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Anand Raj currently serves as the President of the Malaysian Bar. He is the former Chairperson of the Bar Council Tax Committee, Bar Council Corporate and Commercial Law Committee, Bar Council Strategic Litigation Committee and Bar Council Competition Law Subcommittee. He was the Chair of the International Fiscal Association (“IFA”), Malaysia Branch.

Anand has been in practice since 1996 and has been a partner at Shearn Delamore & Co. since 2003. He currently serves as the Head of the Tax Disputes Practice and the Co-Head of Competition Law & Antitrust at the firm.

Anand is ranked by Legal 500 Asia-Pacific (2019–2025) as a “Leading Individual” in Tax and has been highlighted in The Legal 500 Asia-Pacific’s “Hall of Fame” for Tax (2025–2026) and Competition & Antitrust (2025–2026). Lexology (2025) recognises Anand as a “Global Elite Thought Leader” in Client choice – Competition, a “Thought Leader” in Competition, and “Recommended” in Competition and Southeast Asia – Competition as well as Corporate Tax – Controversy and Southeast Asia – Corporate Tax. Asia Business Law Journal (2020–2024) recognised Anand as one of Malaysia’s Top 100 Lawyers in Competition Law & Antitrust and Tax Disputes & Controversy. Asialaw’s Client Service Excellence (2021) recognised Anand as “The Highest Rated Lawyer to Work With” in Tax and Competition / Antitrust. Anand was recognised as the 2017 Asia Tax Disputes and Litigation Practice Leader of the Year by the International Tax Review (“ITR”). Asialaw Leading Lawyers (2020–2024) recognised Anand as an “Elite Practitioner” in Competition / Antitrust as well as in Tax. Anand is recognised as a “Highly Regarded Practitioner” in Indirect Tax and Tax Controversy (2019–2022, 2025), as well as “Highly Regarded” in World Transfer Pricing (“TP”) (2023–2025) by ITR. Anand has also been recognised by Benchmark Litigation Asia-Pacific 2025 as a Litigation Star.

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Heather is the President of the IAFL, having previously served as President-elect, Treasurer, and Assistant Treasurer for the past six years. She began to practice solely family law in 2000, after spending several years as an Assistant Public Defender (criminal law) in Maryland. Heather currently practices in Maryland and D.C. and has been recognized as a leader many times for her work in family law and legal associations. She is an active participant as a member, leader, and lecturer in many organizations. She graduated from Boston University, simultaneously earning a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science summa cum laude, and a Juris Doctor in 1995.

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A leader in advancing alternative dispute resolution, Rajashree commenced her term as the President of International Academy of Collaborative Professionals (IACP) in April 2026. Within the Malaysian Bar, she is Co-Chairperson of the Family Law Committee (2025/2026) and leads the Collaborative Practice committee, playing an active role in promoting non-adversarial approaches to family dispute resolution. She also co-leads the Malaysian Collaborative Practice Group.

Passionate about peaceful conflict resolution, Rajashree continues advanced training in mediation, collaborative practice, and therapeutic justice. Beyond her legal work, she is a passionate animal lover and advocate for animal welfare.