

LAWASIA International Moot Standing Committee

Raphael Tay

Chair of the LAWASIA Moot Standing Committee

Raphael Tay is an advocate and solicitor admitted to the High Court of Malaya in 1986 having been in practice for an uninterrupted period of 25 years since then. He is currently the Managing Partner of Messrs Tay Kuan Teck & Son. He has extensive legal experience in various areas notably Corporate & Commercial, M&A and Information Technology Law. He is also a Notary Public.

His keen interests and vast knowledge in the economics and politics of South East Asia had resulted in many invitations to present seminars and conduct conferences organised by both private and government sectors. He sits on the Professional Standards and Development Committee of the Bar Council of Malaysia and is the current Chairman of the LAWASIA Moot Standing Committee. He also lectures pupils reading in chambers on behalf of the Bar Council and Ethics Committee.

Recipient of the Tun Hussein Onn Renewal Award in 2004 (THORA). An award jointly awarded by The Malaysian Institute of Management and Konrad Adenauer Foundation of Germany.

Raphael is also the Deputy Chairman of the 15th Malaysian Law Conference and Chair of the 16th Malaysian Law Conference to be held in 2012.

Prof John McDermott, Prof of Law, Loyola – Los Angeles Law School

Member of the LAWASIA Moot Standing Committee

Chair, LAWASIA Moot Coaches Liaison Committee

John McDermott is a graduate of Middlebury College (BA) and the University of Denver (JD) and has over forty years experience as a lawyer and law professor including five years as an attorney with the federal judicial system. His major areas of interest include intellectual property, civil dispute resolution, and international trade. He also has ten years pre-law experience as a research chemist and aerospace engineer. John is licensed to practice before the United States Supreme Court, the Montana Supreme Court, the Colorado Supreme Court, the United States District Courts for the Districts of Colorado and Montana, and the United States Courts of Appeal for the Ninth and Tenth Circuits. He has been member of LAWASIA (Lawyers Association for Asia and the Western Pacific) for more than twenty five years and a regular speaker at Law Conferences (1985 to present). John was an Associate Professor of Law and Director of the Indian Law Program for the University of Montana School of Law where he directed legal services program for Native Americans while representing them in Federal and State court litigation. He also served as General Counsel for several Indian Organizations and conducted training programs for Indian leaders, including programs for tribal court judges and administrative personnel. John was also the visiting Professor of Law to Dokkyo University, visiting Lecturer to Waseda University (both in Japan) and visiting Professor of Law at Vermont Law School. Presently, he is a Professor of Law at Loyola Law School in Los Angeles where he teaches Admiralty Law, Intellectual Property Law, Conflict of Laws (Private International Law), International Business Transactions, Japanese Law and Islamic Law. He also has taught Civil Procedure, International Commercial Arbitration, Federal Jurisdiction, and International Civil Litigation.

Michael Crowley

Member of the LAWASIA Moot Standing Committee

Michael Crowley is a graduate of the University of Sydney and Macquarie University holding undergraduate degrees in arts and law and postgraduate degrees in education and international law. Michael was admitted as a solicitor of the Supreme Court of New South Wales, Australian Capital Territory and The High Court of Australia in 1989, and a barrister of the same courts in 1991. In 2007 Michael was also admitted as a legal practitioner of the Supreme Court of Western Australia. As a barrister Michael practiced extensively as defense counsel in criminal law jury trials and as appellate counsel. Whilst practicing in Sydney Michael taught in the Law Extension Course within the University of Sydney and was an examiner for the Legal Practitioners Admission Board of New South Wales. In 2004 Michael was visiting lecturer in law at Chongqing Technical and Business University, China; teaching advocacy. In 2006 Michael accepted an academic appointment at Edith Cowan University where he is senior lecturer in law teaching, amongst other units, international law and evidence. Michael maintains membership of the Western Australian and New South Wales Bar Associations holding an unrestricted practicing certificate as a barrister. He is also a member of the International Humanitarian Law Committee of Western Australian Red Cross and since 2007 has written the mooting problem and sat as a finals judge in the Hong Kong Red Cross International Humanitarian Law Mooting Competition, an intervarsity competition for the Asia Pacific Region. At Edith Cowan University Michael is responsible for student mooting and is the Australian Universities Representative to the International Negotiation Competition.

Dr. Rajeswari Kanniah, Dean, Taylor's Law School, Taylor's University College

*Past Member of the LAWASIA Moot Standing Committee
(2009-2010)*

Rajes is currently the Dean of Taylor's Law School, Taylor's University College. She graduated with an LL.B (Hons) from the University of Malaya in 1982 and was called to the Bar as an Advocate & Solicitor of the High Court of Malaya in 1983. She graduated from the University of Malaya with an LLM in 2000 and a Ph.D in 2010.

Rajes was a Partner in a law firm (Meena Rajes & Partners) based in Penang - from 1983 to 1987, specializing in public interest litigation. She served as the Legal Advisor in Consumers International (formerly known as the International Organization of Consumers Unions) in Penang for 5 years, then re-located to Kuala Lumpur and was Dean of the School of Law at Kolej Damansara Utama for 5 years. Prior to her appointment at Taylor's, she served as the Assistant Director and later Head of Consumers International Asia Pacific Regional Office in Kuala Lumpur for 8 years. She also served for a brief period as the Advisor to the Directorate of Consumer Protection in the Ministry of Trade, Indonesia.

Rajes has received several academic awards culminating with the Nippon Foundation Asian Public Intellectuals Senior Fellowship Award in 2003. She has participated and/or presented papers in over 80 national, regional and international conferences and written 50 articles/papers, including books, some of which have been published.

Memberships held: LAWASIA Moot Standing Committee; LAWASIA Moot Organising Committee-National Rounds and International Finals; Member, International Advisory Panel for the Global Accountability Project, One World Trust UK and Member, Asian Public Intellectuals Regional Project on Community-Based Initiatives Towards Human Ecological Balance.