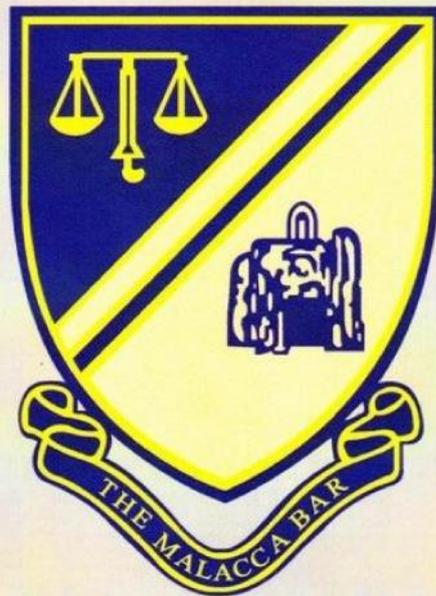


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# **REFERENCE**

**FOR**

**DECEASED MEMBERS**

**OF THE**

**MALACCA BAR**

**before**

**His Lordship**

**Dato' Zulkifli bin Bakar**

**on**

**Friday, 13th September, 2013**

**at 9.00 a.m.**

**at**

**High Court (1), Melaka**

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## **Mr. Balakrishnan a/l Krishnan**



The late Mr Balakrishnan was born on the 13th of February 1946 in Segamat, Johor. He came from a family of 4 older sisters & 3 younger ones.

His father passed away when he was only 4 years old, and being the only son in a big family, he began carrying on the responsibilities of the family at a very young age.

Mr Balakrishnan had his school education at the Segamat High School. He then went on to Universiti Sains Malaysia (USM) to pursue the Bachelor of Arts degree. He graduated in the early 70s, and began work as a graduate teacher in Jasin High School and later in Alor Gajah.

Whilst studying in USM, he met his life partner, Mdm.Vimala Devi. Mdm. Vimala Devi was also a teacher, and they began their life together in the small town of Jasin.

They had 2 children, the eldest a daughter, Premlatha, who after graduation, migrated to Australia to work there. The second child, a son named Chandra Sheykar graduated as a doctor and also works in Australia.

While working as a teacher, Mr Balakrishnan, at the age of 45, decided to pursue a career in law. At this point in his life he was an inspiration to his growing children, as he never gave up in his ambition to succeed in life.

After obtaining his LL.B with the University of London as an external student, he completed the Certificate in Legal Practice examination and was called to the Malaysian Bar on 12th April 1997.

He went on to practice law with Messrs. Sethu & Company in Segamat, then returned to Melaka to practice with Messrs. Ho & Company. He specialised in civil litigation.

His hobbies were reading, gardening and listening to old Indian and Hindi songs. He was nicknamed 'Mr Green Fingers' by the neighbours as every plant he tended to,

grew healthy & strong.

He was also an accomplished athlete and held a black belt in the martial arts known as Tae Kwon Do.

On the 6th of February 2007, Mr Balakrishnan passed away as a consequence of a fatal heart attack. He was only 61 years of age when he passed on.

During his 20 years stint as a lawyer, he was respected by the members of the Bar and Bench and he carried out his duties with all the decorum, dedication and diligence which were his usual traits, whether as a lawyer, teacher, friend or parent.

**Avatar Singh s/o Ram Singh**

## **Mr. Daniel Alagaratnam Devadason**



My Lord / My Lords

It is with great honour I address you, having been invited by the Malacca Bar to say a few words on behalf of my father, Mr. D. A. Devadason, who practiced at the Malayan Bar and Malacca Bar for forty-eight years till his untimely demise on the 4-4-2008, at the age of 85.

We are gathered before Your Lordships to pay tribute to my illustrious father.

