

Darshendev Singh

A lawyer who "provides critical yet practical insight with his sharp intellect and surgical precision of the facts", "is reliable, efficient, and experienced", "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".

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 has also been ranked as a Next Generation Partner for Dispute Resolution in Malaysia, by The Legal 500 in its Asia Pacific 2020, 2021 and 2022 Rankings. Recently, he was listed in the Private Practice Arbitration Powerlist (Southeast Asian Region) by the Legal 500. Darshendev has also been recognised as 2021 Rising Star in the Malaysian Legal Industry (under the age of 40 category), by the Asian Legal Business. Darshendev received the Lexology Client Choice Award 2021 for Construction in Malaysia.



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

Professional Affiliations

- Panel Arbitrator, Asian International Arbitration Centre
- Panel Adjudicator, Asian International Arbitration Centre
- Primary Panel Arbitrator, Maldives International Arbitration Centre (MIAC)
- Panel Arbitrator, Korean Commercial Arbitration Board (KCAB), KCAB International
- Panel Arbitrator, Thailand Arbitration Center (THAC)
- 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

Practice Areas

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

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 in disputes relating to the construction of hotels, service apartments and condominiums.
- Advising in disputes relating to dredging agreements.
- 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 – Force Majeure And Hardship in The Asia-Pacific Region (2022, JurisNet, LLC)
- Contributor – Malaysian Civil Procedure (White Book), 2021
- 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

The Legal 500

Next Generation Partner for Dispute Resolution in Malaysia: Asia Pacific 2020, 2021, and 2022 Rankings

Listed in the Private Practice Arbitration Powerlist 2022 (Southeast Asia Region)

"Always delivers in a timely fashion."

"Is very focused and constantly thinking outside the lines to come up with creative ways to solve a complex problem."

"Has great contacts and knowledge of current legal and project landscape which could be helpful in this area. His experience and commercial outlook were very helpful."

"Is always pleasant to talk to. He is genuine and while he constantly tries to find the best solutions for us, he will not hesitate to call a spade a spade (but without being rude of course!) thus giving us a sense of comfort/conviction on whatever strategies we decide on."

Benchmark Litigation Asia- Pacific 2022

"Provides critical yet practical insight with his sharp intellect and surgical precision of the facts. He is reliable, efficient, and experienced."

"Darshendev Singh did very well in our adjudication for a major construction project as we won the case and have received the payment for the adjudicated sum from the employer. What make him exceptional, stand out and different from competitors are his qualities: He is very knowledgeable in his fields; he is very detailed or meticulous in covering all issues of arguments; he always endeavours his best for the clients; and he is able to think out of the box in forming strategies and giving his professional opinions."

2019 Asia Pacific Arbitrators Award

Top 10 Arbitrator (under the age of 40 category)

Asian Legal Business

2021 Rising Star in the Malaysian Legal Industry (under the age of 40 category)

Lexology Client Choice Award 2021

Construction