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50000 Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

SUBJECTS INCLUDE:

- **Evolution of third-party funding**
- **Responsible AI: governance, ethics and the future of legal practice**

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Monday 14 September

0900–1255 **Registration**

0930–0945 **Keynote speech**
Justice Dato' Mary Lim *President, AIAC Court of Arbitration, Kuala Lumpur*

0945–1100 **PANEL ONE**

Evolution of third-party funding

This panel will discuss the latest developments in third-party funding (TPF) in Malaysia, including the introduction of TPF through the Arbitration Amendment Act 2025 (Amendment Act) and the Code of Practice for TPF. The panel will explore recent developments and emerging trends in the region, comparing approaches adopted in key arbitration jurisdictions and exploring the practical implications for arbitration users, practitioners, funders.

Moderator
Pablo Fraile Maqueda *WongPartnership, Singapore*

Panellists
Aniz Ahmad Amirudin *Cecil Abraham and Partners, Kuala Lumpur*
Sharon Chong *Skrine, Kuala Lumpur; Vice Chair, Asia Pacific Working Group, IBA Litigation Committee*
Mitchell Dearness *Omni Bridgeway, Singapore*
Tiana Zhang *Hozu Capital, Hong Kong SAR*

1100–1130 **Tea break**

1130–1245 **PANEL TWO**

Responsible AI: governance, ethics, and the future of legal practice

This panel will explore key legal and ethical issues arising from the use of AI in legal practice, including professional responsibility, client confidentiality, bias and maintenance of public trust.

Moderator
Swee Yen Koh SC *WongPartnership, Singapore; Co-Chair, IBA Asia Pacific Arbitration Group*

Panellists
Kherk Ying Chew *Kherk Chambers, Kuala Lumpur*
Brett Frazer *Harvey, San Diego*
Kelvin Seet *Cheang & Ariff, Kuala Lumpur*

1245–1255 **Closing remarks**
Swee Yen Koh SC *WongPartnership, Singapore; Co-Chair, IBA Asia Pacific Arbitration Group*

1255–1355 **Networking lunch**

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