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Criminal Law 4/20

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To Members of the Penang Bar,

Update: Covid-19 Donation Drive for Penang Prisons

With reference to our previous Circulars Criminal Law 2/20 and Criminal Law 3/20 on the Donation Drive for Penang Prisons, the Subcommittee is glad to report that we managed to raise RM3,395-00 through contributions from members and we would like to thank everyone who supported this cause.

On 22 May 2020, Members of the Penang Bar Committee and Criminal Law Subcommittee handed over 45 boxes of face masks and 25 litres of hand sanitiser to the Prison authorities.

During our visit to the Penang Remand Prison to hand over the said items, we received the following updates from the Director of the Penang Prisons on their Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) for the duration of the Conditional Movement Control Order (CMCO):

1. Lawyers are permitted to visit their clients at the Penang Remand Prison and Seberang Perai (Jawi) Prison provided they write to the Prison authorities 3 working days earlier with notice of their intended date and time of visit.
2. The visits by lawyers are restricted to inmates who have upcoming Court hearing dates.
3. Lawyers visiting the prisons must at all times strictly adhere to the SOPs that have been put in place by the Prison authorities.

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