



SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT

CRIMINAL PRACTICE & COURT LIAISON



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The 2025/2026 term was an active and meaningful year for the Criminal Practice & Court Liaison (CPCL). The sub-committee carried out various activities and initiatives, all guided by a shared commitment to serve and support Selangor Bar members.

Through talks, conferences, discussions, and planning sessions, CPCL members worked diligently to address the needs and challenges faced by members of the Bar. These efforts reflect a commendable achievement for both the CPCL sub-committee and the Selangor Bar Committee as a whole.

1. Criminal Law Talks: Corrupted Company: Scope Of Section 17A MACC Act

**CORRUPTED COMPANY:
SCOPE OF SECTION 17A
MACC ACT.**

Talk Outline:
1. Section 17A MACC Introduction
2. Commercial Organisations
3. What's 'Person Associated'
4. Legal Defences Available
5. Corruption Related Offences

Event Details:
23 May 2025 (Friday)
9 pm - 4 pm
Auditorium Selangor Bar
Vestibule to LGD pos Chd F

Registration Fee:
Members of the Bar RM50.00
Young Lawyers (18 years & below) RM20.00
In-ppl in Chambers RM30.00
Non-Members (Public) RM80.00

Speaker:
Ashok Athimulan, a Malaysian criminal practitioner who has been handling trials in capital punishment offences, commercial crimes, corruption (MACC), money laundering (AMLA) and also working on high profile cases. He has also served on Bar Council Criminal Law Committee, Working Sub-committee on AMLA, was a member of Task Force on Independent Police Complaints & Misconduct Commission (IPCC), represented Malaysian Bar Council Bar Capacity Building Workshop on Exposing the Unseen Hands organised by MACC and APLC in 2025 and also served as a member of the Bar Council Sub-committee.

Co-Chairperson:
Muniandy Vestanathan

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The talk was presented by Mr. Ashok Athimulan, a well-known criminal law practitioner, and was conducted on 23 May 2025 at the Selangor Bar Auditorium. The session was attended by 109 participants.



CUSTODIAL DEATHS: THE UNTOLD STORY OF KUGAN'S CASE

2 CPD POINTS

Speaker: Bari Prakash
 Partner & Principal, Bari Prakash & Co. Advocates & Solicitors
 Selangor, Malaysia

Mr. Bari Prakash is a seasoned Malaysian lawyer with nearly 20 years of experience. He founded his firm in 2010, building a reputation for legal excellence, integrity, and a strong commitment to justice and humanitarianism.

Notable Work:
 He has represented high-profile clients, including Bank Muamalat in a RM50 million dispute and Bank Islam Borneo in a RM10 million dispute. He also played a key role in a landmark judicial decision that led to the closure of the bank.

Relevant Cases:
 He was featured in several Malaysian Law Journal (MLJ) cases, reflecting his influence in significant legal matters.

Achievements & Recognition:
 Mr. Prakash holds a Masters in Islamic Banking & Finance and is a member of the Malaysian Islamic Bankers Association and the Malaysian Islamic Bankers Association.

Event Details:
 • 13 June 2025 (Friday)
 • 3pm - 5pm
 • Auditorium Selangor Bar
 • Limited to 100 pax ONLY

Registration Fee:
 Members of the Bar RM50.00
 Young Lawyers (3 Years & Below) RM25.00
 Pupils in Chambers RM20.00
 Non-Members (Public) RM100.00

Moderator: Muniamy Veetanthan

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The talk was presented by Mr. Bari Prakash, and was conducted on 13 June 2025 at the Selangor Bar Auditorium. The session was attended by 104 participants. Every participant had an informative and interesting 2 hours, inclusive of Q & A sessions.

