



SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT

CIVIL PRACTICE & COURT LIAISON



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1. Executive Summary

The Civil Practice & Court Liaison Sub-Committee (the “Committee”) has remained a vital bridge between the Selangor Bar and the Selangor Courts. Throughout this term, the Committee has focused on resolving member grievances, enhancing professional development through advocacy training, and fostering high-level judicial relations through landmark events.

Further, the Committee had also successfully organised the Selangor Bar Law Conference 2025 which, for the first time, saw the attendance of the nation’s top four judges. This goes to show the strong bonds built between the Bar and the Bench.

The Committee is also proud to report that the Bar Council Advocacy Training Course was offered for the second time in Selangor due to the efforts of the Committee and for the benefit of our members.

We are to share the details of the efforts carried out during this term below.

2. Complaints & Resolution

This Sub-Committee received the following complaints from the Members of the Bar in relation to the Courts in Selangor:-



NO.	COMPLAINTS	STATUS & FEEDBACK
1.	The Sessions Court Judge in Klang has not been permitting expert witnesses to testify in runner matters. Instead, she only allows a detailed medical report to be submitted by way of affidavit.	The matter was raised with the presiding judge, who informed that the practice was adopted due to a backlog of cases. The issue was subsequently brought to the attention of the Director of the Selangor Courts ("Pengarah"), who has agreed to look into it.
2.	Touting at Klang court	The matter was raised with the Pengarah, who agreed to look into it. He requested that the Selangor Bar wait until after the Chinese New Year, as he intends to direct court officers to observe the situation.
3.	Numerous complaints received that lawyer is operating photocopy kiosk at Klang Court.	The matter was raised with the Pengarah, and we have informed the court that Bar Room also provides such a service. We have been informed that the space will be utilised by the court and not for a photocopying kiosk.
4.	Received a complaint from Bar Council that lawyer was reprimanded at Petaling Jaya, Sessions Court Judge for not bringing a highlighter to court	The matter has been raised to the Director of Selangor Courts and we have been informed that the court will investigate and discuss it with the respective judge.

3. Meeting with Managing Judge on 8th September 2025

The Committee actively engaged with the Judiciary to address practical challenges faced by practitioners. A key meeting was held on **8th September 2025** with the Managing Judge, YAA Dato' Zabariah binti Mohd Yussof, and the Director of Selangor Courts.

Key Issues Addressed:

- **Case Management & Procedures:** Discussions were held regarding the inconsistent filing codes in Petaling Jaya and the need for uniformity in Judgment in Default (JID) procedures across all courts.
- **Infrastructure & Facilities:** The Committee successfully secured **10 dedicated parking lots** for members at the Klang Court Complex and advocated for the upgrading of the Sepang Magistrate Court.



- **Judicial Delays:** Concerns regarding outstanding grounds of judgment (over 2 years) and the shortage of judges in Shah Alam were formally raised, leading to the relocation of a judge to expedite pending cases.

The overall issues and feedback is as presented below.

ISSUE/FEEDBACK	STATUS/FEEDBACK
The inconsistent position of Petaling Jaya Sessions Court in the filing code for civil matter especially for code A52NCC, and A52C.	• We have suggested to the court to issue a guideline or classification of cases for each code similar to the jurisdiction of the subordinate court which was done with the assistance of the Court. Court will look into the matter.
Limited parking lot at Klang Court	• Due to limited parking lot, the court has agreed to allocate 10 parking lots for members.
Insufficient judges at Shah Alam court (NCC 3/NCC 4)	• Pending appointment of new judicial commissioner.
Shah Alam courts do not answer phone calls.	• The Director of the Court will be looking into the matter and source for an appropriate system to enable members to contact the court.
There should be uniformity in all Courts on JID procedure (both Sessions and High Court) 1. JID to be granted upon expiry of the period to enter appearance and not wait for lawyer to appear before the court for the court to pronounce it in cases where the case management date is after the expiry of the period to enter appearance. 2. No allocatur for a judgment in default of appearance. 3. The service pursuant to	Court will look into the issues and discuss during their meeting. On the issue of costs, it remains within the discretion of the court.



