industries, all addressing the future of technology and law.

ICM Exco member Nik Azli Bin Abu Zahar contributed as one of the panel speakers, sharing valuable insights with the audience.

As a benefit to its members, ICM secured a preferential rate of a 10 percent discount off the published registration fees.



The Summit was well attended by ICM representatives. ICM Treasurer, Mary-Ann Ooi Suan Kim, ICM Secretary Idza Hajar Binti Ahmad Idzam, ICM Assistant Secretary, Leng Wie Mun, Exco member Lavinia Kumaraendran, and Intan Syafinaz Roslin were all present. Their participation underscored ICM's commitment to staying at the forefront of legal technology developments and supporting members in navigating the evolving digital landscape.

SUPPORTING ORGANISATION TO THE LAUNCH EVENT FOR THE BICAM ARBITRATION AND MEDIATION RULES

ICM was proud to support the launch of the BICAM Arbitration and Mediation Rules, an event held on 12 October 2023 at the Sabah International Convention Centre. These new rules represent the culmination of diligent efforts by a team of professional experts in the field. They are carefully designed to offer a comprehensive framework for efficient, fair, and effective dispute resolution, serving the needs of businesses and individuals alike.

Deputy President, YA Dato' Mary Lim Thiam Suan, and ICM Secretary Idza Hajar Binti Ahmad Idzam were present at the launch. Both YA Dato' Mary Lim Thiam Suan and YA Dato' Lim Chong Fong also contributed as speakers at the event, sharing their insights on the significance of the new rules for the arbitration landscape in Malaysia and beyond.



STRATEGIC PARTNER OF THE ASEAN LAW ASSOCIATION MALAYSIA GENERAL ASSEMBLY



The Opening Ceremony featured a gripping keynote address by The Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim, who eloquently affirmed the independence of the judiciary, adherence to open government, access to justice for all, and the role of lawyers as champions of justice and equality.

ICM Deputy President YA Dato' Mary Lim, organising chairman YBhg. Dato' Mah Weng Kwai, and many ICM members were key to the event's seamless success.

ICM was a strategic partner of the 14th ASEAN Law Association (ALA) Malaysia General Assembly, held alongside the 44th ALA Governing Council Meeting and the Council of ASEAN Chief Justices retreat from 17 to 22 October 2023 at Shangri-la Hotel, Kuala Lumpur.

A historic milestone was achieved when ICM member, The Chief Justice of Malaysia, YAA Tun Tengku Maimun Binti Tuan Mat, was elected President of ALA for the new term. ICM extends its warmest congratulations to her.



TALK BY YANG ARIF TUAN NADZARIN WOK NORDIN ON COMPANY WINDING UP AT IIUM

On 24 October 2023, Exco member YA Tuan Nadzarin Bin Wok Nordin delivered an insightful talk at the International Islamic University Malaysia Law Faculty. His audience comprised faculty members, lecturers, and final year students. His Lordship shared his perspectives on the latest trends in insolvency, focusing on company winding up, its challenges, implications, and practical realities. He also examined recent landmark cases to enrich the discussion.



The session was well attended by ICM leaders. Vice President YA Datuk Seri Mohd Firuz Bin Jaffril, ICM Secretary Idza Hajar Binti Ahmad Idzam, ICM Treasurer, Mary-Ann Ooi Suan Kim, and Exco member, Lavinia Kumaraendran were present.



Also in attendance were Digital Subcommittee head Nik Hajar Binti Nik Hisham, along with members Farah Binti Md Nor and Adam Danial.

COURTESY VISIT BY ASIA DIGITAL BANK

On 14 November 2023, ICM received a courtesy visit from Asia Digital Bank at Zenith Hotel in Putrajaya. The meeting was attended by ICM President YABhg. Tun Arifin Bin Zakaria, Vice President YA Dato Hajah Aliza Bin Sulaiman, and ICM Treasurer, Mary-Ann Ooi Suan Kim. The cordial exchange reflected the growing relationship between the legal and financial sectors.



COURTESY VISIT TO YB DATO' SRI AZALINA BINTI OTHMAN SAID

ICM was most honoured to pay a courtesy visit to the Bahagian Hal Ehwal Undang-Undang, Jabatan Perdana Menteri, on 16 November 2023. The delegation was received by YB Dato' Sri Azalina Binti Othman Said.

A video presentation showcasing ICM was shown, followed by a robust discussion between ICM President YABhg. Tun Arifin Bin Zakaria and YB Dato' Sri Azalina Binti Othman Said. They explored how ICM, with its diverse membership spanning all sectors of the legal profession, could collaborate and bring mutual value.



ICM records its utmost appreciation to the Bahagian Hal Ehwal Undang-Undang, JPM, and YB Dato' Sri Azalina Binti Othman Said for the excellent arrangements and for taking time from a busy schedule to meet with ICM's President and Office Bearers.



ENDORSEMENT PARTNER FOR THE ISKANDAR MALAYSIA LAW CONFERENCE 2023

ICM was proud to serve as an endorsement partner for the Iskandar Malaysia Law Conference 2023, held on 23 November 2023 at Opero Hotel Southkey in Johor Bahru. The conference was jointly organised by My Iskandar and the Law Chambers of Vin Sa and VSI.

Deputy President YA Dato' Mary Lim Thiam Suan officiated the conference and also moderated the penultimate panel session, which focused on the Sexual Harassment Act. Her contributions added considerable weight to the proceedings.

The conference featured a packed schedule of informative sessions covering a variety of relevant and trending topics, including developments in law and environmental, social, and governance principles.



ICM COURTESY VISIT TO MAICSA

On 7 December 2023, ICM was invited for a courtesy visit to MAICSA, where discussions were held with its Office Bearers. The conversation focused on potential collaboration in the pursuit of corporate governance excellence, as well as exploring mutual benefits for members of both ICM and MAICSA.

Both organisations engaged in robust discussions and insightful sharing on common and parallel threads of professional interest. The dialogue highlighted areas where synergy could be achieved for the betterment of the legal and corporate governance communities.



ICM was represented by ICM Secretary Idza Hajar Binti Ahmad Idzam, ICM Treasurer, Mary-Ann Ooi Suan Kim, Exco member Dato' Prof. Johan Shamsuddin Bin Sabaruddin, and Digital Communications Head Nik Hajar Binti Nik Hisham. Their participation underscored ICM's commitment to building meaningful partnerships beyond the legal profession.

COURTESY VISIT BY UNIVERSITI TEKNOLOGI MALAYSIA JOHOR

On 8 December 2023, ICM received a courtesy visit from esteemed legal representatives and distinguished academics from Universiti Teknologi Malaysia Johor. The purpose of the visit was to hold discussions on potential collaboration aimed at mutual enhancement in the areas of technology and legal excellence.

ICM was represented by Vice President YA Dato' Hajah Aliza binti Sulaiman, ICM Secretary Idza Hajar Binti Ahmad Idzam, and ICM Assistant Secretary Leng Wie Mun. The visitors brought valuable perspectives from the intersection of law and emerging technologies.

The exchange was warm and productive, reflecting a shared commitment to bridging the gap between legal practice and technological innovation. Both sides looked forward to exploring meaningful initiatives that would benefit their respective communities and contribute to the advancement of legal education and practice in Malaysia.



SUPPORTING ORGANISATION FOR AN EXCLUSIVELY CURATED EVENT BY BICAM WITH YANG ARIF DATO' LEE SWEE SENG.



ICM was proud to support a special event curated by BICAM and featuring ICM Exco member YA Dato' Lee Swee Seng. The gathering took place on 18 January 2024 at the Borneo International Centre for Arbitration and Mediation, held in conjunction with the opening of the Sabah and Sarawak 2024 legal year.



Representing ICM were ICM Secretary Idza Hajar Binti Ahmad Idzam, Exco member for Sabah Datuk Roger Chin, and Exco member for Sarawak Tan Kee Heng. Their presence underscored ICM's commitment to supporting legal excellence across East Malaysia.

The event provided a valuable opportunity for legal practitioners to deepen their understanding of arbitration, guided by one of the most respected voices in the field. ICM extends its appreciation to BICAM and to YA Dato' Lee Swee Seng for an illuminating evening.



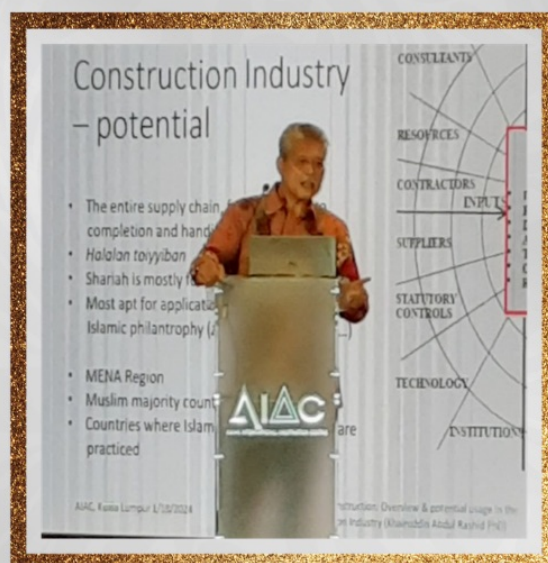
SUPPORTING ORGANISATION FOR 3 CONSECUTIVE EVENTS AT AIAC



ICM was proud to support three consecutive events held at the Asian International Arbitration Centre in January 2024. The first was a Fireside Chat titled “Perspectives from the Bench and Bar on Arbitration in India and Malaysia,” which took place on 16 January 2024 from 4.00 p.m. to 6.00 p.m. in the AIAC Auditorium.

The following day, 17 January 2024, the AIAC hosted the Official Launch of its Standard Form of Building Contract (SFC) 2024. Following, on 18 January 2024, the Official Launch of the AIAC Islamic Standard Form of Building Contract (i-SFC) 2024 was held at the same venue.

