
Non-Muslim Lawyers' Association

Posted by Tan Peek Guat - 2008/11/16 22:48

Since there is the "Muslim Lawyers' Association", then we need to have another one formed - which is to be known as the "Non-Muslim Lawyers' Association" in order to balance up the fair representations for and of the people - by the Lawyers.

Tan Peek Guat

Re:Non-Muslim Lawyers' Association

Posted by Lo Ming - 2008/11/17 10:10

What about a "Non-Vegetarian Lawyers Association"? Or "Non-Benz Owner Lawyers Association"? Or "Non-Beer Drinker Lawyers Association"?

Aren't we all equal as brothers and sisters of the Bars?

Re:Non-Muslim Lawyers' Association

Posted by Dipendra A/L Harshad Rai - 2008/11/17 10:20

With respect, I have to disagree. Forming a "Non-Muslim Lawyers Association" is counter productive and will only lead to the break-up of the Bar.

The current make up of the Bar, whilst not as perfect as one can expect, is nevertheless the most ideal setting for the rule of law to flourish. I am aware that the current make up of the Bar consists of various views and various agendas but truth be told, it is these views and agendas that makes us so special. Indeed, such diversity empowers us to participate in the various issues affecting the country be it politics, economics, social justice and so on.

In short, the Bar is and must remain the common denominator that gels us all together. It is therefore of little surprise that we are resented by many simply because we only deal with issues without fear.

We must desist from this "Us and Them" mentality. Too many seasoned politicians have done this country a great disservice by dividing the nation. Every argument and every issue pursued a common theme of 'Us v Them'. It only ails the country further. It is high time that such a narrow minded myopic view desist and put out altogether.

Dipendra

Re:Non-Muslim Lawyers' Association

Posted by Tan Peek Guat - 2008/11/17 11:27

When we seriously consider the beneficial factors that can arise out of 'integration after division' then we can see the benefits of first, having the Muslim lawyers (through their Association) being made aware of the reasonableness/unreasonableness attached to the local Syariah Laws; or Non-Muslim Lawyers' Association being made aware of any other religious customs of the citizens of Malaysia.

In the same manner, through discussion, the parties would be able to meet to help resolve issues mutually - for and on behalf of the citizens of Malaysia, and with the Non-Muslim Lawyers being able to reveal and discuss the grievances caused by the unequal 'settings' of the Syariah laws.

Otherwise, the non-Muslim lawyers would be helpless -e.g. what happened during the Bar organised Forum? With just a single Muslim lawyer budging into the hall where the FORUM was held, he can almost immediately stop the FORUM, and prevent the participants from further acting/discussing/speaking about such 'laws'.

So, what happened in the end?

No Forum allowed, and instead, all the unnecessary "highlights" over the unwanted and unnecessary happenings of the

day; and with the grievances of the affected parties being omitted, and until now, no more to be heard of them!

Tan Peek Guat

Re:Non-Muslim Lawyers' Association

Posted by Mohamad Azrulsani Bin Othman - 2008/11/17 21:22

I wonder if then there is a non muslim lawyer association.

then ... a buddhist lawyer association...

later a catholic lawyer association...

perhaps a pagan lawyer association..

hmmmm freedom of association maybe ... will these lead to a social harmony?

ps : love the world!!! Malaysia = truly asia!!

Re:Non-Muslim Lawyers\' Association

Posted by Tan Peek Guat - 2008/11/18 10:36

The fact remains that there is the MUSLIM LAWYERS' ASSOCIATION, and not the "Monkey's Lawyers' Association - as portrayed in the photo posted by Mohamad Azrulsani Bin Othman!

Therefore, we sincerely need an Association for the non-Muslim Lawyers as well - so as to fairly represent the UNITED VOICES OF THE NON-MUSLIMS OF MALAYSIA.

As for any other associations that can be thought about, those need to be initiated by the Lawyers interested in having those associations, and then, for those associations, if there are already existing in Malaysia, why not be their members? Afterall, there are also doctors, etc., etc., besides lawyers in those associations.

Tan Peek Guat

MBW: Dear Peek Guat - What "Monkey's Lawyers' Association as portrayed in the photo"? Please get your facts right. The picture on the left of the writer is his avatar, and has got nothing to do with the Muslim Lawyers' Association.

Re:Non-Muslim Lawyers' Association

Posted by Andrew Khoo Chin Hock - 2008/11/18 20:00

For your information, a Catholic Lawyers Society already exists.