Mr. D. A. Devadason was the 6th child of his father the late Mr. T. N. Devadason, and the 2nd child of the late Mrs. S. Devadason. Mr. D. A. Devadason was born on the 20-11-1922 in Tapah, Perak and he grew up in Kuala Lumpur and Teluk Anson, Perak. He schooled at the Pasar Road School in Kuala Lumpur and the Anglo-Chinese School in Teluk Anson. He is survived by 10 children who are in various professions, and 2 of them have been called to the Malayan Bar. One of the 2 who have been called to the Bar is now our Deputy Ambassador to ASEAN in Jakarta.

Mr. D. A. Devadason was a normal trained teacher who taught in various schools in Perak, including Anderson School, Ipoh and King Edwards, Taiping and was one of the pioneers of a Government English School in Bagan Serai, currently called SMJK Bagan Serai.

In 1956 Mr. D. A. Devadason left for England to read law at Lincoln's Inn. He was called to the English Bar in January 1960 and the Malayan Bar on the 5th of September 1960. Soon after being called to the Bar he established his practice at 14 Church Land, now known as Lorong Gereja. In his heyday he used to appear in the Courts all over the country, ranging from Johore Bahru right up to Kuala Lumpur, Ipoh and Penang. He was a fearless fighter. Many of his cases are reported in the Malayan Law Journals. I had the privilege of appearing with him in an International child abduction case which went up to the Court of Appeal, where a Canadian was finally able to get his young children and return to Toronto, Canada. There was a memorable incident on the 9-6-1969 whilst he was arguing a case at the Federal Court

and as the Appeal was allowed my sister the other lawyer amongst his children was born. This gave him happiness and he used to mention it.

He always gave his best to his clients, irrespective of their station in life. As far as I am concerned he was a very kind man. At 14 Lorong Gereja there was an elderly Chinese gentleman who used to come and stand at the entrance to his office. Mr. D. A. Devadason without fail used to come out and give alms. If he was not in the office he gave standing instructions to his staff to give the man what he wanted. He always cared for the have-nots and no have-not ever left empty handed. Without fail he used to donate to St. Nicholas' Home in Penang. He was always colour-blind and gave what he could to the less fortunate.

My Lords, if I may say, my father had one failing, if at all it is regarded as a failing, that was, he owned no less than 70 cars from the time he was a school teacher till the end. He enjoyed driving, and he used to drive himself to all the Courts he appeared in. Cars were his hobby.

It is refreshing to note that the practice of references has been re-introduced by the Courts and the Bar in memory of the dearly departed.

I trust today's proceedings will be recorded in the Courts archives and a copy be given to my father's widow, Puan Fatimah, and the family.

May God bless his soul.

**Rabindran Devadason**

## **Encik Amir bin Nordin**



Amir Bin Nordin was born on 28 October 1956 in Alor Gajah, Melaka. He moved to Singapore at a very young age when his father was transferred there.

Amir received his early education at Sembawang Hills Estate School, Singapore from 1963 to 1968 and then at the Raffles Institution, Singapore from 1969 to 1974. He read law at the Honourable Society of Lincoln's Inn, London and was called to the English Bar in November 1982. He was subsequently admitted as an Advocate & Solicitor of the High Court of Malaya on 5 November 1983 upon completing his pupillage with the firm of Tunku Zuhri, Manan & Abdullah.

Amir then set up his practice under the name of Amir, Toh & Francis, He had over 20 years of extensive legal experience, particularly in the area of litigation. He was formerly a lecturer with Institute of Technology MARA where he taught both Company Law and Commercial Law. In 1989, he joined the firm of Khairuddin, Ngiam & Tan as a partner and had remained so until his demise at the age of 52. Amir was also the Legal Adviser for Pertubuhan Kebajikan Islam Malaysia (PERKIM) at the time of his demise.

Amir is survived by his wife, Puan Zainab Bte Mat Said, and 4 children; 2 boys and 2 girls, the eldest being 28 years and the youngest 18 years old. His eldest daughter Sharizah Hanim, in keeping with the tradition set by her late father, read Law and is currently working with the Attorney General's Chambers attach to Jabatan Bantuan Guaman Wilayah Persekutuan Kuala Lumpur and his youngest daughter is studying at Pusat Asasi Sains Universiti Malaya.