All three events drew a packed auditorium. ICM member judges served as speakers, and many ICM members attended.



ICM'S BOOTH AT UNIVERSITY OF READING MALAYSIA CAREER FAIR 2024

ICM set up its first ever booth in the southern region of Malaysia at the University of Reading Malaysia Career Fair 2024, held on 24 January 2024. The event provided an excellent platform to promote ICM to students and other attendees. More than 40 organisations participated in the Career Fair, making it a vibrant gathering of opportunities.

Representing ICM were the Head of the Digital Communications Subcommittee, Nik Hajar Binti Nik Hisham, and Norfatin Liana Binti Husin, who warmly engaged with visitors at the booth. Their efforts yielded an overwhelming number of membership applications, reflecting the growing interest in ICM among young legal aspirants in Johor



DISCUSSION AND LAUNCH OF “CIVIL AND CRIMINAL APPEALS IN MALAYSIA” BOOK

ICM was honoured to attend the launch of “Civil and Criminal Appeals in Malaysia”, authored by Exco member Tan Kee Heng. The event took place on 30 January 2024 at the Asian International Arbitration Centre.

The Guest of Honour was ICM member and Chief Justice of Malaysia, the YAA Tun Tengku Maimun Binti Tuan Mat. Deputy Prime Minister YAB Dato’ Sri Haji Fadillah Bin Haji Yusof then delivered a fascinating, delightful, and thought provoking speech. Tan Kee Heng chronicled his journey in writing the book, sharing bittersweet memories and interesting experiences with a packed auditorium.



BRITISH COUNCIL STUDY UK ALUMNI AWARDS DINNER



ICM was honoured to receive an invitation to the British Council Study UK Alumni Awards Dinner on 29 February 2024. The British Council Malaysia hosted a spectacular evening, honouring UK alumni who have achieved exemplary and impactful success across various fields in Malaysia.

A distinguished delegation of ICM members attended as invited guests. Those present included President YABhg. Tun Arifin Bin Zakaria, Deputy President YA Dato' Mary Lim Thiam Suan, Federal Court Judges YA Tan Sri Nallini Pathmanathan and YA Dato' Sri Hasnah Binti Dato' Mohammed Hashim, Court of Appeal Judges YA Datuk S. Nantha Balan and YA Tuan Mohamed Zaini Mazlan, High Court Judges including Vice President YA Datuk Seri Mohd Firuz Bin Jaffril, ICM Exco members YA Tuan Nadzarin Bin Wok Nordin, YA Datuk Noorin Binti Badaruddin, YA Dr Shahnaz Binti Sulaiman, YA Tuan Atan Mustaffa Bin Yussof Ahmad, YA Dr Johan Lee Kien How, and YA Puan Roz Mawar Binti Rozain. Their presence reflected the strong bond between ICM and the British alumni community.



SUPPORTING ORGANISATION TO UKM NATIONAL INTER-VARSITY MOCK TRIAL COMPETITION IN COLLABORATION WITH WWF

ICM proudly supported the National Inter-Varsity Mock Trial Competition organised by Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia on 2 March 2024. To ensure a fair and enriching experience for all participating teams, ICM tapped into its diverse and experienced membership pool to source qualified judges for the competition. This contribution reflected ICM's commitment to nurturing young legal talent and promoting excellence in advocacy.



SUPPORTING ORGANISATION FOR UITM IN HOLDING THE NATIONAL ROUNDS OF THE PHILIP C. JESSUP MOOTS

ICM proudly supported the National Inter-Varsity Mock Trial Competition, held on 2 and 3 March 2024 at the Universiti Teknologi MARA Law Faculty. The event was sponsored by Shearn Delamore & Co.

ICM sourced judges from its diverse membership pool to evaluate the competing teams. Court of Appeal Judge and ICM Member YA Dato' Azizul Azmi Bin Adnan served as Chief Judge of the panel for the Finals, joined by Melati Binti Tun Abdul Hamid and Suganthi Singam. ICM Treasurer, Mary-Ann Ooi Suan Kim, ICM Secretary, Idza Hajar Binti Ahmad Idzam, and Exco member Lavinia Kumaraendran also acted as judges throughout the competition.



SUPPORTING ORGANISATION FOR UITM IN HOLDING THE NATIONAL ROUNDS OF THE PHILIP C. JESSUP MOOTS



The closing speech was delivered by ICM President YABhg. Tun Arifin Bin Zakaria. Exco member judges YA Dato' S. Nantha Balan, YA Datuk Ravinthan Paramaguru, and many other judges, ICM members, and students were present. ICM Exco member and Dean of UiTM Law Faculty, Professor Dr Hartini Saripan, delivered an extremely encouraging, motivational, and inspiring speech.

Many honourable sitting judges chaired the preliminary rounds and semi finals. The winner was UKM, and the first runner up was IIUM. Both teams will represent Malaysia in Washington, DC.



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*“The dream was no longer distant,
it was taking shape”*

SUPPORTING ORGANISATION FOR MAICSA'S CSIA GLOBAL GOVERNANCE AWARDS

On 23rd April 2024, as we drew closer to our 10th year of service to the legal and governance community, ICM stood not merely as a supporting organisation but as a proud partner at MAICSA's CSIA Global Governance Awards. It was a moment that affirmed our enduring commitment to excellence beyond the courtroom.



ICM Treasurer, Mary-Ann Ooi Suan Kim, took her place among the panellists for the session 'Governance Excellence: Lessons from Industry Leaders'. She shared not just insights, but the latest development of case law from apex courts. These chapters help shape ICM's own journey of integrity and stewardship.



ICM GRAND NIGHT 2024

ICM held its Grand Night on 4 May 2024. The event was graced by the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Energy Transition and Water Transformation, YABhg. Dato' Sri Haji Fadillah Bin Haji Yusof, as the Special Guest of Honour, who delivered the Keynote Speech.

The event was also attended by the Chief Justice of Malaysia, the President of the Court of Appeal, judges from the Federal Court, Court of Appeal, and High Court, as well as ambassadors from Thailand and Sri Lanka and the British High Commissioner. The Minister of Youth and Sports and the Deputy Minister of Unity were also present.



ICM GRAND NIGHT 2024

ICM also celebrated the benching of the Chief Justice of Malaysia as Master of the Bench of Middle Temple, the benching of YA Dato' Mary Lim Thiam Suan as Honorary Bencher of Lincoln's Inn, and her retirement from the Judiciary as a Federal Court Judge. ICM also celebrated the elevation of Vice President YA Datuk Vazeer Alam Bin Mydin Meera to the Federal Court.

Honorary Advisor, YABhg. Tun Zaki Bin Tun Azmi presented mementos to the Special Guest of Honour. Justice Russell Coleman from Hong Kong was also present.



AIAC WORKSHOP ON THIRD PARTY FUNDING LEGISLATION IN MALAYSIA

On 14th May 2024, as ICM continued its journey toward a decade of service, we stood once again as a supporting organisation, this time alongside the Asian International Arbitration Centre. The occasion was a Workshop on Third Party Funding Legislation in Malaysia, jointly organised by Jabatan Perdana Menteri through BHEUU and the AIAC. It was an important conversation at the intersection of law and innovation.



True to the spirit of collegiality that has defined ICM since our early years, many of our members attended not merely as participants but as a living show of support. Their presence reminded us that an institution's strength lies not only in its name on a document, but in the gathering of its people in rooms where the future of justice is shaped.



MAICSA'S PANEL SESSION ON "ETHICAL LEADERSHIP IN GOVERNANCE : NURTURING A CULTURE OF INTEGRITY AND RESPONSIBILITY"



On 28th May 2024, ICM once again stepped forward as a supporting organisation, this time for a panel session organised by MAICSA. The session was titled 'Ethical Leadership in Governance: Nurturing a Culture of Integrity and Responsibility'. It was a theme that resonated deeply with our own journey, for ICM has always believed that true leadership is measured not by titles but by the consistency of principle.

Following the panel, a Hi-Tea and Networking Session allowed for warm exchange and thoughtful connection. ICM Treasurer, Mary-Ann Ooi Suan Kum, took her place among the panelists that day. She spoke not as a distant expert but as a guardian of the very values ICM has carried tenderly through the years. It was a small gathering, perhaps. But legacy, we have learned, grows in such soil.



COURTESY VISIT TO THE OFFICE OF YAB DATO' SRI HAJI FADILLAH BIN HAJI YUSOF



ICM paid a courtesy visit to the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Energy Transition and Water Transformation, YAB Dato' Sri Haji Fadhillah Bin Haji Yusof on 13th June 2024. It was not merely a meeting of schedules, but an affirmation of the respect and connection ICM has sought to build with the nation's leadership.

The delegation was led by our President, YABhg. Tun Arifin Bin Zakaria, whose presence alone carried the weight of our institution's hopes. He was joined by Deputy President YBhg. Dato' Mary Lim Thiam Suan, Vice Presidents YA Datuk Vazeer Alam Bin Mydin Meera and YA Datuk Seri Firuz Bin Jaffril, ICM Treasurer Mary-Ann Ooi Suan Kim, ICM Secretary, Idza Hajar Binti Ahmad Idzam, ICM Asst. Secretary Leng Wie Mun, and ICM Exco members YA Dato' Sri Mariana Binti Haji Yahya, YA Dato' Lim Chong Fong, Dato' Indera Mohd Arief Emran Bin Arifin, Dato' Dhanaraj Vasudevan, Tan Kee Heng, Lavinia Kumaraendran, and Head of Digital Subcommittee Nik Hajar Binti Nik Hisham.



CLJ MALAYSIA'S ESG NATIONAL CONFERENCE



ICM stepped forward once again as a supporting organisation for this landmark conference, held over two days on 19th to 20th June 2024. The National Conference on ESG, organised by CLJ Malaysia, tackled a topic of profound relevance to our times. It brought together eminent speakers and engaging sessions, but what made the occasion truly unforgettable was the presence of the Chief Justice of Malaysia, who delivered the keynote address.

