

**MIA WEBINAR SERIES** 

# **Employment Law:** New Amendments to Employment Legislation

14 & 15 April 2021 (Wednesday & Thursday), 9.00am – 1.15pm

The legislation governing the employer-employee relationship needs to be properly understood as non-compliance will lead to workplace conflict and disrupt the harmony of this essential

relationship needed for business growth and profitability. Inadequate implementation of employment laws and improper handling of misconduct and domestic inquiries can result in the Industrial Court ruling in favour of the employee and subsequently lead to costly monetary compensation by the employer.

Hence it is necessary to have a holistic understanding of employment laws, from drafting employment contracts to the proper method of terminating an employee whilst mitigating being taken to the Industrial Courts. This programme will provide an in-depth overview of all current issues commonly faced by employers covering topics such as drafting of fool-proof employment contracts, handbooks, dealing with misconduct and poor performance, sexual harassment, domestic inquiries, transfer of employees, as well as separation schemes, redundancy and retrenchment. You will also gain practical hands-on training on Domestic Inquiries (DI), focusing on the recommended method in framing proper DI charges and effectively conducting internal DI in accordance with the requirements of Malaysian employment laws.

# **OBJECTIVES**

This programme seeks to help you to:

- Examine the complexities in employment contracts
- Deal with poor performance, misconduct and other disciplinary issues
- Frame proper disciplinary charges
- Conduct successful domestic inquiries
- Review the employment right on transfer of undertaking
- Assess the legalities of terminating an employment contract

# WHO SHOULD ATTEND

- Human Resource Managers
- Industrial Relations Managers
- In-House Counsel
- Employee Relations Managers
- Compensation and Benefits Managers
- Business Owners

# **METHODOLOGY**

A highly interactive learning session with trainer/speaker-led facilitation, live Q&As, quick polls/surveys, self-assessment quizzes and participant's feedback on learning outcome achievement.

## FACILITATOR

#### **JEREMIAH R. GURUSAMY**

Jeremiah is a founding partner of KDJLaw (Koh Dipendra Jeremiah Law) a corporate boutique law firm. He possesses a wealth of experience having worked in the corporate sector before entering active legal practice in 1999 with a large Kuala Lumpur-based law firm. Prior to being admitted as an Advocate and Solicitor, he was attached to the legal documentation unit at a leading banking group in Malaysia.

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He has acted for a wide range of clients from various industries and has extensive experience in corporate banking, project financing, corporate and commercial matters, joint ventures, mergers & acquisitions, capital markets, trust and estate planning, private mutual funds and employment law.