contract terms dates of deemed service are on the Certificate of Non-Appearance and not the date of service of the Writ of Summons as requested by some of the Courts. 4. Direction by the Court to prepare for trial even before Summary Judgment is heard. 5. Cost granted by the Courts for obtaining an order for sale under a charge action. Recognition must be given to the procedural complexity and specialized law involved for such actions.	
Complaint against a judge at the Shah Alam High Court with outstanding grounds of judgement pending for more than 2 years	The judge has been confirmed to now be sitting at Ampang Court to enable her to complete the grounds of judgement and to dispose all her part heard cases
One of the Magistrate Courts in Sepang is too small.	The court Director has visited the court, and the court has proposed for upgrading of the court.



Meeting with the Director of Selangor Courts,
YBhg. Dato' Haji Mohd Nasir Bin Haji Mohd Nordin



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

The Selangor Bar successfully convened the inaugural Selangor Bar Civil Law Conference 2025 (“the Conference”) on 3 and 4 October 2025. The Conference was held physically at the newly refurbished Le Meridien Hotel, Petaling Jaya. This event marked the second occasion on which the Selangor Bar organised a combined conference encompassing both Civil and Criminal Law.

The Conference achieved an exceptional turnout and was honoured by the presence of the Chief Justice of Malaysia, the Right Honourable Dato’ Seri Utama Wan Ahmad Farid Bin Wan Salleh, who officiated the event and delivered the Opening Keynote Address. His Lordship’s address was both insightful and impactful, offering valuable guidance and reflections for the benefit of members.

In fact, 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 conference provided a premier platform for legal discourse, receiving overwhelmingly positive feedback from participants and sponsors alike.

The Conference showcased a variety of distinguished speakers who presented on various current topics of civil law and criminal law. The topics were:-

Day 1

1. **Session 1: Family Law**

I) Mediation In Matrimonial Disputes

Speaker: YA Dato’ Lee Swee Seng (Judge, Federal Court)

II) From Petri Dish To Parenthood: Family Law In The Fertility Era?

Speaker: YA Datin Paduka Evrol Mariette Peters (Judge, Court of Appeal)

Moderator: Ms. Ambiga Rajendran (Principal, Messrs Ambiga Rajendran & Co.)



2. **Session 2: Expert Evidence- Judges' Expectation**
 Speaker: YA Dato' Seri Vazeer Alam Bin Mydin Meera (Judge, Federal Court)
 Moderator: Mr. M K Thas (Partner, Messrs Azlan M K Thas & Co.)

3. **Session 3: IP Law - Trade Secrets- Protection and Enforcement**
 Speaker: YA Datuk Wong Kian Kheong (Judge, Court of Appeal)

4. **Session 4: Advocacy - What Judges Expect From Written Submission?**
 Speaker: YA Datuk S. Nathan Balan A/L E.S Moorthy (Judge, Court of Appeal)
 Moderator: Mr. V. Prabakaran (Partner, Messrs S.Rani & Associates)

5. **Session 5: Court Annexed Mediation**
 Speaker: YA Dato' Lim Chong Fong (Judge, Court of Appeal)
 Moderator: Dato' Gobinath Mohanna (Partner, Messrs The Law Office of Mohanna & Co.)

6. **Session 6: If Reading and Practicing Law is Hard: Try Life and Shakespeare?**
 Speaker 1: YA Dato' Mary Lim Thiam Suan (Judge (Retired) Federal Court & Director, Asian International Arbitration Centre (AIAC))
 Speaker 2: Mr. Philip Koh Tong Ngee (Senior Partner, Messrs Mah-Kamariyah & Philip Koh)
 Moderator: Mr. Dinesh Nandrajog (Partner, Messrs Nandrajog)

7. **Session 7: Underlying Principle of Natural Justice on the Enforcement of Competition Law**
 Speaker: YBhg. Datuk Haji Iskandar Ismail (CEO, Malaysia Competition Commission)
 Moderator: Dr. Vince See Eng Teong (Principal, Messrs Eng Teong & Co.)

