



SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT



LEGAL AID CENTRE SELANGOR & YBGK

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The Bar Council Legal Aid Centre Selangor (LAC) provides legal assistance to those unable to afford legal representation, embodying the principle that justice should not be limited by socio-economic status. Yayasan Bantuan Guaman Kebangsaan (YBGK) complements this mission by offering legal aid specifically in criminal cases, ensuring that individuals facing criminal charges are provided adequate legal support, regardless of financial constraints.

In addition to serving the community, LAC also plays an integral role in the professional development of pupil-in-chambers through a structured programme organized with NGOs and other agencies. These programmes not only foster a sense of responsibility among the pupils, but also

contribute to their understanding of the importance of legal aid services in society.

The core programmes of the LAC are:

- (i) LAC Walk-in Clinic;
- (ii) Law Awareness and Outreach Programme; and
- (iii) Pupils-in-Chambers compulsory legal aid duty.

As at 31 Dec 2024, LAC Selangor served 50,082 LAC & YBGK clients. Kindly refer to the Table attached at the end of this report for details.

LAC PROGRAMMES FOR 2024

This report highlights the achievements and initiatives undertaken by Selangor LAC



over the past year, reflecting our unwavering commitment to delivering impactful legal aid services to the community at large.

(1) Pupil Introductory Session

This orientation programme organized in collaboration with the Selangor Bar Young Lawyers & Pupils Committee aims to provide the pupils-in-chambers with a comprehensive understanding of the requirements and expectations during their 14-days compulsory legal aid duty. Through this programme, pupils were introduced to various programmes with NGOs and legal aid clinic that will be assigned to them.

Throughout the year, a total of 10 orientation sessions have been conducted physically at Selangor Bar Auditorium, involving a total number of 607 pupils.

No.	Date	Number of Pupils
1	4 January 2024	34
2	6 February 2024	101
3	4 April 2024	95
4	9 May 2024	64
5	6 June 2024	47
6	8 August 2024	30
7	12 September 2024	30
8	10 October 2024	56
9	14 November 2024	60
10	12 December 2024	90



Briefing session by LAC Legal Officer

(2) Court Observant Programme

This programme, initiated in 2023 aimed at providing pupils with invaluable exposure to key aspects of criminal legal practice and advocacy. Participants received hands-on guidance and training by YBGK lawyers on duty for remand, mitigation and bail proceedings, equipping them with essential legal skills and knowledge.

Additionally, this programme offers pupils the opportunity to assist in providing legal aid services to OYDS and OKT in various courts. This initiative not only supports the professional growth of pupils-in-chambers, but also enhances access to justice for those in need. To date, approximately 247 pupils have participated in this programme.

LAC had arranged for this programme to be conducted with the help of YBGK lawyers on duty at Shah Alam, Klang, Petaling Jaya, Selayang, Ampang, Bangi and Kajang court.

No.	Date	Number of Pupils
1	24-26 April 2024	30
2	20-29 May 2024	30
3	10-14 June 2024	13
4	9-15 July 2024	38
5	22-26 July 2024	36
6	7-11 October 2024	24
7	21-25 October 2024	26
8	11-15 November 2024	24
9	25-29 November 2024	26

(3) Hari Bantuan Guaman

Hari Bantuan Guaman is an initiative from the National Legal Aid Centre, designed to provide free legal assistance and advice to members of the public. Selangor LAC had setup Free Legal Aid Counters at 12 different courts across Selangor. This



programme offers free legal aid services through designated counters, staffed by volunteer lawyers and support staff, who assisted on a range of issues including land disputes, criminal cases, contract, and family law.

Additionally, the program aims to raise public awareness about touting activities that occur within the court premises. Approximately 60 pupils participated in this programme, gaining valuable experience while serving the community.

No.	Date	Court Location
1	1 February 2024	Kuala Kubu Baru
2	6 March 2024	Ampang
3	3 April 2024	Selayang
4	2 May 2024	Sepang
5	5 June 2024	Kajang
6	3 July 2024	Bangi
7	7 August 2024	Telok Datuk
8	4 September 2024	Kuala Selangor
9	3 October 2024	Sungai Besar
10	6 November 2024	Klang
11	4 December 2024	Shah Alam



(4) LAC Outreach Programme

Program Komuniti Cakna Undang-Undang; Kesedaran Jenayah Siber

Date: 12 October 2024

Location: Kg. Teras Jernang, Bangi

This is a programme in collaboration with Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia (UKM). The objective of this programme is to raise awareness on cybercrime within the community, focusing on educating participants about the types of cybercrime, preventive measures, and the legal implications involved.

Through interactive sessions and expert-led discussions, the events provided practical guidance on how to recognize, prevent, and respond to cyber threats.

Our collaboration with UKM enabled us to bring this valuable legal education to directly to the community.





(5) Legal Awareness Campaign

The LAC Legal Awareness Campaign is a public outreach initiative by Selangor LAC to improve the public's understanding of their legal rights, responsibilities, and access to justice. At each event, attendees receive free legal advice on various topics, supported by pupils, volunteer lawyers, and LAC staffs.



