



CHAIRMAN'S REPORT



Yu Ai Ting

This term has concluded on a positive and successful note, marked by a number of significant achievements, as reflected in the summary below. These accomplishments would not have been possible without the steadfast support of the Honorary Secretary and the members of the Selangor Bar Committee, who consistently stood by me and worked diligently throughout the term to strengthen the Selangor Bar. Their commitment to upholding the highest standards of professionalism and their dedication in carrying out their responsibilities are truly commendable.

I would also like to acknowledge the invaluable assistance of the secretariat staff, whose efforts greatly contributed to the effective implementation of our initiatives. Through our collective efforts, we have achieved meaningful milestones and made considerable progress in advancing the interests of our members. I extend my sincere appreciation to all for their unwavering support and dedication.

It has been both a pleasure and an honour to serve the members of the Selangor Bar and to contribute to their welfare in all respects.

At the SBC's first meeting held on 10th March 2025, the Committee appointed Nurul Muhaniza Bt. Hanafi as Honorary Secretary and Richard Teh Tai Sheng as Treasurer. Cassandra Thomazious and Muniandy Vestanathan were co-opted as members of the SBC pursuant to section 73(vii) of the Legal Profession Act 1976.



I subsequently allocated portfolios to each Committee member as follows (in no particular order), setting out the respective Chairpersons and Co-Chairpersons:

- i. **Cyrus Tiu Foo Woei and Navin Punj**
Charity and Welfare
- ii. **Dinesh Nandrajog and Naveen Chandra Bose**
Civil Practice & Court Liaison
- iii. **Nurul Muhaniza Binti Hanafi**
Conveyancing Practice
- iv. **Muniandy Vestanathan and Christopher Joseph**
Criminal Practice & Court Liaison
- v. **Yu Ai Ting**
Dana Bantuan Guaman Selangor
- vi. **Muniandy Vestanathan, Naveen Chandra Bose and Yu Ai Ting**
District Representative
- vii. **Muniandy Vestanathan and Christopher Joseph**
Legal Aid Centre Selangor & YBGK
- viii. **Richard Teh, Ron Ong Kit Wee and Zainal Abidin Bin Shaik Zakaria**
Professional Development
- ix. **Zainal Abidin Bin Shaik Zakaria and Dinesh Nandrajog**
Publication
- x. **Cassandra Nicole Thomazios and Ron Ong Kit Wee**
Social Events
- xi. **Cassandra Nicole Thomazios and Bylian Kuo Yih Shiuan**
Sports, Recreation & Health
- xii. **Nurul Muhaniza Bt. Hanafi**
Syariah & Bahasa Melayu
- xiii. **Cyrus Tiu Foo Woei, Navin Punj and Cassandra Thomazios**
Woman Empowerment, Human Rights, Environmental Awareness
- xiv. **Richard Teh, Naveen Chandra Bose & Bylian Kuo Yoh Shiuan**

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 2025/2026:

1. **Charity & Welfare**

The Charity and Welfare Sub-Committee has successfully launched several initiatives, underscoring its steadfast commitment to community support.

Among these was the Back-to-School Programme, jointly organised with the Rotary Club of Klang, which sought to assist B40 and underprivileged students by providing essential school items such as uniforms and shoes, ensuring they were well-prepared for the new school term.

In addition, the Selangor Bar organised a Deepavali outreach programme for underprivileged children in Jenjarom, Banting, and Klang. During this initiative, essential food items, pillows, and angpao were distributed to 43 children. Through these efforts, the Selangor Bar continues to go the extra mile in uplifting underserved communities and fostering the educational and social well-being of children from less privileged backgrounds. These initiatives reflect the Selangor Bar's strong commitment to giving back to the community and contributing meaningfully to society.

2. **Civil Practice & Court Liaison**

The Civil Practice & Court Liaison Sub-Committee served as the primary liaison between the Selangor Bar and the Selangor Courts throughout the term. The Committee addressed various complaints raised by Members relating to court procedures and



administrative matters, and engaged with key stakeholders, including the Managing Judge and the Director of the Selangor Courts. Most issues were successfully resolved through continued dialogue and close cooperation with the Courts.

A key achievement of the Committee was the successful organisation of the Selangor Bar Law Conference 2025, themed “**Res Nova**”, held on 3 and 4 October 2025 at Le Méridien Hotel, Petaling Jaya. The Conference, which covered both civil and criminal law, attracted strong participation and featured distinguished speakers. It was officiated by the Right Honourable Chief Justice of Malaysia, Dato’ Seri Utama Wan Ahmad Farid bin Wan Salleh.

