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JAWATANKUASA PEGUAM PULAU PINANG PENANG BAR COMMITTEE

Criminal 2/22

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To Members of the Penang Bar,

Backlog of Criminal cases at the Penang High Court

The Judicial Commissioner of Penang High Court 6, YA Tuan Mohd Radzi called for a meeting with the Penang State Director of Prosecutions, the Chairman of the Penang Bar and the Chairman of Penang Bar's Criminal Law Subcommittee on 8 Mar 2022 to discuss the Court's intention and ways to expedite the disposal of pre-2020 backlogged cases.

Pursuant to the said meeting, we have been notified of the following:-

1. The Court intends to hasten the disposal of pre-2020 cases whereby cases which were set for trial in 2018 and 2019 will be given priority and Firms handling these cases will be notified of the rescheduled dates.
2. The trial dates for 2020, 2021 and 2022 cases which are not high profile cases i.e. do not involve any public interest issues, will be rescheduled to next year (2023).
3. The rescheduling of cases will be implemented in stages and the Court will invite the Counsel involved for case management prior to rescheduling the new dates.

Members are therefore advised to take note of the above on an urgent and immediate basis.

Members will be updated further as and when we receive information from the Courts.

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