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## **JAWATANKUASA PEGUAM PULAU PINANG PENANG BAR COMMITTEE**

Court Liaison 35/20

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To Members of the Penang Bar,

### **Outbreak of Covid-19 in Penang Remand Prison and Court-related Issues**

The Committee was informed that an 85-year old inmate from the Penang Remand Prison died at the Penang Hospital on 5 Oct 2020 and tested positive for Covid-19 after his death. Since then 6 more inmates have been found to be Covid-19 positive as at 7 Oct 2020. We are made to understand that officials from the Ministry of Health (MOH) are still carrying out tests on the other inmates and Prison personnel.

We have been informed that the 7 inmates who contracted Covid-19 were last brought to the Penang Courts between late Aug to early Sept 2020 and the medical analysis conducted by MOH show that they contracted Covid-19 after those dates.

Members are to take note that:

- All ongoing cases involving inmates from the Penang Prisons (both the Penang Remand Prison and Seberang Perai Prison) are postponed until further notice.
- Lawyers are not permitted to visit their clients who are inmates at the said Prisons until further notice.

The Committee understands that the current situation has caused anxiety and concern among members. We will continue to engage with the Court on a daily basis and update members as and when we receive any official information or updates.

Members who have any concerns or queries may contact the following for further details and information:

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