

# CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT

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It is surreal to think that it is February 2021 as I am writing this report. 2020 seemed to have come and gone (ironic considering there were times I felt that 2020 lasted at least a decade), leaving behind in its wake; fundamental changes and new norms that frankly we all could have lived without. Be that as it may, here we are, still living through the Covid-19 Pandemic, manoeuvring in its after-effects, and adapting to our new and altered landscape.

For the 2020/21 Continuing Professional Development (“CPD”) Sub-Committee, this new landscape of reduced social interaction, first introduced in the Movement Control Order (“MCO”) and all of its subsequent forms, meant that our usual modes of learning; seminars, talks and workshops were no longer available to us. This came at a time when the end of the CPD Cycle 4 was looming and affected members were on their final leg to collect the necessary 16 points. Therefore, as they say, the show had to go on.

In keeping with its name, the CPD Sub-Committee was forced to deviate from the norm and adapt to the then very strange concept of webinars. So, adapt we did and pandemic notwithstanding, this CPD Sub-Committee successfully organized and/or jointly organized the following for the Year 2020/21:

## 1. BUILDING YOUR FIRM’S INTERNET PRESENCE

Date	: 18th April 2020
Speakers	: Fadhil Ihsan Bin Mohamad Hassan and Zubair Bin Abu Hassan
No. of participants	: 41 persons
CPD Code / Point	: T5/18042020/JHB/JHB204006/2 / 2 points

### Deputy

Fadhil Ihsan bin Mohamad Hassan

### Members

Santhi Balachandran  
Anis Syarizad Binti Datuk Hj.  
Kuthubul Zaman  
Jeremy Koh Kok Tong  
Teeba a/p Solamalai  
Lydiana Binti Mansor  
Mohd Fazaly Ali Bin Mohd Ghazaly  
Evelyn Eng Hui Xian

2. COVID-19: BAGAIMANA FIRMA GUAMAN DAPAT ELAKKAN RUGI 24x GANDA

Date : 23rd April 2020  
Speaker : Auzan Hasanudin Bin Sazali  
No. of participants : 40 persons  
CPD Code / Points : T5/23042020/JHB/JHB204013/2/ 2 points

3. FORCE MAJEURE & FRUSTRATION: LEGAL IMPACT ON CONTRACTUAL OBLIGATIONS ARISING FROM THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

Date : 25th April 2020  
Speaker : George Neo  
No. of participants : 228 persons  
CPD Code / Points : T5/25042020/JHB/JHB204014/2 / 2 points

4. SMALL FIRMS PRACTICE POST MCO - PITFALLS AND THE WAY FORWARD

Date : 02nd May 2020  
Speakers : R Jayabalan, Nahzatul Ain Binti Mohd Khalid and  
Mohamad Ezri Bin Abdul Wahab  
No. of participants : 75 persons  
CPD Code / Points : T5/02052020/JHB/JHB204024/2 / 2 points

5. TALK ON PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE & CHALLENGES OF ONLINE HEARINGS

Date : 05th May 2020  
Speakers : Azizi Bin Mohd Sarit @ Ahmad Shaghir and  
Nor Dalilah Binti Darmawi  
No. of participants : 43 persons  
CPD Code / Points : 1 point

6. JUDICIAL REVIEW: HOW TO REVIEW EXECUTIVE POWERS

Date : 06th May 2020  
Speaker : Syahredzan Johan  
No. of participants : 49 persons  
CPD Code / Points : T5/06052020/JHB/JHB204052/2 / 2 points

7. PKP: HAK ANDA JIKA DITANGKAP

Date : 07th May 2020  
Speakers : Hj. Rosli Bin Kamaruddin and Khairulazwad Bin Sariman  
No. of participants : 68 persons  
CPD Code / Points : T5/07052020/JHB/JHB204053/2 / 2 points

8. LITIGATING SYARIAH FAMILY CLAIMS - PREPARATION AND CHALLENGES

Date : 09th May 2020  
Speaker : Fahda Nur Binti Ahmad Kamar

No. of participants : 40 persons  
CPD Code / Points : T5/09052020/JHB/JHB2040662 / 2 points

#### 9. ADVOKASI KES JENAYAH: SENI PEMERIKSAAN BALAS SAKSI

Date : 15th May 2020  
Speaker : Hj. Rosli Bin Kamaruddin  
No. of participants : 52 persons  
CPD Code / Points : T5/15052020/JHB/JHB204071/2 / 2 points

#### 10. DISCUSSION ON PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE RULES OF COURT 2012, RULES OF C.O.A 1994 & RULES OF FEDERAL COURT 1995

Date : 31st May 2020  
Speakers : R Jayabalan, Shahareen Begum Binti Abdul Subhan and Santhi Balachandran  
No. of participants : 22 persons  
CPD Code / Points : T5/31052020/JHB/JHB204111/2 / 2 points

#### 11. DISCUSSION ON AMENDMENTS TO THE LAW REFORM (MARRIAGE & DIVORCE) ACT 1976 – *Jointly organized with the MALAYSIAN BAR PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE*

