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To Members of the Malaysian Bar

## Proposed Amendments to SRO 2005 Approved by the Solicitors Costs Committee

At the 70<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting ("70<sup>th</sup> AGM") of the Malaysian Bar on 19 Mar 2016, Members of the Bar adopted a resolution to amend Order 6, the First Schedule and the Third Schedule of the Solicitors' Remuneration Order 2005 ("SRO 2005").

The SRO 2005 governs the remuneration of a solicitor in respect of non-contentious business. In essence, the proposed amendments would increase the rate of the scale of fees in respect of specified non-contentious business, and would permit Members of the Bar to grant a discount of up to 25% on the fees for specified non-contentious business.

Please click here to view the resolution from the 70<sup>th</sup> AGM.

The Bar Council is pleased to inform Members that the proposed amendments were approved by the Solicitors Costs Committee at its meeting on 20 Jan 2017, pursuant to section 113 of the Legal Profession Act 1976. Subsequently, on 6 Feb 2017 the draft Solicitors' Remuneration (Amendment) Order 2017 ("SRAO 2017") was submitted to the Attorney General's Chambers for its review.

The SRAO 2017 will come into effect on a date to be gazetted.

We will notify Members as and when there are developments.

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Thank you.

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