It is irrefutable that we belong to multiple groupings. At the same time as we are lawyers, we are also other things, e.g. men or women, married or single, professing a religion or none, vegetarian or carnivore. The question is not whether each of us should be allowed to associate with organisations or associations or societies such as these. Surely none of us is saying we cannot. But simply because this can be done doesn't mean that it ought to be done. Each of us needs to weigh in our own minds the usefulness of creating these organisations, and the nature and value of the contribution, if any, that may be made by these. If a "something plus lawyer" society helps me to become a better "something" as well as a better "lawyer", and allows me to make a positive contribution to my society, go ahead!

What I would object to is mandatory associations, or where such organisations pretend to speak on behalf of all who could potentially come within an organisation's membership. Does the Muslim Lawyers Association speak for all Muslim lawyers? Does the Catholic Lawyers Society speak on behalf of all Catholic lawyers. Does a women's lawyers caucus speak for all women lawyers? Does a gay and lesbian lawyers association speak for all gay and lesbian lawyers? Do such organisations take the view that membership of these groups ought to be compulsory, so that no self-respecting

lawyer would not be a member? Would such a compulsion or such a view give their leaders a false sense of authority, a mistaken belief that they speak on behalf of all who belong to their constituency?

It is this misplaced leadership that causes problems. When those who are in leadership promote one view and refuse to acknowledge that even within their own constituency (which is wider and larger than their own organisations) there is a plurality of opinions.

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Re:Non-Muslim Lawyers' Association

Posted by Stephen Tan Ban Cheng - 2008/11/18 23:46

Pray tell me what purpose is served by having yet another splinter group within the Malaysian Bar?

If it is intended as a response, let us think yet again whether or not we should buy into such a process and end up justifying the existence of such organisations.

Further, what kind of price must be paid in terms of time lost. Please think in terms of the dialectical nature of historical progression.

I would have thought that the battle, any battle, should be purely idea-based, not tainted by personality, race, or religion or any hybrid of the trio.

Stephen Tan Ban Cheng

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Re:Non-Muslim Lawyers' Association

Posted by Tan Peek Guat - 2008/11/19 12:11

Hi Andrew,

In all groupings and 'associations', we must always remember that the 'self' is unimportant.

If the leaders are offering their services to be up there simply to place importance on their own self interests, then they are most unfit to represent the 'group' under the name of the grouping / 'association'.

It is the interests of the groups which the association represent that are important.

Do we have sufficient /any representation at all for our non-Muslim population?

Now, what has happened to the case of 'Subashini'? It pains our hearts to remember that she is still enduring her grievances while everyone has forgotten about her case. This is just one case; what about the other cases not published in the mass media? Are we to quietly endure all pains caused upon them; and then shout that the 'Lawyers are upholding Justice'?

If we do have a NON-MUSLIM LAWYERS' ASSOCIATION, then our leaders of such an association can always call for a discussion with the MUSLIM LAWYERS' ASSOCIATION so as to resolve issues related to the Islamic Religion and the proper / improper 'execution' of the rules pertaining thereof by the authorities concerned.

Towards the resolution of such problems that arise, it is then of utmost importance and urgency that we do have such an association. Everything else is EVASION of the real PROBLEMS!

Think of the difference, and see the real difference, if only Dato Ambiga can avail herself to be the President of the Non-Muslim Lawyers' Association - when her term at the Bar Council expires next year!

Let us not deprive ourselves.

Tan Peek Guat

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Re:Non-Muslim Lawyers' Association

Posted by Tan Peek Guat - 2008/11/19 12:40

Hi Stephen,

"CARE" is the word; and in upholding that word, we need to share the concerns, and to spare time and effort so that all is well with the aggrieved ones - caused upon them on account of their family member's involvement with our national religion - Islam - without their prior information as to its 'contents', rules, etc.

Are we concerned about the sufferings that our non-Muslim population who have to endure with all forms of grievances and pains - but only after their involvement??????

It is for the resolution of their problems that we sincerely need an association to represent their interests, and therefore, the need for the formation of a NON-MUSLIM LAWYERS' ASSOCIATION.

Tan Peek Guat

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Re:Non-Muslim Lawyers' Association

Posted by Tan Peek Guat - 2008/11/20 22:48

Take notice that an amendment to the current Islamic law is being proposed : as the Syariah Judiciary Department Director-General Datuk Ibrahim Lembut had said on Thursday :.....that

"A Muslim divorcee can obtain the right for compulsory maintenance from her ex-husband's close family members such as father and siblings under a proposed law".