REMAND: INTRODUCTION & STRATEGIC APPLICATION

26th September 2025 (Friday) | 3.00-5.00pm | AUDITORIUM SBC

2 CPD Points

Limited to 100 pax ONLY

Registration Fee:
 Members of the Bar RM50.00 /
 Young Lawyers (3 Years & Below) RM25.00 /
 Pupils in Chambers RM20.00 / Non-Members (Public) RM100.00

SPEAKER: DINESH MUTHAI

DINESH MUTHAI is the founding and the managing partner of the firm. He is known for representing individual and corporate clients, for criminal, corporate, civil and family matters whether for litigation or advisory purposes. He is also highly known for his involvement in pro bono cases and public interest matters. Following the firm's policy to educate the larger public on their rights in law, he has been consistently involved in conducting legal (both and legal) seminars throughout the nation via the law firm or various NGOs.

Dinesh Muthai is currently the firm's leading counsel in Criminal, Civil and Corporate litigation. Disputes. He personally undertakes the role and only as the founding and managing partner of the firm, but also as the firm's main trainer and mentor in training and ensuring all the lawyers in the firm are always prepared and capable in dealing with every type of disputes.

Moderator: MUNIAMY VEETANTHAN

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Responsible Secretariat: Tel: 03-55096218 (Ext: 222) or email: secretariat@agbar.org

The talk was presented by Mr. Dinesh Muthai, and was conducted on 26 September 2025 at the Selangor Bar Auditorium. The session was attended by 74 participants

JUSTICE IN THE SHADOWS: UNCOVERING TRUTH THROUGH FORENSIC SCIENCE

2 CPD Points

Date: 31/10/2025 (Friday) | Time: 3pm - 5pm | Venue: Auditorium Selangor Bar

Limited to 100 pax ONLY

Registration Fee:
 Members of the Bar RM50.00 /
 Young Lawyers (3 Years & Below) RM25.00 /
 Pupils in Chambers RM20.00 / Non-Members (Public) RM100.00

SPEAKER: Tuan Amidon Anan

AMIDON ANAN is a Royal Malaysia Police (RMP) Captain, Head of Crime Scene Investigation (CSI) and a forensic expert in the field of CSI.

Key Responsibilities & Achievements:
 Led and supervised all major crime scene investigations nationwide, developed and implemented crime scene management protocols, provided expert evidence and reports in criminal investigations, formed all cases in forensic light science, evidence and forensic photography, Collaborated with enforcement agencies including FBI, New Zealand, Viet Nam, etc.

DEBATE OF INTEREST:
 1) Crime Scene Investigation (CSI)
 2) Crime Scene Management
 3) Crime Scene Documentation
 4) Crime Scene Report Writing
 5) Crime Scene Photography
 6) Crime Scene Investigation
 7) Crime Scene Investigation
 8) Crime Scene Investigation

Moderator: Muniamy Veetanthan

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The talk was presented by Tuan Amidon Anan, a well-known criminal law practitioner, and was conducted on 31 October 2025 at the Selangor Bar Auditorium. The session was attended by 105 participants



2. Incident Report: Selangor Court Bail Payment Congestion

On 23 May 2025, at approximately 3.30 p.m., the Committee received a complaint concerning operational delays at the Selangor Court. The complainant reported that approximately 100 bail cases under the Akta Rumah Judi Terbuka were still pending payment and administrative completion, raising concerns as the court's official operating hours were scheduled to end at 4.30 p.m.

Upon receiving the complaint, the matter was immediately escalated to the court administration. Following our engagement, the court payment counter remained open until 8.00 p.m. to facilitate and complete the processing of all outstanding bail payments.

This intervention ensured continuity of service and prevented further delay or prejudice to the affected parties.

3. Selangor Bar Law Conference 2025 – “Res Nova”



The Selangor Bar Law Conference 2025, themed “Res Nova”, was successfully held from 3 to 4 October 2025 and officiated by the Honourable Chief Justice of Malaysia, Tun Datuk Seri Utama Wan Ahmad Farid bin Wan Salleh.

