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Criminal Law 5/20

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To Members of the Penang Bar,

Visitation Area at Penang Remand Prison during Recovery Movement Control Order period

Reference is made to our previous Circular Criminal Law 4/20 where we informed members that the Penang Prisons had started permitting lawyers to visit their clients in prison during the Conditional Movement Control Order (CMCO) and current Recovery Movement Control Order (RMCO) periods.

We have since received feedback from the criminal practitioners who visited the Penang Remand Prison during the CMCO and RMCO that the new visitation area provided is not conducive for lawyers to meet their clients and obtain instructions as there is a lack of privacy due to close proximity of the booths and the discussions that take place can be overheard by other visitors and prisoners who happen to be nearby.

The Subcommittee has on 2 Jul 2020 written to the Director of the Penang Remand Prison as well as the Director General of Prisons and Co-Chairpersons of the Bar Council Criminal Law Committee to highlight these and other issues and problems faced by criminal practitioners in relation to the visitation area of the Penang Remand Prison.

We hope that the Prison authorities will give due consideration to our request to revert to the previous visitation area at the Penang Remand Prison subject to compliance of social distancing requirements and other required Standard Operating Procedures (SOP).

We will update members upon receipt of any updates or information on this issue.

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