

Public Forum on

Proposed LPA Amendments: Serious Threat to the Independence of the Malaysian Bar



In a recent unexpected turn of events, the Bar Council was informed that the Government of Malaysia intends to amend the Legal Profession Act 1976 ("LPA"), which is the statute that governs the Malaysian Bar. The proposed amendments to the LPA represent a serious threat to the independence of the Malaysian Bar. They are scheduled to be tabled in Parliament in October 2016.

An independent Bar is important:

- ♦ for access to justice and fearless legal representation;
- ♦ for the independence of the judiciary and the proper functioning of the administration of justice;
- ♦ for the creation of awareness and education on public interest matters, as well as constitutional and rule of law issues;
- ♦ for the promotion of accountability, transparency and good governance; and
- ♦ to sustain and promote a conducive environment for business and foreign investment.



The Bar Council will be holding this public forum to inform Members of the Bar about the proposed amendments, as well as to obtain their feedback.

Admission is free but advance registration is required

28 Aug 2016 (Sunday) | 2:15 pm to 4:45 pm

**Kelantan Bar Auditorium, Level 2 Wisma Kelbar
PT 2271, Tanjung Mas, Jalan Pengkalan Chepa
15400 Kota Bharu, Kelantan**

CPD Code: T3/28082016/BC/KLT161180/2

Registration for the event will begin at 1:30 pm

Programme

1:30 pm	Registration
2:15 pm	Panel Discussion, followed by Question-and-Answer Session
4:45 pm	Light Refreshments and Close

Confirmed panellists

- (1) Abdul Fareed Abdul Gafoor, *Treasurer, Malaysian Bar*
- (2) Kuthubul Zaman Bukhari, *Past President, Malaysian Bar*

Moderator:

Norazham Yahaya, *Chairman, Kelantan Bar Committee*

Please note that this forum will be conducted in Bahasa Malaysia.



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29 Aug 2016 (Monday) | 8:00 pm to 10:00 pm

**Tropical Inn Hotel Johor Bahru
Level 4, Meranti Hall, 15 Jalan Gereja
80000 Johor Bahru, Johore**

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Registration for the event will begin at 7:00 pm

Programme

7:00 pm	Registration and Light Refreshments
8:00 pm	Panel Discussion, followed by Question-and-Answer Session
10:00 pm	Close

Confirmed panellists

- (1) Steven Thiru, *President, Malaysian Bar*
- (2) Kuthubul Zaman Bukhari, *Past President, Malaysian Bar*



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I would like to register for the event (all fields must be completed):

Name: _____

☐ Member of the Bar ☐ Pupil ☐ Law Student ☐ Non-Member
(Tick where applicable)

Membership No (for Members of the Bar only): _____

NRIC No (Pupils / Law Students / Non-Members): _____

Email: _____

Name of Firm / Organisation: _____

Address: _____

Tel: _____ Fax: _____

Date: _____

Signature: _____

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Places are limited and registration is on a first-come, first-served basis.

Cancellations must be made in writing. The organiser reserves the right to modify, cancel or postpone the event, should circumstances arise that makes such action necessary.

Points for the Continuing Professional Development ("CPD") Scheme will not be awarded to Members of the Bar and pupils in chambers who arrive more than 15 minutes late, are not present throughout the event, or leave before its scheduled end.

Please direct all correspondence (including completed registration forms) and enquiries to:

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