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LAWYERING 2030

Skills, Strategy & Legal Education
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2-3 April
2026

Shangri-La Hotel,
Kuala Lumpur

EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

High-Level Technical Sessions • Exclusive Judges Roundtable • Cultural & Heritage Tour
Mooting Competition Finals • Professional Networking • Academic Exchange

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EVENT DETAILS

Date : 2nd & 3rd April 2026

Venue : Shangri-La Hotel, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

- High-level technical sessions chaired by judges, senior practitioners, academics, and policymakers
- Final rounds of the CLEA Biennial Mooting Competition, 2026
- Exclusive Roundtable for Commonwealth Judges
- Networking and collaboration
- Optional cultural and heritage tour for international delegates

ABOUT THE EVENT

Lawyering 2030 is envisioned as a global forum that brings together legal practitioners, academics, policymakers, judges, students, professional bodies, and justice sector stakeholders from across jurisdictions. While rooted in the rich traditions of the Commonwealth, the conference deliberately looks beyond geographical and institutional boundaries to engage with universal questions concerning the future of law, justice, and legal education. At a time marked by unprecedented technological acceleration, deepening global interdependence, rising transnational disputes, and rapidly shifting societal expectations, the legal profession is undergoing a profound transformation. Lawyers today are not only interpreters of law but also architects of governance, mediators of social change, custodians of ethical responsibility, and innovators in justice delivery. This conference seeks to respond to these evolving realities by offering a space for critical reflection, collaborative problem-solving, and forward-looking dialogue.

Through keynote addresses, plenary discussions, specialised technical sessions, focused breakout panels, and the prestigious CLEA Biennial Mooting Competition, the programme invites participants to interrogate what it means to be a lawyer in 2030. The conference will explore how legal education, professional training, judicial systems, and regulatory institutions must adapt to ensure that lawyers remain competent, ethical, socially responsive, and globally relevant. More than a conventional academic gathering, Lawyering 2030 is designed as a solutions-oriented platform that bridges theory and practice. It fosters cross-border learning, comparative insights, and interdisciplinary engagement, recognising that the challenges facing legal systems today from artificial intelligence to climate justice, from access to justice to professional identity that cannot be addressed in isolation.

As CLEA's flagship Biennial Conference, this edition carries a special mandate: to consolidate global best practices in legal education and professional development, to strengthen networks of collaboration, and to chart a collective roadmap for the future of lawyering. It aims not merely to diagnose challenges, but to inspire actionable pathways for reform, innovation, and institutional resilience.

CONFERENCE SUB THEMES



The Future of Lawyering in a Changing Commonwealth

How should lawyers prepare for the 21st century? Sessions explore emerging competencies, professional identity, and the evolving relationship between law schools, the Bar, the bench, and the wider justice ecosystem.



Technology, Globalisation, and Professional Ethics

As AI, automation, and cross-border issues reshape legal work, discussion address ethical challenges, regulatory reforms, and the responsibilities of educators and professional bodies.



Strengthening Legal Institutions and the Justice Ecosystem

Panels explore the role of Bars, judicial training models, public sector legal development, and access to justice as shared responsibilities across sectors.



Contemporary and Transnational Legal Practice

Sessions tackle current challenges in transactional work, litigation, criminal justice, public interest lawyering, and the contributions of emerging economies to international law.

TARGETED PARTICIPANTS

- Legal practitioners (private practice, in-house, public sector)
- Law academics and researchers
- Judges, judicial officers, and court administrators
- Regulators, Bar Council members, and professional bodies
- Government lawyers and policymakers
- Postgraduate and undergraduate law students
- Professionals from emerging legal technology and legal operations sector



CLEA BIENNIAL CONFERENCE 2026

The Conference will be chaired and co-chaired by distinguished leaders from the judiciary, legal profession, academia, and public institutions. Sessions will feature eminent judges, Attorneys General, Solicitors General, senior advocates, leading academics, policymakers, and international experts as keynote speakers, panellists, and session chairs. This highlevel participation ensures rigorous intellectual engagement, comparative insights across jurisdictions, and meaningful dialogue between decision-makers, educators, and practitioners, reinforcing the Conference's role as a premier global forum on the future of law and legal education.



