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Speakers' Profile



Hjh Suhana binti Hj Sudin joined the Attorney General's Chambers of Brunei Darussalam as Counsel in 1995. She has held the position of Deputy Head of the Criminal Justice Division and is currently the Principal Counsel and Head of Civil Division. In both these positions, Hjh Suhana has dealt with various stakeholders in different capacities. When she was in Criminal Justice Division, she conducted criminal prosecutions and advised law enforcement agencies regarding criminal law issues. At present, her scope of work as the Head of Civil Division includes providing legal advice, when requested, to Ministries, government departments and statutory bodies; drafting and vetting contracts and other legal documentation; attending meetings in various Ministries; and conducting civil litigation on behalf of the Government of Brunei Darussalam.



Norismizan binti Hj Ismail has been with the Attorney General's Chambers of Brunei Darussalam since 1996. She is currently a Senior Counsel and the Deputy Head of Division I of the Legislation and Research Division. Norismizan's field of expertise is in legislative drafting and she is not a stranger to presentations, having delivered a number of talks over the years to various stakeholders on the legislative process and legal principles. Norismizan has a passion in legislative drafting and pursued this passion in obtaining her Masters in Advanced Legislative Studies from the Institute of Advanced Legal Studies, University of London, United Kingdom in 2012. She is currently attached to both the Legislative Drafting Unit and Research Unit under the Division. Apart from the drafting of legislation, her responsibilities also involve conducting legal research and the revision of laws. She is also involved in dealing with Constitutional matters relating to the Legislative Council and in assisting with the drafting of certain Syariah laws. She is also tasked in ensuring that the Legislation Database is maintained.



Hjh Noor Sukhairiyani binti DSLJ Hj Md Kassim joined the Attorney General's Chambers in May 1998 and was promoted to Senior Counsel in May 2014. She is currently the Deputy Head of Civil Division and heads the Advisory I of the Division. Her unit provides advisory services, including drafting and vetting of MoUs and contracts, drafting and reviewing legislation, statutory interpretations, and conducting talks and presentations for various Government Ministries, departments and statutory bodies. Hjh Noor Sukhairiyani received a Postgraduate Diploma in Perundangan Islam dan Guaman Syar'ie (Islamic Law and Syariah Legal Practice) in June 2004.



Hajah Pauziah binti Abdullah is a Deputy Senior Counsel with the Attorney-General's Chambers, Brunei Darussalam and is currently the Deputy Head of Division II of the Legislation and Research Division. Her responsibilities include the drafting of legislation or the approval of drafts prepared by other Ministries or departments or by other Divisions within the Attorney General's Chambers and that these laws are in accordance with the Constitution of Brunei Darussalam and the policies of the Government of Brunei Darussalam that they do not contravene Brunei Darussalam's local customs and traditions; ensuring that all legislation drafted for consideration by His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan or the Legislative Council conforms to legislative drafting norms.



Elma Darlini binti Haji Sulaiman joined as Counsel at the International Affairs Division of the Attorney General's Chambers, Brunei Darussalam in 1999. She was promoted to Deputy Senior Counsel in 2012 and appointed as Deputy Head of International Affairs Division (IAD) in 2013. She also heads the Treaties and Human Rights Unit under IAD which was established in 2012. She represented Brunei Darussalam at the Sixth (Legal) Committee of the 55th United Nations General Assembly Session in 2000 in New York, United States. She was involved in the negotiation of many trade agreements such as Brunei Japan Economic Partnership Agreement (BJEPA), ASEAN Japan, ASEAN India and also the Protocol to Dispute Settlement for ASEAN and has also been involved in the drafting of other treaties such as Convention on Counter Terrorism (ACCT) and ASEAN Protocol on Dispute Settlement Mechanism. Elma recently graduated with LLM in Public International Law at the Queen Mary, University of London.



Riana Dewi binti Hj Aji joined the Attorney General's Chambers as a Counsel in 2001, after having graduated from University of Wales, Cardiff and being called to the Bar at Lincoln's Inn, England. She was promoted to Deputy Senior Counsel in 2011. She then obtained her Master's Degree in Public International Law from Queen Mary, University of London in 2012 where she was also awarded the Best Student Prize in International Law. Riana has spent the most part of her career in Chambers with the International Affairs Division, specialising in matters pertaining to *inter alia*, ASEAN, the Commonwealth, maritime boundaries and maritime security. She was appointed as the Head of the International Organisations and Law of the Sea Unit of the International Affairs Division in 2012. Riana

has also been involved in several management initiatives, such as the AGC Strategic Plan 2012-2017 Committee and the Editorial Committee for AGC publications. She attended the 19th Executive Development Programme for Middle Management Officers at Universiti Brunei Darussalam in 2014 and was also selected to participate in the 7th Trilateral (Brunei Darussalam-Malaysia-Singapore) Leadership Development Programme in 2015.



