

JUDGMENTS OF HRH SULTAN AZLAN SHAH. By DATO' Visu SINNA-DURAI. [Kuala Lumpur: Professional (Law) Book Publishers. 1986. xxxiv + 1068 pp. Hardcover: \$200.00]

THIS book, which will be regarded by many as a collector's item, gives an account of all the judgments delivered by Raja Tun Azlan Shah, the Sultan of Perak, from the time he became a High Court judge, through his years as the Chief Justice of Malaya and as a Federal Judge until his stint as the Lord President of the Federal court.

Rather than simply producing the judgments in a chronological order, the editor has painstakingly organised the judgments into many sub-divisions and has provided commentaries to the cases. The editor explains this approach as one being made to avoid repetition in cases where a case discusses various points of the law. Quite apart from this, the organisation also allows a reader to understand the views of the judge within a particular area of the law. These commentaries give the reader an introduction to the law in the area as well as the cases and highlight the importance of the judgments to that particular area of law.

The judgments themselves together with the commentaries reveal Raja Azlan Shah's brilliant and analytical mind, his feelings and attitudes towards certain things, for example, drug offences and his flair for writing clear and concise judgments.

Reading this book makes one feel that there is much which he could have contributed to the law in Malaysia had he continued to stay on for the remaining 11 years as Lord President.

This book has a foreward written by the former Lord President of the Federal Court of Malaysia, Tun Mohamed Suffian, who traces the life and achievements of Raja Azlan Shah and refers to the editor's success in having compiled and commented on all the judgments of this remarkable man in a single volume (this being the first ever collection of all the judgments of a judge in Malaysia). This book is highly recommended to anyone connected with the law in this region.

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