

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT

HUMAN RIGHTS, THE ENVIRONMENT & GENDER EQUALITY



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Programmes Organised

This sub-committee organized various talks and seminars for the benefit of the members, such as follows:

1) STATE OF STATELESSNESS – 8th May 2024

This talk was timely in light of several ongoing statelessness cases in Malaysia. Our speaker, Annou Xavier has been involved in several high-profile human rights and constitutional law cases on Statelessness and religious freedom which have been highlighted in the media from time to time. The talk, moderated by Ambiga Rajendran, was well attended and involved legal provisions on citizenship, types of stateless people in Malaysia and the difficulties stateless people face in their applications through case studies. The talk was organized to also highlight the recent amendments, both positive yet regressive, which were passed in Parliament this year.

Outline:

- Citizenship provisions in the Federal Constitution
- Classes of Statelessness
- Application to JPN, KDN
- Cases on citizenship

- Positive and regressive amendments currently in Parliament



By Human Rights, Environment & Gender
Equality Sub-Committee Selangor Bar

Limited to 100 pax ONLY
Registration Fee:
 Members of the Bar - RM20
 Young Members (< 3 Years) - RM15
 Pupils in Chambers - RM15

8TH MAY 2024 (WEDNESDAY)
2.30 - 4.30PM
SELANGOR BAR AUDITORIUM

**2 CPD
POINTS**

State of Statelessness

By Annou Xavier



Annou Xavier graduated from the London University and was admitted to the Honourable Society of Lincoln's Inn in 1996. He was later called to the Malaysian Bar in 1997. Since then, he has been an active practitioner in a wide variety of commercial and civil disputes and litigation with many of his cases being reported in the Malayan Law Journal, Current Law Journal (cljlaw.com) and All Malaysia Reports. He has conducted many seminars at the State Bars on topics relating to Digital Evidence and Citizenship. Annou has also been involved in some high profile human rights and constitutional law cases on Statelessness and religious freedom which have constantly being highlighted in the media sphere.

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Ambiga Rajendran
Moderator



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2) **ONLINE SCAM & CYBERSTALKING (INCLUDING CYBER HARASSMENT AND CYBERBULLYING) – 9th August 2024**

Cyberbullying has become more prominent in this day and age. The committee was inspired to organize a talk to highlight different types of online scams, cyberstalking and cyberbullying. The speaker, Sonya Liew is a member of the Bar Council Human Rights Committee and is well versed in data laws, privacy laws and freedom to information laws in a digital age. The talk, moderated by Cyrus Tiu, received great interest and was well attended by several Selangor bar members, including younger practitioners who were interested in cyber laws.

Outline

1. What are the types of online scams, what is Cyberstalking and etc.;
2. The relevant laws in Malaysia providing protection;
3. What can we do technically with our mobile telephones and computers to prevent being a victim of such crimes; and
4. The steps to be taken if already a victim of such crimes.





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2 CPD POINTS

09th August 2024 | 2.15PM to 5.00PM | Selangor Bar Auditorium

Online Scam & Cyberstalking (including Cyber Harassment and Cyberbullying)



By Sonya Liew Yee Aun

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Registration Fee:
FREE for All Members & Pupils In Chamber

Sonya Liew obtained her LL.B (Hons) from the University of London, Kings College in 1998 and was called to the Malaysian Bar in 1999. She started legal practice in a corporate firm, specializing in litigation. In the year 2001, she obtained her LL.M with distinction from the University of Strathclyde, specializing in Information Technology and Telecommunications Law. She was also the Training Officer for a short tenure in the Ethnic Minorities Law Centre of Glasgow, Scotland in 2001.

Since then, she had practiced in firms dealing with Human Rights issues, corporate litigation and Information Technology law. In 2006, she set up her own practice in Malaysia. Her passion is in laws pertaining to information technology and how good governance should be implemented in our digital world today. She had spoken at various venues about data laws, privacy laws and freedom to information laws in a digital age. She was also training youths and adults in matters pertaining to leadership and how leaders can transform the society that they live in, to be a better place.

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Cyrus Tiu Foo Woei
Moderator

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3) BUSINESS AND HUMAN RIGHTS – 22nd August 2024

With a global shift towards the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals being a driving force behind most businesses today, it was imperative that we address corporate compliance and ethical practices. Our speaker, Dato' Mah Weng Kwai, is a former Court of Appeal judge and has presided over several cases with significant experience on social justice cases and is a strong advocate of corporate social responsibility (CSR) in organizations. The talk on Business and Human Rights, addressed the legal framework underpinning CSR and its strategic implications. Dato' Mah provided real-world case studies of embedding ethical standards in businesses, both good and bad, including the symbiotic relationship between corporate sustainability and legal positioning. This talk highlighted the importance of business and human rights and its effect on enhancing brand value and corporate reputation.

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- Understanding the legal implications of CSR integration in corporate strategy.
- Grasping the immediate compliance benefits of adopting ethical practices.
- Examining case studies that highlight legal successes and pitfalls in human rights integration.



- Recognising how corporate sustainability can enhance legal standing and brand reputation.
- Strategising risk management from both legal and sustainability perspectives



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FREE

22ND AUGUST 2024 (THURSDAY)

3.00-5.00PM

SELANGOR BAR AUDITORIUM

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Business and Human Rights

By Dato' Mah Weng Kwai



Dato Mah's talk will delve into the legal framework underpinning CSR and its strategic implications. Participants will uncover the tangible legal advantages of embedding ethical standards in business, drawing from real-world human rights case studies. The talk will emphasize the symbiotic relationship between corporate sustainability and legal positioning, equipping attendees with tools to formulate risk strategies that seamlessly blend these two crucial perspectives, ultimately enhancing brand value and corporate reputation.

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(4) Collaboration for Tree Planting within the Klang Court Complex

A collective effort aimed at planting trees within the grounds of the Klang Court. This initiative is part of a broader "Go Green" movement, which encourages environmental sustainability and enhances the ecological health of urban areas. Tree planting in such public spaces helps combat urban heat islands, improves air quality, and contributes to biodiversity by providing habitats for local wildlife.

There is often a lack of green spaces around court complexes, as these areas are typically dominated by buildings and paved surfaces. By introducing trees and greenery, this collaboration seeks to address the scarcity of nature in the vicinity, making the environment more pleasant and healthier for people who work or visit the court. Moreover, the presence of trees can provide shade, reduce the overall temperature in the area, and create a more welcoming atmosphere. This tree planting effort aligns with the larger global movement towards sustainability, encouraging eco-friendly practices within urban development.



The sub-committee are presently working on receiving donations from members and ordering trees to be planted within the Klang Court Complex which should be completed by the first quarter of 2025.

Special thanks

It has certainly been an honour to serve and lead this Sub-Committee for the 2024/25 term. We would like to thank our Chairman, Mr. M K Thas, and Honorary Secretary, Ms. Yu Ai Ting, for their continuous guidance as well as unwavering support. We would also like to thank our Sub-Committee members and the secretariat officers for their dedication and efforts in ensuring the smooth running of this sub-committee.

Thank you.

Report submitted by:

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