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JAWATANKUASA PEGUAM PULAU PINANG PENANG BAR COMMITTEE

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

A Physical Assault against a Member of the Penang Bar

VIOLENCE in any shape or form cannot be condoned and is categorically denounced.

On Tuesday 22nd October 2024, a member of the Penang Bar was physically assaulted in broad daylight by unknown assailants along Karpal Singh Drive, Penang.

We have been informed that the attack has left our member with serious physical injuries in this seemingly premeditated assault by assailant(s) unknown to our member. We are further informed that there are no known personal reasons or motives for the assault but that it occurred in the course of our Member carrying out his duty as a lawyer.

Violence against any persons whomsoever is unacceptable and the targeting of a member of the Bar whose role is to uphold justice and the rule of law is particularly reprehensible.

Members of the public must take note that lawyers are officers of the Court who carry out their legal duties in representing their clients. Any dissatisfaction should be addressed in the proper manner through appropriate legal channels that are available without resorting to any form or acts of violence and aggression whatsoever.

As at time of this statement, there has been no arrest made by the Police.

The Penang Bar strongly condemns all and any such acts of violence against its members and hereby strongly calls on the police and the relevant authorities to take immediate and serious action to investigate this crime thoroughly and to bring the perpetrators to justice.

Meanwhile, we urge and remind all Members of the Bar and chambering pupils to exercise caution when carrying out their role and discharging their duties.

Carolyn Oh Li Lin
Chairman