

## JDRN WEBSITE STATEMENT

### **THIRD MEETING OF THE JDRN KUALA LUMPUR, 28-29 OCTOBER 2024**



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1. The Third Meeting of the International Judicial Dispute Resolution Network (JDRN) was hosted by the Federal Court of Malaysia and convened in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia on 28-29 October 2024. Established in May 2022, the JDRN brings together judiciaries to advance the adoption of the Judicial Dispute Resolution (JDR) process in judicial systems around the world to enhance the administration of justice.
2. JDRN meetings are an important platform for member and observer judiciaries to share their experiences, exchange ideas and expertise, as well as develop standards and best practices. Forty-four delegates from twelve judiciaries, comprising founding JDRN members, JDRN observers, together with invited meeting observer judiciaries and judges, attended the meeting in person at The Westin, Kuala Lumpur, and enjoyed the warmth and generous hospitality of the Federal Court of Malaysia. Another fifteen delegates from five judiciaries participated remotely through video conferencing.
3. The meeting was opened by the Right Honourable Justice Tan Sri Datuk Amar Abang Iskandar bin Abang Hashim, President of the Court of Appeal, Federal Courts of Malaysia, and Chief Judge Laura Taylor Swain, United States District

Court for the Southern District of New York. All delegations took active part in the Meeting wherein the presentations over the two days were informative and enlightening and the discussions were rich and layered. It was clear that there was much we could learn from each other, and the meeting provided the opportunity for meaningful interaction and promotion of judicial co-operation in this area. Member judiciaries also actively shared about recent efforts to enhance the JDR process in their own jurisdictions, as well as upcoming initiatives. Robust discussions on draft Practice Guides touching on Access to Justice, Small Claims and Commercial Disputes also took place, and it is envisioned that these practice guides will be issued sometime next year.

4. JDRN also saw a growth in membership over the year. The Judiciary of Ireland, High Court, the Judiciary of Northern Ireland, and the United States Bankruptcy Court in the Western District of Washington successfully applied to join the JDRN and they were officially welcomed and brought on board at the Meeting. The Third Meeting of the JDRN drew to a memorable close with The Right Honourable Tun Tengku Maimun binti Tuan Mat, Chief Justice of Malaysia, graciously hosting the Official Closing Dinner. The next JDRN meeting is slated to take place toward the end of 2025 or 2026.