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JAWATANKUASA PEGUAM PULAU PINANG PENANG BAR COMMITTEE

Circular 8/18

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To Members and Pupils in Chambers of the Penang Bar

Maintaining Standards at the Bar: Dress Code

The Penang Bar Committee notes with regret that many traditions and practices of the Bar are eroding and many members and pupils are either not aware of or choose to ignore those traditions and practices.

One of the key areas which have been brought to the Committee's attention by the Judges is **lawyers and pupils not complying with the Dress Code when appearing in Court.**

Members and pupils are kindly reminded to refrain from wearing tight trousers, tights, leggings, short skirts above knee length, capri pants, culots (ladies), jeans (both men and ladies) and slippers or sandals. Kindly ensure that you also maintain the prescribed and permitted colour codes too (*see Bar Council's Circular 004/2012 on "Dress Code for Advocates and Solicitors Attending Court" which is reproduced below for members' attention*):



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**Circular No 004/2012
Dated 10 Jan 2012**

To all Members of the Malaysian Bar

Dress Code for Advocates and Solicitors Attending Court

We are concerned about complaints from the Bench that some Members of the Bar and pupils in chambers are not properly attired when they appear in court.

In light of these complaints, please find reproduced below the relevant portion of the circular dated 1 Nov 2000, issued by the Federal Court, regarding the dress code for advocates and solicitors attending court.

Pupils in chambers are forewarned that if they fail to comply with the dress code at their call to the Bar, Bar Council will not hesitate to object to their call.

Tony Woon Yeow Thong
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PAKAIAN PEGUAM DI MAHKAMAH

Sukacita dimaklumkan bahawa YAA Ketua Hakim Negara setelah berunding dengan YAA Presiden Mahkamah Rayuan, YAA Hakim-Hakim Besar dan Majlis Peguam telah memutuskan bahawa pakaian yang sesuai bagi peguam-peguam yang menghadiri perbicaraan di mahkamah adalah seperti berikut:

1. PAKAIAN DALAM MAHKAMAH TERBUKA DI MAHKAMAH PERSEKUTUAN, MAHKAMAH RAYUAN, MAHKAMAH TINGGI DAN MAHKAMAH KHAS.

LELAKI

Kemeja

Lengan panjang warna putih dengan *wing collar* warna putih dan *bib*.
(*Shirt*)
White long sleeves with white wing collar and bib.

Seluar Panjang (Longgar)

Warna hitam/biru kelasi/kelabu gelap. Jalur-jalur dibenarkan.
(*Slacks - Loose*)
Black/navy blue/dark grey. Stripes permissible.

Jaket

Warna hitam. Butang bras tidak dibenarkan
(*Jacket*)
Black. Brass buttons not permitted

Stoking

Warna hitam/biru kelasi/kelabu gelap
(*Socks*)
Black/navy blue/dark gray

Kasut

Warna hitam/biru kelasi/kelabu gelap
(*Shoes*)
Black/navy blue/dark gray

Jubah

Warna hitam
(*Robe*)
Black

Pakaian di Kepala

Serban dan songkok dibenarkan.
(*Head-Dress*)
Turban and songkok permitted.

WANITA

Blaus

Lengan panjang warna putih dengan *wing collar* warna putih dan *bib*.
(*Blouse*)
White long sleeves with white wing collar and bib.

Skirt

Warna hitam/biru kelasi/kelabu gelap dan labuhnya di bawah lutut. Jalur-jalur dibenarkan.
(Skirt)

Black/navy blue/dark gray and its length below the knee. Stripes permissible.

Seluar Panjang (Longgar)

Warna gelap, longgar dan tidak mendakap anggota badan
(Trousers - Loose)

Dark trousers and not body hugging

Pakaian Tradisional

Bukan berwarna garang dan tidak menjolok mata.
(Traditional Dress)

Not glaring colour and decent.

Jaket

Warna hitam. Butang bras tidak dibenarkan.
(Jacket)

Black. Brass buttons not permissible

Sarung Kaki Nilon – Pilihan

Hanya warna kulit sahaja yang dibenarkan.

(Nylon Socks - Optional)

Only skin-tones permissible

Kasut

Warna hitam/biru/kelabu gelap. Sandal tidak dibenarkan di dalam Mahkamah.
(Shoes)

Black/navy blue/dark gray. Sandals are not permitted in Court.

Jubah

Warna hitam
(Robe)

Black

Pakaian di Kepala

Warna hitam/putih/biru kelasi/kelabu gelap. Bunga yang tidak keterlaluan atau corak bercap dibenarkan juga.

(Head-Dress)

Black/white/navy blue/dark gray. Subtle floral or patterned prints also permitted.

2. AKSESORI PAKAIAN

Semua peguam (lelaki dan perempuan) ditegah memakai apa-apa *emblem*, riben, lencana, ikatan dan lain-lain yang melambangkan mana mana parti politik atau bermotifkan politik.

(Costume Accessory)

All lawyers (male and female) are prohibited from wearing any emblem, ribbon, badge, band etc. which symbolizes any political party or political motive.

3. PAKAIAN DI MAHKAMAH SESYEN, MAHKAMAH MAJISTRET DAN DI DALAM KAMAR MAHKAMAH TINGGI

Bagi maksud ini pakaian adalah seperti di atas tetapi:

a. Tanpa jubah

b. Kemeja putih bertali leher yang tidak berwarna garang (*wing collar* dan *bib* dibenarkan)

c. Bagi wanita yang memilih memakai tali leher hendaklah tali leher yang tidak berwarna garang (*wing collar* dan *bib* dibenarkan).

4. PERBICARAAN DI DALAM KAMAR MAHKAMAH TINGGI YANG DIJALANKAN DI MAHKAMAH TERBUKA

Di mana kes-kes di dalam kamar dijalankan di mahkamah terbuka, kes-kes itu masih kes-kes di dalam kamar dan pakaian hendaklah seperti yang ditetapkan, di perenggan 3.

5. Pekeliling ini berkuatkuasa serta merta dan pekeliing bertarikh 1 Disember 1997 dan 22 Mac 1999 dibatalkan.

The Committee is of the strong opinion that it is imperative for members of the Bar and pupils to uphold traditions and practices which in turn are crucial in maintaining the good reputation and standing of the legal profession.

We therefore urge members especially the seniors to guide and assist the junior practitioners and pupils as and when necessary. Junior lawyers and pupils who face any problems or are uncertain about the above stated dress code requirements or other rules of etiquette and practice may approach senior members of the Bar or Bar Committee members for guidance.

Master-Pupils are also urged to take an interest in their pupils' conduct and etiquette to ensure that basic practices and rules are complied with at all times.

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