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Criminal Law 2/19

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To Members of the Penang Bar,

Notifications and Updates from Court for Criminal Cases

The Court authorities have informed the Committee that some criminal practitioners have complained about not being notified of upcoming court dates or when cases are transferred, taken over, previously vacated, etc.

We have been made to understand that Court actually sends e-mail through the E-Filing System (EFS) to all the lawyers on record to notify every upcoming Court date (even if parties have appeared on the previous date) and this information is recorded and stored in the EFS.

Problems arise when members do not provide their e-mail addresses to Court and/or fail to access e-mail received from Court or check on the cause lists that are available on the EFS website.

To ensure that members are promptly and properly notified about Court dates, postponements, etc. we urge all criminal practitioners to do the following:

1. Provide your latest and current e-mail address to the respective Court Interpreters on the very first appearance date.
2. Check all e-mail and embedded links stated in the e-mail sent by Court regularly.
3. If you are taking over a case, inform the relevant Court Interpreters immediately so they can update the EFS with your e-mail address to ensure that any future notifications from Court are sent to you as the new lawyer(s) on record.
4. Members are also advised to check the cause lists posted on the EFS website regularly to confirm Court dates.

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