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Steven Thiru is the Managing Partner of Messrs. Steven Thiru & Sudhar Partnership in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. He is a senior litigation lawyer and has been in practice for more than 30 years. His main areas of practice are General Litigation, Contract and Tort, Constitutional & Administrative Law, Corporate Law, Employment Law, Energy Law, and Native Title Law.

Steven read law at the University of Leicester and graduated (LL. B (Hons)) in 1990. He was admitted to the Bar of England and Wales at Middle Temple in 1991 and was admitted as an advocate and solicitor of the High Court of Malaya in 1992. Steven also holds a Master of Law (LL.M) degree from the University of Malaya (2000).

Steven was recognized as a highly recommended lawyer by the Legal 500 Asia Pacific 2017 and as a market-leading lawyer (Labour and Employment law) by the Asialaw 2017. He was ranked for "Dispute Resolution" by the Chambers Asia Pacific 2018 and recognized that he "draws admiration from market sources as a "well respected advocate". He specially handles administrative and employment cases and has also recently been the Malaysian Bar Council President. Steven was also ranked by the Chambers Asia Pacific 2018 for Employment and Industrial Relations, and it was noted that he is "renowned among market sources, who declare that he "has all the qualities of an excellent advocate". He is highly experienced in relation to employment litigation, often acting for GLCs and international clients". He was categorised as a "Leading Individual for Dispute Resolution" by the Legal 500 Asia Pacific 2019 and as a "Distinguished Practitioner" by Asialaw 2020 and 2021. Chambers Asia-Pacific 2021 has recognized Steven as "...a well-regarded and experienced practitioner..." in the Dispute Resolution practice and "...well regarded for contentious matters, frequently acting on a range of employment disputes" in the Employment & Industrial Relations practice area. Recently, Chambers Asia Pacific 2022 has reported that clients have observed that Steven "is an experienced counsel. He is measured and calm and takes a balanced view on things" and "he gives us practical and commercial advice."

Steven was the 31st President of the Malaysian Bar from 2015 to 2017. He is currently Vice President of LAWASIA and Exco/Council member of the Commonwealth Lawyers Association.