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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,

### **5<sup>TH</sup> IATC Conference, The Art of Advocacy – Speech from The Right Honourable Chief Justice of Malaya Datuk Seri Panglima Wan Ahmad Farid Wan Salleh**

I had the distinct privilege of attending the opening ceremony of the 5th International Advocacy Council Conference at the Eastern & Oriental Hotel on 2 May 2026, where The Right Honourable Chief Justice of Malaya Datuk Seri Panglima Wan Ahmad Farid Wan Salleh delivered a remarkably candid and thought provoking address.

Far from a ceremonial formality, the speech was carefully crafted to impress upon every lawyer the true meaning of advocacy and what it demands of us, how it defines us and the standards it calls us to uphold, particularly in meeting the expectations of the Bench. It was a powerful call to the Bar, highlighting the responsibility of counsel to assist the court with clarity, integrity and purpose.

The address raised reflections that cut to the very core of our duties, ethics and the future of the profession. It is the kind of speech that lingers long after it ends, and one that every member of the Bar ought to hear.

I am sharing it [here](#) in the hope that it sparks a renewed sense of purpose in the practice of advocacy.

Thank you.

**Gowri Subbaiyah**  
Chairman