

Puteri Shehnaz Majid

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PROFILE

Shehnaz read law at the London School of Economics and Political Science under a full scholarship from the LSE. She was called to the Malaysian Bar in 2003, joined the firm in 2006, and has been a Partner since 2013.

Shehnaz is highly regarded for both her courtroom advocacy and her legal drafting skills. She acts as lead counsel conducting trials and applications in the High Court, as well as appeals in the appellate courts. She is a comprehensive solution provider, whose practice includes non-contentious advisory work, pre-litigation / pre-arbitration management of disputes, and hands-on conduct of legal / arbitral proceedings from start to finish. Shehnaz is a consummate trial lawyer who believes that litigation is the last resort. In her experience, she has learned that more often than not, disputes can be resolved amicably and cost-effectively; should the dispute culminate in the courtroom or before a tribunal, however, you would want her on your side. She leads a team of talented and dedicated lawyers, all of whom share her ethos and approach to dispute resolution. She practices with heart, integrity, and gusto.

Shehnaz is a member of the faculty of trainers in the Bar Council's Advocacy Training Course (ATC), which is a full weekend course held several times a year in a real courtroom setting, teaching advocacy skills to lawyers at various stages of their practice. The ATC's objective is to improve the standards of advocacy and produce better advocates, which Shehnaz fervently supports. She has been a trainer since 2016 and trains regularly with her local faculty comprising fellow members of the Malaysian Bar, the Malaysian judiciary, as well as lawyers and judges from common law jurisdictions. Shehnaz has also had the privilege of training in Singapore, Hong Kong, and South Africa.

Shehnaz speaks English, Bahasa Malaysia, French, German, and Thai.

QUALIFICATIONS

Advocate and Solicitor

High Court in Malaya

2003

LLB (Hons)

The London School of Economics and Political Science

2001

PRACTICE AREAS

- Arbitration
- Civil & Commercial Litigation
- Construction & Infrastructure
- Corporate Litigation & Shareholders' Disputes
- Restructuring, Insolvency & Bankruptcy

WORK HIGHLIGHTS

CIVIL & COMMERCIAL LITIGATION

CORPORATE LITIGATION & SHAREHOLDERS' DISPUTES

- › Shehnaz has extensive and specialised experience in shareholders' disputes, joint ventures, directors' duties, company law actions and remedies, insolvency, just and equitable winding-up, and contractual and tortious disputes arising out of commercial transactions.
- › She has represented a broad gamut of clients – private and public listed companies, conglomerates, and high profile and net-worth individuals, in the timber, tin, oil and gas, hospital management, and construction industries, to name a few.
- › She is an instrumental member of a team of instructing solicitors advising on a multi-jurisdictional shareholders' dispute involving a Malaysian family conglomerate, which spawned more than 60 suits in the courts of Malaysia, Singapore, and the British Virgin Islands, including the Privy Council.
- › Most recently and notably, she successfully defended a RM123 million claim for breach of directors' duties, fraud, and conspiracy to injure by a company against its former director, and at the same time successfully prosecuted a counterclaim for abuse of process.

CONSTRUCTION & INFRASTRUCTURE

- › Shehnaz also specialises in construction law, where her practice straddles both contentious work (litigation, arbitration, and adjudication) as well as non-contentious work (advisory).
- › Her non-contentious practice is unique in that it covers the full range of service that in-house counsel would provide (such as rendering advice regularly, drafting of contracts, letter-writing, vetting of documents, and general legal management of ongoing projects), but with the advantage of her knowledge of the law as well as experience in litigation and dispute resolution. The aim of her non-contentious practice is to secure strategic positioning and advantage for her clients and ensure contractual and regulatory compliance, with the objective of dispute avoidance.
- › As for her contentious practice, Shehnaz represents the whole spectrum of clients, from a state development statutory body, to private and public-listed employers, contractors, and sub-contractors, in private as well as government developments and projects. She acted as lead counsel in *Global Upline Sdn Bhd v Government of Malaysia* [2016] 8 MLJ 441, the first reported case in Malaysia on the meaning of “practical completion”.

WHAT OTHERS SAY

“I appointed CTS as my solicitors in a civil suit. Puteri Shehnaz Majid (Shehnaz) is the partner in charge and she has a dedicated team to provide the necessary legal and administrative support. Shehnaz has a deep and extensive knowledge of the law and is highly proficient in providing astute legal advice to me. She is a very talented and versatile lawyer. She is hands-on, attentive, responsive, meticulous and yet practical in offering a thorough assessment on relevant issues. I am satisfied with her invaluable advice.”

— THE LEGAL 500 ASIA-PACIFIC (2023)

“... peguam sangat proaktif dan efisien. Boleh menjadi role model dari segi cara kerja dan kualiti kepada firma lain” [“A very proactive and efficient lawyer. Can be a role model to other firms for work and quality”]

— PERBADANAN KEMAJUAN NEGERI SELANGOR (PKNS)