

ARBITRATOR'S CURRICULUM VITAE

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English

Practice Areas

Energy, Arbitration, Construction, Intellectual Property, Insurance

Rajendra Navaratnam is a lawyer who obtained his first degree in Electrical Engineering and started his career as an Engineer in the Power industry. He has worked in wide and various capacities in the then National Electricity Board of Malaysia, ranging from construction and maintenance of high voltage transmission lines and substations, test and instrument functions, culminating in managing international procurement contracts, for about 10 years before he retrained in law and started his legal career with Azman Davidson and Co in 1988 which has a major construction/arbitration practice.

Arbitral and other ADR experiences

- Appointed by the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC) as the designated appointing body as co-arbitrator in an ad-hoc arbitration in respect of disputes arising out of 5 re-insurance contracts between a Singapore party and Malaysian party in respect of major claims arising out of the recent floods in Thailand.
- Appointed by the Parties as sole arbitrator of a construction dispute by a Contract between a Contractor and a Government Statutory Body.
- Appointed by the Parties as sole arbitrator of a construction dispute between a Contractor and Sub Contractor.
- Appointed by the Kuala Lumpur Regional Centre for Arbitration (KLRCA) as co-arbitrator in a 3 member panel in a dispute arising out of a Settlement Agreement in respect of a fire at a terminal complex used for storage and blending of petroleum products.
- Appointed as sole arbitrator by the Singapore International Arbitration Centre (SIAC) in two associated arbitrations to determine disputes between a Singapore Company and two Irish national resident in China relating to guarantees given by them.
- Appointment by Palm Oil Refiners Association Malaysia (PORAM) as co-arbitrator in a group of international commodity arbitrations involving sellers from Indonesia and buyers from the

Indian Sub-continent arising out of the rapid fall in palm oil prices.

- Appointed by The Institution of Engineers, Malaysia (IEM) as sole arbitrator in a dispute between the Government of Malaysia and a Contractor arising out of a Contract for the construction of a bridge.

Education

1971 – 1974	BSC (Hons) Electrical Engineering, University of Manchester, Institute of Science & Technology, Manchester, United Kingdom
1984 – 1986	LLB (Hons) University of Buckingham, Buckingham, United Kingdom.
1986 – 1987	Passed Bar Final Examinations and called to the Bar of England and Wales.

Professional Experience

1993 – Present	<p>Partner, Azman, Davidson & Co.</p> <p>Work areas focused on:</p> <p>(1974) construction law, as counsel in arbitration and litigation, and also as arbitrator, advice and in the drafting and vetting of documentation for construction projects and joint ventures;</p> <p>(ii) Insurance Claims (counsel in arbitration and litigation relating to engineering matters and advice); and</p> <p>(iii) Intellectual Property litigation and advice, including copyright and trademark & confidential information issues.</p>
1988-1993	<p>Legal Assistant, Azman, Davidson & Co.</p> <p>Work areas as per preceding entry, also general litigation.</p>
1982-1984	<p>Senior Engineer Purchasing And Contracts Department, Lembaga Letrik Negara (now Tenaga Nasional).</p> <p>Work scope involved the analysis of tenders for procurement contracts, including domestic contracts, international contracts and contracts financed by international agencies such as the World Bank and Asian Development Bank.</p>
1979-1982	<p>Meters and Test Engineer, Meters and Test Department, Lembaga Letrik Negara (now Tenaga Nasional).</p> <p>Work scope included the design and development of methods and circuitry for bulk testing and calibration of single and three phase meters, evaluation and introduction of digital cable fault location methods and evaluation, procurement and repair of test instruments.</p>

1977-1979	Control Engineer, Distribution Control Centre, involved in the control of the high voltage distribution system in the Central Area of the Lembaga Letrik Negara (now Tenaga Nasional).
1974-1977	Assistant Distribution Engineer 33kv, involved in the construction and maintenance of 33kv overhead lines and sub-stations.
Membership of professional organization	
1979	Member of the Institution of Engineers, Malaysia
1979	Professional Engineer
1987	Member of the Honourable Society of Middle Temple, United Kingdom
1987	Advocate & Solicitor, High Court of Malaysia
1999	Advocate & Solicitor, Supreme Court of Brunei Darussalam
2000	Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators
2007	Chartered Arbitrator, Chartered Institute of Arbitrators
2012	Fellow of the Malaysian Institute of Arbitrators
2012	Patent Agent
Publications	
2013	PRAXIS ((Chronicle of the Malaysian Bar) Oct-Dec Issue: Arbitration in Malaysia
2012	Construction Law and Practice (European Lawyer Reference) – Jurisdictional Comparisons Author of Chapter on Malaysia