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GUEST OF HONOUR

YAA Tun Wan Ahmad Farid bin Wan Salleh
Chief Justice of Malaysia

DATE & TIME

19	NOV	2:30pm – 5:30pm
20	NOV	2:30pm – 5:30pm
21	NOV	9:00am – 5:00pm

VENUE

Auditorium AIAC, Kuala Lumpur

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19 Nov 2026, Thurs

2.30 pm	Registration & Coffee
3.15 pm	Keynote Address & Opening by **YAM Tunku Ali Redhauddin Ibni Tuanku Muhriz,** **Tunku Besar Seri Menanti**
3.30 pm	**Special Session** **Fiscal Federalism in Malaysia:** **Rebalancing Revenue, Responsibility and Regional Development**
4.30 pm	Tea Reception

20 Nov 2026, Fri

2.30 pm	Registration & Coffee
2.45 pm	Welcome Address Representative from Asian International Arbitration Centre (AIAC)
3.00 pm	Session 1:
	"May Arbitrate", But Must You? *Apex Communications Sdn Bhd v Sumber Khazanah Sdn Bhd & Another Appeal (In Liquidation) [2025] AMEJ 3039* and the Construction of Arbitration Clauses
3.45 pm	Session 2:
	Between Court and Arbitration: Jurisdiction, Waiver and the Right to Arbitrate after *Universiti Malaya v ESA Jurutera Perunding Sdn Bhd [2026] 5 AMR 236*
4.30 pm	Session 3:
	When Does an Arbitrator Cross the Line? *Gumusut-Kakap Semi-Floating Production System (Labuan) Ltd v Sabah Shell Petroleum Co Ltd [2025] AMEJ 3374* on Jurisdiction, Contractual Limits and the Finality of Arbitral Awards
5.15 pm	Keynote Address and Closing of Day 2

21 Nov 2026, Sat

9.00 am	Registration & Coffee
9.30 am	Session 4:
	Public Figures, Private Reputations: Defamation and the Limits of Free Speech - Lessons from *Yeoh Tseow Suan v Musa Hassan [2026] 2 AMR 387*
10.15 am	Tea Break
10.45 am	Session 5:
	You Can Leave the Company, But Can You Take Its Information? Employee Confidentiality after *Lee Yik Chieh & Ors v OTL Asia Sdn Bhd [2026] 2 AMR 387*
11.30 am	Session 6:
	When Does the Government Really Take Your Land? *Right Base Trading Sdn Bhd v Premium Park Development Sdn Bhd & Another Appeal [2026] 2 CLJ 688* on Vesting, Possession and Private Rights in Compulsory Acquisition
12.15 pm	Keynote Address & Closing by **YAA Datuk Seri Utama Wan Ahmad Farid bin Wan Salleh** Chief Justice of Malaysia

12.45 pm	Lunch
2.00 pm	Session 7:
	A Duty You Cannot Delegate: *Projek Lebuhraya Usahasama Bhd v Zakaria Hamid & Anor and Another Appeal [2026] 1 CLJ 92* and the Expanding Boundaries of Negligence
2.45 pm	Session 8:
	When a Debt Disappears, Does Tax Follow? *Multi-Purpose Credit Sdn Bhd v KPHDN [2025]* 8 AMR 875 and the Taxation of Debt Waivers
3.30 pm	Session 9:
	Who Controls a Liquidation? *Victor Saw Seng Kee v Wong Weng Foo & Co & Anor and Other Appeals [2026] 1 AMR 241* on Liquidator Powers, Creditor Rights and Judicial Intervention
4.15 pm	Session 10:
	When Does a Shareholders' Dispute Become Oppression? *ISM Sdn Bhd v Queensway Nominees (Asing) Sdn Bhd & Ors [2026] 4 AMR 693* and the Limits of Minority Shareholder Protection
5.00 pm	Closing & Tea/Cocktail Reception



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Day 1 – Keynote Address



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Day 3 – Keynote Address



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Fiscal Federalism in Malaysia: Rebalancing Revenue, Responsibility and Regional Development



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Plenary 1: May Arbitrate", But Must You? *Apex Communications v Sumber Khazanah* and the Construction of Arbitration Clauses



Austen Pereira
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YA Dato' Indera Mohd Arief Emran
High Court Judge



Ankit Sanghvi
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Plenary 2:
Between Court and Arbitration: Jurisdiction, Waiver and the Right to Arbitrate after *Universiti Malaya v ESA Jurutera*



Nagarajah Muttiah

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YA Dato' Anand Ponnudurai

High Court Judge



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Plenary 3:
When Does an Arbitrator Cross the Line? *Gumusut-Kakap v Sabah Shell* on Jurisdiction,Contractual Limits and the Finality of Arbitral Awards



Kamilah Kasim

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Plenary 4:
Public Figures, Private Reputations: Defamation and the Limits of Free Speech Lessons from *Yeoh Tseow Suan v Musa Hassan*



Dr Bahari Yeow

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YA Dato' Seri Mohd Firuz Jaffril

Court of Appeal Judge



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Plenary 5:
You Can Leave the Company, But Can You Take Its Information? Employee Confidentiality after Lee Yik Chieh



Ashley Lee
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Federal Court Judge



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Plenary 6:
When Does the Government Really Take Your Land? Right Base Trading v Premium Park Development on Vesting, Possession and Private Rights in Compulsory Acquisition



Rosli Dahlan
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YA Dato' Seri Vazeer Alam



Eolanda Yeo
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Joachim Ka-Tsung Lim
IOI Properties Group Berhad

Plenary 7:
A Duty You Cannot Delegate: Projek *Lebuhraya Usahasama v Zakaria Hamid* and the Expanding Boundaries of Negligence



Vinayak Sri Ram
RDS



YA Tuan Atan Mustaffa
High Court Judge



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Plenary 8:
When a Debt Disappears, Does Tax Follow? *Multi-Purpose Credit v KPHDN* and the Taxation of Debt Waivers



S Saravana Kumar

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Surin Segar

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Alan Chung

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Anil Kumar Puri

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Plenary 9:
Who Controls a Liquidation? *Victor Saw v Wong Weng Foo* on Liquidator Powers, Creditor Rights and Judicial Intervention



Farah Shuhadah Razali

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YA Datuk Mohamed Zaini Mazlan

Court of Appeal Judge



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Plenary 10:
When Does a Shareholders' Dispute Become Oppression? *ISM v Queensway Nominees* and the Limits of Minority Shareholder Protection



Kenny Lam

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