

Elementary Training on the Ethical Representation of Children in Malaysia

17 Apr 2018 (Tuesday) | 9:00 am to 5:30 pm

Bayview Hotel
25-A Lebu Farquhar
10200 George Town, Penang

Registration fee | RM30
(inclusive of 6% GST)

CPD Code: T3/17042018/BC/PG174281/6

Registration for the event will begin at 8:30 am

Only 24 places are available

"Malaysia, having ratified the Convention on the Rights of the Child in 1995, is obliged to take all available measures to make sure that children are protected, and their rights are respected and upheld. . . . Our social services, educational, health and legal systems, as well as the levels of funding, must be assessed. All necessary steps must be taken to help families protect children's rights and create an environment where children can grow in good health and safety."

Malaysian Bar press statement entitled "Heed Wake-Up Call to Establish a Comprehensive National Child Protection Policy", dated 11 June 2016

The Bar Council Child Rights Committee ("CRC") invites members of the Penang Bar to participate in an elementary course on the representation of children in Malaysia. The one-day event will cover the following modules:

- Module 1: Introduction and Approaches to Representing a Child
- Module 2: Representing a Child in Conflict with the Law
- Module 3: Sexual Offences Against Children / Special Guidelines
- Module 4: Representing a Child in Family Custody Proceedings

The updated training modules provide participants with an overview of the Sexual Offences Against Children Act 2017 as well as the Special Guidelines to be utilised in the Court for Sexual Offences Against Children. This course aims to equip practitioners with the basic tools required to represent children in either criminal or civil proceedings and, in particular, to assist the Malaysian Bar in holding watching briefs and providing, where necessary, *pro bono* support to the children.

This elementary course will pave the way for an intensive training session aimed at developing child rights practitioners and future trainers.

Feedback from past participants

- ❖ "Very insightful."
- ❖ "Overall, all the trainers are well-equipped with knowledge."
- ❖ "Loved it!"
- ❖ "Very good, timely and appropriate."
- ❖ "The elementary course was conducted professionally and effectively."
- ❖ "A paradigm shift!"
- ❖ "Kudos to the speakers for the interesting and lively presentation."
- ❖ "I recommend this to be carried out in every state."



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About the Trainers

Ajeet Kaur, Messrs Gerard Samuel & Associates

Ajeet Kaur is a graduate of the University of London and was admitted as an advocate and solicitor of the High Court of Malaya in 1996. Ajeet is well-rounded in her practice in civil, commercial and family litigation. She is a partner at Messrs Gerard Samuel & Associates, Co-Chairperson of CRC since 2016, and member of the Bar Council Court Liaison Committee. Ajeet was selected by the Malaysian Government to be on the special task force to advise on the drafting of laws, policies and standard operating procedures to ensure protection of children in Malaysia. Ajeet has been trained as a trainer under the Training of Trainers for Ethical Representation of Children in Conflict with the Law, and for Custody and Adoption Proceedings ("Training of Trainers") organised by the United Nations Children's Fund ("UNICEF") in collaboration with the Bar Council, and conducted by the Canadian Bar Association. She has conducted training sessions throughout Malaysia for Members of the Bar, the public, legal officers, and judges.

Srividhya Ganapathy, Messrs Muhendaran Sri

Srividhya Ganapathy is a graduate of the University of Glamorgan, and was admitted as an advocate and solicitor of the High Court of Malaya in 1996. Her areas of legal practice include civil litigation, family law, and conveyancing. She has a passion for child rights, and has been the Co-Chairperson of CRC since its inception in 2016. She is a member of the special task force formed by the Government to improve child protection in Malaysia, and advises on reforms to the laws on child protection in Malaysia. She has been an active member of the Bar Council Court Liaison Committee since 2014. She has been involved in conducting training sessions and seminars, and has been invited as a speaker for various organisations.

Pushpa Ratnam, Messrs Hakem Arabi & Associates

Pushpa Ratnam was admitted as an advocate and solicitor of the High Court of Malaya in 1994. She served the London Judiciary as a Legal Adviser to Magistrates from 1989 to 1994. During her five years in service, she gained significant experience in the area of family and criminal law in the United Kingdom. This has been enhanced by her continued assistance in various local and international women's groups and organisations. She then continued to practise in the area of family law. In the course of her legal practice, she has presented several papers at national forums, and spoken at various forums organised by State Bar Committees and the Bar Council, on issues relating to family law, domestic violence, and gender. She was part of the inaugural group that attended the Training of Trainers.

Lee Teong Hooi, Messrs Lee Tan & Associates

Lee Teong Hooi is a graduate of the University of London and was admitted as an advocate and solicitor of the High Court of Malaya in 2005. His areas of legal practice include general matters, and family and criminal litigation. Teong Hooi is an active member of CRC. He was part of the inaugural group that attended the Training of Trainers.

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I would like to register for the event (all fields must be completed):

Name: _____

(Tick where applicable)

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Pupil in Chambers (Petition No) : _____

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Name of Firm / Organisation: _____

Preferred Name for GST Tax Invoice: _____

GST Registration No: _____

Address: _____

Tel: _____ Fax: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

The personal information that you provide to the Bar Council, whether now or in the future, may be used, recorded, stored, disclosed or otherwise processed by or on behalf of the Bar Council for the purposes of facilitation and organisation of this event, research and audit, maintenance of a participant database for the promotion of this event, and such ancillary services as may be relevant.

Payment options:

- (1) Direct deposit to Hong Leong Bank Berhad (Account No: 002-00-76064-5); or
- (2) Cheque or bank draft, payable to "Malaysian Bar"; or
- (3) Cash payment (up to RM250 only), at the ground floor of the Bar Council Secretariat.

All payments must be made in advance of the event, and include all bank charges. Registration will be confirmed once proof of payment is provided by email or fax, and full payment is received.

Only **24 places** are available and registration is on a first come, first served basis.

Cancellations must be made in writing. There will be no refunds for cancellations made after **13 Apr 2018 (Friday)** but substitutions are allowed. The organiser reserves the right to modify, cancel or postpone the event, should circumstances arise that make such action necessary, whereupon all registration fees paid will be refunded.

- (1) No recording of the event is permitted via any means at any time.
- (2) No part of the event content may be used / reproduced in any form without the written and explicit consent of the Bar Council and speaker(s).

Points for the Continuing Professional Development ("CPD") Scheme will not be awarded to Members of the Bar and pupils in chambers who arrive more than 15 minutes late, are not present throughout the event, or leave before its scheduled end.

Please direct all correspondence (including completed registration forms and proof of payment) and enquiries to:

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