



CHAIRMAN'S REPORT



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It gives me great pleasure to report that this term has ended on a high note. There have been many “first” for Selangor Bar which are reflected in my summary below. All the accomplishments for the term would not have been achieved without the support of the Selangor Bar Committee’s Honorary Secretary and the Committee members who had always stood by me and worked tirelessly to ensure a better Selangor Bar. Their commitment in upholding the highest standards of professionalism and in undertaking all tasks during this term is truly commendable. The assistance from the secretariat staff is also taken into account. Together, we have achieved numerous milestones and made significant strides in promoting the interest of the members. I would like to express my sincere gratitude to all for their unwavering support and dedication.

It was indeed a great pleasure and honour serving towards the welfare of the Selangor Bar members on all fronts.

At the SBC’s first meeting on 5th March, 2024, SBC appointed Yu Ai Ting as its Honorary Secretary with Nurul Muhaniza Bt. Hanafi and Prabakaran V. co-opted as members of the SBC under section 73 (vii) of Legal Profession Act 1976.

I allocated each Committee member his/her respective portfolio as follows: In no special order, the respective Chairperson(s) and their co-chairs(s):

- i. **Cassandra Lee Tze Hui and Cyrus Tiu Foo Woei**
Charity and Welfare



- ii. **Ambiga Rajendran and Yu Ai Ting**
Civil Practice & Court Liaison
- iii. **Nurul Muhaniza Binti Hanafi**
Conveyancing Practice
- iv. **Afifuddin Hafifi and Syahrul Syazwan Salehin**
Criminal Practice & Court Liaison
- v. **Yu Ai Ting**
Dana Bantuan Guaman Selangor
- vi. **Prabakaran V. and M K Thas**
District Representative
- vii. **Cassandra Nicole Thomazios and Cyrus Tiu Foo Woei**
Human Rights, Environment & Gender Equality
- viii. **Syahrul Syazwan Salehin**
Legal Aid Centre Selangor & YBGK
- ix. **Ambiga Rajendran, Syahrul Syazwan Salehin and Zainal Abidin Bin Shaik Zakaria**
Professional Development
- x. **Zainal Abidin Bin Shaik Zakaria and Prabakaran V.**
Publication
- xi. **Cassandra Nicole Thomazios and Cassandra Lee Tze Hui**
Social Events



- xii. **Cassandra Nicole Thomazios and Nurul Izzati Binti Ahmad Nasaruddin**
Sports, Recreation & Health
- xiii. **Nurul Muhaniza Bt. Hanafi and Nurul Izzati Binti Ahmad Nasaruddin**
Syariah & Bahasa Melayu
- xiv. **Richard Teh**
Young Lawyers and Pupils

The respective sub-committees have provided comprehensive reports, and I sincerely appreciate the efforts of the committee chairpersons and co-chairpersons in preparing these reports despite their busy schedules. To prevent any repetition, I will refrain from reiterating the same points, except for a brief summary as outlined below for the Selangor Bar term 2024/2025:

1. Charity and Welfare

The Charity and Welfare sub-committee has successfully launched several initiatives, underscoring its commitment to community support.

One key project, the Book Donation Drive - Turning Pages, Changing Lives, collected books for children and teenagers in orphanages and homes for underprivileged youth in Selangor. This initiative has seen great participation from members, aiming to make a lasting impact on young learners. Books spark an imagination for children that leads to a lifelong desire for knowledge.

During Deepavali, a charity event at Taman Sentosa Perdana, Klang, provided food and 'angpaos' to 40 underprivileged children, spreading festive joy to those in need.



Additionally, the Blood Donation Drive - Give Blood, Give Life, held in collaboration with Hospital Tengku Ampuan Rahimah (HTAR) Klang, attracted 45 participants, emphasizing the importance of supporting local healthcare and life-saving efforts.

These initiatives reflect Selangor Bar's strong commitment to giving back to the community and society.

The sub-committee has truly excelled, demonstrating dedication and hard work throughout this term.

2. Civil Practice & Court Liaison

The Civil Practice & Court Liaison Sub-Committee, under the leadership of Ambiga Rajendran and Yu Ai Ting, played a pivotal role in fostering communication between the Selangor Bar and the courts.

This term, the Committee successfully handled a wide range of concerns, including delays in court approvals, the timing of Zoom hearings, and difficulties with court registrations. It also addressed practical matters, such as parking issues at Shah Alam High Court. Some of the complaints were raised at meetings with the Managing Judge.