Amir's passing was sudden, totally unexpected and a great loss to his family and friends.

As a friend of more than 20 years, I have known Amir to be a devoted and faithful husband to his wife and a loving father to his children. He placed great value in spending quality time with his family. Amir had certainly been a very good role

model to his children all these years. Though he is no longer around, I know they will cherish his memories and be guided by them.

Amir's passion was fishing and he used to regale us with his stories of his fishing exploits though, by his own admission, he couldn't bring himself to eat any of the fishes he caught. He was also a wonderful cook and used to pass on his secret recipes on how to prepare satay gravy and nasi lemak sambal to my wife.

As a lawyer and member of the Bar, I can attest to Amir's integrity, courteousness and fairness in his dealings with other lawyers. He would never dream of taking advantage of anyone, especially his opponents. He was well prepared and compassionate and fair in his dealings with clients and was never driven by fees alone. He was popular and had many friends. I have never heard anyone utter a bad word about him.

In all the years I had known him, I had never heard Amir swear or use coarse language. He was a religious and morally upright man without displaying the outward signs of religiosity. He was patient, always calm and did not get angry easily. He did not engage in gossip nor did he have anything bad to say about another person. He was also very tolerant and liberal in his approach to any issue. I look back with fond memories of the discussions we used to have on various issues of the day where Amir would always be very rational and free of emotion. As a friend, I have learnt a lot from him. It certainly has been a privilege to have known Amir and I know the Bar also shares a sense of loss in his passing.

Amir passed away on 15th December 2008 and was laid to rest in his hometown, Alor Gajah, Melaka.

**Ngiam Kee Tong**

## **Mr. Jimmy Khoo Seng Kiong**



The late Mr. Khoo Seng Kiong popularly known as “Jimmy” was my school mate in Anglo Chinese School, Malacca, and later my employer and master during my pupillage. I am honoured by the family of the late Mr. Khoo, for this opportunity to say a few words in his memory.

The late Mr. Khoo was born on 13th of December, 1942 in Malacca. His father, the late Mr. Khoo Peck Wan was a prominent planter.

After completing sixth form at High School, Malacca, the late Mr. Khoo worked as a teacher for a year at the Alor Gajah Secondary School and thereafter left to England to study law.

He graduated as a barrister from the Inner Temple, London in 1970 and served his pupillage with the late Mr. Humphrey Ball of Messrs. Allen, Gledhill & Ball. In the year 1971, he commenced practice in partnership with Mr. Andrew Goh Tyau Soon when there were about 10 legal firms in Malacca. Later, the partnership was dissolved and the late Mr. Khoo continued his practice on his own.

The late Mr. Khoo’s practice concentrated on industrial, corporate and conveyancing matters and although many lawyers many not have had the benefit of knowing him personally, yet some of them admit that the name of “Jimmy Khoo” conjures up a charismatic Straits-born lawyer, self-taught businessman who has “gained far more experience and knowledge than thousands of degree-decorated academics.”

During the interview for “Re:Lex”, the late Mr. Khoo related thus “Well, I just like to have a hand in nearly everything. I had an orchard and landscaping business. I also had a workshop doing engineering works such as repairing tractors and building small wagons to run oil palm estates. I started breeding fish at a place known as “the Fish Pond”. Then, I quickly expanded the fish farm into a farm resort and built 30 chalets equipped with a 9-hole golf course..... . I started building swimming pool, fish ponds and ended up doing construction of houses and other landed properties.” He also admits that his passion for cooking made him to own two restaurant businesses

serving nyonya food and western cuisine.

