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Kee Hui Yee was admitted as an Advocate and Solicitor of the High Court of Malaya in 2019. Hui Yee is a Partner at Kanesalingam & Co and was elected to the Malaysian Bar Council in 2022 as its youngest member. She currently serves as Co-Chairperson of the Family Law Committee and the National Young Lawyers and Pupils Committee.

In her family law practice, she advises clients on cross-border matters involving asset division, financial arrangements, and issues concerning children. Her experience includes advising in disputes involving the estate of a billionaire with assets and testamentary instruments across multiple jurisdictions, as well as highly contentious corporate shareholder disputes involving family members.

She is an accredited mediator with the Malaysian International Mediation Centre, a trained collaborative lawyer with the International Academy of Collaborative Professionals, and a member of the Commonwealth Lawyers Association, LAWASIA, and the Inter-Pacific Bar Association.

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John is the President of the IAFL Asia Pacific Chapter. He was admitted as a lawyer in New South Wales in 1992 and in Victoria in 1993 and has practised in family law ever since. He has been accredited by the Law Institute of Victoria (LIV) as a specialist practitioner in family law in 2003. John joined the specialist family law practice, Kennedy Partners, in 2007, and became a partner of the firm in 2012. He has expertise in all aspects of family law, including parenting and financial matters, and has worked significantly in the area of international family law.

John is an active member of committees of the Family Law Section of the LIV since 2003, including a member of the Executive Committee since 2011 and Chair of the Maintenance and Property Sub-Committee since 2011. Has written or co-authored several papers and has presented at continuing legal education seminars (both in Australia and overseas) since 2009. Is a consultant editor for precedents with LexisNexis.

JUSTICE DATO' LEE SWEE SENG

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Justice Dato' Lee Swee Seng graduated with a Bachelor of Laws (Hons) degree from the University of Malaya (now known as Universiti Malaya, "UM") and obtained his Master of Laws from the same university.

He also holds an MBA degree from the University of Southern Cross, Australia. Justice Dato' Lee was admitted as an advocate and solicitor of the High Court of Malaya in February 1985 and was in active legal practice until May 2010 when he was appointed a Judicial Commissioner of the High Court of Malaya. He was made a Judge of the High Court of Malaya in 2014 and elevated to the Court of Appeal on 8 Aug 2019, and recently, to the Federal Court on 20 May 2025.

Justice Dato' Lee was the Family Court Judge in the Kuala Lumpur High Court in 2015. He is a strong believer in mediation in resolving matrimonial disputes and almost every contested divorce before him was resolved through mediation with hardly 10 cases that proceeded to full hearing for that year. He is convinced that there is no better family arrangements for the children other than the ones that the parents have agreed.

Justice Dato' Lee was a visiting Fellow of Taylor's University's Law School and a part-time lecturer with the Law Faculty of his alma mater for the LLM Masters Programme. He is also an Elite Fellow with the Law Faculty of UM. Justice Dato' Lee is a trained advocacy trainer with the Bar Council and a certified Mediator with the Malaysian Mediation Centre (now Malaysian International Mediation Centre) before joining the Bench. He also achieved the highest award in the Toastmasters International as a Distinguished Toastmaster.

Justice Dato' Lee was the General Editor of the first edition of Law and Practice of Family Law in Malaysia (Sweet & Maxwell, 2019) where he also contributed two chapters on "An Overview of Family Law in Malaysia" and "Mediation in Resolving Matrimonial Disputes". He and Justice Datin Paduka Evrol Mariette Peters were joint General Editors for the second edition of the publication, launched on 3 Oct 2025. Justice Dato' Lee is also a committee member of the Court-Annexed Mediation Committee of the Malaysian Judiciary and the Managing Judge for Negeri Sembilan and Melaka Courts.