Nur Al-ain binti Dr Hj Abdullah is currently a Deputy Senior Counsel with the Attorney-General's Chambers, Brunei Darussalam and since 2013, she is the Head of International Trade and Intellectual Property (ITIP) Unit under the International Affairs Division (IAD). Being Head of 2 diverse trade issues, she handles all matters pertaining to international as well as national trade matters involving the World Trade Organisation (WTO), the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) and the ASEAN Comprehensive Investment Agreement as well as trade dispute settlement such as the dispute settlement mechanism under the WTO and the ASEAN Enhanced Dispute Settlement Mechanism (EDSM). The ITIP Unit also handles matters involving intellectual property such as the World

Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), the Agreement on Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights (TRIPS) and APEC Intellectual Property Rights Experts' Group (IPEG). Nur Al-ain holds a Master in Intellectual Property Law from University Of Queensland, Brisbane, Australia which she attained in 2010.



Hajah Badariah binti Haji Yahya is currently Deputy Senior Counsel and Head of Advisory II of Civil Division. She has been serving the Government of Brunei Darussalam since 1999 in the Attorney General's Chambers. Advisory II provides legal services such as drafting, vetting and negotiating of contracts, deeds and MoUs; statutory interpretation and advisory work. Hajah Badariah specialises in complex negotiation and strategic procurement. She was instrumental as part of the original team of experts during the formulation and setting up of Brunei Darussalam world's first bespoke short-term Sukuk Al Ijarah (Islamic bonds). Some of the Ministries under the purview of Advisory II include the Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Defence, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade,

Ministry of Education, Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Development. Advisory II also advises statutory boards such as AMBD, MOFC, UNISSA and UBD. Hjh Badariah holds an LL.M in Banking Law (Master of Laws) from the School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London which she attained in 2011 and Postgraduate Diploma in Islamic Law and Legal Practice from UBD in 2006.



Hajah Norazamiah binti Hj Hambali joined the Attorney General's Chambers in 2002 and was promoted to Deputy Senior Counsel in 2012. Hjh Norazamiah is currently attached to the Legislative Drafting Unit of the Legislation and Research Division. The Unit is responsible for the drafting of legislation or the approval of drafts prepared by other Ministries or departments or by other Divisions within the Attorney General's Chambers and provides advice on the laws of Brunei Darussalam as and when required. Hjh Norazamiah holds a Master in Law from the University of Surrey, United Kingdom.



Christopher Ng Ming Yew joined the Attorney General's Chambers on 8th November 2004 and was promoted to the post of Deputy Senior Counsel on 25th October 2015. Christopher is Head of the Special Duties Unit of the Criminal Justice Division where his job scope involves rendering advice to government agencies on criminal law related matters, the drafting of criminal related legislation as well as transnational crime matters such as Trafficking in Persons and Anti Money Laundering. Christopher also heads the Mutual Legal Assistance and Extradition Secretariat which functions as Brunei Darussalam's Central Authority, responsible for dealing with requests both from Bruneian law enforcement agencies as well as foreign central authorities for the transmission of evidence.

Christopher holds a Masters in Criminal Justice Policy from the London School of Economics and Political Science which he attained in 2013.



After graduating from South Bank University, London, Hjh Fauziah binti Haji Sulaiman joined the Attorney General's Chambers in 2002 as a Legal Officer. She obtained her Certificate of Legal Practice (CLP) from Malaysia in 2005. As a Legal Counsel in the Civil Division, she handles debt recovery cases on behalf of the Government as well as drafting and looking into MOUs, contracts and advisory work. In 2011, Hjh Fauziah was placed under Litigation and Dispute Resolution Unit (LDRU) of the Civil Division whose core duty is dealing with litigation and appearing before the Courts. She has successfully assisted in civil matters and on numerous occasions has appeared in the High Court and the Court of Appeal. Hjh Fauziah has a Masters Degree from the University of Birmingham, United

Kingdom which she obtained with merit in 2009.



Siti Badriyah binti Haji Abd Rahman joined the Attorney General's Chambers in 2007 and was placed in the Criminal Justice Division. She then moved to the Litigation and Dispute Resolution Unit of the Civil Division in 2012 where her portfolio includes providing litigation support services for all civil claims initiated by the Government as well as handling all appearances in court, arbitration, mediation, alternative dispute resolution (ADR) and tribunals in civil matters on behalf of the Government. Her scope also includes advising on best practices of dispute prevention and management. Siti Badriyah has a Master of Laws in General Legal Studies in 2006 from the University of Bristol.



Ratno Eddy Sophian bin Haji Zaidi has been working with the Attorney General's Chambers of Brunei Darussalam since 2006 and is currently an officer under the Special Duties Unit of the Criminal Justice Division, which deals with advisory matters and legal research for the proposal or amendment of legislation as well as organising trainings and workshops. Ratno's duties include providing advice on criminal matters at meetings and seminars as well as advising stakeholders on criminal law. Ratno holds a Postgraduate Diploma in International Law from Staffordshire University, United Kingdom.