The Conference featured distinguished speakers from the Bench and Bar, including former judge and senior practitioners. Key sessions included “Navigating the Minefield: Corruption Defence in a Complex Legal Landscape” by Mr. M. Athimulan, “Effective Criminal Advocacy: A Judge’s Perspective” by Tan Sri Datuk Harmindar Singh Dhaliwal (Former Federal Court Judge), and “Winning Your Criminal Appeals” by Datuk Hisyam Teh Poh Teik. The Conference provided valuable insights into contemporary criminal practice and reinforced the Selangor Bar’s commitment to continuous legal education.





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

On 8th of September 2025, Selangor Bar Committee members led by the Chairman, Ms. Yu Ai Ting attended a meeting with the Managing Judge, Judges, and Judicial Commissioners of Selangor High Court.



3. Meeting with the Pengarah Pendakwaan Negeri Selangor

The meeting is scheduled for 28th January 2026, with a circular circulated to notify members.

A. Issue raised by the Pengarah Pendakwaan Negeri Selangor:

Non-Interference with Witnesses in Criminal Proceedings, Particularly Sexual Offence Cases Involving Children

- i. *The Pengarah Pendakwaan Negeri Selangor has raised a concern regarding lawyers interfering with witnesses, particularly in sexual offence cases involving children. We have informed the Pengarah Pendakwaan Negeri Selangor that the Selangor Bar will issue a circular advising all lawyers to refrain from any form of interference with witnesses.*

B: Issues raised by the Selangor Bar Committee according to the response of Selangor Bar Members

i. **Access to Charge Sheets in Sepang Court**

*The Selangor Bar Committee has received complaints from members that lawyers were not being provided with copies of the Charge Sheet at the Sepang Court. This issue has since been resolved. The **Pengarah Pendakwaan Negeri Selangor** has issued a directive*



to all Deputy Public Prosecutors to provide lawyers with a copy of the Charge Sheet, or at minimum, to allow lawyers to photograph the Charge Sheet for their reference.

ii. **Length of Replies to Representation Letters**

The Committee conveyed to the **Pengarah Pendakwaan Negeri Selangor** the concerns raised by several lawyers regarding the length of replies to representation letters. The **Pengarah Pendakwaan Negeri Selangor** explained that the duration required to prepare such replies depends on a number of factors, including:

- the complexity of the matter,
- the level of approval authority involved, and
- the responsiveness of the investigative body to directions issued by the Attorney General's Chambers.

The Committee found the explanation satisfactory. A circular addressing this matter has since been issued to all lawyers.

iii. **Withdrawal of Cases and the Role of the Deputy Public Prosecutor**

The Committee conveyed to the **Pengarah Pendakwaan Negeri Selangor** the concerns raised by several lawyers regarding situations where Deputy Public Prosecutors (DPPs) proceed with matters even after the First Information Report (FIR) has been withdrawn.

The **Pengarah Pendakwaan Negeri Selangor** clarified that the authority to withdraw a case lies solely with the prosecution. In certain instances, the FIR may be lodged by an individual who is not the victim, and although the informant may wish to withdraw the report, the victim may still desire for the matter to proceed. In such circumstances, the prosecution retains the discretion to continue with the case to ensure justice is served.

The explanation was well received by the Committee, and a circular addressing this issue has since been issued to all lawyers.



4. Meeting with the Chief Police of Selangor

The meeting is set for 24th February 2026, and members have been informed via circular.

Acknowledgment

The journey of CPCL 2025/2026 has been truly remarkable. While we faced challenges along the way, the dedication, hard work, and collaboration of the CPCL sub-committee members enabled us to overcome them and make meaningful contributions to the Selangor Bar.

We sincerely thank every member of the sub-committee for their unwavering commitment and efforts, which have been instrumental to our achievements.

Lastly, our special appreciation goes to Ms. Yu Ai Ting, Chairman of the Selangor Bar, and the entire Selangor Bar Committee 2025/2026 for their steadfast support.

Report submitted by:-

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