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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,

Misuse of Lawyers' Information and Identity

The Penang Bar Committee has been informed of a scam involving the misuse of lawyers' information and identity. We understand that information relating to Members, including details obtained from publicly available sources such as the Law Firms' website, may be misused by unscrupulous persons to impersonate lawyers and solicit money from members of the public.

Members are therefore advised to remain vigilant and exercise caution if they become aware of any suspicious communication, transaction or activity involving their name, identity or professional details.

Members may wish to take the following precautions:

1. Regularly monitor any unusual activity or communication involving their name or professional identity
2. Exercise caution when sharing personal or professional information online
3. Where appropriate, alert clients and contacts to verify any unusual requests for payment or transfer of funds purportedly made on their behalf
4. If Members become aware that their identity or professional information has been misused, to consider making the necessary report to the relevant authorities.

Thank you.

Gowri Subbaiyah
Chairman