



Dato' Kanagasabapathi A/L Shanmugam

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Dato' S. Kanagasabapathi read law in Inner Temple and was qualified in 1976. In 1977, after completing his pupillage in the chambers of Dato' Dr. R. K. Nathan, he was called to the Malaysian Bar. Thereafter, he was retained in Messrs R. K. Nathan & Co. as a Legal Assistant where he handled civil litigation matters. In 1979, he was made a partner of Messrs R. K. Nathan & Co. and headed the litigation department in respect of insurance claims.

During the course of his practice, Dato' S. Kanagasabapathi has acquired not only a wealth of knowledge but expertise and utmost respect from the legal profession in handling civil litigation, criminal litigation, corporate work, contractual matters and medical negligence matters. Dato' S. Kanagasabapathi had a vast experience in a wide array of legal proceedings, in particular motor claims, medical negligence and an extensive area of non-motor claims as well. As a Senior partner, he has had a fair number of trials in all the High Courts of Malaya and also in the Court of Appeal and Federal Court of Malaya.

Being a highly experienced and senior counsel, Dato' S. Kanagasabapathi has had numerous cases reported in the Malaysian Law Journals to date. Dato' S. Kanagasabapathi had also served on a number of committees under Bar Council Malaysia, namely as a member of the committee for "No-Fault Liability Scheme" and a committee member of the "Contingency Fee Rules Committee", amongst others.

I have had the pleasure and honour of not only being his Pupil but his Legal Assistant and finally to become his Partner. Having had the chance to work for him and with him

over these years, we had become more than friends. He is without doubt one of the most compassionate, humble, kind and knowledgeable men that I have met. He represents all that is good and is missing in today's world. With a contagious smile and infectious laugh, he never fails to put a smile on your face nobody how bad a day you would have had.

Boss or Mr K as he was fondly known, was passionate about the Law. Always helping and guiding the younger lawyers to become better and pushing as hard as he could, he had this singular need to ensure that those that came through his doors, went away as some of the best advocates around. There were so many practitioners that have come and gone. So many people that have been in some way touched, by this man in some shape or form.

To say that Dato' Kanaga was a generous man is an understatement to those who have known him. Always willing to help any poor soul. He ensured that whatever help that one needed was always given. A deeply religious and devout man, he has been a fervent champion in Temples around this country. His Charity knows no bounds and has helped many a student to achieve their dreams. So many people have graduated to achieve their dreams because of him. He has in short, touched many lives.

When Boss was first diagnosed with the dreaded C, he did his usual. He dug his heels in and fought and in his usual style and panache, and true to form, he beat it. Unfortunately, years later it was to rear its ugly head again. And just as expected, he put up his good fight, but alas, it was not to be. We all had hoped and prayed that he would pull through, sadly on the 25th February he passed away having fought on till the end. He leaves behind 3 children and a Lovely wife who I am sure will go on to emulate the same values and believes that he so cherished and believed in.

He was our Rock at the Firm and to so many more people out there....I shall miss you my dear Friend.

Written By,

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