His public service records show that he was the Chairman of the Malaysian Tae Kwon Do Association, President of the Malacca Orchid Society, President of the Straits Born Chinese Association, Melaka, President of the Malacca Lawn Tennis Association, member of the Board of Governors of St. David School, Melaka and Anglo Chinese School, Melaka and Legal Advisor of the Malacca Badminton Association. He was also an international judge of orchid competitions.

Golf was his favourite pastime and incidentally to date he is recognized as the only golfer from Malacca who has won the Malacca Open Golf Championship.

In the year 1970, he married Ms Nellie Khoo, was blessed with two sons and a daughter. He was the proud grandfather of 6 grandchildren, four boys and two girls. His son, Jason Khoo is now managing his late father's legal firm.

The late Mr. Khoo had been bestowed the titles, DSM, JP and BKT by the State Government.

He endeared himself to all who met him by his sincerity, courtesy and pleasant personality. I am sure his memory will endure in the memories of all who knew him as a versatile, sociable, caring and affectionate man.

He passed away on 11.11.2009. May his soul rest in eternal peace.

**Bala Gopal a/l Kerisnan**

## **Ms. Neeta Kumar d/o M.V. Kumar**



It is deep with sadness that I stand before this Court to commemorate the life of my friend Neeta Kumar. Neeta was born on the 19th August 1975 but her life was taken away from us too soon. It is always hard to understand and accept when someone so young with so much promise is taken away from us unexpectedly.

To borrow a quote “The song is ended, but the melody lingers on...”

Neeta is the eldest daughter of Prof Dr MV Kumar and Mrs Lalita Kumar, and a loving sister to Hema Kumar, constantly doting and looking out for her beloved little sister. She was an exceptional daughter, a wonderful sister and an extraordinary friend.

Neeta and I started as classmates 25 years ago at the Methodist Girls Secondary School and our friendship blossomed over the years as we gradually moved from our turquoise pinafores and on to our legal robes. Neeta was a distinguished lawyer having finished law school at the University of Newcastle in London and upon obtaining her law degree, she went on to do her Bar and was admitted to the Middle Temple in 1998. However, Neeta’s strong ties and love for her parents and sister made her return to Melaka where she continued her legal practice. Neeta Kumar served her pupillage under Mr A. C. Vohrah and was called to the Malaysian Bar on the 30th July 1999 and she subsequently was a legal assistant in Messrs Vohrah & Tan Chee Lan from 1999 to 2005. She later joined her friend Sheron Lee as a partner from 2005.

We were all in awe of her. She was the epitome of a true lady, both gentle in spirit yet strongly empowered at the same time. She was courteous and humble to her opponents yet strong willed and steadfast. Neeta even had one of her cases reported in the Malayan Law Journal in 2002.

Her commitment to law went beyond the courtroom. Neeta was an active member of the Bar and was an active volunteer to all Bar programmes especially during our annual dinner and dance. Neeta would take pains to organise and choreograph dances

for the Bar Dinner as part of the entertainment. She had a love for music and this translated to some really entertaining performances. Her moves in Zorro and Men in Black still brings a smile on my face, but now I find my eyes well up as well. Neeta would never miss any annual dinner and was always the life of the party. She brought laughter to the room and always cheered everyone up. Her positivity was contagious and I can't help but feel a void in my heart now.

Neeta had a passion for travel and she was quite the globe trekker having visited the US, UK, Europe, India, Hong Kong, Australia and Mauritius, just to name a few. She grabbed life by the horns and lived it to the fullest.

Neeta may be gone, but something beautiful remains. The memory of her smile, her soothing kindness and the joy in her heart that brings a twinkle to her eyes, her cheerful nature and high spirits can never be forgotten.

Her sudden passing three years ago this September was a terrible jolt to us all and the hurt has not left. But we know, Neeta being Neeta, she is watching us above with her smile, shining a rainbow on us sometimes to remind us that life should be as colourful as how she lived it.