LAC Chairperson promotes LAC centre to the Klang Mayor Datin Paduka Noraini Roslan during the Legal Awareness Campaign at Dewan Hamzah, Majlis Bandaraya Diraja Klang

This campaign also promotes Selangor LAC services, to make legal aid accessible to all.

i) MBSA Hari Tanpa Kenderaan

Date: 18 February 2024

ii) Majlis Bandaraya Diraja Klang

Date: 13 May 2024

iii) MBSA Hari Sambutan Kemerdekaan

Date: 11 August 2024



Volunteer lawyers and pupils during MBSA Hari Sambutan Kemerdekaan at Dataran Shah Alam

(6) Prison Visit

This programme is designed to extend legal representation to accused who are currently held under remand in Sungai Buloh Prison.

Pupils, alongside with the LAC staff, will conduct interview and means test to determine the eligibility of the client for free legal aid. This activity offers pupils practical legal training in dealing with the detainees in prison.



(7) UTC Legal Aid Clinic

Selangor LAC launched a new initiative with a three-day Legal Aid Clinic at UTC Selangor from 24th until 26th August 2024.

We are happy to report that due to the success of this pilot project, the management of UTC offered Selangor LAC a booth for free to setup our monthly legal aid counter for the year 2025.

This initiative represents a significant step towards fulfilling our commitment to making legal support readily available to the public at large.



(8) LAC Law and Leisure

LAC Law and Leisure is a new programme by LAC Selangor, designed to strengthen the bond between pupils, young lawyers, and the LAC. The programme include knowledge sharing session on current legal issues, aiming to inspire young lawyers to contribute more to the community through LAC.

- (i) *Date: 18 February 2024*
Number of participants: 24
- (ii) *Date: 11 August 2024*
Number of participants: 47



(9) Appreciation Hi-Tea

This event is organized by Selangor LAC to recognize and celebrate the invaluable contributions of volunteer lawyers who have devoted their time and expertise in handling LAC files, and involvement in LAC programmes.



Tokens of appreciation are presented to acknowledge their dedication and commitment.

(10) YBGK Training (Part I, II & III)

As part of requirement in being enlisted as YBGK lawyers, lawyers are required to attend YBGK training organized by LAC. This training sessions comprises of 3 parts. Part I & II training will cover administrations of the YBGK scheme, law of arrest, remand, bail and mitigation.

In Part III, participants will be trained on a 2-days advocacy in criminal trial and appeal training.

No.	Date	Training
1	4 May 2024	Part I & II
2	20-21 July 2024	Part III
3	9 November 2024	Part I & II
4	14-15 December 2024	Part III



A heartfelt appreciation is also extended to all the volunteer lawyers who have selflessly contributed their time, expertise and guidance. Their unwavering support has been instrumental in fulfilling our mission to provide access to justice for those in need and in mentoring the next generation of young lawyers.

I hope that our effort made a meaningful difference in the lives of many. Moving forward, let's remain committed to ensuring that access to justice remains a reality for all.

Thank you for making 2024 a success.

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Acknowledgment

As we conclude this report, I would like to extend my deepest gratitude to the dedicated staffs of LAC Selangor for their tireless commitment and unwavering support in ensuring the smooth operation of our programmes and services.

STATISTIC REPORT BY LAC & YBGK SELANGOR

Table 1: Number of LAC Client

No	Clinic / Programme	Number of Clients in 2023	Number of clients in 2024
1	Legal Aid Centre (walk-in)	1,094	863
2	Dock Brief	Suspended	Suspended
3	LAC / Sisters in Islam	429	339
4	LAC / AWAM	223	827
5	LAC / Tenaganita	683	132
6	LAC / UKM	54	45
7	LAC / SUARAM	20	27
8	LAC / NCCC	1,300	804
9	LAC / C4	Research	Research
10	LAC / WAO	835	766
11	LAC / PS Children	Suspended	Suspended
12	LAC / JKM	Suspended	Suspended



13	LAC / PSW	30	Suspended
14	LAC Hari Bantuan Guaman	8	30
Total		4,676	4,445

Table 2: Number of YBGK Client

No	Clinic / Programme	Number of Clients in 2023	Number of clients in 2024
1	YBGK (walk-in / online)	269	136
2	Prison visit	Suspended	Suspended
3	Arrest	-	Suspended
4	Remand	16,292	24,601
5	Bail	4,985	8,100
6	Mitigation	7,209	12,800
Total		28,755	45,637

Table 3: Number of LAC Files

No	Category	2023			2024		
		Opened (advice + interview)	Assigned	Unassigned	Opened (advice + interview)	Assigned	Unassigned
1	Criminal	2	2	-	6	3	3
2	Employment	7	4	3	6	2	4
3	Family	42	25	17	39	27	12
4	Syariah	-	-	-	-	-	-
5	Civil	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total		51	31	20	51	32	19

Table 4: Number of YBGK Files

No	Category	2023			2024		
		Opened	Assigned	Unassigned	Opened	Assigned	Unassigned
1	Walk-in	249	158	96	138	102	36
2	Prison	58	48	5	134	201	35
Total		307	206	101	272	201	71