The event was distinguished by the attendance of the nation’s top four judicial leaders, underscoring the significance of the Selangor Bar’s initiatives:

- The Right Honourable Chief Justice of Malaysia, YAA Datuk Seri Utama Wan Ahmad Farid Bin Wan Salleh.
- The Right Honourable President of the Court of Appeal, YAA Datuk Abu Bakar Jais.
- The Right Honourable Chief Judge of Malaya, YAA Dato' Hashim bin Hamzah.
- The Right Honourable Chief Judge of Sabah and Sarawak, YAA Datuk Hajah Azizah binti Haji Nawawi.

The Committee also facilitated the Bar Council Advocacy Training Course in Selangor for the second time, thereby benefiting local Members. The Committee records its appreciation to the Judiciary, speakers, sponsors, and Members for their invaluable support and cooperation throughout the term.

3. **Criminal Practice & Court Liaison**

The 2025/2026 term was a highly active and impactful period for the CPCL Sub-Committee, driven by a commitment to support Members of the Selangor Bar. The Sub-

Committee organised several well-received criminal law talks featuring leading practitioners, covering contemporary issues such as corruption, criminal advocacy, and case management, thereby enhancing Members' professional knowledge and skills.

Beyond educational initiatives, the CPCL addressed operational matters affecting Members. Notably, it intervened during a bail payment congestion at Selayang Court, ensuring the timely processing of approximately 100 pending cases and alleviating difficulties for Members and clients.

A key highlight was the Selangor Bar Law Conference 2025, themed "Res Nova", officiated by the Right Honourable Chief Justice of Malaysia. The Conference featured distinguished speakers from the Bench and the Bar, providing an important platform for continuing legal education.

The Sub-Committee also engaged actively with judicial and prosecutorial authorities, including the Managing Judge, Judges, and Judicial Commissioners of the Selangor High Court, and the Pengarah Pendakwaan Negeri Selangor, discussing issues such as witness interference, access to charge sheets, timely responses to representation letters, and DPP discretion in case withdrawals. Looking ahead, a meeting with the Chief of Police of Selangor is scheduled for February 2026 to further strengthen collaboration.

4. Conveyancing Practice

During the 2025 term, the Conveyancing Practice Committee ("CPC") adopted a proactive approach in strengthening engagement with key stakeholders involved in conveyancing practice, including the land offices, LHDN, LPPSA, JPN, SSM, LPHS, and the Insolvency Department. The CPC continued to serve as a liaison between Members and the relevant authorities, addressing practical issues and promoting greater consistency in conveyancing practices throughout Selangor.

Throughout the term, the CPC conducted courtesy visits and working meetings with several land offices and government agencies, including PTD Hulu Langat, JPN Putrajaya, LHDN Selangor, LPPSA, PTG Selangor, PTD Gombak, and PTD Sepang. Key issues discussed included delays in land transactions, inconsistencies in land office requirements, identity card verification processes, fraud risks, procedural rejections, and the implementation of new systems such as e-Tanah, e-CKHT, e-Stamp, and e-Invoice. The CPC also raised concerns relating to document handling, penalties for late collection, and the ethical and procedural challenges faced by both Members and the land offices.

A significant highlight of the term was the inaugural Selangor Bar Conveyancing Practitioners' Forum & Hi-Tea on 24 November 2025. The forum brought together Members, land officers, and representatives from relevant agencies to discuss common conveyancing issues, the standardisation of practices, recent legal developments, and technological advancements. The event was well attended and received positive feedback for its practical value and meaningful engagement.

5. **Dana Bantuan Guaman Selangor (DBGS)**

The Selangor Legal Aid Fund ("DBGS") was established in 2021 with an initial allocation of RM300,000.00. In that year, discussions on the establishment of DBGS were carried out, coordination meetings were held with the Selangor State Standing Committee on Community Welfare, and the first disbursement of funds was made in December 2021.

In 2022, the implementation of DBGS was streamlined and enhanced, including a proposal to incorporate Syariah cases under the scheme. The income eligibility threshold for applicants was increased from RM3,000.00 to RM5,000.00, while the subsidy payable to solicitors was raised from RM1,500.00 to RM3,000.00 per file.



In 2024, the programme continued with an additional allocation of RM300,000.00 which included the balance of promotional costs from the previous year. In the same year, the handling of Syariah cases was formally implemented under DBGS.

