

## Mediator's Curriculum Vitae

### Personal Particulars

First Name: Shanti

Last Name: Abraham

Prefix (e.g. Hon., Justice etc, if applicable): Ms

Suffix (e.g. QC, KC, SC etc, if applicable): FCI Arb

Organization: Shanti Abraham & Associates

Designation: Principal

Domicile / Usual Place of Business (Country): Malaysia

Nationality / Nationalities: Malaysian

Languages (Proficient for Mediation): English, Malay

### Practice Areas

Please select as many areas as may be applicable. This information will be included in SIMC's website.

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### Educational / Professional Background

#### LLB (Hons) (NUS, Singapore)

Advocate & Solicitor (Singapore)

Advocate & Solicitor (Malaysia)

Diploma in International Commercial Arbitration

Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators

### Mediation Education and Training (if applicable)

Malaysian Mediation Centre

Singapore Mediation Centre

SIMI Certified Mediator (Level 4)

IMI Certified Mediator

Programme on Negotiation – Harvard Law School (2014 & 2017)

ICSID & CEDR (Investor State Mediation) 2018

International Panel Mediator – Singapore International Mediation Centre

International Mediator – American Arbitration Association – ICDR Panel

Principal Mediator – Singapore Mediation Centre

Healthcare Mediator (Healthcare Mediation Scheme) – Singapore Mediation Centre

Mediator – Malaysian International Mediation Centre, Asian International Arbitration Centre,

Investor State Mediator – Abu Dhabi Global Mediation Forum

SIDREC [Securities Industry Dispute Resolution Centre, Malaysia]

### **Mediation Experience (if applicable)**

SHANTI ABRAHAM practices as Messrs Shanti Abraham & Associates in Kuala Lumpur. She has been called to both the Singapore and Malaysian Bars and has been in legal practice for over 27 years. She trained and practiced in large firms in Singapore before moving to Malaysia where her work over the last 20+ years involved a wide spectrum of corporate and dispute resolution work.

Shanti enjoys broad practice areas. Her primary practice areas include corporate law, construction law, banking law, healthcare law (both corporate advisory and dispute resolution), insurance, business advisory and dispute resolution (appearing at all levels of Court including Federal Court).

In dispute resolution, Shanti has represented clients in litigation and negotiated settlements. More recently, she has been involved in and actively promotes mediation as an appropriate first consideration in conflict resolution.

Shanti has mediated disputes arising from a broad range of subject matters including numerous commercial and contractual matters, construction matters, eldercare, matrimonial/family arrangements, post-divorce asset reorganisation and family -related mediation, adult children-parent mediations (relating to assets), partnership, banking and securities, medico-legal and wealth management matters.

She acts both as a Mediation Advocate as well as a Mediator based on the needs of the instructing party. Her most significant mediation advocacy success story to date was in relation to a deca-million Ringgit (more than USD10 million) construction related dispute – which was facing protracted and expensive arbitration – Shanti successfully steered the matter to and through mediation. The mediation success was commended by the Judge overseeing the dispute who congratulated Counsel for “helping the parties get back to business”.

Shanti is a Principal Mediator of the Singapore Mediation Centre (SMC), having trained over 12 years ago and having been part of the SMC training faculty for over 10 years. She has received 2 awards for her training contribution from SMC. Shanti is also a certified mediator with the Mediation Centre of the Malaysian Bar Council where she originally trained.

In Spring 2014, she completed the Programme on Negotiation at Harvard Law School in Mediation and Negotiation. In 2014, she was appointed as a Healthcare Mediator on a specialist panel of mediators in Singapore. She has trained the both the Brunei Judiciary and Myanmar Judiciary in Mediation as well as sector mediators in healthcare (doctors) and insurance, maritime practitioners, capital market mediators and insolvency practitioners.

She has been mediating and adjudicating at the Securities Industry Dispute Resolution Centre in Kuala Lumpur since 2015.

In 2017, Shanti completed the Programme on Negotiation at Harvard Law School in Advance Mediation Skills.

In 2018, SIMC nominated Shanti (then a User Ambassador of SIMC) for Investor- State Mediation training in Hong Kong by CEDR & ICSID. Shanti is now the Chairperson of the Investor-State Mediation Taskforce of the International Mediation Institute leading conversations including integrated dispute resolution mechanisms.

Shanti is also empanelled by Master Builders Association Malaysia (MBAM) and regional panels.

She is also a Mediator of the Global Mediation Panel of the Office of the Ombudsman for the UN Funds & Programmes.

### **Teaching / Training / Industry Contribution**

She continues to develop her passion for mediation and better problem solving by teaching, writing and speaking about Mediation and Mediation Advocacy. She most recently contributed a chapter about Mediation and Negotiation in the Malaysian Civil Litigation (Editor : Robert Lazar) and a chapter about Mediation in Malaysia in an international publication.

Shanti is a Trainer with both Singapore Mediation Centre and Malaysian Mediation Centre and regularly trains mediators in Malaysia and Singapore. She is also on the Approved Training Faculty of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators for both mediation and arbitration.

She previously conceived and managed the Malaysian Covid 19 Mediation Initiative together with its antecedent programmes such as "Mediate First" Policy. She continues to explore how Mediation systems can be set up to and has formulated bespoke mediation approaches for organisations.

### **Professional Affiliations (if applicable)**

Current President of the Medico-Legal Society of Malaysia

Chairperson – Investor State Mediation Taskforce - International Mediation Institute

Director of Chartered Institute of Arbitration (IGAB ) (Malaysian Branch)

Malaysian Bar Council's Mediation Committee and Law Reform Committee

She is on the Working Group to revamp the Malaysian Mediation Act with the Malaysian legislative arm.