8. **Session 8: "Show Me The Money" Disputes Over Maintenance Charges in Strata Developments**
 Speaker: Mr. Raymond Mah Mun Kitt (Managing Partner, Messrs Mah Weng Kwai & Associates)
 Moderator: Ms. Cyndi Chow Li Kian (Co-Founding Partner, Messrs Josephine, LK Chow & Co.)

Day 2

1. **Session 1: Termination of Co-Proprietorship Through Court Order**
 Speaker: Puan Murshidah Mustafa (Secretary, Malaysian Bar)



Moderator: Mr. Richard Teh Tai Sheng (Partner, Messrs Teh Kim Teh Salina & Co.)

2. Session 2: Concept of Limitation in Maritime Claims

Speaker: Mr. Arun Krishnalingam (Principal, Messrs Sativale Mathew Arun)

Moderator: Mr. Annou Xavier (Partner, Messrs Azri, Lee Swee Seng & Co.)

3. Session 3: Strata Maintenance and Management Expenditures in Strata Management Laws. What are the 7 Things Lawyers get Routinely Wrong?

Speaker: Ms. Saraswathy Shirke Deo (Principal, Messrs Sara Deo & Co.)

4. Session 4: Tax Discerning the Judicial Trend in Recent Tax Cases

Speaker: Mr. Saravana Kumar (Partner, Messrs Rosli Dahlan Saravana Partnership)

5. Session 5: Impact of Medical Advancement in Personal Injury Litigation

Speaker: Mr. Suresh Andrew Rajansam (Partner, Messrs Shan & Su)

Moderator: Mr. Vikraman Rajo (Partner, Messrs Rajo & Associates)

6. Session 6: The Second Actor Theory, A Discussion

Speaker 1: Ms. Elison Wong Seow Ching (Principal, Messrs Elison Wong)

Speaker 2: Mr. Nicholas Chang Chen Seng (Partner, Messrs Amir, Lim & Partners)

7. Session 7: Legal AI: Unlocking the Future of Law

Speaker: Ms. Dewi Radin Amir (Commercial Director, Lexis Nexis)

8. Session 8: Criminal Law- Navigating the Minefield : Corruption Defense in a Complex Legal Landscape

Speaker: Mr. M. M Athimulan (Principal, Messrs Athimulan & Co.)

9. Session 9: Criminal Law

I) Effective Criminal Advocacy - A Judge's Perspective

Speaker: YA Tan Sri Datuk Harmindar Singh Dhaliwal (Retired Federal Court Judge)

II) Winning Your Criminal Appeals

Speaker: Datuk Hisyam Teh Poh Teik (Principal, Messrs Hisyam Teh)

Moderator: Mr. K. Theivaendran (Partner, Messrs Theivaendran & Associates)



The Conference was attended by 150 delegates, comprising law students, pupils-in-chambers, practising lawyers, members of the Judiciary, and non-members. All participants were awarded 13 CPD Points and received a complimentary, custom-designed laptop bag produced exclusively for this Conference.

In addition to the substantive Conference sessions, participants were invited to a Networking Session on the evening of Day 1, jointly sponsored by Messrs RDS Partnership and Messrs Law Office of Mohanna. The feedback received was overwhelmingly positive and has encouraged the Committee to explore the organisation of similar events in the future.

The Committee extends its gratitude to the Right Honourable Chief Justice of Malaysia, Datuk Seri Utama Wan Ahmad Farid Bin Wan Salleh, the Right Honourable President of the Court of Appeal (PCA), the Right Honourable the Chief Judge of Malaya (CJM), the Right Honourable the Chief Judge of Sabah and Sarawak (CJSS), the esteemed members of the Judiciary, all Speakers, Moderators, generous sponsors, and delegates whose support and participation contributed to making the Conference a resounding success. The event would not have been possible without the collective efforts of all involved.

The Committee records its sincere appreciation to the Court for its cooperation and timely assistance in addressing and resolving the issues and concerns raised by the Selangor Bar Committee.

The Committee further expresses its appreciation to all Committee members for their dedication, commitment, and invaluable assistance in ensuring that the Committee's objectives were effectively achieved. Finally, the Committee conveys its thanks to the members of the Selangor Bar Committee and to all Members for their continued support and cooperation throughout this term.





Thank you.

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