"Once the law is passed by Parliament, it would be adopted by the states through amendments at the state legislative assemblies", he said; "and men who had been served with a court order to pay maintenance but failed to do so could be jailed".

Does the above amendment not affect the position of the father and siblings of a Muslim CONVERT who proceed to marry a Muslim woman against the family's wishes?

Being an adult as the Muslim CONVERT is, why should his father and siblings who are non-Muslims be made to pay for the maintenance of his ex- Muslim spouse after their divorce?

We need an Association of Non-Muslim Lawyers to represent and defend the rights and privileges of the Non-Muslims in Malaysia.

Tan Peek Guat

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Re:Non-Muslim Lawyers' Association

Posted by Mohamad Azrulsani Bin Othman - 2008/11/21 14:01

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Yes Bro!

Im much with you, 'Brotherhood of law'. Indeed, im happy to be in the bar, the only.

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Re:Non-Muslim Lawyers' Association

Posted by Mohamad Azrulsani Bin Othman - 2008/11/21 14:25

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Tan Peek Guat

Much appreciation for your attention on my avatar, ;)

Yes i do agree with you, anyone interested to be in any associations may roll in as a member. But as i said earlier, i wonder if there are so much of these associations for us, will it be good for us, all of us, regardless of our religion? If one is a mess, then it takes two to tango.

Well, If even Non-Muslim Lawyers Association exists, i will still consider all of our bar member regardless of race, religion as my fellow bothers & sisters.

Wishing you all the best, and hope to see you, my learned friend, as the President of the Malaysia Non-Muslim Lawyers Association.

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Re:Non-Muslim Lawyers' Association

Posted by Tan Peek Guat - 2008/11/21 17:19

Thank you, brother at law, for your reply.

I hope to clarify this - that my concern and interest is not the question of whether I am to be a committee member of the Non-Muslims Lawyers' Association.

I opine that we do have many Non-Muslim Lawyers among us at the Malaysian Bar - who are experienced and who can discuss issues rationally.

These are the lawyers we need; and it will be good if they could volunteer to serve.

If they do, surely their voluntary services would eventually be very much appreciated by our 'helpless' and 'desperate' Non-Muslim citizens of Malaysia.

This 'helplessness' and 'desperation' is even more so when we consider that the issues involved might eventually affect our Non-Muslim citizens too.

So, it would be good and fair to them to first of all allow the issues to be explained to them - in order to avoid any future complications and grievances - in view of the uniqueness of the Muslim Laws, Rules and Regulations practised in Malaysia.

As for the forthcoming amendment regarding the compulsory payment of 'maintenance' to a divorced Muslim spouse - which would be introduced very soon - would the Non-Muslim father and siblings of the Muslim convert "be jailed" if they do not agree to pay 'maintenance' to the divorced Muslim spouse of their son/brother?

Tan Peek Guat

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Re:Non-Muslim Lawyers' Association

Dear Mohamad Azrulsani Bin Othman,

Greetings. I happen to 'bump' upon this topic once again. So now,

Coming to this old topic of discussion on "Associations" once again, I sincerely hope that my suggestion of the name "Monkey's Lawyer Association" had not hurt you; as I did not mean to.

In fact, I hope that you had felt elated with such a name of the association. Anyway, what is so negative or bad about a 'monkey' being referred to, or as appearing in your picture/image/avatar, or to have an association named after it?

However, you need to make it a strict condition that ALL members' of the Association need to possess hearts of "gold" which means that they are to be humane, kind and considerate most of the time, if not at all times; and that only lawyers of such hearts and ways are to be allowed to be members.

Such 'golden' hearts are the ones which are not cruel in their acts/omissions; nor vicious, inconsiderate or unkind to other lawyers; nor are they hurtful and jealous of others; nor would they be counsels for 'rogue' clients, and defend injustice rather than justice.

Further, they should not commit themselves to attacking and discriminating against the small lawyers in our midst - 'discriminating' in the sense and realization that they would certainly be fearful of embarking upon such similar attacks upon/against our big-names, big-time, and more established lawyers in our midst.

We need to feel for, and understand that we have many small lawyers, members of the same bar in our midst - who are already suffering in view of the present economy which outlook is not bright for them; and also, due to the presence and abundance of lawyers among us, and who, by themselves, already find it difficult to secure work/jobs in order to enable them to make a living out of this "l a w y e r i n g" profession.