As at 31 December 2025, DBGS had received a total of 105 cases, with family law matters constituting the highest number, followed by employment cases and Syariah cases, which commenced in 2024. Of these, 64 cases have been closed or completed, 25 cases were returned or withdrawn, and 16 cases remain active.

In terms of panel participation, 14 solicitors were involved in handling civil matters, while 2 solicitors handled Syariah cases. Overall, DBGS has progressed significantly since its inception, from its initial establishment and funding disbursement to the inclusion of Syariah matters and the implementation of more systematic financial management and Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) arrangements. The Fund continues to serve its purpose of supporting and providing legal assistance to communities in need across Selangor.

6. District Representative

The Sub-Committee organised a series of Coffee Morning sessions to gather and address issues, feedback, and information from Members across all districts. These sessions focused on matters involving stakeholders of the Selangor Bar that required attention and follow-up.

The Coffee Morning sessions served as an effective platform for the Committee to identify and better understand concerns faced by Members in their respective districts, with the Committee making on-site visits to engage directly with them.

During this term, a total of nine visits were conducted at the following courts: Sepang



Court (21 April 2025), Kajang Court (13 June 2025), Ampang Court (22 July 2025), Kuala Selangor Court (26 August 2025), Klang Court (29 September 2025), Kuala Kubu Bharu Court (15 October 2025), Telok Datok Court (19 November 2025), Petaling Jaya Court (8 December 2025), and Shah Alam Court (20 January 2026).

7. **Legal Aid Centre Selangor & YBGK**

In 2025, the Bar Council Legal Aid Centre Selangor (BCLAC) dedicated tremendous effort to ensuring efficient operations and effective service delivery, working closely with Yayasan Bantuan Guaman Kebangsaan (YBGK) to provide legal aid to those unable to afford representation. The Centre assisted 55,605 clients through programmes such as the LAC Walk-in Clinic, Law Awareness and Outreach Programmes, and the compulsory legal aid duty for pupils-in-chambers.

Key initiatives included the Pupil Introductory Session and the Court Observant Programme, which offered pupils practical exposure to criminal legal practice. The Hari Bantuan Guaman established free legal aid counters at 12 courts, while outreach initiatives like the LAC-UKM Cybercrime Programme, SULAM Project, and Kampung Angkat Madani STRIDE programme provided legal guidance directly to underserved communities. Legal awareness campaigns in schools, universities, and correctional centres educated youth on rights, responsibilities, and volunteerism. The Prison Visit Programme at Sungai Buloh Prison enabled pupils and staff to handle 305 prison applications, enhancing their practical training.

The UTC Legal Aid Clinic and the Law and Leisure programme further strengthened public access to legal services and engagement among young lawyers. BCLAC also conducted comprehensive YBGK training, ensuring lawyers were equipped for competent criminal representation. In 2025, BCLAC Selangor assisted 5,642 clients, while YBGK Selangor

managed 55,605 cases, reflecting a significant growth in service delivery.

Collectively, these initiatives enhanced access to justice, promoted public legal awareness, and supported the professional development of pupils and young lawyers, leaving a lasting impact on the communities served.

8. Professional Development

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

Notably, the Committee conducted the Selangor Bar e-Invoicing for Law Firms Seminar, a full-day programme designed to help Members understand and prepare for the implementation of e-Invoicing which saw an overwhelming number of attendees. The event was held in Shah Alam Convention Centre and saw a total of 400 participants. The Committee also actively supported initiatives such as the MyBar Care Initiative.

In total, the Committee organised 36 CPD programmes, including talks, seminars, conferences, forums, and training sessions. These programmes spanned a wide range of practice areas, including criminal and civil litigation, conveyancing, taxation, corporate and commercial law, Islamic finance, intellectual property, technology and artificial intelligence, professional ethics, law firm management, and mental well-being. Many of these programmes were conducted in collaboration with other Selangor Bar Sub-Committees, reflecting a coordinated and inclusive approach to professional development.

9. Publication

The Ad-Rem magazine remains a flagship publication of the Selangor Bar, showcasing the depth and diversity of the legal fraternity. This edition features interviews with the Chief Justice of Malaysia, YAA Datuk Seri Utama Wan Ahmad Farid bin Wan Salleh, Dato' Mary Lim Thiam Suan, and a tribute to the Late Dato' Haji Sulaiman by his son, Mr Huzir Sulaiman. It also includes an interview with Selangor Bar Chairman Ms Yu Ai Ting, articles on legal developments, Bar Committee activities in 2025, and keynote addresses from the Selangor Bar Law Conference and Conveyancing Practitioners' Forum & Hi-Tea.

