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JAWATANKUASA PEGUAM PULAU PINANG PENANG BAR COMMITTEE

Circular 11/23

31 Mar 2023

To Members and Pupils-in-Chambers of the Penang Bar,

Dismantling of Court Lockers at Penang High Court, Butterworth Court Complex and Georgetown Sessions and Magistrate's Court

Reference is made to our Circular 25/22.

The Penang Bar Committee has conducted a survey on Members' opinions and sentiments on the usefulness and practicalities of utilising court lockers from 19 Sept 2022 until 26 Sept 2022. The data shows that 100% of the Members (who participated in the survey) see no value in having a court locker. The Penang Bar Committee has also received feedback and comments from the Courts pertaining to the condition of the lockers.

The Penang Bar Committee has deliberated and agreed to dismantle the lockers at the Penang Courts in stages. The dismantling work of lockers at the Butterworth Court Complex is scheduled on 8 Apr 2023. Members are therefore advised to collect all of their belongings from their lockers (if any) <u>before</u> 8 Apr 2023.

Members are requested to take note of the following:

- The Penang Bar Committee has received confirmation from the Deputy Registrar (Administration) of the Penang High Court, Puan Ku Muniyatussaniah binti Ku Yahaya that Penang Courts are currently only using online platforms such as email and E-Filing System (EFS) to send notices to Members
- The cost of the dismantling work will be borne by the Penang Bar Committee
- Penang Bar Committee will refund Members and/or Law Firms that have paid their Penang High Court locker fees of RM12-00 for year 2023

Members will be notified of any further updates in due course.

Thank you.

Carolyn Oh Li Lin Chairman