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JAWATANKUASA PEGUAM PULAU PINANG PENANG BAR COMMITTEE

Court Liaison 14/23

30 Aug 2023

To Members of the Penang Bar,

Outcome of Courtesy Calls on: Penang Subordinate Courts and Penang High Court

The Penang Bar Committee paid courtesy calls on the Director of the Penang State Courts, Dato' Haji Mohd Nasir Bin Nordin and the Judicial and Legal Officers of the Penang Subordinate Courts and thereafter on the Judges and Judicial Commissioners of the Penang High Court on 13 June 2023 and 8 Aug 2023, respectively.

Members are requested to take note of the following feedback received from the following Courts, namely:

Penang Subordinate Courts

Issues	Remarks
Delay in bringing Accused to Courts	The Director of the Penang State Courts, Dato' Haji Mohd Nasir Bin Nordin recognises and acknowledges the issue and assured the Committee that they will look into this and perhaps set a meeting/discussion with the relevant authorities to discuss the same.
Delay and backlog in obtaining Chemist's report	Members will be further updated as and when we receive additional information from the Courts.
Request for Recording of Court Proceedings via Thumb Drive	Members are allowed to request for a copy of the Court's Record of Proceedings to be collected through Members' own personal thumb drive for a fee of RM10.00.
Parking at the Main Entrance of the Sri Pinang Complex	Members are <u>Strictly Reminded</u> to park their vehicles at the designated parking lots only and NOT at the main entrance of the Sri Pinang Complex located at the corner of Light Street and Jalan Tun Syed Sheh Barakbah.

Penang High Court

Issues	Remarks
Decorum	Some of our Members fail to observe and maintain decorum as well as accord the requisite courtesy when dealing with the Judiciary e.g, raising objections whilst sitting, not appropriately attired according to the prescribed Dress Code for Advocates and Solicitors attending Court etc. The Penang Bar Committee stresses the importance of its Members of observing and maintaining decorum and courtesy when dealing with the Judiciary at all times .
Compliance with the dates and times given by the Courts	Members are reminded to always comply with the timelines and deadlines given by the Court.

Standard and Quality of Submissions	Members are advised to take note of the following: a) to cite the most recent and/or higher court(s)' precedents in their submissions; b) to be aware and prepared regarding each enclosure number, page number and the details of the cited authorities during oral submissions; and c) to proofread submissions before filing to ensure the quality of their respective works.
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Members are advised to take note on all of the above.

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Chairman
Court Liaison Subcommittee