A significant achievement this term was the organisation of the flagship Selangor Bar Law Conference 2024. This inaugural event, which featured distinguished speakers, was a resounding success. The conference covered a broad spectrum of topics, with sessions dedicated to both civil and criminal law. It was officiated by the Chief Justice of Malaysia, Tun Tengku Maimun Binti Tuan Mat, and provided valuable insights for legal professionals.



Additionally, the Committee facilitated the first-ever Bar Council Advocacy Training Course in Selangor, benefiting local members.

This sub-committee had excelled well and have done their best throughout this term.

3. Conveyancing Practice

The Selangor Bar Committee's Conveyancing Practice Committee (CPC) focused on fostering strong relationships with various stakeholders. Nurul and her committee handled all issues exceptionally well for members. The sub-committee, with Nurul's able leadership, had over all these years always maintained a good relationship with all the relevant stakeholders.

Several initiatives aimed at improving conveyancing practices were conducted throughout the 2024/2025 term. Among these, CPC organised talks with Pejabat Tanah & Galian Negeri Selangor to address common issues faced by members. They also collaborated with LPHS to host a seminar on ownership mechanisms for state-controlled property. Through continuous collaboration and feedback, CPC sought to enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of conveyancing practice in Selangor.

A further fruitful events organised was the Hi-Tea and Get Together Event at Glenmarie Golf Resort, where the members of the Selangor Bar and all the important stakeholders present had an invaluable interactive session.

This sub-committee had excelled well and have done their best throughout this term.

4. Criminal Practice & Court Liaison



This Criminal Practice & Court Liaison Sub-Committee (CPCL) with the stewardship of Afifuddin and Syahrul attended their annual meetings with the relevant agencies and authorities such as Meeting with the Director of Selangor & W.P Kuala Lumpur Prison, Meeting with the Managing Judge, Judges and Judicial Commissioners of Selangor High Court, Meeting with the Chief Police of Selangor, Meeting with the Selangor State Legal Advisor and the relevant Criminal Courts to highlight and address issues faced by members.

CPCL also organised a series of 7 Criminal Law talks which were all conducted by senior criminal practitioners for the benefit of members and it was indeed an accomplishment for this sub-committee as well as for Criminal Law practitioners as a whole. The details of these talks are captured in the report by CPCL.

The co-chairpersons had been hands on with all issues raised by members on an adhoc basis.

This sub-committee had excelled well and have done their best throughout this term.

5. Dana Bantuan Guaman Selangor (DBGS)

Dana Bantuan Guaman Selangor (DBGS) is a collaboration between the Selangor State Government and the Selangor Bar Committee, facilitated by the Malaysian Bar Council, formalized through an MOU on 30th August 2022.

Its main goal is to provide legal assistance to individuals from economically disadvantaged backgrounds, particularly in family law, syariah law, and employment law.

In 2024, DBGS handled 31 cases, with 14 ongoing, 14 closed successfully, and 3 rejected.



A top-up of RM300,000 was received on 27th November 2024 to support continued operations.

This DBGS had excelled well and have done their best throughout this term.

6. District Representative

This Sub-Committee, chaired by Mr. Prabakaran V, was established to gather and address issues, feedback, and information from Bar members across all districts, focusing on matters involving any stakeholders of the Selangor Bar that require attention.

The Meet Us & Tell Us session is, amongst others, a way forward in identifying the concerns of the members at the respective districts by the committee visiting the districts.

During this term, 4 visits were conducted at the courts namely Shah Alam, Petaling Jaya, Klang and Ampang Courts.

This sub-committee had done their best throughout this term.

7. Human Rights, Environment & Gender Equality

This sub-committee had organised various timely talks for the benefit of the members such as follows:

- 1) State of Statelessness by Mr Annou Xavier;
- 2) Online Scam & Cyberstalking (including Cyber Harassment and Cyberbullying) by Ms Sonya Liew Yee Aun; and
- 3) Business and Human Right by Dato' Mah Weng Kwai.



Additionally, a tree-planting initiative at the Klang Court Complex has been organised aimed to enhance environmental sustainability.

This sub-committee had excelled well on all the above events organised and have done their best throughout this term.

8. Legal Aid Centre Selangor & YBGK

This committee was led by Syahrul has injected their utmost energy in having the task performed on track. It was sheer hardwork in ensuring the proper administration and running of the centre.

The Bar Council Legal Aid Centre Selangor (LAC) provides essential legal assistance to those unable to afford legal representation, working alongside Yayasan Bantuan Guaman Kebangsaan (YBGK) to support criminal cases. In 2024, LAC served 50,082 clients through various programmes including the LAC Walk-in Clinic, Law Awareness and Outreach Programme, and compulsory legal aid duty for pupils-in-chambers.