The Editorial Board and contributing members are acknowledged for their dedication in producing this edition.

10. **Social Events**

The Social Events Sub-Committee successfully organised two vibrant signature events for the Selangor Bar in 2025—the Selangor Bar Members' Night 2025 and the Selangor Bar Annual Dinner & Dance 2025—both designed to foster camaraderie and celebration among members.

The Selangor Bar Members' Night 2025 was held on 31 May 2025 at Room 8 Studio, Sunway Damansara, welcoming approximately 220 members and pupils-in-chambers. Set against a cheerful floral theme, the evening featured engaging activities hosted by Mr. Andrew Netto, including lively quiz sessions and a Best Dressed segment, creating a relaxed and joyful atmosphere for members to unwind and connect.

The Selangor Bar Annual Dinner & Dance 2025, themed "*Arabian Night*," took place on 15 November 2025 at the Sunway Resort Hotel, Petaling Jaya, with around 450 guests, including distinguished Judges. The evening was enlivened by captivating performances, highlighted by a commemorative magic act by Mr. Acker celebrating the State Bar's 60th Anniversary.

Both events were memorable celebrations marked by strong camaraderie, vibrant energy, and meaningful engagement within the Selangor Bar community. Their success was made possible through the generous support of sponsors, volunteers, and the Selangor Bar Committee.

11. **Sports, Recreation & Games**

The Sports Committee's primary objective has always been to encourage greater member participation in Selangor Bar sporting activities, particularly the interstate bar games, now known as the MyBar Games. This objective would not have been achievable without the strong support and commitment of our convenors. We are pleased to report that, this year, Selangor Bar sent a record number of participants to the MyBar Games 2025.

On 8–9 August 2025, the MyBar Games were successfully hosted in Kuala Lumpur. Selangor Bar delivered an outstanding performance, securing the position of Overall First Runner-Up among all participating state bars. Selangor achieved a total of 46 points, marking an improvement from last year's overall score. Our athletes and convenors demonstrated exceptional dedication, teamwork, and sportsmanship across all events.

The MyBar Games 2025 showcased remarkable team spirit, preparation, and dedication from all involved. We extend our heartfelt thanks to the players, convenors, supporters, and the organising committee for their efforts in ensuring a smooth and successful event.

Pickleball made its debut as an inaugural sport at this year's Games in Kuala Lumpur, contributing to a record turnout from Selangor Bar. A total of 196 players participated, a notable increase from 120 last year. This surge was driven by the sport's popularity, strong camaraderie among participants, positive member engagement, and support from the Bar Council's accommodation subsidy.



These results highlight the growing enthusiasm for sports within Selangor Bar and the success of initiatives promoting wider member involvement.

12. **Syariah & BM**

The Syariah & Malay Language Sub-Committee (JKSBM), under the Selangor Bar Committee, was established to strengthen engagement with stakeholders in Syariah law and to promote the use of the Malay language in legal practice. In 2025, JKSBM successfully carried out several initiatives aligned with its objectives, including the first Legal Debate Competition for young lawyers, pupil lawyers, and law students; a charitable Iftar event with orphans and tahfiz students, which included donations of food and “duit raya”; and a courtesy visit to the Selangor Syariah Judiciary Department (JAKESS) to discuss key issues such as enforcement of joint property orders, maintenance matters, and proposals for expanding the Syariah High Court.

Despite some constraints related to time, commitments, and required approvals, the Committee endeavored to fulfill its mandate and expressed appreciation to all members, supporting parties, and the Selangor Bar Secretariat for their cooperation. For 2026, JKSBM plans to organise meetings with the Attorney General’s Office and a forum with the Dewan Bahasa dan Pustaka, aiming to further strengthen strategic collaboration, improve Shariah legal practices, and empower the use of Malay in the legal context, while acknowledging that there remains room for continuous improvement.

13. **Women Empowerment, Human Rights & Environmental Awareness**

The Women Empowerment, Human Rights & Environmental Awareness sub-committee organised two insightful professional development sessions in 2025. The first, “Malaysian Citizenship: Legal Framework, Challenges and Reforms” on 30 June, was attended by 60

participants and provided a thorough overview of citizenship laws, practical application challenges, and recent developments, enriched with case examples and professional insights. The second, “DEI & Inclusive Leadership” on 28 November, engaged 33 participants in exploring strategies for promoting diversity, equity, and inclusion in the workplace. Led by Gene, Managing Partner of GM Tan & Company, the session highlighted people-centred approaches and included an interactive Q&A addressing implementation and ethical considerations. Both sessions were well received, offering participants valuable knowledge and practical guidance.

