

**DATO' SRI MUHAMMAD SHAFEE ABDULLAH - REPRESENTATIVE OF MALAYSIA
TO THE ASEAN INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS.**

SKELETAL CURRICULUM VITAE

Name : Dato' Sri Muhammad Shafee Abdullah

Date of Birth : 4th February 1952

Place of Birth : Penang Malaysia

Marital Status : Married (with a son)

Languages : English , Bahasa Malaysia

CAREER

As the Deputy Public Prosecutor/Federal Counsel in the Attorney-General's Chambers, Malaysia (1977-1983)

In Dato' Sri's career as a Deputy Public Prosecutor serving the Government, he dealt with cases which involved constitutional and administrative issues central to human rights infringements ,serious criminal cases, nationality, citizenship, habeas corpus and a wealth of other matters. He also acted in the capacity of Departmental Solicitor / Federal Counsel at the Department of Public Trustee and Official Administrator Malaysia. Served as Federal Counsel to the Ministry of Home Affairs Malaysia on an ad hoc basis.

As Advocate & Solicitor (1985 until now)

Dato' Sri was called to the Malaysian Bar on April 26th, 1985 as an **Advocate & Solicitor**. On August 1st, 1985 he founded his own Law Practice **Messrs Shafee & Co** in which he is involved in litigation covering criminal, civil, constitutional, human rights, preventive detention & election law matters, among others. In the course of his practice he deals with various human rights breaches, both domestically and abroad.

EDUCATION

- In **1977** Dato' Sri received his **LLB Degree from the University of Malaya**.
- In **1984** Dato' Sri received his **Masters in Law at the prestigious London School of Economics and Political Science**.
- In 1977 he attended a course on sponsorship by the US State Department on "**Legal Institutions and Grass Roots Movements in the U.S.A.**". He attended a short course on Advocacy at the National College for District Attorneys at Houston, Texas. Dato Sri' Muhammad Shafee was also made Honorary Member of the Hennepin, County Bar Association, Minnesota, U.S.A.

- In his early years of study he received his education at the **Royal Military College, Selangor** (the premier school for higher secondary education in the country).

APPOINTMENTS

- Elected Malaysian Representative to the **Asean Intergovernmental Commission on Human Rights**. (23 October 2009)
- Appointed by His Majesty The King (The Yang di-Pertuan Agong) as Commissioner for the **Human Rights Commission of Malaysia (SUHAKAM)**. Dato' Sri Shafee is in his third term as Commissioner at Suhakam. (2004 until present)
- Board Member of the **National Welfare Foundation, Malaysia**. (1.7.2009)
- Was on the panel of judges for the **United Nations Red Cross** international moot competitions held in the **University of Malaya** which covers issues on international humanitarian law. (2005-2007)
- Elected member of the Bar Council of Malaysia. (2006-2009) Member of the Bar Council's Human Rights Committee.
- Associated practice with several Queen's Counsel who are world renowned in their work on Human Rights.
- Appointed as head of the **Law Reform and International Treaties Working Group of Suhakam (2008** until present)
- Member of the **Commonwealth Lawyers Association** (September 2008 until present)
- Legal Advisor to the Syrian Government on the **Rafik Hariri assassination** . Written and Presented reports on this matter to the Syrian Government. (2005 and ongoing)
- Board member of the University of Malaya, the premier University in the country.

Lectures and Talks

Delivered numerous lectures on Human Rights and Criminal Justice, inter alia at **The 12th Biennial Law Conference on Criminal Law & Human Rights** (in Kuala Lumpur 2003), **The Eminent Jurists Panel On Terrorism, Counter Terrorism and Human Rights, South East Asia** (Jakarta 2006), **The Media Conference in Hong Kong** (2006), the **University Malaya-Griffith University International Law Conference** in 2007, the **14th Malaysian Law Conference** (October 2007), the workshop on the **International Criminal Court** organized by the Bar Council of Malaysia (April

2008), **The Asia Pacific Forum on the “The Meaning and Effect of Article 29(2) of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights 1948**(July 2008), **The Commonwealth Lawyers Association Conference** (Jamaica, October 2008) on **Electoral Processes in the Commonwealth** in the human rights theme.

HUMAN RIGHTS INQUIRIES

- SUHAKAM Public Inquiry into the death in prison custody of a detainee. **(February 2006)**
- SUHAKAM Public Inquiry into the **Allegation of the usage of Live Ammunition in the Incident at Batu Buruk, Kuala Trengganu, Trengganu.** (February 2007)
- SUHAKAM Public Inquiry into the **arrest of 5 Bar Council Legal Aid lawyers.** **(August 2009 and ongoing)**

ACADEMIA

- Board Member (appointed **1 September 2009**) **University Malaya**, Malaysia’s oldest and leading University.
- Visiting Law Lecturer at **University of Malaya.** **(1977-1981)**
- Visiting Law Lecturer at **University Sains Malaysia.** **(1978-1979)**
- Alumni Member of the **University of Malaya.**
- Alumni Member of the **London School of Economics and Political Science**, London.

GOVERNOR AND BOARD MEMBER OF:

- **The International Modern Arabic School** (the first fully integrated Arabic school outside the Arab Nations offering the Arabic curriculum from kindergarten level to the equivalent of A-Levels)
- **Al-Noor International School** (The first Arab International School in Asia offering International education to Arab children in English).

LITERARY PURSUITS

- Was on the Editorial Board & Representative Correspondent for Malaysia and Singapore - **European Intellectual Property Review (Oxford)(1985-1987)**
- Was on The Editorial Board – **Current Law Journal Malaysia**, a leading Law Journal. (1986-1989)

- Is on The Editorial Board of **Suhakam's Malaysian Journal on Human Rights** (2007 until present)

ADVISER TO THE GOVERNMENT

1988 until present : Legal Advisor to the various Prime Ministers in Malaysia

1996 until present : Legal Advisor to **UMNO (United Malays National Organisation)**, the dominant political party in the Malaysian Government.

Legal Advisor to **HRH The Sultan of Pahang** (Pahang is a state in Malaysia).

Legal Advisor to HRH, **The Crown Prince of Johore**. (Johore is another State in Malaysia)

Legal Advisor to **HRH The Acting Sultan of Deli, in Medan Indonesia**.

BUSINESS AND CORPORATE INVOLVEMENTS

Director of various companies including public listed companies involved in the construction industry.