Our ICM family was well represented. Deputy President YBhg. Dato' Mary Lim Thiam Suan, ICM Secretary, Idza Hajar Binti Ahmad Azam, and Exco members YA Datuk Mohamed Zaini Bin Mazlan, YA Dato' Lee Swee Seng, and Nik Azli Bin Abu Zahar were in attendance. Two of our own took the stage as panellists: YA Dato' Lee Swee Seng and ICM member Judge YA Dr Johan Lee. They spoke not only with authority but with the conviction of those who have lived the values ICM continues to nurture.



TALK BY PROF JEFFREY SACHS ON 'UN 2.0 FOR PEACE AND FINANCIAL MARKET TRANSFORMATION FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT'

ICM once again answered the call to learn from global thought leaders. The talk by Professor Jeffrey Sachs on 'UN 2.0 for Peace and Financial Market Transformation for Sustainable Development' was a moment of intellectual gravity, one that invited reflection on law's place in a rapidly changing world.



ICM Treasurer, Mary-Ann Ooi Suan Kim, attended representing ICM. She was joined by many of our members, whose presence that day spoke not of obligation but of a shared belief that ICM must always stand where ideas shape the future. A single afternoon.

A room full of questions. Many were still searching for answers. Answers by Prof Jeffrey Sachs were matured, mind boggling, and reflects the challenges of a multipolar world and ICM - listening, observing, growing, building a legacy that values wisdom as much as action.

USIM'S APPRECIATION RECEPTION OF THE RAKAN INDUSTRI AGENSI

ICM received a gracious invitation to USIM's Appreciation Reception. It was a moment of recognition for the partnerships we have nurtured over the years. Our Honourary Secretary, Idza Hajar Binti Ahmad Azam, attended representing ICM with warmth and dignity. Her presence that evening was a gentle reminder that legacy is not only built in grand declarations, but also in the mutual reciprocity of appreciation.



YAYASAN TAN SRI PROFESOR AHMAD IBRAHIM (YTSPAI) CHARITY GOLF

ICM stepped forward once again as a supporting organisation, this time for the Yayasan Tan Sri Profesor Ahmad Ibrahim Charity Golf event. It was a day where law and sport met for a noble cause. Our President, YABhg. Tun Arifin Bin Zakaria, lent his presence and leadership. He was joined by Vice President YA Datuk Seri Mohd Firuz Bin Jaffril and Exco member Judge YA Dato' Indera Mohd Arief Emran Bin Arifin. Their attendance was not merely ceremonial, but pivotal in cementing ICM's presence in sports and golf.



YAYASAN TAN SRI PROFESOR AHMAD IBRAHIM (YTSPAI) CHARITY GOLF

This event was a reflection of ICM's belief that giving back to the community, whether through the mind or through the fairway, is part of a legal professional's deeper calling. A special note of appreciation to YBhg. Dato' Edwin Paramjothy for the kind invitation. His gesture reminded us that partnerships are built not in boardrooms alone, but in the warmth of shared purpose.



BORNEO ADR WEEK

ICM supported the Borneo ADR Week in full, from 15 to 19 July 2024. Tan Kee Heng and Datuk Roger Chin coordinated our efforts with dedication. Deputy President YBhg. Dato' Mary Lim Thiam Suan attended, while ICM Secretary, Idza Hajar Binti Ahmad Idzam provided stellar daily social media coverage, lifting ICM's visibility. YA Tuan Nadzarin Bin Wok Nordin moderated a session with poise. ICM Asst. Secretary Leng Wie Mun, Dato' Dhanaraj Vasudevan, and Lavinia Kumaraendran joined for the final segment.



ATC LEGAL CAREERS FAIR 2024

ICM actively participated and supported the ATC Legal Careers Fair 2024. It was a day of connection, of opening doors, and of planting seeds for the future. Our Vice President I, YA Datuk Vazeer Alam Bin Mydin Meera, delivered a keynote speech that touched more than a few hearts. His words reminded everyone that a career in law is not merely a profession, but a calling.



Behind the scenes, ICM Asst. Secretary Leng Wie Mun coordinated our efforts with efficiency. The Digital Subcommittee headed by Nik Hajar Binti Nik Hisham managed the booth with warmth, attending to a steady stream of visitors. The response was beyond expectations. So many wanted to belong to ICM that we ran out of membership forms by day's end.



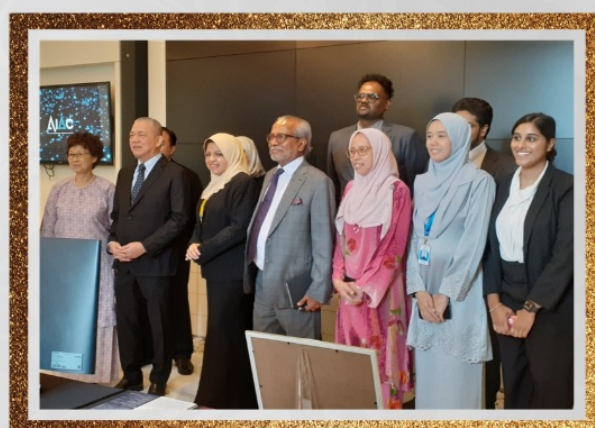
MAICSA'S 65TH ANNIVERSARY ANNUAL DINNER

ICM proudly supported MAICSA's 65th Anniversary Annual Dinner. Our Hon. Advisor YABhg. Tun Zaki Bin Tun Azmi was invited as Guest of Honour, while Deputy President YBhg. Dato' Mary Lim Thiam Suan graced the evening as Special Guest. The night brought a touch of joy as ICM Treasurer Mary-Ann Ooi Suan Kim won Best Dressed. ICM Secretary, Idza Hajar Binti Ahmad Idzam was also present. A dinner, an anniversary, and ICM there in elegance, celebrating alongside a dear partner.



MALLAC 2024 ORGANISED BY YAYASAN TAN SRI PROFESOR AHMAD IBRAHIM (YTSPAI)

ICM supported the Malaysian Law Students Legal Aid Convention 2024, held at AIAC under the theme 'Justice Unbound: Empowering Law Students for Legal Aid'. Our Exco member Dato' Edwin Paramjothy led and coordinated the entire event with dedication. A day of nurturing young hearts for justice, and ICM was there, gently helping to build the next generation of advocates.



BICAM'S ADR SUMMIT

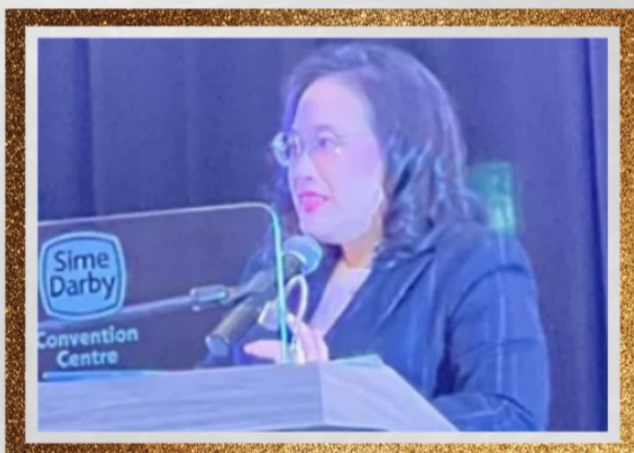
ICM stood as a supporting organisation for BICAM's ADR Summit held in Sabah on 26th to 27th September 2024. Our Vice President III YA Dato' Hajah Aliza Binti Sulaiman and Exco member YA Dato' Lee Swee Seng participated as moderators, joined by ICM member judge YA Datuk Celestina Stuel Galid.

The Sabah Attorney General, an ICM member, Datuk Brenndon Keith Soh, took the stage as a speaker. ICM Secretary Idza Hajar Binti Ahmad Idzam and ICM Asst. Secretary Leng Wie Mun represented ICM, while Exco members Datuk Roger Chin and Tan Kee Heng hosted and led the events. A summit in the land below the wind, and ICM was there, shaping conversations from the moderator's chair to the speaker's podium.



MAICSA ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2024

ICM participated in the MAICSA Annual Conference 2024. YB Hannah Yeoh Tseow Suan attended as Special Keynote Speaker, adding a touch of national significance. ICM Treasurer, Mary-Ann Ooi Suan Kim was also present, taking her place as a panel speaker for a session titled 'Lessons and Insights from Real Case Studies: The Role of a Company Secretary – Through Fire and Water'. She was joined by fellow panel speaker Prof Philip TN Koh. A conference, a conversation, and ICM sharing its voice and presence alongside trusted partners.



SPORTS LAW ASSOCIATION OF MALAYSIA'S HYBRID CONFERENCE



ICM supported the Sports Law Association of Malaysia's Hybrid Conference. Our members, Oskar Tang and Syafinas Ibrahim, represented ICM with dedication. A modest afternoon, but a meaningful presence. Another gentle step in ICM's unfolding journey.



MALAYSIA LEGAL FORUM 2024



ICM stood as a supporting organisation for the 2024 Malaysia Legal Forum at AIAC, a three day gathering organised by ICM member S. Saravana Kumar in collaboration with Thomson Reuters and many law firms. Our Exco member judges including YA Dato' Lee Swee Seng, YA Datuk S. Nanthan Balan, YA Dato' Lim Chong Fong, Dato' Edwin Paramjothy, and Nik Azli Bin Abu Zahar served as moderators or panel members. YA Dato' Lee Swee Seng and Lavinia Kumaraendran were speakers for the first session of the Forum. Distinguished members of the judiciary such as YAA Dato' Sri Hasnah Binti Dato' Mohammed Hashim, YA Tan Sri Datuk Nallini Pathmanathan, and YA Datuk Wong Kian Kheong also shared their voices.