A Health Awareness and Screening programme with the collaboration of the National Cancer Society of Malaysia (NCSM) & Hospital Sungai Buloh was organised offering a wide range of free health screenings, including diabetes, blood pressure, BMI, hepatitis B & C, and carbon monoxide tests, as well as cancer-related screenings such as clinical breast exams, cervical and prostate screenings, and colorectal cancer testing (iFOBT). Eligible participants could also access free blood tests under PEKA B40 or PERKESO schemes. On-site doctor consultations provided professional medical advice. The initiative encouraged both legal fraternity members and the public to take proactive steps in safeguarding their health.

14. **Young Lawyers & Pupils**

The Young Lawyers & Pupils Sub-Committee supports the professional growth of young lawyers and pupils, provides mentorship, organises networking events, and promotes career development and well-being.

In 2026, the Sub-Committee organised the 4th Selangor Bar Fraternity Dining on 23 January at KGNS, attended by 60 participants. The event featured a lecture on advocacy skills and professional ethics, followed by a networking dinner, providing mentorship and CPD points.

Monthly Pupils' Introductory & Interview Sessions were conducted, covering legal aid services, petition filing, CPD requirements, professional ethics, court decorum, and duties to clients. Pupils were also "interviewed" by Committee Members for guidance and advice.

This term approximately 30 pupils were admitted as Advocates and Solicitors of the High Court of Malaya at Shah Alam High Court. The Sub-Committee congratulates the newly admitted members and wishes them success in their legal careers.

15. **Building Fund & Loan**

During this term, in my efforts to reduce the costs and commitments of the Selangor Bar, I have undertaken the initiative to revisit the purchase of the Selangor Bar Buildings in Section 13, Shah Alam. For the purchase of the 2nd building and 3rd building, the Selangor Bar had taken a loan from the Malaysian Bar to finance the purchase with interest being payable at the rate of 4% per annum. Virtually, this means that the Selangor Bar has been and still is paying a sum of RM11,095.30 per month (which includes interest) to the Malaysian Bar to service this particular loan.

However, it seemed perplexed that the Selangor Bar would need to secure a loan from the Malaysian Bar as well as pay interest when in essence, all buildings purchased under State Bars are owned as well as maintained by the Malaysian Bar. The Malaysian Bar utilizes the Building Fund which all members contribute to every year to fund the purchase and upkeep of these buildings. As it is funded by members' money and the building is owned by the Malaysian Bar, it is unclear as to why Selangor alone would need to pay for a building which should rightfully be covered by the Building Fund.

In this regard, I have initiated the efforts of looking into cancelling the loan and seeking



the refund of the monies paid to the Malaysian Bar for this purpose. This is an ongoing effort which will require more time and I hope to be able to see this through for the benefit of Selangor Bar members.

Acknowledgments & Conclusion

I wish to express my sincere appreciation to the Honorary Secretary of Selangor Bar, Nurul Muhaniza Binti Hanafi, Chairpersons, Co-Chairpersons, Deputy Chairpersons of the sub-committees, Treasurer, Deputy Secretary, and the members of the sub-committees for their diligence and commitment in attending meetings with stakeholders and addressing the needs of Selangor Bar members. Your innovative ideas, fresh perspectives, and willingness to dedicate personal time, despite busy schedules, have ensured the continuous growth and improvement of the Bar.

I also wish to acknowledge the cooperation and support received from the judiciary and other stakeholders, which enabled us to navigate challenges smoothly and in the best interest of our members.

My gratitude extends to the past Chairmen of Selangor Bar and numerous other members of the Bar who generously shared their knowledge and guidance whenever sought. Your contributions have been invaluable, and words alone cannot fully express my appreciation.

I am truly honoured to have been elected to serve as Chairman of the Selangor Bar Committee and am deeply grateful for the overwhelming support from my committee members and the Bar at large. The past 12 months have required significant sacrifices, balancing Selangor Bar duties with my professional and personal commitments, but the experience has been rewarding.



I wish to reiterate that through prudent management of the Committee's finances over the past 3 years, we have saved RM1.2 million to pay LexisNexis subscription fees for the benefit of Selangor Bar members.

I look forward to seeing the incoming committee continue and complete any ongoing initiatives from this term. Should there have been any shortcomings during this period, I offer my humble apologies on behalf of the Selangor Bar Committee.

Thank you very much.

Report submitted by:-

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Chairman

Selangor Bar Committee