



The Family Law Subcommittee presents a Seminar titled

HOW LOVE GOES AWRY: ADULTERY, MISCHIEFS AND UNREASONABLENESS OF BEHAVIOUR

Date: 25 May 2024 (Sat)

Time: 9:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

(Registration will begin at 9:00 a.m.)

Venue: Penang Bar Auditorium

No. 4 Green Hall, 10200 Penang

Registration Fees:

Members of the Bar - RM 75.00

Pupils-In-Chambers - RM 70.00

Non-Members - RM 85.00

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Topics:

- i. "Dressed and Undressed in the Context of Adultery" Section 54 (1) (a) of the Law Reform Act (Marriage and Divorce) Act 1978 ("LRA")
- ii. "Mischievous and Unbecoming Behaviour" Section 54 (1) (b) LRA
- iii. Workshop on Drafting Single Petition on the Breakdown of Marriage, specifically involving:
 - Adultery
 - Unreasonable behaviour
 - The dos, the don'ts and the unnecessary

Objectives:

- To enable exposure to the participants on the contents, requirements, drafting and analysis of the single petition under Section 53 of the LRA
- To enable the participants to gain knowledge on the constitution of an adulterous relationship and the latest development
- To enable the participants to understand the requirements of unreasonable behaviour, the width and breadth of this usage in a single petition

SPEAKERS



Alex Tan Jee Hian was called to the Bar in February 1994 and has been a Member of the Malaysian Bar Family Law Committee since 2010. He was the Co-Deputy Chairperson of the Family Law Committee in the year 2019-2021, having also held the position of Deputy Chairperson of the same committee from 2014 to 2016 term. He is also a Family Collaborative Law practitioner since 2018, accredited to the International Academy of Collaborative Professional. Mr. Tan's first brush with the matrimonial laws came about when the partner of the firm instructed him to handle a complex custodial of children case within the first month of his employment in the firm. Having found his footing and liking in this branch of the laws, Mr. Tan developed and pursued further his interest in family law whilst honing his other skills and knowledge in general litigation and conveyancing matters.

Over the years, Mr. Tan has handled many joint petitions cases and a large number of single petition cases (including acting as counsel on matters involving complex issues, such as custody, maintenance and adultery); in cumulation to rendering uncountable consultations on pre-divorce issues, custody of children issues without resorting to divorce and also post-divorce matters.



Siew Choon Jern graduated with a Bachelor of Laws (Hons) from the University of Malaya in 1999 and was admitted as an Advocate and Solicitor of the High Court, Malaya in 2000. In 2004, he joined Messrs Douglas Yee as a senior associate and was admitted as a partner in 2006. Siew has more than 20 years of experience in litigation, arbitration and other forms of dispute resolution in civil and commercial matters including shareholders' disputes, negligence, tenant-landlord, employment, joint venture and construction disputes. Over the years, Siew has also developed a strong presence in family law and matrimonial disputes including custody, maintenance, access to children, division of matrimonial assets and cross-border disputes. He has also been instructed to provide expert evidence on Malaysian law for matrimonial disputes internationally.

He has been a member of the Family Law Committee, Bar Council for over 5 years and was a Co-Deputy Chair of the said Committee in 2016-2017. Apart from his considerable experience in civil, commercial and family law matters, Siew brings a practical and solution-based approach to all the issues and disputes faced by his clients. In his work in the area of family law, he is also known within the Bar and amongst his clients as someone who seeks a win-win solution that minimizes the pain and suffering of his clients with the entire family structure in mind. In this regard, Siew is a pioneering member of the collaborative law movement in Malaysia, which seeks to find a holistic solution to matrimonial disputes.

- All payments must be made in advance of the event. Registration must be accompanied with proof of payment to guarantee your place. Registration is on a first-come, first-served basis.
- Registration will close at **5:00 p.m., 23 May 2024 (Thurs)**.
- Please note that **only light refreshments** will be served.
- The organiser reserves the right to modify, cancel or postpone the event, should circumstances arise that make such action necessary.
- If you have any enquiries, please e-mail us at secretariat@penangbar.org.

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