Many of our Office Bearers attended too, including ICM Treasurer Mary-Ann Ooi Suan Kim, ICM Secretary Idza Hajar Binti Ahmad Idzam, ICM Asst. Secretary Leng Wie Mun, and Head of Digital Subcommittee Nik Hajar Binti Nik Hisham. A forum of ideas, a gathering of minds, and ICM there in strength, woven into the fabric of Malaysia's legal conversation.



JDRN – AIAC SYMPOSIUM 2024

ICM supported the JDRN AIAC Symposium 2024. Our Deputy President, YBhg. Dato' Mary Lim Thiam Suan, delivered the opening address, setting a tone of impactful purpose. The forum on 'Capacity Building in Judicial Dispute Resolution' was graced by The Right Honourable Lady Justice Sarah Jane Asplin DBE, The Honourable Justice Ahsanuddin Amanullah, and our own Exco member YA Dato' Lim Chong Fong, who was the only Malaysian Judge on the panel. Heather Yee Jing Wah moderated with grace. A symposium, a panel, and ICM's presence felt in every word spoken. Another thread in a legacy still unfolding.



ESG WORKSHOP IN COLLABORATION WITH ICDM



Corporate members including Raja Singham and Dalvin Kaur from Maybank were also present.

Beyond that seminar, ICM supported two other ICDM gatherings that year: an exclusive Deepavali Open Day on 15th November, and a golf event at MST Golf Arena on 25th October.

Each occasion was a meaningful opportunity for ICM to stand beside a partner, building a legacy of presence and purpose.



ICM lent its support to a seminar hosted by ICDM on 'ESG Updates Locally and Internationally; Climate Related Litigation and Sustainability Reporting Best Practices'.

The event was attended by our President YABhg. Tun Arifin Bin Zakaria, Deputy President YBhg. Dato' Mary Lim Thiam Suan, ICM Treasurer, Mary-Ann Ooi Suan Kim, ICM Secretary, Idza Hajar Binti Ahmad Adzam, and Exco Judges YA Datuk S. Nantha Balan, YA Datuk Mohamed Zaini Bin Mazlan, and YA Tuan Nadzarin Bin Wok Nordin.



TALK TO IIUM STUDENTS BY YA DATUK SERI MOHD FIRUZ BIN JAFFRIL



ICM's Vice President II YA Datuk Seri Mohd Firuz Bin Jaffril delivered a talk to IIUM students entitled 'A Sharing Session With YA Datuk Seri Mohd Firuz Bin Jaffril: From The Bar To The Bench' during AIKOL Fest 2024. His words offered a gentle bridge between two worlds, encouraging young hearts to dream of the bench.

ICM Treasurer Mary-Ann Ooi Suan Kim, ICM Secretary Idza Hajar Binti Ahmad Azam, Exco member Lavinia Kumaraendran, and Head of Digital Subcommittee Nik Hajar Binti Nik Hisham attended to support the occasion. A sharing session. A room of future lawyers. And ICM there, planting the seeds of inspiration.



GC ROUNDTABLE WITH TOBY LANDAU KC



ICM supported the 'GC Roundtable with Toby Landau KC', hosted by Chambers Lab in AIAC, a session specially curated for our General Counsel members on international and investor state arbitration.



ICM Secretary Idza Hajar Binti Ahmad Azam, Exco members Nik Azli Bin Abu Zahar and Lavinia Kumaraendran, along with ICM General Counsel members including Melati Binti Abdul Hamid of Tradewinds, joined the conversation. A roundtable, a gathering of minds, and ICM there, nurturing the voices that advise from within.



WEZMART CONSULTING TAX BUDGET 2025 DIGITAL CONFERENCE



ICM proudly supported the Wezmart Consulting Tax Budget 2025 Digital Conference. Our Deputy President, YBhg. Dato' Mary Lim Thiam Suan, delivered the Keynote Address, setting a thoughtful tone for the day. ICM Treasurer Mary-Ann Ooi Suan Kim joined as a panel speaker in one of the sessions, sharing her wisdom. Also in attendance were ICM members Jamie Wong and Richard Wee, alongside Digital Subcommittee members Nik Hajar Binti Nik Hisham and Siti Nadzatul Nadia Binti Mohd Ridzuan.

The day's conversations flowed into an evening of connection at the gala dinner held at the Grand Hyatt Hotel. The dinner was attended by ICM Treasurer Mary-Ann Ooi Suan Kim, ICM Secretary, Idza Hajar Binti Ahmad Adzam, ICM Asst. Secretary Leng Wie Mun, Exco members Lavinia Kumaraendran and Nik Azli Bin Abu Zahar, and other ICM members. A conference, a dinner, with ICM there from morning to night, building a legacy of presence and partnership.



ISKANDAR MALAYSIA LAW CONFERENCE 2024

ICM supported the Iskandar Malaysia Law Conference 2024. Deputy President YBhg. Dato' Mary Lim Thiam Suan, Vice President I YA Datuk Vazeer Alam Bin Mydin Meera, and ICM Member Judges YA Tuan Atan Mustaffa Bin Yussof Ahmad and YA Dato' Faizah Binti Jamaludin served as speakers and moderators. ICM Asst. Secretary Leng Wie Mun and Exco member Lavinia Kumaraendran were also in attendance. A conference in the south, and ICM there, lending its voice and presence to a growing legacy.



FIRST ANNUAL DINNER 2024 HOSTED BY PARFUM

ICM supported PARFUM's First Annual Dinner 2024. The event was attended by ICM Treasurer Mary-Ann Ooi Suan Kim and Exco members YA Dato' Sri Mariana Binti Haji Yahya, YA Tuan Nadzarin Bin Wok Nordin, YBhg. Dato' Edwin Paramjothy, Professor Madya Dr. Hartini Binti Saripan, YA Dato' Lim Chong Fong, alongside ICM member Judge YA Tuan Su Tiang Joo and other members. A dinner, a celebration, and ICM there in support of its close ally, PARFUM.



BANGI INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON LAW AND SOCIETY (BANGI-ICOLAS)



ICM supported the Faculty of Law, Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia's Bangi International Conference on Law and Society. Our Deputy President, Dato' Mary Lim Thiam Suan, delivered the Keynote Address on the legal maxim 'Ignorantia juris non excusat'.



Around 200 law students attended, joined by ICM Treasurer Mary-Ann Ooi Suan Kim, Exco member Lavinia Kumaraendran, and other ICM members. A conference, a room full of young minds, and ICM there, sharing wisdom with the next generation.



L2ICON's ESG ADR FORUM

ICM supported L2ICON's ESG ADR Forum, which saw a full house. ICM Treasurer Mary-Ann Ooi Suan Kim and ICM Asst. Secretary Leng Wie Mun attended. Awards for sustainability excellence were presented to organisations such as Sarawak Energy. A full room, a meaningful cause, and ICM there, witnessing the best of corporate responsibility.



BAC-ICM LECTURE SERIES #2

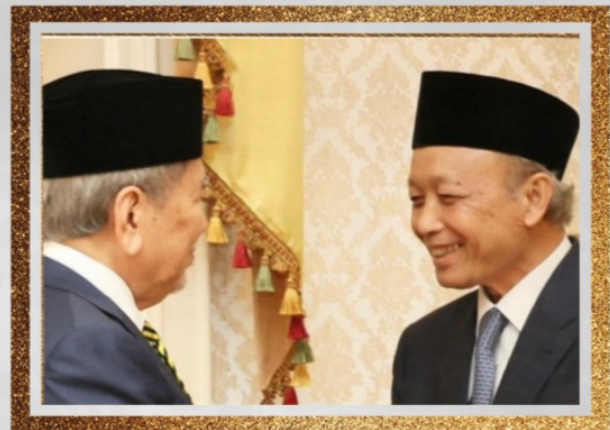


ICM's Vice President II YA Dato Seri Mohd Firuz Bin Jaffril delivered a talk at BAC on 'The Key Developments & Trends in Defamation' to a full house. ICM Treasurer Mary-Ann Ooi Suan Kim, Exco members Lavinia Kumaraendran and Dato' Dhanaraj Vasudevan, and Head of Digital Subcommittee Nik Hajar Binti Nik Hisham attended. Also present was MAICSA President Dato' Akbar Bin Moidunny. A full room, a thoughtful lecture, and ICM there in support.



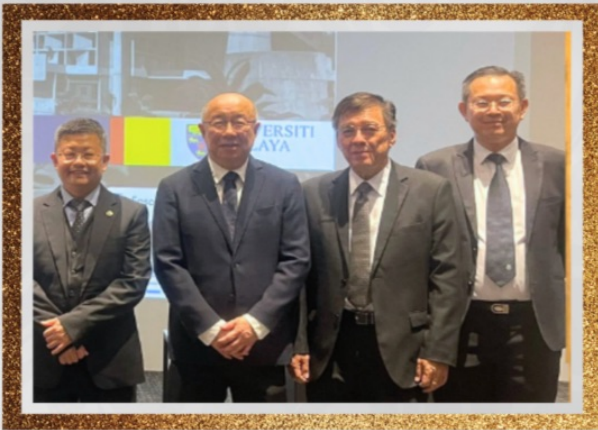
ICM'S COURTESY VISIT TO THE ASTANA NEGERI SARAWAK

ICM paid a courtesy visit to the Astana Negeri Sarawak on 11 January 2025, led by our President YABhg. Tun Arifin Bin Zakaria. The delegation was warmly welcomed by His Excellency The Governor of Sarawak Tun Pehin Sri Dr Haji Wan Junaidi Bin Tuanku Jaafar and Her Most Gracious Toh Puan Datuk Patinggi Fauziah Binti Mohd. Sanusi. Deputy President YBhg. Dato' Mary Lim Thiam Suan, Vice President II YA Datuk Mohd Firuz Bin Jaffril, ICM Treasurer Mary-Ann Ooi Suan Kim, and other ICM members and judges were also present.



