



FOREIGN DIRECT INVESTMENT:

**Political Risk and
International Investment Law**



19 July 2018 | 8.30 a.m.
Faculty of Law, University of Malaya

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7 CPD Points

COURSE DESCRIPTION

In today's economy, companies of all sizes are establishing foreign operations to grow and remain competitive. The trend is likely to continue. In as much as foreign expansion offers greater opportunities, it is also a strategy replete with political risk – risk of an adverse political act that can unravel years of business planning if not devastating economic losses. How concerned are companies of political risk when choosing the locations of their investments? What are indicators of political risk and what role does international investment law have in mitigating this risk?

These are the main issues the seminar will address.

The seminar is aimed at corporate executives and government officials, introducing them to basic principles of international investment law, deepening their appreciation of political risk, and reviewing tools in the management of political risk.

SEMINAR SPEAKERS

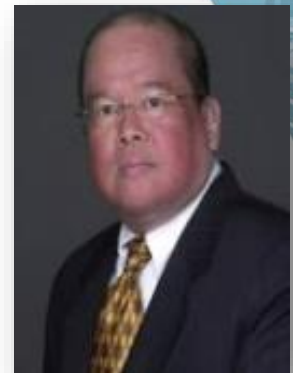
Alima Joned

Educated and admitted to practice law in both the U.S. and Malaysia, Dr. Alima Joned specialises in counseling multinational companies in charting a strategic business course and addressing legal issues in the United States. Her practice covers general corporate matters, international investment law, and trade regulations. She has handled complex legal and sensitive political issues for public and private sectors clients, big and small. In 2016 to 2017, she held a visiting professor position at the Faculty of Law, University of Malaya where she co-taught LL.M. course International Business Transactions. She joined Messrs. Medel Sanfilipo in 2016 after 17 years with another U.S. based international law firm.



Arthur Medel

Arthur (Chuck) Medel is a partner at Messrs. Medel Sanfilipo with an extensive and broad experience of representing international clients engaged in a range of industries. His present clients include: a joint venture between a US defense contractor and a Philippine shipping and logistics company operating in the Philippines and other parts of South East Asia, an energy company on projects in Central and South America, and a U.S. engineering and management support group in projects in Egypt and Africa. Mr. Medel also maintains an active litigation and arbitration practice. He previously practiced with two major international law firms and served as General Counsel to an energy company based in Hong Kong and Manila.



SEMINAR PROGRAMME

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| 8.30 - 9.00 am | Registration |
| 9.00 - 10.00 am | Introduction <ul style="list-style-type: none">- <i>Opportunities and Challenges of Investing Abroad</i>- <i>The Special Nature of Foreign Investment</i>- <i>The Concept of Political Risk and Indicators</i> |
| 10.00 – 10.15 am | Coffee Break |
| 10.15 – 11.15 pm | International Investment Law & Political Risk Management <ul style="list-style-type: none">- <i>Sources of International Investment Law</i>- <i>Investment Treaties as a Legal Mechanism for Risk Reduction</i>- <i>Structuring Foreign Investments and Treaty Shopping</i> |
| 11.15 – 12.15 pm | Standard of Treaty Treatment and Protection <ul style="list-style-type: none">- <i>Nasional standard of treatment</i>- <i>Fair and equitable standard</i>- <i>Most-favored-nation treatment</i>- <i>Full protection and security</i> |
| 12.15 – 1.30 pm | Lunch Break |
| 1.30 – 2.30 pm | Case Study <ul style="list-style-type: none">- <i>MTD vs. Chile</i>- <i>Telekom Malaysia vs. Government of Ghana*</i> |
| 2.30 – 3.30 pm | Political Risk in Perspective <ul style="list-style-type: none">- <i>A Host Government's Perspective - TBC</i>- <i>A Foreign Investor's Perspective - TBC</i> |
| 3.30 – 4.30 pm | Hypothetical Cases |
| 4.30 – 5.00 pm | Coffee Break / Seminar Closes |

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| STUDENTS* | RM350 |
| OTHERS | RM650 |
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