

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT**CRIMINAL PRACTICE & COURT LIAISON**

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Good teamwork led to great accomplishments. This would be the best way to describe the wonderful year of 2023 for the Criminal Practice & Court Liaison Sub-Committee (CPCL). For the betterment of Selangor Bar members, CPCL crafted a series of criminal law talks and attended meetings with the relevant agencies and authorities to highlight and address any issues and problems faced by the members. This was indeed an accomplishment for this sub-committee and the Selangor Bar Committee as a whole.

Throughout the year 2023, CPCL sub-committee members held meetings and discussions in ensuring all the activities can be executed smoothly.

CRIMINAL LAW SERIES OF TALKS**1. Application of Documentary Evidence in a Criminal Trial - Part 1**

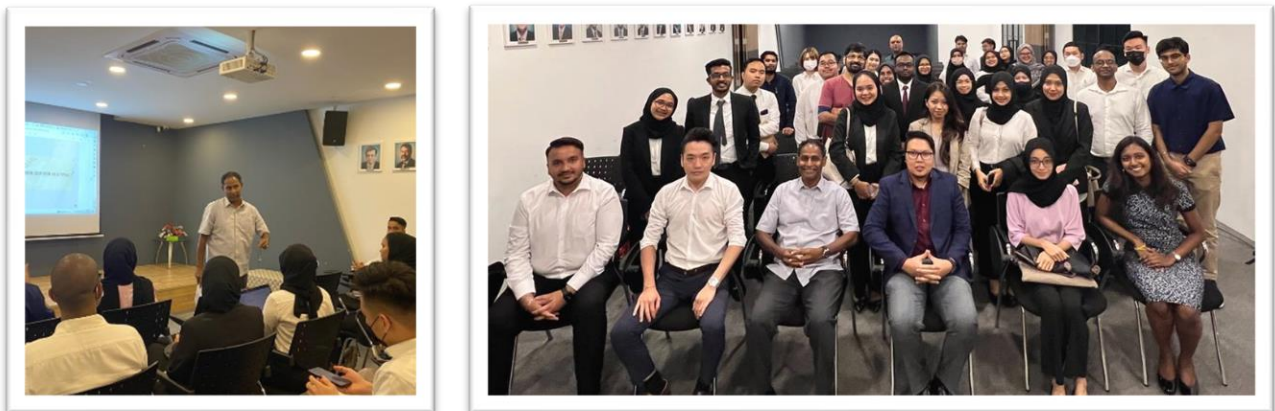
The talk was held on 1st June 2023, 3.00-5.00pm, in SBC auditorium, presented by Mr. Jayanantha Rao from Rao & Kamal, Advocates & Solicitors. We had 43 registrations and this event was opened to invited guests from Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology (RMIT). The group consist of 30 students, accompanied by 2 lecturers- Assoc. Prof. Dr. Marieta Martinovic and Greg Stratton.

Everyone had an informative and interesting 2 hours, inclusive of Question & Answers (Q&A). The evening ended with a tea/coffee break with some refreshments.



2. **Application of Documentary Evidence in a Criminal Trial - Part 2**

Upon request from the attendees in the first talk, on 11th July 2023, CPCL organized Part 2 of the criminal law talk by Mr. Jayanantha Rao entitled Application of Documentary Evidence in a Criminal Trial – Part 2. CPCL received participation of about 50 persons comprising of practitioners and pupils in chambers.



3. Habeas Corpus

On 27th July 2023, CPCL organized series 3 of the Criminal Law Talk entitled '***Habeas Corpus***' online via the Zoom platform. CPCL received a total of 75 participants comprising of lawyers and pupils-in-chambers. This seminar was presented by Mr. Zafran Zafri Bin Mohd Zaini.

4. Defences in Sexual Offences

On 4th August 2023 CPCL was honored to have Mr. Ariff Azami Bin Hussein sharing his knowledge and expertise as a speaker for the fourth series of Criminal Law Talk entitled '***Defences in sexual offences***'. The talk was conducted online via the Zoom platform with participation of 107 participants.