ICM LEGAL EDUCATION SERIES #10

ICM held its 10th Legal Education Series at Swinburne University of Technology Sarawak Campus. The first session on 'Challenges & Evolution of Legal Education in Malaysia & Globally' was delivered by Prof Dr Jason Chuah on 11th January 2025.



Deputy President YBhg. Dato' Mary Lim Thiam Suan, ICM Secretary, Idza Hajar Binti Ahmad Azam, ICM Asst. Secretary Leng Wie Mun, Head of Digital Subcommittee Nik Hajar Binti Nik Hisham, and other ICM members and judges were in attendance. Students from Swinburne and SeGI College, along with legal practitioners from Borneo, Thomson Reuters, and LexisNexis, filled the room.

A series marking a milestone, and ICM there, gently shaping the future of legal education.

ICM GRAND NIGHT 2025

On 11 January 2025, the Inns of Court Malaysia hosted a stellar dinner at the Grand Ballroom of The St. Regis Hotel in Kuala Lumpur. The evening was graced by His Excellency The Governor of Sarawak, Tun Pehin Sri Dr. Haji Wan Junaidi Bin Tuanku Jaafar, and Her Most Gracious Toh Puan Datuk Patinggi Fauziah Binti Mohd Sanusi as the Special Guests of Honour. The Guest of Honour and Keynote Speaker was Dato' Sri Haji Fadillah Bin Hj Yusof, accompanied by Datin Sri Ruziah Binti Tahir.

The dinner, led by Organising Chairman Tan Kee Heng, successfully promoted connectivity and knowledge sharing among legal professionals. Among the distinguished guests were the Chief Judge of Sabah and Sarawak, Tan Sri Dato' Abdul Rahman Bin Sebli, Sarawak Ministers YB Dato' Sri Haji Abdul Karim Bin Rahman Hamzah, YB Datuk Hajah Sharifah Hasidah Binti Sayeed Aman Ghazali, and YB Datuk Abdullah Bin Haji Saidol, along with the State Attorneys General of Sarawak and Sabah.



ICM GRAND NIGHT 2025

Federal Court Judges, Court of Appeal Judges, High Court Judges, retired judges, and ICM leaders including Vice Presidents YA Datuk Vazeer Alam Bin Mydin Meera and YA Datuk Seri Firuz Bin Jaffril were present. Also in attendance were the Director of AIAC, Deputy President YBhg. Dato' Mary Lim Thiam Suan, the Dean of Universiti Malaya Law Faculty Professor Jason Chuah Chin Tik, and other dignitaries. ICM Office Bearers including the Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer, Honorary Assistant Secretary, and Head of Digital Subcommittee were also present.

ICM extends its gratitude to corporate member Maybank Berhad, represented by Dalvinderjit Kaur Gurdeep Singh and Michelle Yap, as well as members from Messrs Zain Megat Murad, Sam Masri, and other lawyers from West Malaysia. Head of Legal from Sarawak Energy, George Chapman, also attended. The evening was a resounding success, reflecting the unity and excellence of the legal fraternity.



BAC LECTURE SERIES GUIDE TO CLERKING

ICM supported an event organised by Asia Law Academy and the Lincoln's Inn Alumni Association Malaysia on the Guide to Clerking, featuring ICM member Daniel Tan Wee Xian alongside esteemed speakers including Dato' Mah Weng Kwai, Alan Gomez, and Desmond Chan. Hon. Advisor, YABhg. Tun Zaki Bin Tun Azmi, Deputy President YBhg. Dato' Mary Lim, Hon. Treasurer Mary-Ann Ooi Suan Kim, and ICM member Judges YA Puan Roz Mawar Binti Rozain and YA Puan Liza Chan Sow Keng attended. A gathering of wisdom, and ICM there in full support.



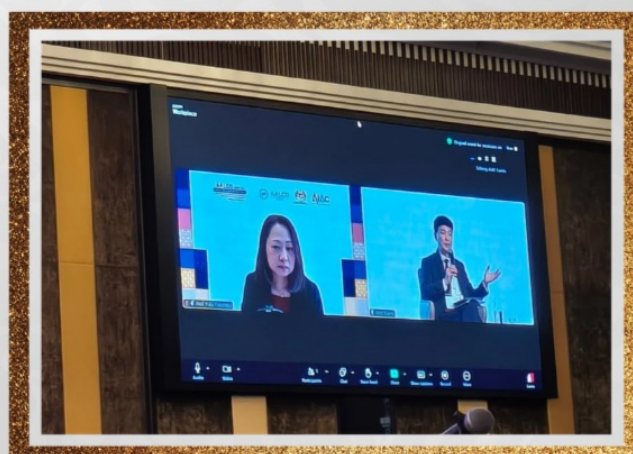
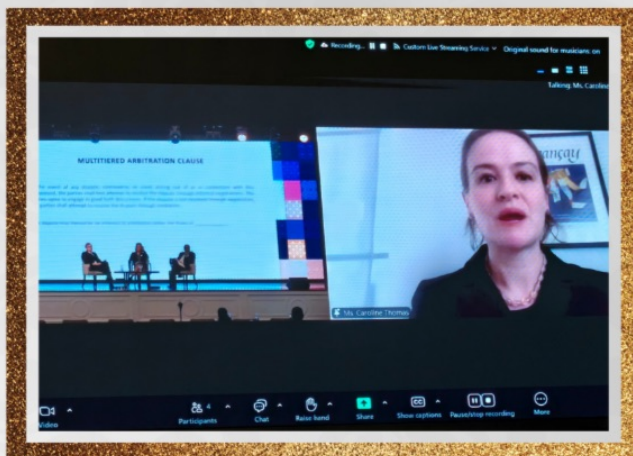
BAC-ICM LECTURE SERIES WITH YA DATUK VAZEER ALAM MYDIN MEERA

The first 2025 lecture series with BAC kicked off with Vice President I YA Dato Vazeer Alam Bin Mydin Meera who shared on ‘The Evolving Role of Judges in Shaping the Legal Precedents and Public Policy’. It was full house. This is the third BAC-ICM lecture series. ICM Secretary Idza Hajar Binti Ahmad Azam, ICM Exco members YA Dato’ Lee Swee Seng and Head of Digital Subcommittee Nik Hajar Binti Nik Hisham attended the event.



AALCO ANNUAL ARBITRATION FORUM 2025

ICM supported the AALCO Annual Arbitration Forum 2025 on 'Empowering a Resilient ADR World: Reigniting Regional Alliance'. Deputy President YBhg. Dato' Mary Lim Thiam Suan delivered the welcoming remarks. Exco member Lavinia Kumaraendran and Head of Digital Subcommittee Nik Hajar Binti Nik Hisham were also present. A forum of regional unity, with ICM, reigniting alliances.



YOUNG LAWYER'S FORUM 2025



ICM supported the Young Lawyers Forum 2025, organised in collaboration with CLJ, AIAC, and the Legal Business Academy of Malaysia. The Guest of Honour, Her Ladyship, Chief Judge of Malaya YAA Dato' Sri Hasnah Binti Dato' Mohammed Hashim, officiated the event.

Deputy President YBhg. Dato' Mary Lim Thiam Suan, ICM Treasurer Mary-Ann Ooi Suan Kim, and Exco member Lavinia Kumaraendran delivered insightful addresses. Many ICM members and young lawyers filled the room. A full house of promise, and ICM there, gently nurturing the next generation.



NATIONAL ROUNDS OF THE PHILLIP C. JESSUP INTERNATIONAL MOOT COURT COMPETITION

ICM supported the National Rounds of the Philip C. Jessup International Moot Court Competition, hosted by the International Islamic University Malaysia on 22nd and 23rd February 2025. ICM Secretary, Idza Hajar Binti Ahmad Idzam and ICM Treasurer Mary-Ann Ooi Suan Kim served as judges, giving their time and discernment to the next generation of advocates.

Many other nominated ICM members, including Samry Bin Masri, Andrew Heng, Darren Lai, Freddy Choy, Jamie Wong, and Ng You Xian, also served as judges for the quarter finals. A competition of young minds, a room of dedication, and ICM there, helping to shape the advocates of tomorrow.



WOMEN IN LAW : HER LAW, HER LEGACY



ICM supported the event 'Women in Law: Her Law, Her Legacy' organised by Yayasan Tan Sri Prof Ahmad Ibrahim on 28 February 2025 at Menara BAC. This special panel forum, held in conjunction with International Women's Day, celebrated the strength and enduring contributions of women in the legal profession. ICM Member Judge YA Puan Roz Mowar Binti Rozain was one of the panellists, sharing her wisdom with grace.

The event was graced by The Chief Justice, Federal Court Judge YAA Tan Sri Datuk Nallini Pathmanathan, retired Federal Court Judge Tan Sri Datuk Zainun Binti Ali, Deputy President YBhg. Dato' Mary Lim Thiam Suan, ICM Member Judge YA Puan Liza Chan Sow Keng, and many other ICM members. ICM Treasurer Mary-Ann Ooi Suan Kim, ICM Asst. Secretary Leng Wie Mun, and Digital Subcommittee members were also in attendance.

A special note of appreciation to YBhg. Dato' Edwin Paramjothy for the kind invitation.



PANEL DISCUSSION: THE MANY FACETS OF CONSTRUCTION VARIATIONS



ICM supported Thomson Reuters Malaysia at an event held on 11th April 2025 at AIAC. The programme featured ICM Exco Member Judge The Hon Justice Dato' Lee Swee Seng as a panellist alongside Rajendra Navaratnam, Ong Hock Tek, Ir Dr Wong Fook Keong, Ar Steven Thang Boon Ann, with Chen Mian Kuang as moderator. The event concluded with an official book launch of "Law of Construction Variations" by MChen Mian Kuang.