Let me end with a poem for all of us here:

*Peace my heart  
Let the time for the parting be sweet  
Let it not be a death but a completeness  
Let love melt into memory and pain into songs*

**Shamala Indran**

## **Cik Badariah binti Yahya**



Saya bagi pihak keluarga Allahyarhamah Cik Badariah Yahya ingin mengucapkan ribuan terima kasih pada Yang Arif Hakim Mahkamah yang mulia, Pengerusi dan AJK Peguam Negeri Melaka, Badan Peguam Malaysia, Jabatan Peguam Negara seterusnya rakan seperjuangan sekalian kerana berjaya mengadakan majlis memperingati sahabat saya.

Allahyarhamah Cik Badariah Yahya adalah pemilik tunggal di Tetuan Badariah & Co. yang sebelum ini pernah berkhidmat di Tetuan Mohd Latip & Associates lebih dari 10 tahun. Dilahirkan di Semabok, Melaka pada 10.04.1966, anak bongsu dari 6 orang adik-beradik dan merupakan salah seorang graduan terawal dari UiTM Shah Alam.

Seorang yang sangat penyayang, murah hati dan bertanggungjawab terhadap keluarganya serta sangat mengingati jasa orang terdekat terutama keluarganya, rakan-rakan dan teristimewa Datuk Mohd Latip Saruggi yang kerap keluar dari mulutnya setiap kali kami bertemu yang telah menjadikan beliau seorang wanita yang sangat tabah dan berjaya dalam hidupnya.

Antara momen-momen saya yang terindah bersama Allahyarhamah ialah beliau sangat suka mengaji Al-Quran dan setiap kali kami khatam Quran, kami berdua akan keluar makan dan gelak bersama serta bertukar-tukar hadiah.

Akur dengan ketentuan takdir untuknya, beliau telah bertemu dengan penciptanya tanggal 4hb Februari 2012 setelah menderita sakit barah hati yang hanya beliau ketahui sudah hampir tahap 4. Saya juga hanya dapat mengetahuinya sehari sebelum beliau meninggalkan kami dan difahamkan beliau tidak membenarkan saya diberitahu dan segala teka-teki kenapa beliau tidak menjawab talipon saya sebelum ini terjawab sudah.

Dapat saya simpulkan, yang pergi tetap pergi dan yang tinggal harus menempuh perjalanan hidup. Itu yang harus kita belajar bahawa setiap kematian itu adalah kepastian dan bersedialah untuk kita merasai kesedihan untuk “ditinggalkan”, semoga beliau diletakkan di antara orang-orang beriman. Al-Fatihah untuk Allahyarhamah Cik Badariah Yahya.

**Puan Hajjah Rohani binti Haji Kambol**

## **Belinda Tan Mei Lin**



Belinda Tan Mei Lin was born in Malacca on 8th May 1957, second daughter to the late Tan Cheng Wee and Pansy Ang Yan Neo.

The late Tan Cheng Wee who until his retirement was formerly the Company Secretary of Unitac Berhad, a company associated with United Malacca Berhad (previously United Malacca Rubber Estates Berhad) and previously sat as one of the Board of Directors of Pacific Bank Berhad.

Belinda's Mother, Pansy Ang Yan Neo, worked at the Public Works Department until retirement.

Belinda's older Sister, Iris Tan Ai Lin who was a Chartered Accountant is now retired.

Belinda's education was at Xiang Lin Primary Chinese School at Durian Daun, Malacca.

Her secondary education was at Sekolah Menengah Durian Daun, Malacca. Belinda was also the School Head Prefect and Chairperson of the English Society and one of the Founding members of the School Magazine

She went on to study Law at Brunel University, UK and graduated with LLB (Hons.) in 1982.

Belinda was admitted as a Barrister-at-Law of the Honourable Society of Gray's Inn in 1983.

Upon her return to Malaysia and upon completion of her pupillage, Belinda was called to the Malaysian Bar before Yang Arif Datuk Wira Wan Yahya Bin Pawan Teh at the High Court, Melaka on 6th October 1984.