REGISTRATION

The registration fee for participants of the Main Conference is as follows:

Early Bird
Package
50% Off
till 31 March 2026

RM 750	RM 1500
USD 200	USD 400

* The fee includes conference lunches, tea, dinner, paper presentations, and access to all conference sessions.

PROGRAMME

2 April 2026 | Day 1

7.30 am – 8.30 am	Registration at Shangri-La
8.30 am	Transport departs from Shangri-La to Universiti Malaya
9.00 am	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Arrival of VIPs at Dewan Tunku Canselor, Universiti Malaya Light Refreshments at Universiti Malaya
9.30 am	Arrival of YAB Dato' Seri Anwar bin Ibrahim , Prime Minister of Malaysia
9.35 am	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prayer Recital National Anthem
9.40 am – 9.45 am	Welcome Remarks by Professor Dato' Seri Ir. Dr. Noor Azuan Abu Osman , Vice Chancellor, Universiti Malaya
9.45 am – 9.50 am	Welcome Remarks by Tan Sri Datuk Zainun Ali , Pro-Chancellor Universiti Malaya & Consultant of CLEA
9.50 am – 9.55 am	Welcome Remarks by Tan Sri Datuk Nallini Pathmanathan , Patron of CLEA
9.55 am – 10.05 am	Welcome Remarks by Prof. Dr. S. Sivakumar , President of CLEA
10.05 am – 10.15 am	Special Address by The Right Honourable Datuk Seri Utama Wan Ahmad Farid bin Wan Salleh , Chief Justice of Malaysia
10.15 am – 10.40 am	Special Address by The Right Honourable Justice Surya Kant , Chief Justice of India
10.45 am	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Keynote Address by YAB Dato' Seri Anwar bin Ibrahim, Prime Minister of Malaysia Opening Ceremony
11.45 am – 1.15 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Departure of YAB Prime Minister Delegates depart for Shangri-La
1.15 pm – 2.15 pm	Plenary Session 1: Judiciaries in the Age of Technology and Globalisation Brought to You By  Moderator: Mr. Sathish Ramachandran , Partner, Messrs Deol & Gill Speakers: 1. Honourable Justice Atan Mustapha Yusoff Ahmad ,

	Judge of the High Court of Malaya 2. Justice D.S. Naidu (Retd.) , Retired Judge & Senior Advocate, Supreme Court of India 3. Mr. Raja Singham , Founder, Managing Director and Chief Future Officer, BAC Education Group 4. Dr. Giri Sankar S.S. , Principal, St. Dominic's College of Law 5. Dr. Ruchi Sharma , Joint Secretary, CLEA & Director, Commonwealth Institute for Justice, Education & Research
2.15 pm – 3.45 pm	Lunch
3.45 pm – 4.15 pm	Plenary Session 2: Navigating the ESG Imperative Moderator: Dato' S. Saravana Kumar , Partner, RDS Advocates & Solicitors Speakers: 1. Honourable Justice Dato' Faizah Binti Jamaludin , Judge of the Court of Appeal of Malaysia 2. Mr. Jatinder Cheema , Senior Advocate, Supreme Court of India 3. Barrister Prashanta Barua , Advocate, Supreme Court of Bangladesh 4. Prof. (Dr.) Gigimon V. S. , Professor & Director, Amity Law School Mumbai 5. Prof. Meera Furtado , General Secretary, CLEA & Head of Law and Social Sciences, University of Sussex (Discussant) 5. Prof. Dr. Ashok R. Patil , Vice-Chancellor of the National University of Study and Research in Law (NUSRL), Ranchi Brought to You By 
	Tea Break
4.15 pm – 5.45 pm	Plenary Session 3: Developing Litigation & Transactional Skills in the 21st Century Moderator: To' Puan Janet Looi , Senior Partner, Head of Corporate Division, Co-Head ESG Practice Group SKRINE Speakers: 1. Mr. Tushar Mehta , Ld. Solicitor General of India (Keynote Speaker) 2. Justice Dato' Azizul Azmi Adnan , Judge of the Court of Appeal of Malaysia 3. Mr. Gopal Sreenevasan , Founding Member, Endeavour Group Law Practice 4. Mr. Raphael Tay Choon Tien , Partner, RDS Advocates & Solicitors 5. Mr. George Giri , Advocate on Record, Supreme Court of India
6.00 pm	End of Day 1
7.00 pm	Welcome Dinner

