

Crossed Wires & Cross-Exams: Fixing Expert Misfires in Arbitration

Untangling testimony, aligning expectations, and getting expert evidence right



Hosted by Lee Hishammuddin Allen & Gledhill, Kuala Lumpur



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5:00 pm – 6:30 pm, (Cocktail reception to follow)



Closed-door | Strictly limited to 60 participants | **RSVP required**



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Expert evidence often carries the weight of a complex case — but misalignment between counsel, experts, and tribunals can dilute its impact. This **closed-door roundtable** brings together leading voices to unpack where things go wrong — and how to get them right. This session is designed for: Arbitration practitioners, in-house counsel & clients, expert witnesses, tribunal members.



Featured Speakers

- **Belden Premaraj, FCIArb**, Founding Partner, Belden Advocates & Solicitors– Lead Counsel
- **Raj Navaratnam, C. Arb**, Partner, Azman Davidson & Co – Arbitrator
- **Michael Tonkin, C. Arb**, Vice-President, Ciarb, President-Elect Ciarb 2027, Partner, HKA – Expert Witness



Moderated by **Crystal Wong Wai Chin, FCIArb**, Chairperson, Ciarb Malaysia, Partner, Lee Hishammuddin Allen & Gledhill



Chatham House Rule applies. No media. No recordings. Open, candid dialogue.



Kindly confirm your attendance by registering at ciarbmmb@gmail.com or by scanning the QR code. Please note that registration is limited to 60 participants on a first-come, first-served basis. Successful registrants will be notified accordingly.



Registration Fee: Ciarb Members: Free; Non – Members: RM50

Speakers



Belden Premaraj

Belden Premaraj is the principal and founding partner of M/s Belden Advocates & Solicitors, a boutique and specialised practice. Belden has more than 30 years' experience in dispute resolution, project procurement and on-project advisory for the construction and engineering, energy, and oil and gas industries. He has frequently appeared as lead counsel in domestic and international arbitrations.

Belden is also an accredited arbitrator, mediator and adjudicator. Belden has frequently been appointed as a sole arbitrator or as a member of a tribunal for both domestic and international arbitrations including those in jurisdictions outside Malaysia. Belden is an empanelled arbitrator with AIAC, SIAC and other international institutions. He has also been appointed in the capacity as expert determiner and early neutral evaluator.

Rajendra Navaratnam is a dual qualified lawyer with a first degree in Electrical Engineering, and over 35 years of experience as a lawyer, arbitrator and adjudicator.

Rajendra practises primarily in the areas of technology-related law, in particular construction, insurance and intellectual property law.

He acts as counsel in court up to the apex Federal Court in Malaysia.

He is on the panel major arbitral institutions in the region sits primarily in AIAC, SIAC and ICC arbitrations, and appears as counsel in both international and domestic arbitrations.

He is an immediate past Court member for Malaysia in the ICC Court of Arbitration, Paris, a past chairman of the Ciarb Malaysia Branch, is a member of the Arbitration and Construction Law Committee of the Malaysian Bar Council, member of the Contracts and Practices Committee, Master Builders Association of Malaysia (MBAM) and was a past Council Member of the Society of Construction Law Malaysia.



Rajendra Navaratnam



Michael Tonkin

Michael Tonkin is a Chartered Quantity Surveyor, Chartered Arbitrator, Chartered Builder, CEDR Accredited Mediator, RICS qualified Expert Witness and testifying Expert Witness in quantum with 35+ years of experience in the construction industry.

He is the current Vice President of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (Ciarb), having previously been a Trustee, Honorary Treasurer and Chair of the Audit Committee, as well as a past Chairman and past Vice Chairman of the UAE Branch. Michael was also part of the Governance Review Working Party appointed by the Ciarb to review its governance. He will become Deputy President of the Ciarb in 2026 and President in 2027.

Michael is an expert witness in quantum and has been instructed around 80 times in complex disputes up to US\$4bn in value and is named by Lexology as a Global Elite Thought Leader. Michael has been appointed as arbitrator on more than 65 occasions (as sole Arbitrator, Chairman of a tribunal of three, and Co-Arbitrator) under the auspices of ICC, LCIA, DIAC, ADCCAC and the TAI.