Key initiatives included the Pupil Introductory Session, which provided pupils with orientation on their legal aid duties, and the Court Observant Programme, offering hands-on exposure to criminal legal practice involving pupils.

The Hari Bantuan Guaman provided free legal aid at 12 court locations, and the LAC Outreach Programme focused on raising awareness about cybercrime in collaboration with UKM.

This LAC & YBGK had excelled well and have done their best throughout this term.



9. Professional Development

The Professional Development Sub-Committee (the Committee) has organised numerous successful CPD seminars, talks, and forums for Selangor Bar Members and Pupils.

Their goal is to equip participants with the necessary knowledge and skills to remain competitive in challenging times. The Committee's notable events include the inaugural Selangor Bar Employment Law Conference 2024 and a 2-day Islamic Finance Course, both were well-attended and highly beneficial.

Collaborations with organisations like the ASEAN Law Association and Johor Bar enhanced the reach and impact of these events. Other activities supported included the Selangor Bar Law Conference 2024 covered various legal topics.

Furthermore, the Sub-Committee organised the SBC-ALA Malaysia Joint Symposium 2025 titled "Navigating New Frontiers in Maritime and Trade Legal Practice in Malaysia". A keynote address was presented by the President of the Court of Appeal, the Right Honourable Tan Sri Datuk Amar Abang Iskandar bin Abang Hashim, whom is also the Chair of the ASEAN Law Association (ALA) together with Dato' Mary Lim (Director of Asian International Arbitration Centre - AIAC) and Professor Jason Chua (Dean, Faculty of Law, Universiti Malaya) offering invaluable insights into maritime and trade law.

This sub-committee had excelled well and have done their best throughout this term.

10. Publication

The Ad-Rem is a yearly publication showcasing many exciting events that had been undertaken for many years. This magazine had been tirelessly compiled by



Tn Haji Zainal, a very senior member of the Bar, together with Prabakaran. My appreciation for their efforts in ensuring the publication of the flagship magazine in time.

This edition includes interviews with prominent figures like the President of the Court of Appeal YAA Tan Sri Datuk Amar Abang Iskandar, former Court of Appeal Judge Dato' Mahadev Shankar, and senior lawyers Mr. S. Ravichandran and Mr. Puspalingam.

Additionally, there are contributions from Selangor Bar members such as Mr. Dinesh Nandrajog, Dr. Syed Adam Alhabshi, Mr. Kandiah Chelliah, and Mr. Bani Prakash. Special thanks to the Editorial Board for their support in the magazine's creation.

This sub-committee had excelled well and have done their best throughout this term.

11. Social Events

The Social Events Sub-Committee successfully organised vibrant events for Selangor Bar members, including the Selangor Bar Members' Night 2024 and the Annual Dinner & Dance 2024.

The Members' Night, held on 18th May 2024 at Wyndham Hotel, featured a lively "Polka Dots" theme and attracted 220 members. Activities included quiz competitions and a Best Dressed award, fostering camaraderie and fun.

The Annual Dinner & Dance, themed "Cirque Du Soleil," took place on 23rd November 2024 at Hilton Hotel Petaling Jaya, with 400 attendees, including



Malaysia's Chief Justice. Highlights included captivating performances, a magic show by Mr. Acker, and a stand-up comedy act by Andrew Netto. The emcee Jiggee John kept the dinner lively and energetic, ensuring that all guest were engaged and had a great time.

Personality Awards were presented to Mr. S.S. Muker, Mr. Steven Tai, Mr. S. Ravichandran, and Ms. Kokila Vaani Vadiveloo.

The event was a resounding success, thanks to the support of sponsors, volunteers, and the Selangor Bar Committee.

12. Sports, Recreation & Health

The Selangor Bar Sports Committee successfully organised and participated in various events in 2024, with a record number of 165 participants at the MyBar Games in Penang.

The games saw Selangor Bar fielding teams in 16 sports, including Chess, Swimming, and Esports. Notably, Selangor Bar won gold in Esports, Premier Football, and both Men's and Ladies' Basketball, darts won 2nd runner up earning the runner-up position overall.

In addition, Selangor Bar participated in the AIKOL Inter-Varsity Games in November 2024, fielding teams for Football and Netball.

The Sports Personality Award for 2024 was presented to Mr. S. Ravichandran for his long-standing contributions to Selangor Bar's sports programs.



Additionally, The Selangor Bench & Bar Run 2025 was jointly held by the Selangor Bar and the Shah Alam Court which was a successful event promoting fitness, unity, and community within the legal profession.

