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*The Continued Professional Development Subcommittee presents a Webinar on*  
**Vindication of the Basic Structure Doctrine**

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**Date:** 30 Sept 2022 (Fri)  
**Time:** 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
Webinar via Zoom

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## Synopsis:

In 1972 the Indian Supreme Court set out, in *Kesavananda v. The State of Kerala*, an epoch-making decision, its idea that constitutional amendments are subject to an implied limitation under the Indian Constitution – the limitation that no amendment can destroy the constitution’s basic structure, even if the procedure prescribed by the constitution for effecting an amendment is complied with. This set off a process of consideration of the applicability of the basic structure doctrine in the constitutions of the region, including Malaysia’s. This webinar discusses the Malaysian cases on the basic structure doctrine and its application in Malaysia in interpreting the Federal Constitution.

## The Speakers:



**Sudharsanan Thillainathan** is a Senior Partner at Steven Thiru & Sudhar Partnership. He holds double degrees in Law and Accounting & Finance from Monash University, Australia and a Masters of Law from the London School of Economics & Political Science. He was called to the Malaysian Bar in 1997 and has more than 25 years of active litigation and arbitration practice. He acts as counsel and arbitrator in a broad range of fields. His areas of practice include Arbitration and Adjudication, Civil and General Litigation, Civil Fraud and Asset Tracing, Competition and Anti-Trust Law, Constitutional and Administrative Law (specifically in the field of Revenue Law), Construction and Infrastructure Disputes, Contract and Commercial Disputes, Corporate and Shareholder Disputes and Revenue Law. He is a former President of the

Malaysian Institute of Arbitrators, the national body for arbitration in Malaysia, having earlier served as President from 2017–2019 and Deputy President from 2015–2017.

**Nadeem Rafiq** is a senior associate at Steven Thiru & Sudhar Partnership (STSP). His practice is focused on servicing both domestic and international clients in contentious and multimillion-dollar disputes. The cases handled by him cover a wide range of disputes over varying industries and bodies, including oil and gas, utilities, industrial manufacturers, institutes of education, construction and development, insurance and reinsurance, regulatory bodies and recreational clubs. He regularly appears as counsel and co-counsel in all tiers of Malaysian courts and in arbitrations. He offers clients the benefit of years of experience from when he commenced his career at one of the largest law firms in the country and during his time in STSP. His broad commercial litigation background enables him to offer clients robust and knowledgeable representation across broad range of matters, utilising his trial skills and commercial sense. Dedicated to achieving the best possible outcome for his clients, his track record has made him the go-to litigator for his clients.



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