The launch was officiated by Hon. Advisory, YABhg. Tun Zaki Tun Azmi and Deputy President YBhg. Dato' Mary Lim Thiam Suan. Many ICM members attended, including ICM Member Judges such as YA Tan Sri Datuk Nallini Pathmanathan, and Exco Members YA Dato' Lim Chong Fong and YA Datuk S. Nantha Balan. A day of ideas and a new book, and ICM there, celebrating the written word and the voices that shape our law.



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*“Ten years later, the journey
had become a legacy of
resilience, growth, and service”*

ICM-BAC 4TH LECTURE SERIES

ICM co-organised and supported a power lecture held at the BAC lecture hall on 23 April 2025. The lecture was titled “Thriving in the Age of AI” and was delivered by the esteemed YA Tan Sri Datuk Nallini Pathmanathan. Her insightful presentation explored the opportunities and challenges that artificial intelligence presents to the legal profession.



The event drew a strong turnout from ICM. Many Exco members, member judges, and ordinary members attended the lecture, reflecting the organisation’s keen interest in emerging technologies and their impact on legal practice. The collaborative effort between ICM and BAC ensured a thought provoking and well received session.



MAJLIS RUMAH TERBUKA AIDILFITIRI TERISTIMEWA TM

ICM was pleased to support an event held on 24 April 2025, following a gracious invitation from Exco member Nik Azli Bin Abu Zahar. The occasion brought together several distinguished representatives of ICM. Vice President III YA Dato' Nadzarin Bin Wok Nordin attended, accompanied by ICM Secretary Idza Hajar Binti Ahmad Idzam and Head of the Digital Subcommittee, Nik Hajar Binti Nik Hisham. Their presence reflected ICM's commitment to engaging with meaningful initiatives and strengthening ties within the legal community.



ICM DISTINGUISHED LAW TALK SERIES #2

ICM supported its Memorandum of Understanding partner, the University of Reading, by presenting the second distinguished Law Talk Series on 17 May 2025. The session was titled “Legal and Governance Challenges in the Age of Tech” and was delivered by a panel of ICM Exco and member judges. The distinguished speakers were YA Datuk Mohamed Zaini Bin Mazlan, YA Tuan Atan Mustaffa Bin Yussof Ahmad, YA Puan Adlin Binti Abdul Majid, and Professor Dr Jason Chuah Chin Tik. The session was skillfully moderated by ICM Treasurer Mary-Ann Ooi Suan Kim. The talk provided valuable insights on navigating legal and governance issues in an increasingly technology driven world.



OFFICIAL LAUNCH OF “LAW AND PRACTICE OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LAW IN MALAYSIA”

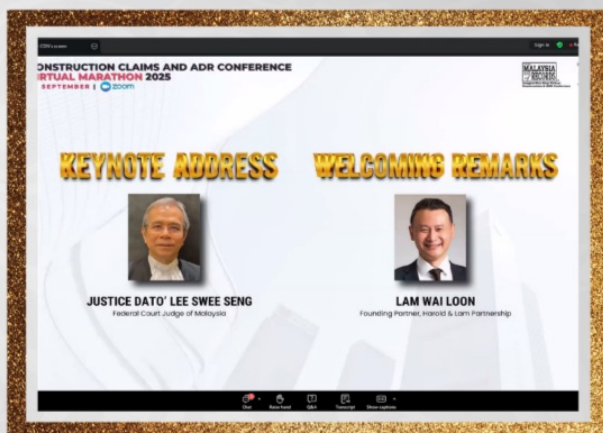
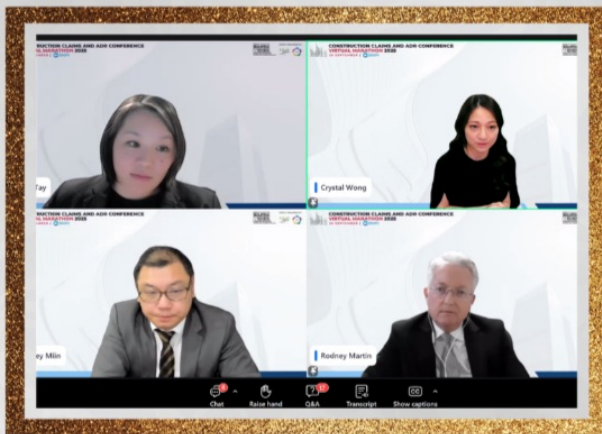
ICM was delighted to extend its support to the Sweet & Maxwell book launch, a highly anticipated event in the legal publishing calendar. The launch of “Law and Practice of Intellectual Property in Malaysia” by YA Datuk Wong Kian Kheong and Indran Shanmuganathan, took place on 23 June 2025 at the prestigious Asian International Arbitration Centre, a venue that has long been associated with legal excellence and meaningful discourse.

Representing ICM were three distinguished office bearers. ICM Treasurer Mary-Ann Ooi Suan Kim attended, bringing her customary dedication to the organisation’s affairs. She was joined by ICM Asst. Secretary Leng Wie Mun, whose contributions to ICM’s administrative excellence are well recognised. Also present was Exco member Dalvin Kaur, whose active involvement in ICM’s initiatives continues to strengthen the organisation’s outreach.



BICAM GLOBAL ADR HORIZONS 2025

ICM proudly extended its support to L2icon for the BICAM Global ADR Horizons 2025, a premier event in the field of alternative dispute resolution. The conference was held over three days, from 23 to 25 July 2025, at the beautiful Magellan Sutera Resort and the Pacific Sutera Hotel in Sabah. These venues, known for their scenic surroundings and excellent facilities, provided an inspiring backdrop for deep discussions on emerging trends in arbitration, mediation, and cross-border dispute resolution. ICM's support underscored its commitment to advancing ADR knowledge and fostering collaboration among legal professionals across Malaysia and beyond.



ICM-BAC 5TH LECTURE SERIES

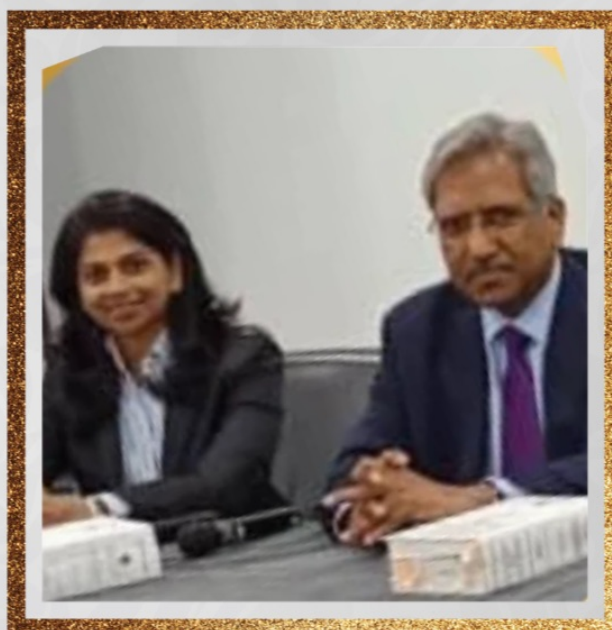
ICM continued its fruitful collaboration with BAC by co-organising another lecture in their ongoing series. The session focused on the art and practice of appellate advocacy, a subject of great importance to litigators and judges alike. The lecture was delivered by Datuk S. Nantha Balan, a highly respected member of the judiciary and an active ICM leader. His presentation offered deep insights into the strategies and nuances of presenting appeals effectively.

The event took place on 24 July 2025 and drew a strong turnout from the ICM community. Many Exco members, member judges, and ordinary members attended the lecture, reflecting the organisation's enthusiasm for continuous learning and professional excellence. The collaboration between ICM and BAC continues to yield valuable educational opportunities for legal practitioners at all levels.



CIVIL PROCEDURE WORKSHOP 2025

ICM was pleased to support the 2025 Civil Procedure Workshop, a valuable learning event held on 30 July 2025. The workshop brought together legal practitioners keen to deepen their understanding of civil procedure rules and recent developments. Three distinguished ICM members served as panellists, sharing their insights and practical experiences. They were Exco member YA Datuk S. Nantha Balan, Exco member Lavinia Kumaraendran, and ICM Secretary Idza Hajar Binti Ahmad Idzam. Their collective expertise enriched the discussions and provided attendees with meaningful guidance. ICM's support for this workshop reflects its ongoing commitment to promoting continuing legal education and professional excellence among its members and the wider legal community.



ATC LEGAL CAREER FAIR

ICM proudly supported the Legal Career Fair organised by its Memorandum of Understanding partner, ATC. The event took place on 16 August 2025 at the ATC Kuala Lumpur Campus. ICM participated by setting up a booth, which was expertly managed by ICM Asst. Secretary Leng Wie Mun, together with Digital Subcommittee members Victor Ang Jie San, Muzdalifah Binti Abdul Hanif, and Mohammad Izz Danish bin Ishak.

The Career Fair was graced by ICM Exco member YA Dato' Lee Swee Seng, who delivered an inspiring Keynote Address. His remarks encouraged aspiring legal professionals to pursue excellence and integrity in their careers. ICM's presence at the fair provided an excellent opportunity to engage with students and young lawyers, promoting membership benefits and fostering connections between the organisation and the next generation of legal talent.



OFFICIAL LAUNCH OF THE BOOK “QUINTESSENTIAL GOPAL SRI RAM” BY THOMSON REUTERS MALAYSIA SWEET AND MAXWELL

ICM attended the official launch of the book Quintessential Gopal Sri Ram, published by Thomson Reuters Malaysia Sweet and Maxwell. The event was held on 16 August 2025 at Hyatt Place, Kuala Lumpur, and was officiated by YAA Datuk Seri Utama Wan Ahmad Farid Bin Wan Salleh. Many ICM Exco judges were present to honour the legacy of the late Gopal Sri Ram. Representing ICM were ICM Treasurer Mary-Ann Ooi Suan Kim, along with numerous other Exco members and members. Their attendance reflected ICM’s deep respect for legal luminaries and its commitment to celebrating contributions to Malaysian jurisprudence.