Date : 05th June 2020  
Speaker : Pushpa Ratnam  
No. of participants : 293 persons  
CPD Code / Points : T3/05062020/BC/BC204090/1 / 1 point

#### 12. INTRODUCTION TO SPORTS LAW

Date : 26th June 2020  
Speakers : Richard Wee Thiam Seng  
No. of participants : 23 persons  
CPD Code / Points : T3/26062020/JHB/JHB204154/1 / 1 point

#### 13. PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS COURSE

Date : 13th & 14th July 2020  
Speakers : S. Gunasegaran, Norhayati binti Mohamed, Shahareen Begum binti Abdul Subhan, Fadhil Ihsan bin Mohamad Hassan, R Jayabalan, and Datuk Hj. Kuthubul Zaman  
No. of participants : 52 pupils  
CPD Code / Points : - / 4 points

#### 14. SYARIAH ESTATE PLANNING – FARAIID & LAW OF INHERITANCE FOR MUSLIM – *Jointly organized with the JOHORE BAR SYARIAH SUB-COMMITTEE*

Date : 24th July 2020  
Speaker : Hj. Mukhtar Bin Abdullah

No. of participants : 31 persons  
CPD Code / Points : T3/24072020/JHB/JHB201079/1 / 1 point

15. SETTING UP YOUR OWN PRACTICE – *Jointly organized with the JOHORE BAR YOUNG LAWYERS AND CHAMBERING PUPILS SUB-COMMITTEE*

Date : 25th July 2020  
Speaker : R Jayabalan  
No. of participants : 42 persons  
CPD Code / Points : T3/25072020/JHB/JHB201082/2 / 2 points

16. PEACE OF MIND THROUGH PLANNING

Date : 07th August 2020  
Speaker : Carolyn Oh Li Lin  
No. of participants : 61 persons  
CPD Code / Points : T3/07082020/JHB/JHB201097/2 / 2 points

17. BASICS OF DEFAMATION – *Jointly organized with the JOHORE BAR YOUNG LAWYERS AND CHAMBERING PUPILS SUB-COMMITTEE*

Date : 13th August 2020  
Speaker : Alliff Benjamin Suhaimi  
No. of participants : 54 persons  
CPD Code / Points : T3/13082020/JHB/JHB201097/2/ 1 point

18. GEARING UP FOR ONLINE HEARINGS

Date : 09th September 2020  
Speaker : Fadhil Ihsan Bin Mohamad Hassan  
No. of participants : 32 persons  
CPD Code / Points : T3/09092020/JHB/JHB201156/1/ 1 point

19. BASICS OF MEDICAL NEGLIGENCE – *Jointly organized with the JOHORE BAR YOUNG LAWYERS AND CHAMBERING PUPILS SUB-COMMITTEE*

Date : 25th September 2020  
Speaker : Charlene Adrienne Chin  
No. of participants : 37 persons  
CPD Code / Points : T3/25092020/JHB/JHB201172/1/ 1 point

20. HANDS-ON TRAINING FOR ONLINE HEARINGS held at Abdullah A. Rahman Auditorium, Johore Bar Building

Date : 02nd October 2020  
Trainers : Zubair Bin Abu Hassan  
No. of participants : 18 persons  
CPD Code / Points : - / - point

**21. COMMITTAL PROCEEDINGS AND CONTEMPT OF COURT IN CIVIL PRACTICE**

Date : 17th October 2020  
 Speaker : Gavin Jayapal  
 No. of participants : 47 persons  
 CPD Code / Points : T3/17102020/JHB/JHB201189/2 / 2 points

**22. ONLINE DEFAMATION – *Jointly organized with the JOHORE BAR YOUNG LAWYERS AND CHAMBERING PUPILS SUB-COMMITTEE***

Date : 22nd October 2020  
 Speaker : Alliff Benjamin Suhaimi  
 No. of participants : 61 persons  
 CPD Code / Points : T3/22102020/JHB/JHB201205/1 / 1 point

**23. SEXUAL HARASSMENT IN THE LEGAL WORKPLACE – *Jointly organized with the ASSOCIATION OF WOMEN LAWYERS***

Date : 19th November 2020  
 Panelists : Daniella Zulkifli, Meera Samanther, New Sin Yew,  
 Santhi Latha (Moderator) and  
 Shahareen Begum Binti Abdul Subhan (Guest Speaker)  
 No. of participants : 18 persons  
 CPD Code / Points : T3/19112020/JHB/JHB201262/2/ 2 points

**24. DEALING WITH WORKPLACE HARASSMENT IN LAW FIRMS – *Jointly organized with the JOHORE BAR YOUNG LAWYERS AND CHAMBERING PUPILS SUB-COMMITTEE***

Date : 27th November 2020  
 Speaker : Emellia Shariff  
 No. of participants : 19 persons  
 CPD Code / Points : T3/27112020/JHB/JHB201263/1/ 1 point

**25. ONLINE FORUM – SEXUAL HARASSMENT: INVESTIGATION & PROSECUTION – *Jointly organized with the JOHORE BAR HUMAN RIGHTS SUB-COMMITTEE* held at Abdullah A. Rahman Auditorium, Johore Bar Building**

