

Darshendev Singh

A lawyer who “always delivers in a timely fashion” and “is very focused and constantly thinking outside the lines to come up with creative ways to solve a complex problem”:
The Legal 500

Darshendev's primary area of practice is commercial dispute resolution with a focus on disputes relating to construction, engineering, oil & gas, and infrastructure projects.

Besides regularly sitting as an arbitrator and an adjudicator, Darshendev also represents clients in international and domestic arbitration, litigation, mediation, and adjudication. He has been involved in numerous ad hoc as well as institutional arbitrations.

The sole Malaysian recipient of the 2019 Asia Pacific Top 10 Arbitrators Award (under the age of 40 category), Darshendev was also recently ranked as a Next Generation Partner for Dispute Resolution in Malaysia, by The Legal 500 in its Asia Pacific 2020 Ranking.

Former chairperson of the Young Members Group of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (Malaysia), Darshendev is a frequent speaker on the international circuit on issues related to his areas of practice and contributes to global publications on the arbitration and construction law landscape.



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Qualifications

- LLB (Hons), International Islamic University Malaysia
- Advocate & Solicitor of the High Court of Malaya

Practice Areas

- Construction & Engineering
- Energy & Natural Resources
- Oil & Gas
- Infrastructure Projects
- Adjudication
- Domestic Arbitration
- International Arbitration

Professional Affiliations

- Panel Arbitrator, Asian International Arbitration Centre
- Panel Adjudicator, Asian International Arbitration Centre
- Primary Panel Arbitrator, Maldives International Arbitration Centre (MIAC)
- Panel Arbitrator, Bangalore International Mediation, Arbitration & Conciliation Centre (BIMACC)
- Fellow of the Bali International Arbitration and Mediation Centre (BIAMC)
- Fellow of the Asian Institute of Alternative Dispute Resolution (AIADR)
- Chairperson, Young Members Group of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (Malaysia) (2017-2018)
- Deputy chairperson, Young Members Group of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (Malaysia) (2016-2017)
- Member, Construction Law Sub-Committee of the Malaysian Bar Council (since 2012)
- Member, Arbitration Law Sub-Committee of the Malaysian Bar Council (since 2012)
- Member, the Society of Construction Law Malaysia
- Member, Asian International Arbitration Centre Young Practitioners Group

Experience

- Advising in disputes concerning the Light Rail Transit (LRT) project.
- Advising a Russian development company in disputes concerning a mixed development.
- Advising a multinational corporation in disputes concerning supply of telecommunication systems.
- Advising a Chinese construction company in disputes concerning a mixed development.
- Advising one of the largest palm oil processors in disputes relating to the supply of Crude Palm Oil.
- Advising in disputes relating to the construction of waste treatment plant.
- Advising India's largest biopharmaceutical company in disputes relating to the construction of a biopharmaceutical plant in Malaysia.
- Advising a Malaysian public listed company in disputes relating to the construction of waste disposal facilities.
- Advising the subsidiary of a Malaysia's Fortune 500 oil and gas company in disputes relating to construction of fuel hydrant pipeline in KLIA.
- Advising one of Malaysia's strongest brands in property and infrastructure in disputes relating to the constructions of various projects.
- Advising one of the major contractors involved in the construction of a highway project.
- Advising and representing a developer in its dispute on the construction of apartment project.
- Advising Malaysia's leading independent power producer in its dispute relating to the construction of a coal-fired power plant.
- Advising a developer in its dispute relating to the supply of construction materials to a road project.
- Advising a Japanese global engineering company, which has presence since the 1920s, on construction contracts related queries.
- Advising on various standard form construction contracts in major projects, including reviewing various standard terms agreements including:
 - i) Public Works Department (Jabatan Kerja Raya) - JKR;
 - ii) Malaysian Institute of Architects (Pertubuhan Arkitek Malaysia) - PAM;
 - iii) Construction Industry Development Board (Lembaga Pembangunan Industri Pembinaan) - CIDB; and
 - iv) International Federation of Consulting Engineers - FIDIC.
- Advising in disputes arising out of the failure of reclamation works.
- Advising in disputes arising out of the construction of petrochemical facilities in Sudan.
- Advising in disputes arising out of alleged defective timber products.
- Advising in disputes arising out of building projects.
- Advising in disputes arising out of the destruction of petroleum shore tank facilities.
- Advising in disputes arising out of the construction of a methanol petrochemical plant.
- Advising in disputes arising out of power purchase agreements.
- Advising in disputes arising out of fire insurance policies.
- Advising in disputes arising out of the construction of transmission lines.
- Advising in disputes arising out of concession agreements related to KLIA.
- Advising in disputes arising out of an engineering, procurement, construction, and commissioning contract for a gas compression system.
- Advising in disputes arising from the expansion of the KL Monorail fleet.
- Advising in disputes arising from the fabrication and installation of a heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) system.
- Advising in disputes relating to the construction of a hangar.
- Advising clients in all methods of dispute resolution, including mediation, litigation, arbitration, adjudication and other alternative dispute resolution mechanisms, arising out of complex construction and infrastructure projects both locally and internationally.

Notable Publications

- Contributor – Hishamudin Yunus: Celebrating Judicial Independence (2018)
- Contributor – CIDB (Construction Industry Development Board) Construction Law Report (2018 Edition)
- Contributor – Chambers & Partners Global Practice Guide (Construction) 2018

- Contributor – Malaysian Civil Procedure (White Book), 2018
- Contributor – Arbitration in Malaysia, A Practical Guide (2016, Sweet & Maxwell)
- Contributor – Arbitration World (5th Edition), International Series (2015, Thomson Reuters)

Accolades

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Next Generation Partner for Dispute Resolution in Malaysia: Asia Pacific 2020 Ranking

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2019 Asia Pacific Arbitrators Award

Top 10 Arbitrator (under the age of 40 category)