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Admitted to the Malaysian Bar in 1999, Murni mainly focuses on debt capital market and corporate banking matters, in particular, corporate bonds and Sukuk as well as conventional, Shariah compliant and project financing.

Practice Area

Banking & Finance, Debt Capital Markets, Islamic Finance

Qualifications

LLB (Hons), King's College London, University of London.

Certificate in Legal Practice.

Advocate and Solicitor of the High Court of Malaya.

Recognition

Murni is recognised as a highly regarded lawyer in Malaysia by IFLR 1000.

Relevant Experience

- Murni has advised principal advisers and lead arrangers on the issuances of various Additional Tier 1 and Tier 2 capital securities as well as senior programmes undertaken by various financial institutions and insurance & takaful providers in Malaysia, both conventional as well as Sukuk. She has also acted for principal advisers and lead arrangers in respect of transactions involving special purpose vehicles wholly-owned by States in Malaysia and the first State-guaranteed Sukuk programme in Malaysia. Murni has also, on a few occasions, acted for the issuers, including acting for Petronas Dagangan Berhad on their 2013 RM2.0 billion Sukuk programme.
- Murni has been involved in numerous cross border financing transactions where the financing structure involved parties (including offshore entities, foreign banks and Malaysia's provident fund) and assets from various jurisdictions. Murni's experience in project financing work includes the Sukuk financing for Phase 1 of Samalaju Port in Sarawak by Samalaju Industrial Port (as subsidiary of Bintulu Port Holdings), SPR Energy's Islamic term financing for its 100 MW combined cycle gas power plant in Sabah, TNB Prai's Sukuk financing for its 2 x 535.715MW combined cycle gas-fired power plant in Prai, Pulau Pinang, Jimah Energy Ventures' Sukuk financing for its 1,400MW coal-fired power plant, Sukuk financing for MRCB Southern Link & MRCB Lingkaran Selatan (subsidiaries of MRCB) for the Eastern Dispersal Link expressway, Johor Bahru, as well as various Sukuk programmes during the early stages of projects by Projek Lebuhraya Utara-Selatan Berhad (PLUS) and companies related to it.
- Advised Affin Hwang Investment Bank Berhad and Maybank Investment Bank Berhad as joint principal advisers and joint lead arrangers in relation to the establishment of a Sukuk Programme of up to RM2.0 billion in nominal value based on the Shariah principle of Wakalah Bi Al-Istithmar for the issuance(s) of Sukuk Wakalah by Johor Corporation and guaranteed by Johor State. This transaction is the first State-guaranteed Sukuk programme in Malaysia.
- Advised Bank Islam Malaysia Berhad as principal adviser and lead arranger in relation to the establishment of Bank Islam's own Additional Tier 1 RM5.0 billion in nominal value Sukuk programme based on the Shariah principle of Wakalah Bi Al-Istithmar.
- Advised OCBC Bank (Malaysia) Berhad, United Overseas Bank (Malaysia) Bhd and Hong Leong Investment Bank Berhad as the joint principal advisers and joint lead arrangers in respect of Infracap Resources Sdn Bhd's 2021 Sukuk Murabahah Programme of up to RM15.0 billion in nominal value, guaranteed by Infracap Development Holdings Sdn Bhd featuring an annex letter issued by the State Financial Secretary of Sarawak (for and on behalf of the State Government of Sarawak), addressed to the issuer and guarantor.
- Advised Maybank Investment Bank Berhad as the principal adviser / lead arranger in relation to the establishment of a Sustainability Sukuk Wakalah Programme of up to RM5.0 billion in nominal value for the issuance(s) of senior Sustainability Sukuk Wakalah based on the Shariah principle of Wakalah Bi Al-Istithmar by MBSB Bank Berhad.