# **PROGRAMME OUTLINE**

# DAY 1

	DAY 1		DAY 2
8.30 am — 9.00 am	PARTICIPANTS LOGIN TO JOIN THE WEBINAR	8.30 am – 9.00 am	PARTICIPANTS LOGIN TO JOIN THE WEBINAR
9.00 am - 11.00 am	<ul> <li>New Amendments to the Industrial Relations Act 1967, effective 1 January 2021</li> <li>Expanded Representation in Conciliation Meetings at the Industrial Relations Department</li> <li>Automatic Referrals of Unfair Dismissal Cases to the Industrial Court</li> <li>Appeal Against Industrial Award to the High Court</li> <li>Powers of the Industrial Court to: <ul> <li>Continued conduct of proceedings notwithstanding the death of the workman</li> <li>Awarding compensation to the workman's next-of-kin</li> <li>Hearing dismissal claims brought by employees of statutory bodies</li> <li>Imposition of interest on the award made</li> <li>Restraint of Illegal Strikes, Lock-Out and Picketing</li> </ul> </li> <li>Proposed Amendments to Schedule 1 of the EA which will broaden application of the EA to a much wider employee base</li> <li>Amendments to increase maternity leave entitlement</li> <li>Increase in the Jurisdiction of the Labour Court</li> <li>Setting up of the Industrial Appeal Court</li> <li>Overview of Employment Legislation in Malaysia</li> <li>Understanding your rights as an Employer</li> <li>What the rights of the Employment Law</li> </ul>	9.00 am - 11.00 am	<ul> <li>&gt; Whistleblowing provisions and reporting of misconduct</li> <li>&gt; Condonation of misconduct: Time is of the essence</li> <li>&gt; General outline of procedures when dealing with an allegation of employee misconduct</li> <li>&gt; Procedures to follow when investigating alleged offences</li> <li>&gt; Essential points to be included in the Show Cause and Suspension letter</li> <li>&gt; Types of punishment available to the employer</li> <li>&gt; Types and classifications of misconduct</li> <li>&gt; Sexual Harassment</li> <li>&gt; Domestic inquiry (DI): When is it required?</li> <li>&gt; What are the consequences of not holding a proper DI?</li> <li>&gt; The value of a proper DI to Industrial Court proceedings</li> <li>• Circumstances whereby the employer can lawfully terminate an employment contract</li> <li>&gt; How much due notice is required and procedures to follow</li> <li>&gt; Examining circumstances that may give rise to a claim for constructive dismissal</li> <li>&gt; Other ways of terminating the employment relationship</li> <li>&gt; How to structure a termination package and negotiate a settlement</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Minimum wage from 1 January 2019: Minimum Wage Order</li> <li>Minimum Retirement Age Act</li> </ul>	– 11.15 am	BREAK
11.00 am - 11.15 am 11.15 am - 1.15 pm	<ul> <li>&gt; Employment Insurance System (EIS)</li> <li>BREAK</li> <li>Preparation of a "Fail-Safe" Employment Contract</li> <li>&gt; Incorporation of essential provisions into the employment contract</li> <li>&gt; Different types of contracts of employment</li> <li>&gt; Dealing with Independent contractors</li> <li>&gt; Fixed term contracts and part time employees</li> <li>&gt; Employment Handbooks and Codes of Conduct</li> <li>&gt; Safeguards for the Employer, common mistakes and pitfalls</li> <li>Managing Employee Grievances</li> <li>&gt; Dealing with problematic staff</li> <li>&gt; Implementing proper appraisal mechanisms</li> <li>&gt; Security of tenure and the right to livelihood</li> <li>&gt; Implementing an effective code of conduct at the workplace</li> <li>&gt; Procedures to be implemented when businesses and employees are transferred</li> <li>Examining Instances and Challenges Involved in Managing Poor Performance</li> <li>&gt; Analyse specific instances of poor performance</li> <li>&gt; Common issues and concerns faced by employers</li> <li>&gt; Identifying the best mode of handling poor performance</li> <li>&gt; Applying the law appropriately according to varied circumstances</li> </ul>	11.15 am - 1.15 pm	<ul> <li>Excess Manpower: Identifying the Available Options and the Legal Implications <ul> <li>Identifying the available cost cutting measures</li> <li>Exhausting all available options</li> <li>The last resort: Voluntary Separation Scheme (VSS) or retrenchment?</li> <li>Weighing the considerations and choosing the best option</li> <li>VSS</li> <li>Retrenchment</li> </ul> </li> <li>Misconduct &amp; the Domestic Inquiry Process: Introduction to the Principles of Natural Justice <ul> <li>Inquiry: The requirements of natural justice in the Employment Act 1955/Industrial Relations Act 1967</li> <li>The twin pillars of natural justice</li> <li>Ensuring compliance with the principles of natural justice</li> </ul> </li> <li>Conducting the Domestic Inquiry <ul> <li>Procedure when employee pleads guilty</li> <li>Procedure when employee denies the charge</li> <li>Ensuring procedural fairness</li> <li>Holding an ex-parte inquiry</li> <li>The findings of the panel</li> <li>Handing down penalties</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
			> Legal requirements on terminating a probationer and a

- > Legal requirements on terminating a probationer and a permanent employee due to poor performance
- > Standards and test laid down by the Courts



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