



S. Saravana Kumar

Partner

Saravana is the Head of the Firm's Tax, SST & Customs, where he has appeared in benchmark litigations with a sizeable volume of wins in tax disputes. He is recognised as one of the leading lawyers by Asialaw Profiles and was named as one of the 40 leading lawyers under 40 in Asia by Asian Legal Business in 2018.

Saravana was also named as one of the 100 leading lawyers in Malaysia by Asia Business Law Journal in 2022. Legal 500 commented that *'Saravana Kumar is an outstanding tax lawyer with an impeccable track record. His arguments and strategies are courageous and groundbreaking. He is not only knowledgeable and up to date but also humble and polite. Highly recommended tax lawyer.'*

He chairs the Taxation & Customs Committee of LAWASIA and also serves as a Trustee of the Malaysian Tax Research Foundation, which is an independent body dedicated for the promotion, encouragement and advancement of tax research in Malaysia. Saravana was also formerly an Adjunct Professor with Universiti Tenaga Nasional (UNITEN) for nearly 10 years.

Saravana is also a member of the Kuala Lumpur Bar Committee since 2019 where he presently co-chairs the Civil Practice & Court Liaison Committee and the Professional Development Committee. Additionally, he also sits on the Disciplinary Committee Panel of the Advocates and Solicitors Disciplinary Board since 2017.

Other accolades:

"The strong practice at Rosli Dahlan Saravana Partnership is led by 'extraordinary tax lawyer' Saravana Kumar."

"Saravana Kumar is an extraordinary tax lawyer with a very high level of experience and knowledge in his field. He is excellent in his work, acts with high integrity, has good vision, good commercial awareness and possesses a high level of technical knowledge."

‘Their system of client liaison is smooth and practical.’

‘Saravana Kumar is excellent and practical in his approach to tax law.’

‘Saravana Kumar is a highly respected and highly competent partner who has served our group’s tax advisory and tax disputes matters. He is always responsive to our requests for advice and legal services and delivers high quality services, making the client highly satisfied always.’

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Qualifications

- LL.B (Hons), University of London
- LL.M in Taxation, London School of Economics
- M.Sc in Development Planning, University College London
- Bar Vocational Course, Nottingham Law School
- Advocate & Solicitor of the High Court of Malaya
- Barrister-at-Law (Inner Temple)

Practice Areas

- Tax, SST & Customs
- Incentives
- Trade Facilitation

Awards/Accolades

- Top 100 lawyers in Malaysia 2020, 2021, 2022
- Asia Business Law Journal Leading Individual for Tax 2021
- Legal 500 Asia Pacific Top 40 Lawyer Under 40 Years, 2018
- Band 1, Tax Lawyer in Malaysia, Chambers Asia 2020
- Leading Individual, Tax, Legal 500 Malaysia (since 2020)
- Top 40 Lawyer Under 40 Years, 2018

Publications

- Malaysia and Singapore Tax Cases Digest
- CCH GST Case Summaries
- The Law of Goods and Services Tax in Malaysia
- Halsbury's Laws of Malaysia (Revenue)
- Annotated Statutes of Malaysia – Price Control and Anti-Profiteering Act 2011
- Hishamudin Yunus: Celebrating Judicial Independence, Editor & Contributor
- Malaysia Civil Procedure 2021, Contributor

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