Malaysian Bar-German Federal Bar **Legal Dialogue on**

COVID-19 — An Issue of the Legal Profession

22 Sept 2020 (Tuesday) 16:30 pm to 18:00 pm (Malaysian time) 10:30 am to 12:00 noon (Berlin time)

This webinar carries 1 CPD point.

Overview

The German Federal Bar and The Malaysian Bar are excited to launch the first Malaysian Bar-German Federal Bar Legal Dialogue. This webinar offers legal practitioners of both countries, an opportunity for dialogue on current legal issues that affect both parties across the continents.



Registration of Participants

10:30 am - 10:35 am (Berlin) | 16:30 pm - 16:35 pm (Malaysia) **Welcoming Remarks and Opening Statement** Dr Christian Lemke, Vice President, The German Federal Bar

Salim Bashir, President, Malaysian Bar

10:35 am - 10:55 am (Berlin) | 16:35 pm - 16:55 pm (Malaysia)

Access to Justice During the COVID-19 Crisis Mah Weng Kwai, Mah Weng Kwai & Associates

Jan Helge Kestel, President, Regional Bar of Thuringia 10:55 am - 11:15 am (Berlin) | 16:55 pm - 17:15 pm (Malaysia)

The Rising Importance of Mediation During and After the COVID-19 Crisis

Shanti Abraham, Shanti Abraham & Associates **Ingrid Hönlinger**, Anwaltskanzlei Hönlinger (Hönlinger Law Firm)

11:15 am - 11:45 am (Berlin) | 17:15 pm - 17:45 pm (Malaysia)

Investment in Post-COVID-19 times

Jeff Leong, Jeff Leong, Poon & Wong Henning von Zanthier, Von Zanthier & Schulz

Closing Remarks

Dr Christian Lemke, Vice President, The German Federal Bar

The German Federal Bar Speakers

Surindar Singh, Vice-President, Malaysian Bar

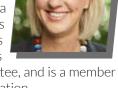
Jan Helge Kestel recently founded the

law firm Kanzlei Kestel in Erfurt, Germany after practising for 20 years at Caemmerer Lenz law firm. From 2006 till 2015, he was a member of the Board of the Regional Bar of Thuringia, and since 2015, he has served in the capacity of President. At The German Federal Bar, he is involved in committee work on tenancy and real estate law, construction law, and

Arbitration Advisory Board since 2013. **Ingrid Hönlinger** was admitted to the Bar

family law. He is the representative of the Thuringian

in 1992 and runs her own law firm, Anwaltskanzlei Hönlinger. She has been a Mediator since 2014 (certified in 2017). Ingrid Hönlinger was elected as a member of the German Parliament's Green Party from 2009 till 2013. She is a member of The German Federal Bar's Alternative Dispute Settlement committee, and is a member



of the Board of the Stuttgart Bar Association.

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Opening Statement and Closing Remarks by Dr Christian Lemke



Opening Statement by Salim Bashir



Closing Remarks by Surindar Singh





in Poznań/Poland. From 2004 to 2009, he lectured on Polish law at Freie Universität Berlin (Free University of Berlin). He also lectures at the Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznań/Poland on the law of international sale of goods. He is an active member of LAWASIA and engages in cross-border business between Germany and various Asian countries.

Malaysian Bar Speakers

Mah Weng Kwai was called to the English Bar as a Barrister-at-Law in 1971 and was admitted as an advocate and solicitor of the High Court of Malaya in July 1972. From 1973 to 1985, he served in the Judicial and Legal Services of Malaysia as a Magistrate, Sessions Court Judge,



Draftsman. Mah Weng Kwai obtained his Master of Laws degree with

Honours in 1985 from the University of Sydney, Australia

and in 1999 was appointed a Fellow of the Senate of the University of Sydney. He was elected President of the Malaysian Bar from 2001 to 2003 and President of LAWASIA from 2006 to 2008.

On 4 Jan 2010, Mah Weng Kwai was appointed a Judicial Commissioner of the High Court of Malaya, and on 10 Aug 2011, Judge of the High Court of Malaya in Kuala Lumpur. He was elevated to the Court of Appeal, Malaysia on 21 Sept 2012. His judgments have been published in law journals, notably in the Malayan Law Journal, Current Law Journal and All Malaysia Reports.

He is on the Asian International Arbitration Centre ("AIAC")'s panel of arbitrators and is certified as a mediator by the

Malaysian Mediation Centre. He has also heard cases by the

He returned to MahWengKwai & Associates as a Consultant

upon his retirement from the Judiciary in February 2015.

Singapore International Arbitration Centre. Mah Weng Kwai currently serves as a Commissioner in the Malaysian Aviation Commission ("MAVCOM") and Human Commission of Malaysia ("SUHAKAM")

(2019-2022). Prior to this, he had served in SUHAKAM in the same capacity from April 2016 to April 2019. In 2017, he was appointed Chairman of the Panel of SUHAKAM's Public Inquiry into the Enforced Disappearances of Pastor Raymond Koh and activist Amri Che Mat. He served as Commissioner in the Judicial Appointments Commission ("JAC") until 3 Sept 2020. Under the previous administration, he served as a member of the Special Committee set up by the then Minister in Charge of Legal Affairs, on the proposed abolition of the mandatory

General Election of Malaysia, he was appointed a member of the Institutional Reforms Committee ("IRC") by the then Prime Minister of Malaysia, to make recommendations for institutional reforms in the country.

death penalty in Malaysia. In May 2018 after the 14th

has also been called to the Singapore Bar. She has been in practice for over 25 years. She is a litigator, arbitrator, adjudicator and mediator. Her areas of practice include corporate work, contractual, restructuring commercial and construction disputes, among others. Shanti is an SIMI (Singapore International Mediation Institute) Certified Mediator (Level 4), and has a public profile on the

Shanti Abraham of Shanti Abraham &

Associates in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia,

SIMI Mediator website. She is a Mediator on the panels of the Securities Industries Dispute Resolution Center ("SIDREC"), Malaysian Mediation

Centre ("MMC"), and Singapore Mediation Centre ("SMC").



industries, and has conducted tech-enabled cross-border / online mediations. Jeff Leong is the Senior Partner of Jeff Leong, Poon & Wong, Malaysia. He is the

Corporate, Securities & Investment Law and Belt And Road Initiative Standing Committees. He is the Co-Chairperson of the Bar Council International Professional Services Committee, and is a Mediator with MMC, International Commercial Mediation Center for the

Co-Chair of both The Law Association



structures and runs complex mergers and acquisition ("M&A") deals, resolves critical problems faced by clients such as crisis management, regulatory investigations, shareholder fights and board tussles, and advise founders, business owners and senior management on business transactions. With numerous initial public offerings ("IPOs") and M&A deals over 30 years, he is often consulted by clients in shipping and logistics, technology and digital economy, oil and gas, and other heavily regulated industries on complex, urgent and critical matters.

(China), CCPIT/CCOIC Hangzhou Mediation Centre (China),

In private legal practice, he leads a Special Projects team that

AIAC, and Hainan International Arbitration Court (China).

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