This sub-committee had excelled well and have done their best throughout this term.

13. Syariah & Bahasa Melayu

The objective of the Syariah & Bahasa Melayu is to strengthen the bilateral ties between the Selangor Bar and relevant authorities, and aims to strengthen relations in the field of syariah law and enhance communication between syariah lawyers, the judiciary, and the public.

In 2024/2025, the sub-committee organised several key programs, including a "Meet & Greet" with the Chief Justice, Charity Iftar programs, and aid for orphanages during Aidilfitri. They also met the Attorney General's Department, Jabatan Bantuan Guaman, and JAKESS to discuss syariah legal matters and propose improvements. Additionally, they hosted a Law Debate competition with universities to hone participants' critical thinking and communication skills.

Moving forward, more programs are planned to continue fostering collaboration and development in syariah law.

This sub-committee had excelled well and have done their best throughout this term.

14. Young Lawyers and Pupils



The young lawyers and pupils are always in my thoughts as this is where the future lies. I have always encouraged this sub-committee to have events organised with the sports sub-committee. We reach out to the pupils during the introductory sessions held every month. ~~While~~ I personally endeavor to reach out to them wherever I can and explore avenues to see how we can assist them.

The Selangor Bar has hosted a range of successful activities aimed at promoting camaraderie and professional development. The Selangor Bar Bukit Wawasan Hike on 1 September 2024 brought together 30 participants to promote physical wellness and environmental awareness while fostering bonding between members and pupils. On 28 December 2024, the Selangor Bar Bowling Competition was held at Wangsa Bowl, bringing participants together in a friendly competitive atmosphere, with Mr. Mageswaran winning the Top Scorer award.

The Pupils' Introductory & Interview Sessions took place from March 2024 to January 2025, with 10 sessions involving around 650 pupils. These sessions provided essential guidance on legal aid, ethics, court decorum, and practical aspects of law, with committee members sharing their experiences and answering questions.

Additionally, approximately 500 pupils were admitted as Advocates & Solicitors of the High Court of Malaya during this term. The Young Lawyers & Pupils Sub-Committee continues to assist pupils to file petitions for admission, with hearings held regularly.

Thank you to Richard Teh and their sub-committee. This sub-committee had excelled well and have done their best throughout this term.



15. Matters of Interest

- i) On 7th May 2024, the Selangor Bar organised a reference proceeding at the High Court of Shah Alam to honour 15 departed members. The proceedings were held to remember and to pay tribute to their contributions and mark their lasting legacy in the legal community.
- ii) At the 59th Annual General Meeting held on 22nd February, 2024, the committee was entrusted with a clear mandate by the members present, reflecting their commitment and support to the renewal of the LexisNexis Online Services (“LN”). With a shared vision for the future, the members expressed their confidence in the committee's ability to navigate the renewal of the LN. This endorsement not only empowers the committee to take the necessary steps but also reinforces the collaborative spirit within our legal fraternity. The Selangor Bar Committee moved forward and ensured that the renewal process aligned with the interests of all Selangor Bar Members.

16. Acknowledgments

I must record my appreciation to the Honorary Secretary of Selangor Bar, Yu Ai Ting, all the committee heads and the members of the sub-committees who had diligently and meticulously in attending all meetings held with stakeholders and attending to the needs of the Selangor Bar members with innovative ideas and fresh perspectives despite their own busy schedules. Indeed, a sacrifice of their personal time ensured that the Selangor Bar continues to grow and improve.

I must also record the cooperation and assistance received from the judiciary and other stakeholders when issues arose for the Selangor Bar, that we were able to navigate them smoothly in the best interest of our members.



I wish to also thank the past Chairmen of the Selangor Bar together with many other members of the Bar in assisting, guiding and sharing their profound knowledge when their assistance were sought. All of you were amazing and no words of appreciation could replace your kind gestures and acts.

Thank you to the Executive Secretary, Mr. Thinnagaran, the entire Secretariat, Legal Aid Centre & YBGK staff in realising the SBC's events.

17. Conclusion

I am truly honoured to have been elected to serve as Chairman of the Selangor bar Committee for a second term and thankful for the overwhelming support received from my committee members and members of the Bar in general. Overall, my journey for the past 12 months involved a lot of sacrifice between duties at the Selangor Bar, & my firm and my personal time, but I have managed well.

On that note, I look forward to the incoming committee to complete any remaining task(s) that I had embarked in the second term. If there were any shortcomings during this term under review, I offer my apologies on behalf of the Selangor Bar Committee.

Thank you very much.

Report submitted by :

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Chairman

Selangor Bar Committee