



The Family Law Subcommittee presents a Seminar titled

RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN FAMILY & INHERITANCE MATTERS

Date: 16 Aug 2024 (Fri)

Time: 2:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

(Registration will begin at 2:00 p.m.)

Venue: Penang Bar Auditorium

No. 4 Green Hall, 10200 Penang

Registration Fees:

Members of the Bar - RM 60.00

Pupils-In-Chambers - RM 30.00

Non-Members - RM 120.00

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SPEAKER



Harcharan Singh is currently a Partner at Messrs Harcharan & Zeenath in Penang. He was admitted to the Malaysian Bar on 19 Oct 1991, and in legal practice since then (except for a short break from Sept 2000 to the end of 2002). He was admitted as a Solicitor of the Supreme Court of England & Wales on 15 Feb 2000. His qualifications are an LL.M with Merit (London) 1999, a Certificate of Legal Practice (CLP) 1990 and an LL.B Hons (London) 1989.

Harcharan's areas of practice are mainly in Family matters (Divorce, Judicial Separation, Children, Maintenance, Property Division and all related matters), Estate matters (Wills, Probate, LA), Employment matters, Land matters, Civil Litigation, Corporate Advisory works, Conveyancing and Loans, and Australia Migration advisory works. He is also a Lecturer for Law subjects for many years at the LL.B University of London, Bachelor of Jurisprudence, CLP exams & Business law subjects at various colleges.

FAMILY OF JOY!

There is always joy when it comes to being with family. But it is not always a bunch of fragrant roses. Disputes commonly arise on matrimonial matters between spouses [and sometimes a third party thrown in as *'nasi tambah dengan kuah'*], children, property, and inheritance of family assets. This talk [or rather an afternoon of family gossip] will take you through some interesting developments that have been taking place through some recent judicial decisions.

Husband and wife agree that 1 of them is allowed to have another partner. Will that be adultery? Or is the consent valid? A third party wakes up one day and claims that a child born to a married woman is his child. Can a DNA test be forced upon the child? Are men better equipped [and more loving?] to look after young children, compared to our earlier generation? If a child is born illegitimate, or, shall we say 'out of wedlock' [wonder if such connotations still make any sense in a modern world], can that child claim for property on intestacy death of a parent? Should a Testator write in his Will that he has already given some assets to his child, hence there is nothing for him in the Will? But why should he do this? Does the per stirpes rule apply in Malaysia? These and a few other issues [if time permits!] will be explored.

Bring along your Distribution Act, Wills Act, Law Reform (Marriage & Divorce) Act, and your problems [not yours but your clients' problems] to discuss. We will have some fun going through these topics.

Note: This session will be based on laws applicable to non-Muslims only.

- 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., 15 Aug 2024 (Thurs)**. Please note that no additional registration will be accepted once the closing date has passed, or if the seminar is full. Cancellations must be made in writing. There will be no refunds for cancellations made after 9 Aug 2024 (Fri) but substitutions are allowed.
- 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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