

YOUNG LAWYERS AND CHAMBERING PUPILS SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT

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As with every other year, the Young Lawyers and Chambering Pupils Sub-Committee commenced the year full of fervour with extensive plans that included both educational activities as well as social ones. With the success of the YLC Mini Getaway in 2019, we were very much looking forward to having a similar event, where young lawyers and chambering pupils would find some time to unwind, relax and most importantly, build lifelong friendships at the Bar.

Unfortunately, our plans were completely turned on their heads, due to the COVID-19 Pandemic. We were forced into lockdowns, and had to make do with connecting with one another with the help of technology instead.

As such, the Sub-Committee decided to follow in the footsteps of the Continuing Professional Development Sub-Committee and we decided to organise webinars, which would allow for the learning process to continue, albeit in a safe and secure environment. This year we managed to organise the following webinars, in conjunction with the Continuing Professional Development Sub-Committee:-

(1) SETTING UP YOUR OWN PRACTICE – ARE YOU READY?

Date: 25th July 2020

Speaker: Mr R. Jayabalan

No. of Participants: 42 persons

(2) BASICS OF DEFAMATION

Date: 13th August 2020

Speaker: Mr Alliff Benjamin Suhaimi

No. of Participants: 54 persons

(3) BASICS OF MEDICAL NEGLIGENCE

Date: 25th September 2020

Speaker: Ms Charlaïne Adrienne Chin

No. of Participants: 37 persons

(4) ONLINE DEFAMATION

Date: 22nd October 2020

Speaker: Mr Alliff Benjamin Suhaimi

No. of Participants: 61 persons

(5) DEALING WITH WORKPLACE HARASSMENT IN LAW FIRMS

Date: 27th November 2020

Speaker: Emellia Shariff

No. of Participants: 19 persons

With the “new normal” and the additional stress faced by Lawyers due to the pandemic, we also wanted to organize a webinar that will help and guide our members as to how best to improve their mental health in these difficult times. Therefore, we organised the following webinar in conjunction with the Library and Members Welfare Sub-Committee:-

(1) SOCIAL DISTANCING...MENTAL ISOLATION? THE EFFECTS OF MCO ON MENTAL HEALTH

(in conjunction with the Building, House, Library and Members’ Welfare Sub-Committee)

Date: 21st January 2021

Speaker: Dr Sivakumar Thurairajasingam

No. of Participants: 25 persons

The Sub-Committee sincerely hopes that with all the webinars we successfully organised this year, the young lawyers and chambering pupils are better equipped to face the challenges of practice, especially with the “new normal”.

Lastly, with the intense debates in relation to minimum salary for Young Lawyers, the Bar Council directed each state to conduct a state-level survey aimed at gathering data and views on the Bar Council proposing a minimum salary for young lawyers, and also to gain insight into the financial challenges faced by young lawyers. We ran the survey from 3rd December 2020 to 18th December 2020 and we managed to garner 312 responses made up of 63 Pupils, 174 lawyers with 7 years practice, and 75 lawyers with more than 7 years practice. The Sub-Committee has compiled the results into a survey report which has been forwarded to the Bar Council National Young Lawyers and Chambering Pupils Committee (NYLPC). The said report will be included in a nationwide report, which is to be published by the NYLPC at a later date.

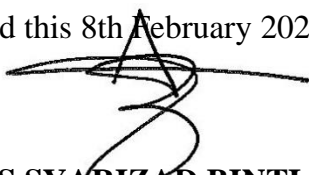
On behalf of the Sub-Committee, I would like to thank all members of the Johore Bar who have actively participated in all our events, and for their continued support. We are always open to suggestions and advice, and as such, we encourage all young lawyers and chambering pupils to come forward with any ideas and/or suggestions for future webinars and events.

I would also like to express my gratitude to my Sub-Committee members who throughout the tough and unsure times, always reached out and offered a helping hand, providing me with ideas for webinars and always cheering me on.

Special thanks also to Dale, our trusty and reliable Publications and Information Technology Sub-Committee Chair who selflessly gave up so much of his time, to always be around and help me with all the webinars, making sure technology did not fail me at crucial times.

Last but not least, the Sub-Committee and I would like to record our utmost gratitude and appreciation to the Johore Bar Secretariat Staff; Cicelia, Huda, Suhaimi and especially Siti. Their tireless efforts ensured the success of every event we held this year.

Dated this 8th February 2021.



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