She worked at Ee Yew Lin & Son for a few years before moving to Kuala Lumpur

to work at Gill & Tang. In October 1988, she commenced her own legal practice in Kuala Lumpur under the name of Belinda Tan and Associates. It must be said that Belinda never forgot her roots as she subsequently shifted her legal practice back to Malacca in 2000.

Besides managing her legal practice, Belinda found time to be active as a legal adviser to numerous Buddhist and Temple Associations in Malacca. She was also a committee member of the Cheng Hoon Teng Temple.

Belinda loved music especially light pop, classical and opera. She had a great passion for reading and had a huge library of books. It was this passion for books that led her to her own spiritual journey to Buddhism. She was deeply devoted to her faith and she embarked on many spiritual retreats and trips to India and Nepal. She also contributed generously to orphanages, hospitals, monks, nuns and temples.

What is it that we remembered of Belinda? It is impossible to describe Belinda's life which was halted in midstream.

Belinda lived life on her terms. I've learnt over the years how strong-willed Belinda was. She listened but did not take advice. She was not rebelling against anything. She was a free spirit who lived in the present but on her terms. She could be as stubborn as the day is long.

I think everyone who knows her would agree that she always had a smile on her face. She also had a good sense of humor and wanted to make people happy. She made friends easily, was true and kind to each and every one of them. She supported, guided and made her friends happy. Belinda was a humble, gentle and compassionate soul with a brilliant mind and deep devotion for truth and justice.

When she was diagnosed with colon cancer in 2011 she commented that this was just another obstacle to overcome. Belinda wasn't ready to go and her friends and I were not ready to let her go either. Belinda fought her best but the heavens clearly had something else in mind as the cancer finally took its toll on her and she passed away peacefully surrounded by her sister and friends on 16th February 2012 at the age of 54.

A few weeks before Belinda passed away, I read out this poem to her to give her the courage to face death:-

*“So live your life that the fear of death can never enter your heart.  
Prepare a noble death song for the day when you go over the great divide.  
When it comes your time to die, be not like those whose hearts are filled with  
fear of death, so that when their time comes, they weep and pray for a little  
more time to live their lives over again in a different way.  
Sing your death song and die like a hero going home.”*

(“Live Your Life “- Chief Tecumseh of the Shawnee Nation.)

Belinda has reached Home.

**Kei Suan Lye**

## **Mr. Simon Chong Meow Far**



Simon Chong Meow Far was born in Tampin, Negeri Sembilan on the 8th December 1957, and he was the eldest son of the five members of the family. He had his secondary education in Sekolah Menengah Tuanku Besar Tampin and pre-university studies in Tunku Abdul Rahman College. He was active in sports and was a basketball player in school.

After finishing his pre-university in Tunku Abdul Rahman College, he was a temporary teacher in Selangor. Later on, he worked as a draftsman in Kuala Lumpur and subsequently entered the construction line as a site supervisor in Melaka

and Johore Bahru.

In 1982, he found his true love Josephine Cheng and they were married in 1984 and blessed with two sons, Derrick and William.

Life is long learning process and with the encouragement, moral and financial support of his wife and relatives especially sister-in-law, Maria Cheng (who is a lawyer), Simon Chong decided to pursue the bachelor of law degree in London. He enrolled as an external student of the University of London and studied in Holborn Law Tutor College.

In London, Simon worked as an assistant cook in a restaurant and as a cashier in Safeway Supermarket. This was when Simon acquired his cooking skill. Mr. Simon Chong obtained his LL.B degree and his wife also obtained a degree from University of London Guildhall in Accounting Studies.

Thereafter, he returned to Malaysia and did his Certificate in Legal Practice in Brickfield Asia College. While studying CLP, he engaged as part time teacher in a primary school in Kuala Lumpur. He was approachable and much liked by the students. He always stressed and reminded the students to express their own creativity in their homework instead of copy and paste job.

