



### **Ms. Mah Guek Yah**

(9<sup>th</sup> February 1953 – 24<sup>th</sup> November 2019)

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Born on 9<sup>th</sup> February 1953 in Sabak Bernam and having four brothers and a sister. She had her early education in Assunta School in Petaling Jaya and had excelled in her studies. She was offered a place in University of Malaya (Law Faculty) to continue her education in Bachelor of Law in the said University where she had graduated with Bachelor of Laws, Honours Class 2 on the 17<sup>th</sup> June 1978.

After she had obtained her law degree, she did her pupillage with Messrs T Tharu and Co and was called to the bar on the 25<sup>th</sup> January 1979. She then started her legal practice as a junior lawyer in the firm C S Tang & Co where she had acquired skills of both conveyancing and corporate.

Few months after she had been called to the Bar, she had then tight a knot with her beloved, Mr Teoh Seng Keat on the 7<sup>th</sup> April 1979 who was a soil scientist engaged by the Forest Institute of Kepong at that time before venturing into his own business. Together they had served not only in their church but also the community and people around them whenever need calls. Both of them served in various community services and had touched the lives of many people.

She then started to embark her journey in a partnership, Messrs P L Tan & Mah in Jalan Tuanku Abdul Rahman and thereafter remain in the same firm as a sole proprietor in Semua House, Masjid India.

I personally got to know her after being introduced by my husband, who was engaged by her as a court runner those days. Both of us finds Ms Mah to be very careful, meticulous and also very dedicated and passionate in her practice. She would perform a thorough research on the new development of law in relation to conveyancing practices to enhance her knowledge and also to ensure that she gave her clients the best advices. She would call either me or my husband or any other lawyers to discuss the latest development of law and practices. She was always conscientious about those who cannot afford legal fees and will try to help as far as possible especially to the simple folks from the villages near her office since 2001 in Puchong.

Due to her determination to keep abreast with current development of law, she had obtained a Degree of Master of Laws in Copyright Law and Alternative Dispute Resolution on the 4<sup>th</sup> September 2002.

When she was 1<sup>st</sup> diagnosed with breast cancer in 2010, she did not give up but continued her journey as a dedicated lawyer and continued to help people around her. She was a determined lady and with the love and care from her husband, Mr Teoh and also friends around her, she carried on with her daily chores and engagement in community and church work until she was admitted to hospital with 4<sup>th</sup> stage breast cancer on the 1<sup>st</sup> May 2019.

She had many friends and relatives who dearly loved her and cared for her and most importantly she had Mr Teoh who was the pillar of her strength during the difficult times. She had also been thankful to God for giving her additional years on this earth to continue embarking her career as a practising lawyer, a loving wife and a caring and kind friend to those around her including me and my husband.

*Written By,*

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