5. Criminal Trial Advocacy

The Criminal Law series continues with its fifth talk on 24th August 2023 on the topic of Criminal Trial Advocacy, presented by the former Malaysian Bar President, Mr. Salim Bashir. The talk was conducted with the attendance of 44 participants, and the first hybrid (physical and online platform) session in the series.



6. MACC TRIAL: Guide to Handle Challenges in Corruption Case

On 27th October, CPCL organized a talk on the topic of ‘MACC TRIAL: Guide to Handle Challenges in Corruption Case’ presented by Mr. Ashok Athimulan. The total number of participants were 40.

7. To Cross Examine or Not

CPCL together with Professional Development sub-committee had organized an online talk via Zoom on 23rd November 2023. The talk, entitled “To Cross Examine or Not” was presented by Datuk Jagjit Singh with the participation of 78 practitioners and pupils-in-chambers.

8. Conducting Criminal Trials & Appeal Effectively

The CPCL criminal law series of talk came to its finale on 29th November 2023 with a talk by Mr. Srimurugan Alagan on the topic of Conducting Criminal Trials & Appeal Effectively. The talk was attended by 27 participants comprising of members and pupil-in-chambers.



MEETINGS AND DISCUSSIONS

1. Meeting with the Chief Police Officer of Selangor

On 29th May 2023, a meeting was held between Selangor Bar Committee members and the Chief Police Officer of Selangor, YDH CP Datuk Hussein Omar Khan.

Many important issues pertaining to complaints against police procedure within the respective departments and conduct of police officers in court were deliberated in detail. The Selangor Bar stated its firm stand that the rule of law must always be followed. All the issues raised and resolved were shared with Selangor Bar members in the circular No. SBC/CIR/119/2023.

The Police and the Selangor Bar Committee members meeting ended well with both parties agreeing to maintain good cooperation and understanding whilst carrying out the duties between lawyers and police officers.



9. Meeting with Pengarah Pendakwaan Negeri Selangor

On 21st June 2023, the Selangor Bar Committee had a meeting with Pengarah Pendakwaan Negeri Selangor (“PPN”), Puan Ku Hayati Binti Ku Haron at Bilik Mesyuarat Pendakwaan Pejabat Timbalan Pendakwa Raya Negeri Selangor, Tingkat 4, Podium Selatan, Bangunan Sultan Salahuddin Abdul Aziz Shah.

Throughout the meeting, various issues were highlighted and resolved. These issues were gathered from feedback given by members prior to the meeting. All the issues raised and resolved were shared with Selangor Bar members in the circular No. SBC/CIR/144/2023.



10. Meeting with Penasihat Undang-Undang Negeri Selangor

On 8th of January 2024, Selangor Bar committee members, had the opportunity to attend a meeting with Selangor State Legal Advisor, YB Dato' Salim bin Soib. The Chairman of the Selangor Bar Committee, Mr. M.K. Thas took the opportunity to introduce all the committee present and their respective port-folios. This meeting marked the beginning of a good and professional working relationship between the State Legal Advisor's Office and members of the Selangor Bar.



11. Meeting with the Managing Judge, Judges and Judicial Commissioners of Selangor High Court.

On 26th of October 2023, Selangor Bar committee members led by the Chairman, Mr. MK Thas, attended a meeting with the Managing Judge, Judges and Judicial Commissioners of Selangor High Court.



It was a really exciting year and a job well done by the CPCL sub-committee members, Chan Chee Thong, Chew Sin Yee, Edlyn Ashwini Jacobs, Kevin Kiran Dass, Lee Ee San, Nur Ain Binti Mustapa and Muhamad Syah Azlan Abdullah. We, the co-Chairpersons of this committee convey our heartfelt gratitude for all the hardwork and extra effort that they have showed during this term.

Last but not least, we would like to thank the whole Selangor Bar Committee members for their continuous support and also members of the Selangor Bar.

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