ALSA ATC'S KL LAW BALL 2025

ICM served as the media partner for the ALSA ATC KL Law Ball 2025, a notable social and networking event for the legal community. The Ball took place on 23 August 2025 at the Golden Chersonese Hall, Maju Tower, Kuala Lumpur. Representing ICM on this occasion were Digital Subcommittee members Victoria Ang Jie San, Nurdini Adriana Binti Shamsul Ehsan, and Mohammad Izz Danish Bin Ishak, where Mohammad Izz Danish Bin Ishak accepted the plaque on behalf of ICM. Their attendance highlighted ICM's role in supporting student initiatives and fostering connections between young legal professionals and the wider legal fraternity.



ASEAN LAW FORUM 2025

ICM was honoured to receive an invitation and attend the ASEAN Law Forum 2025, a significant regional event held from 19 to 21 August 2025 at the KLCC Convention Centre. The Forum drew a large number of delegates from across Southeast Asia, fostering rich cross-border dialogue. Several ICM Exco members contributed as panellists in various sessions. Among them were YA Dato' Seri Vazeer Alam Bin Mydin Meera and Deputy President YBhg. Dato' Mary Lim Thiam Suan, whose insights added great value to the discussions.



ICM was also well represented by ICM Treasurer Mary-Ann Ooi Suan Kim, ICM Secretary Idza Hajar Binti Ahmad Idzam, and Exco member and Head of the Digital Subcommittee, Nik Hajar Binti Nik Hisham. Their active participation underscored ICM's commitment to engaging with regional legal developments and strengthening ties with ASEAN partners.



ADR SUBMIT 2025 AT GUANGXI UNIVERSITY, NANNING

ICM proudly supported the ADR Submit 2025, a notable conference held at Guangxi University in Nanning from 21 to 24 August 2025. The event brought together dispute resolution practitioners and scholars from various jurisdictions.

ICM Exco member YA Dato' Lim Chong Fong was invited to serve as a panel speaker, sharing his expertise on alternative dispute resolution. Other distinguished ICM member judges also attended the conference, including former Chief Justice of Malaysia, YAA Tun Tengku Maimun Binti Tuan Mat, and ICM Asst. Secretary Ms Leng Wie Mun. Their participation highlighted ICM's strong regional presence and commitment to advancing ADR knowledge across borders.



LEGAL LOUNGE WITH ALSA MALAYSIA 3.0

ICM attended the Legal Lounge with ALSA Malaysia 3.0, a session titled “Meeting the Mark: Qualities that Matter in the Legal Profession,” held on 6 September 2025. Serving as a panellist was ICM Exco member YA Tuan Atan Mustaffa Bin Yussof Ahmad, who shared valuable insights on the essential attributes of a successful legal practitioner. ICM was further represented by Digital Subcommittee members Mohammad Izz Danish Bin Ishak and Nurdini Adriana Binti Shamsul Ehsan. Their presence underscored ICM’s commitment to engaging with student initiatives and supporting the professional development of future lawyers.



GRAYS'S INN DINNER

ICM was honoured to join and actively participate in the prestigious Gray's Inn dinner, a cherished tradition that brings together members of the legal profession in a spirit of collegiality and mutual respect. The dinner took place on 24 September 2025 and provided an excellent opportunity for legal practitioners to connect, exchange ideas, and celebrate shared values.

In a strong show of support for this meaningful occasion, ICM secured two tables, allowing several Exco members to attend and represent the organisation. Their presence underscored ICM's commitment to fostering warm relationships with esteemed legal institutions such as Gray's Inn. The evening was filled with thoughtful conversation, networking, and a reaffirmation of the bonds that unite legal professionals across different jurisdictions.



ICM views such engagements as vital to its mission of promoting legal excellence and collegiality. The dinner also served as a platform to explore potential future collaborations between ICM and Gray's Inn, benefiting members of both organisations. The event was thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended, and ICM looks forward to continuing its active participation in similar gatherings in the years ahead.

THE INAUGURAL LAUNCH OF STANDING COMMITTEE OF WOMEN IN LAW (WIL) BY ASEAN LAW ASSOCIATION

ICM proudly supported the ASEAN Law Association of Malaysia in its Inaugural Lecture Series, which focused on the important theme of “Gender Justice and Legal Pluralism in ASEAN.” This thought provoking event reflected the growing commitment within the region to address diverse legal perspectives and promote inclusivity.

On 25 September 2025, ICM also attended ALA’s Presidential Banquet alongside the official launch of the Standing Committee for Women in Law. Both gatherings took place at the M Resort and Hotel in Kuala Lumpur. The launch of this new committee marked a significant milestone in advancing the role of women within the legal profession across ASEAN.



ICM demonstrated its strong support for these initiatives by securing a table, allowing several Exco members to attend and actively participate. Their presence underscored ICM’s dedication to fostering meaningful dialogue on gender justice and legal pluralism, as well as its commitment to empowering women in law. ICM looks forward to continuing its collaboration with ALA on such impactful endeavours.

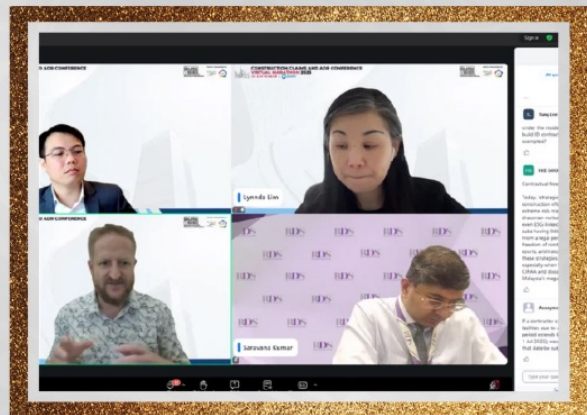
CONSTRUCTION CLAIMS & ADR CONFERENCE VIRTUAL MARATHON



ICM extended its support to L2icon for the Construction Claims and ADR Conference Virtual Marathon, held on 25 September 2025. To help promote this valuable event, ICM shared details of the conference across its social media platforms, reaching a wide audience of legal practitioners and dispute resolution specialists.

A highlight of the conference was the keynote speech delivered by ICM Exco member YA Dato' Lee Swee Seng, whose insights on construction claims and alternative dispute resolution enriched the virtual gathering.

ICM's support reflected its ongoing commitment to advancing knowledge in the field of ADR and to fostering professional development opportunities for its members and the wider legal community.



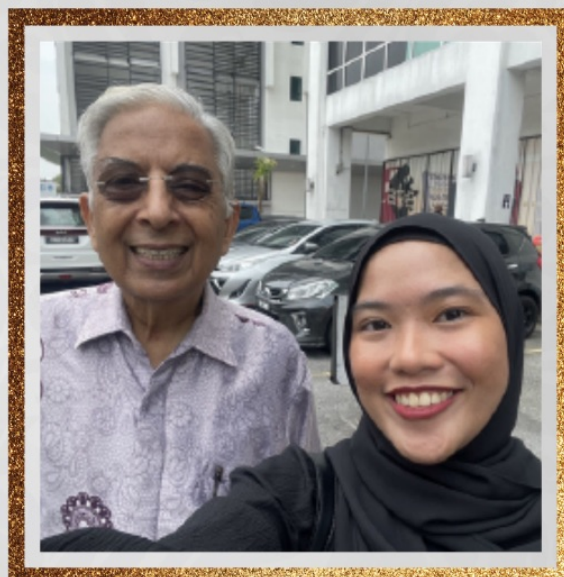
WEZMART TAX & LEGAL FORUM

ICM proudly served as a supporting organisation for its corporate member Wezsmart at the Tax and Legal Forum held on 26 September 2025. The event took place at the CCEC Auditorium in Bangsar South, Kuala Lumpur, and brought together legal and tax professionals for meaningful discussion. Delivering the keynote address was YBhg. Dato' Mary Lim Thiam Suan, whose remarks set a thoughtful tone for the proceedings. Two other distinguished ICM leaders contributed as panel speakers: YA Datuk Seri Mohd Firuz Bin Jaffril and Mary-Ann Ooi Suan Kim. Their insights enriched the dialogue on pressing tax and legal issues. Also present was YA Dr John Lee Kien How @ Mohammad Johan Lee, further demonstrating ICM's strong representation. ICM's support for this forum reflected its commitment to fostering collaboration with corporate members and promoting continuing professional education across diverse legal disciplines.



BAC - ASIA LAW ACADEMY'S GUEST LECTURE TALK TITLED “PLURALIST CONSTITUTIONALISM”

ICM served as the supporting organisation for a guest lecture hosted by Asia Law Academy. The lecture was titled “Pluralist Constitutionalism: Unity without Uniformity” and took place on 27 September 2025 at Menara BAC. Representing ICM at the event was Digital Subcommittee member Ulfaat Binti Abdul Washeff. Also in attendance were two distinguished Exco members: Vice President I YA Datuk Vazeer Alam Bin Mydin Meera and YA Dato’ Lim Chong Fong. Their presence underscored ICM’s commitment to fostering scholarly dialogue on constitutional law and promoting intellectual exchange within the legal community.



AIAC'S ADR WEEK 2025

ICM proudly served as the supporting organisation for the Asian International Arbitration Centre's Asia ADR Week 2025, which carried the inspiring theme "Kairos: Seizing the ADR Moment." This flagship event was held from 7 to 11 October 2025 at the AIAC premises, bringing together dispute resolution practitioners, arbitrators, and legal professionals from across the region to explore emerging trends and seize opportunities in the field of alternative dispute resolution.