3 April 2026 | Day 2

8.30 am – 9.00 am ♦ Registration

9.00 am – 9.30 am ♦ Ministerial Address by **The Honourable Dato' Sri Azalina binti Othman Said**, Minister in the Prime Minister's Department (Law and Institutional Reform)

9.30 am – 11.00 am ♦ **Plenary Session 4 : Cross-Border Corporate Insolvency in the Commonwealth**

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Moderator:

YBrs Tuan Thiyagu Ganesan, Deputy Director-General BHEUU

Speakers:

1. **Honourable Justice Wan Muhammad Amin**, Judge of the High Court of Malaysia
2. **Mr. Lee Shih, Partner**, Lim Chee Wee Partnership
3. **Mr. Rabindra S.Nathan**, Partner, Shearn Delamore & Co.
4. **Mrs. V. Munyoro**, State Advocate, Attorney-General's Office Zimbabwe
5. **Mr. Gurukrishna Kumar**, Senior Advocate, Supreme Court of India

11.00 am – 11.15 am ♦ Tea Break

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11.15 am – 1.00 pm ♦ The Commonwealth Moot Finals

1.00 pm – 2.15 pm ♦ Lunch

2.15 pm – 3.30 pm ♦ **Plenary Session 5 : Emerging Global Challenges for Criminal Law Practice**

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Moderator:

Nabila Hussain, Director, Government Affairs and Public Policy, Microsoft

Speakers:

1. **Dr. R. Venkataramani**, Ld. Attorney General of India (Keynote Speaker)
2. **Dr. Jasmine Begum**, Regional Director, Microsoft
3. **Dr. Haezreena Begum**, Senior Lecturer, Faculty of Law, Universiti Malaya
4. **Honourable Justice E.V Venugopal**, Judge of the High Court of Telangana
5. **Prof. Dr. Kumaralingam Amirthalingam**, Professor and Vice Dean (Academic Affairs), Faculty of Law, National University of Singapore

3.30 pm - 3.45 pm ♦ Tea Break

3.45 pm – 5.15 pm ♦

Plenary Session 6 : Navigating the Landscape of International Arbitration

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Moderator:

Dato' M. Rajasekaran, Managing Partner, Messrs. Rajasekaran

Speakers:

1. **Honourable Justice K. V. Viswanathan**, Judge, Supreme Court of India (Keynote Speaker)
2. **Dato' Mary Lim**, President of the AIAC Court of Arbitration
3. **Honourable Justice A. K. Sikri**, Former Judge, Supreme Court of India
4. **Honourable Justice A.H.M.D Nawaz**, Judge, Supreme Court of Sri Lanka
5. **Mr. Apoorv Kurup**, Senior Advocate, Supreme Court of India

Closing Address by the **Honourable Justice Surya Kant**, Chief Justice of India

5.15 pm - 5.35 pm ♦

Valedictory Ceremony, Prize-Giving Ceremony and Closing Remarks

5.35 pm – 6.00 pm ♦

End of Day 2

6.00 pm ♦

Gala Dinner

7.30 pm ♦

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