Simon obtained his CLP in the year 2002 and chambered in Messrs. Lee Kong Fee &

Co. in Seremban, Negeri Sembilan under Dato' Lee Kong Fee.

Subsequently, he decided to set up his own firm under the name and style of Chong Meow Far & Co. with assistance and support of his wife. For the members of the Bar who had the opportunity to be acquainted with him he will be remembered him as a lawyer of high caliber, hardworking, responsible and trustworthy and always amicable in his dealings.

Besides his professional career, Simon was interested in Buddhism. He will use his spare time to read up on Buddhism and had discussions with his friends.

He was active in arranging talks or seminars on Buddhism as well as mediation classes in Melaka on every Saturday and Sunday.

Times gone by and due to health problem, his soul returned to heaven and departed us on the 7th July, 2012.

He left behind his wife, Josephine Cheng and two sons, Derrick Chong who is now a manager in RHB Bank Kuala Lumpur and William Chong a Legal Assistant in Messrs. Lee Kong Fee & Co. in Petaling Jaya.

His loving kindness and patience will always in the memories of family and friends.

**Peter Gan Choo Sweet**

## **Mr. Yau Jiok Hua @ Yau Siok Hua**



Yau Jiok Hua was born in a fishing village called Merlimau Pantai near Merlimau Melaka the eldest son of Yau Chai and his wife Madam Lim Geok Hua in a family of six (6) children. He grew up there until he was a young boy and was sent to Melaka for his primary and secondary education at Anglo Chinese School Primary and Secondary respectively. He did his 'A' levels at High School Melaka.

His idyllic childhood in the mixed fishing village of Merlimau Pantai was, so he told me, his natural preparation for the transition of the court language from English to Bahasa Malaysia! After Form 6 he proceeded to the University of Singapore to read law and graduated in 1970. He did his pupillage under Mr Chan Yew How of M/s Allen Gledhill & Ball and was admitted to the Bar in December 1971.

He married his childhood sweetheart Emily Tan Nyap How in 1974 and had four (4) children from this blessed union, twin boys Yau Her Chung and Yau Her Lerk and the youngest son, Yau Her Cheang and the youngest a daughter Yau Yi May. The youngest son, Her Cheang, is the only one of the sons who is married. Her Cheang and his wife, Elaine Natalie Fortescue, gave him a grand-daughter Kaelyn Sophie Yau Shu Yi. The only daughter Yau Yi May, is married to Chin We Loon and they have a daughter named Chin Sue Ann. Her Lerk, one of the twins, is an Advocate & Solicitor and a partner in M/s Sharizat Rashid & Lee, Kuala Lumpur and Her Chung the other twin has completed his law studies after having left the commercial sector and shall soon be doing his CLP.

One of the greatest tragedies of Jiok Hua's life is the passing away of his beloved wife, Emily, in January, 1998 to cancer. It took Yau some time to get over this personal tragedy. Yau nonetheless persevered and carried on as he had a relatively young family to care for and look after.

Yau was at one time of his life and in the early years of his practice also very active in politics in what will probably be described as the Opposition. He was the State Chairman of the party and served a term as State Assemblyman. He lost his passion and

drive for politics after he was incarcerated for a few months under what is infamously called “Ops Lalang” under the draconian Internal Security Act.

Yau was a practitioner who specialized in the more difficult aspects of civil practice and was often called upon to be counsel in these sort of cases.

His passing away is a mystery to those of us who know him. He would go for a few sessions a week of the Chinese exercise regime called ‘Qi Gong’ and ‘Tai Chi’ and was unusually fit for a man of his age.

Yau was a well rounded person. I hope you do not think me callous and insensitive when I relate that he was fairly good at knocking billiards and snooker balls. He was also always a first choice for the varsity and Malacca Club first team in what is now mysteriously referred to as “Boat Race!”. And he was no mean golfer!.

I pray that a copy of today’s reference for Yau Jiok Hua in the Court Archives be given to his family.

May God bless his Soul.

**Low Tung Weng**