Following the conclusion of the Road to Kairos series, AIAC also hosted a Gala Dinner on 11 October 2025 at the Four Seasons Hotel. ICM demonstrated its strong commitment to the occasion by securing one table, allowing its representatives to join in the celebrations and network with fellow attendees. ICM's continued support for the Asia ADR Week and the associated Road to Kairos series underscores the organisation's dedication to advancing ADR knowledge and fostering a vibrant dispute resolution community in Malaysia and beyond.



UUM-ICM LEGAL FORUM 2025

CM collaborated with Universiti Utara Malaysia to present the UUM-ICM Legal Forum 2025, a seminar titled “Bridging Ethics and Innovation: Humanising the Law for Sustainable Futures.” The event took place on 23 October 2025 at UUM, bringing together academics, legal practitioners, and students to explore the intersection of ethical values, technological progress, and human-centred legal practice.



On behalf of ICM, the Exco nominated YA Dr John Lee Kien How @ Mohammad Johan Lee, as the main panel speaker for the seminar. His insightful contributions enriched the discussion, offering perspectives on how the law can remain compassionate and adaptive in a rapidly changing world. This collaboration reflected ICM’s ongoing commitment to fostering meaningful academic exchange and supporting legal education across Malaysia.

2ND PARFUM ANNUAL DINNER 2025

ICM proudly joined Parfum for its Second Annual Dinner 2025, held on 25 October 2025 at the Hilton Kuala Lumpur. ICM showed its support by sponsoring a table at the event.

Several distinguished ICM member judges were in attendance, including YA Datuk Azizul Azmi Bin Adnan, YA Dato' Chan Jit Li, and YA Tuan Kenneth St James. A strong contingent of Exco members also graced the occasion. Those present included YA Dato' Lim Chong Fong, YA Datuk Shahnaz Binti Sulaiman, Professor Madya Dr Hartini Binti Saripan, the Honorary Secretary, the Honorary Treasurer, Dalvin Kaur, Head of ICM Digital Committee Nik Hajar Binti Nik Hisham, and Tuan Saravanan Meyappan.



ICM- KL BAR ON “ARTS & CULTURE: THE LEGAL CONVERSATION”

ICM continued its ongoing support for the Social, Arts and Culture Committee of the Kuala Lumpur Bar by sharing across ICM’s social media platforms the third session of the five part programme titled “Arts and Culture: The Legal Conversation.” This engaging session took place on 6 November 2025 at the KL Bar Auditorium and was titled “Comedy, Satire and the Law.” By amplifying these conversations, ICM helped highlight the lighter yet legally significant intersection of humour and legal boundaries, encouraging the legal community to appreciate the role of satire and comedic expression within the framework of the law. ICM remains committed to supporting initiatives that broaden the horizons of legal practitioners beyond conventional practice.



MAICSA ANNUAL DINNER & AWARDS

ICM proudly participated in and supported its Memorandum of Understanding partner, MAICSA, at the organisation's Annual Dinner and Awards hosted on 7 November 2025. The evening celebrated a momentous occasion: the conferment of Honorary Fellowships upon several distinguished ICM leaders. ICM President YABhg Tun Arifin Bin Zakaria, ICM Deputy President YBhg. Dato Mary Lim Thian Suan, ICM Advisor YABhg. Tun Zaki Bin Tun Azmi, and YABhg. Tun Tengku Maimun Binti Tuan Mat were all elected as Honorary Fellows of the Chartered Governance Institute and of MAICSA. This recognition stands as one of the Institute's most distinguished honours, reflecting their outstanding contributions to governance and the legal profession.

Representing ICM at the dinner were the Honorary Secretary, the Honorary Treasurer, the Head of the Digital Subcommittee, and several other members. Their presence underscored ICM's strong and enduring partnership with MAICSA. The evening was a warm celebration of excellence, collegiality, and shared values between the two organisations.



BAC LEXJOB EXPO 2025

ICM took part in the BAC LexJob Expo 2025 by setting up a booth to engage with aspiring legal professionals. The Expo was held on 8 November 2025 at Menara BAC, providing a valuable platform for students and young practitioners to explore career opportunities.

The ICM booth was expertly managed by Digital Subcommittee members Mohd Izz Danish Bin Ishak and Nurdini Adriana Binti Shamsul Ehsan. They were joined by fellow Digital Subcommittee members Farah Binti Md Nor and Muzdalifah Binti Abdul Hanif, all of whom warmly welcomed visitors and shared information about ICM's mission, membership benefits, and upcoming initiatives.



UM LAW SOCIETY GOLDEN JUBILEE GALA DINNER

ICM proudly supported and participated in the UM Law Society Golden Jubilee Gala Dinner, a momentous event hosted by the UM Law Society on 23 November 2025. This elegant evening marked 50 years of legacy and celebrated half a century of legal education and leadership.

The dinner was officially graced by YABhg. Datuk Amar Haji Fadillah bin Haji Yusof, Deputy Prime Minister of Malaysia, who is also a distinguished ICM member. His presence added great honour to the occasion. Also in attendance were ICM office bearers and ICM member Judicial Commissioner YA Tuan Samry Masri, all of whom joined in celebrating this golden milestone.



The event brought together generations of legal professionals, alumni, and students, reflecting the enduring spirit of the UM Law Society. ICM's participation underscored its commitment to nurturing legal heritage and supporting the institutions that shape Malaysia's legal future.

INTERNATIONAL JUDICIAL DIALOGUE: MALAYSIA-CALIFORNIA BENCH & BAR EXCHANGE 2026 IN UKM

On 13 February 2026, Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia had the honour of hosting 27 distinguished judges from the California Asian-Pacific American Judges Association. This visit provided a valuable opportunity for an international exchange of judicial perspectives and cross-cultural dialogue.



The ICM Treasurer, Mary-Ann Ooi Suan Kim was nominated by the President to represent ICM at the dialogue. In this capacity, Mary-Ann Ooi Suan Kim engaged with the visiting judges, sharing insights on Malaysia's legal landscape and learning from the experiences of their American counterparts.



The discussion fostered mutual understanding and opened doors for future collaboration between the Malaysian and California judicial communities.

NATIONAL ROUNDS OF THE PHILLIP C. JESSUP INTERNATIONAL LAW MOOT COMPETITION

The National Rounds of the prestigious Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition were held at the University of Malaya on 28 February 2026. A number of ICM members served as judges throughout the various rounds, lending their expertise to ensure a fair and rigorous competition.



The final rounds were adjudicated by an esteemed panel comprising Deputy President YBhg. Dato' Mary Lim Thiam Suan, Exco member YBhg. Datuk S. Nantha Balan, and Rajasingam Gothanpandani. Their collective experience and insight brought great weight to the proceedings.



At the conclusion of an intense and highly competitive event, the University of Malaya emerged as the first runner up. The winner was BAC, which will now have the honour of representing Malaysia at the international rounds in Washington, D.C. ICM extends its warmest congratulations to both teams and wishes BAC every success on the global stage.

**CONNECTING PEOPLE,
CREATING OPPORTUNITIES:
MEMBERSHIP**

MEMBERSHIP



Since its establishment, ICM has sought to bring together members of the legal fraternity from different backgrounds, stages of practice and areas of expertise, creating a shared platform for fellowship, learning and the advancement of legal excellence. Membership in ICM reflects this inclusive spirit. The Society provides for six categories of membership, namely Ordinary, Associate, Student, Honorary, Bencher and Corporate Membership. Each category is designed to recognise the diverse ways in which individuals and organisations may contribute to the growth and purpose of ICM.

Ordinary Membership is open to Malaysian citizens who have obtained a recognised law degree or its equivalent, subject to the discretion of the Executive Committee. **Associate Membership** extends to non-Malaysian citizens with recognised legal qualifications, as well as Malaysian citizens who may contribute meaningfully to the betterment and advancement of the Society.

ICM also welcomes **Student Members**, comprising Malaysian and non-Malaysian students pursuing recognised legal qualifications, including undergraduate law degrees, the Certificate in Legal Practice, Bar Professional Training Course, Legal Practice Course and Graduate Diploma in Law. This category reflects ICM's commitment to nurturing future members of the legal profession from the earliest stages of their journey.

MEMBERSHIP

Honorary Membership may be conferred upon individuals recommended by the President, while the Executive Committee may appoint distinguished members as **Benchers** in recognition of their substantial involvement in legal work or distinction in other fields.

Corporate Membership is also available to registered organisations, institutions, firms and companies in Malaysia with legal departments or legally qualified staff.

Through these membership categories, ICM continues to build a broad and vibrant community, uniting students, practitioners, judges, academics, institutions and distinguished contributors in the common pursuit of legal excellence.



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COMMUNITY!**

CLOSING NOTE



As the curtains draw on this commemorative publication, we pause to honour the journey that has brought the Inns of Court Malaysia to this meaningful tenth-year milestone. This commemorative journal has been thoughtfully prepared by the Organising Committee as more than a keepsake of the evening. It is a reflection of ICM's growth, its shared memories, and the many individuals who have contributed to its continuing story.

Within these pages, we seek to capture more than the moments that mark ICM's 10th Anniversary. We hope to preserve the values and spirit that have guided ICM since its inception - fellowship, service, learning, and an unwavering commitment to the advancement of the law. May this publication serve as a cherished remembrance for all who join us in this celebration, and as a lasting source of inspiration for our distinguished Honorary Benchers, Office Bearers and future members, who will carry ICM's legacy forward in the years to come.

We extend our heartfelt appreciation to our distinguished guests, sponsors, contributors, members, partners and friends for being part of this occasion. Your presence and support have given greater meaning to this celebration and have strengthened the bonds that define our community.

May this milestone serve not as a conclusion, but as a renewed beginning - one that inspires ICM to continue promoting excellence, collegiality, diversity and justice for generations to come.

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