Date : 29th November 2020  
 Panelists : Shahareen Begum Binti Abdul Subhan, Zalina Binti Yacob,  
 Er Sheau Jia, Betty Yeoh, Lydiana Binti Mansor (Moderator) and  
 Muhammad Zahier Rosli (Moderator)  
 No. of participants : 147 persons  
 CPD Code / Points : T3/29112020/JHB/JHB201264/2/ 2 points

**26. MARITIME LAW (PART II): THE CARRIAGE OF GOODS BY THE SEA**

Date : 09th December 2020  
 Speaker : Clive Navin Selvapandian  
 No. of participants : 9 persons

CPD Code / Points : 1 point

## 27. PROFESSIONAL NEGLIGENCE IN CONSTRUCTION

Date : 10th December 2020  
Speaker : Dr Teng Kam Wah  
No. of participants : 31 persons  
CPD Code / Points : 1 point

## 28. SOCIAL DISTANCING – MENTAL ISOLATION? EFFECTS OF MCO ON MENTAL HEALTH – *Jointly organized with the JOHORE BAR YOUNG LAWYERS AND CHAMBERING PUPILS & BUILDING, HOUSE, LIBRARY AND MEMBERS' WELFARE SUB-COMMITTEES*

Date : 21st January 2021  
Speaker : Dr Sivakumar Thuraiasingam  
No. of participants : 25 persons  
CPD Code / Points : T3/21012021/JHB/JHB212042/1/1 point

## 29. THE CONCEPT OF LAW OF GIFT IN ISLAMIC LAW AND LAW OF CONTRACT – *Jointly organized with the JOHORE BAR SYARIAH SUB-COMMITTEE*

Date : 27th January 2021  
Speaker : Hajah Napisah Narikkodan Mammoo  
No. of participants : 46 persons  
CPD Code / Points : T3/27012021/JHB/JHB212043/1/ 1 point

## 30. PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS COURSE

Date : 02nd & 03rd February 2021 (Postponed due to MCO 2.0)  
Speakers : Norhayati Binti Mohamed, R. Jayabalan, K. Mohan, Fadhil Ihsan Bin Mohamad Hassan, Kuna Nadesan, and Tay Bee Choo  
No. of participants : 68 pupils  
CPD Code / Points : - / 4 points

## **FURTHER INFORMATION**

For those members who fall within the mandatory CPD Scheme (admitted to the Malaysian Bar from 1st July 2006 onwards), please be informed that we are currently in the 5th CPD Cycle which began on 1st July 2020 and will conclude on 30th June 2022. It is mandatory to collect 16 CPD points during this period. For information on your current points status, please email [cpd@malaysianbar.org.my](mailto:cpd@malaysianbar.org.my) or download the Malaysian Bar mobile application.

For more information on CPD, one should visit the Malaysian Bar CPD website at [cpdmalaysianbar.org.my](http://cpdmalaysianbar.org.my) which provides detailed information on the CPD Scheme including the different methods of points collection. Members are encouraged to apply for CPD points for in-house legal training, watching CPD Videos on Demand, CPD Roundtable discussion, and even in

the writing of published legal articles and/or opinions subject to the CPD Guidelines (also available on the website).

Additionally, the Bar Council CPD Department has, throughout the pandemic, continuously organised webinars. Please look out for the Bar Council CPD Circulars for updates.

Members are also invited and in fact welcomed to contact the Johore Bar Secretariat and/or the Johore Bar CPD Sub-Committee should they wish to suggest topics for future webinars.

### **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT & APPRECIATION**

A week into the MCO as I was enjoying my government mandated holiday, our Publication and Information Technology Chair (my now Deputy) approached me about attending a webinar – a term I am very familiar with now, but at that time was alien to me. The portmanteau of Web and Seminar was obvious but the concept needed a lot of getting used to. I therefore would like to thank En. Fadhil Ihsan for bearing with my inane technological questions and for being gracious and generous in the sharing of his knowledge and know-how. It is no exaggeration to say that all the work that this CPD Sub-Committee has done, is for the most part, thanks to him.

Secondly, allow me to enthusiastically thank all the above-named speakers who so graciously accepted our invitation and took time off their busy schedules to deliver their webinars. Your service and contribution to the continued progress of the members of the Johore Bar and ultimately the betterment of the Malaysian Bar is sincerely appreciated.

To my Sub-Committee members, especially Ms Santhi, and Jeremy – thank you for your extraordinary support and aid in finding and/or convincing our speakers. I am truly grateful for your help.

I would also like to thank the Johore Bar Committee, the Bar Council Professional Standards and Development Committee, the Bar Council CPD Department, and all those who aided directly or indirectly in the organization process of the above listed webinars.

Lastly but in no way least, my Sub-Committee and I would like to record our utmost gratitude and appreciation to the Johore Bar Secretariat Staff; Suhaimi, Cicelia, Huda and especially Siti. As always, we owe our success to their tireless effort and endless dedication.

Thank you.

Dated this 8th February 2021.



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Chairperson

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