What more, if /when they are religious, and prefer to satisfy God rather than men ?

Unlike big-name, and big-time lawyers, such small lawyers can hardly earn sufficiently to maintain their small offices; and would be compelled to do most of the needed jobs themselves to avoid having to pay out salaries which they cannot afford; and they are, at the same time, too fearful of infringing the SRO rules, and therefore, they opt to forego briefs from demanding clients/business and have no alternative but to turn away potential works.

As a result, such small lawyers suffer and struggle quietly – until they need to cease practice at such times when the overheads become too unbearable for them; and, also, with the realization, that that suffering alone might not be enough as they might be framed by other members of the bar who are also out to earn the public's money.

We therefore, have plenty to discuss, defend and protect small lawyers who are falsely alleged and accused – the specifics of which ought to be discussed only in such meetings - as to be held during the "Monkey's Association of Golden Hearts Lawyers' Meetings", or something of that name.

Also, as a rescue move, for the benefit of all such small lawyers, within such an association, we might have other members as well - made up of those other kind and considerate 'brothers' and 'sisters' of the same Bar - especially all those with have political connections and large corporate clients, and with plenty of work GOING AFTER THEM instead of themselves having to chase after small works, small clients, bad and ungrateful clients, and for paltry fees, etc. - that they might choose to utilize the capabilities, abilities and aptitudes of such other small and redundant lawyers, and allow themselves to 'share' a meager part of income earned from such 'assignments' - and allow small lawyers to engage themselves even if they are paid paltry sums – so as to enable our other 'small' lawyers to upkeep and pay their employees in order to be less stressed, and be able to provide more efficient services to the public - in the name of 'lawyers' - for afterall, everyone ought to be committed to the up-keeping and in keeping up with the "good" name of the profession – "L A W Y E R I N G".

Coming to this 'Monkey' for a name, we need to realize that although it is an animal, it is certainly a harmless good animal, a creature and creation of God. Therefore, it is more consoling and relieving to befriend monkeys rather than some 'brothers' and 'sisters' at the Bar who are 'under-covers' and are out to 'frame' and defame, and unjustly act against fellow members of the Bar without any conscience at all; and who are out there only to 'kill' and 'destroy' other members in order that there might be greater demands for their works and services.

Do you know of such 'big names' among this 'special' business? We can only discuss them in during our association

meeting, lest we might be accused of defamation - as they are all out to accuse, allege, etc. against others, regardless of whether they are personally aware of the realities or truth of the matters or not! This is a strange aspect of this profession.

We are now living in a very sad situation, and 'bad and cruel' time, which I had fore-cast years ago, and now made to realize that I should truly regret for having paid for my legal studies - and not one that came as 'free' for me. So, I now live in the profession to recall only the good days I had had and of the 'unreal' mootings in unreal courts - speaking of 'justice'.

The only way out now, for the small lawyers, is to discuss further if/when we become members of this other association. Therefore, do start such an association for Lawyers, probably, naming it as the "Monkey's Association For Golden Heart Lawyers". I would be a member of it.

We need to truly serve, share, contribute, and be united in order to allow all our pressured and suffering members of LAWYERS - to share and get out of their pressures and pains, 'troubles and tribulations' - which have all been cast and thrust upon them by other members of the bar who act without any conscience, and ungrateful and even 'rogue' clients - who are much more protected, defended, and therefore, much 'wiser' and more protected, and they certainly know as to whom they can attack.

Oh God, help us. We need divine help, helpless as we are.

No wonder so many lawyers died young - understandably, due to the pressures and pains, trials, troubles and tribulations which are too heavy for any one single lawyer to shoulder alone; and especially when family members, not being lawyers themselves, do not know what 'LAWYERING' is all about, leave along granting them any assistance.

We therefore, need to be united and form an association among ourselves, consisting of Muslim and Non-Muslim lawyers, - so as TO ALLOW big and small lawyers who have hearts of gold, to gather strength and ward off the unwanted, evil, and vicious attacks which are the works of others - who are filled with unjust and evil intentions against other lawyers, not themselves.

Kindly do email me at jennytanpj@hotmail.com, or do call me, if necessary, at 0173207878.

Thank you.

Regards,

Tan Peek Guat

Re:Non-Muslim Lawyers' Association

Posted by Haezreena Begum Bt Abdul Hamid - 2011/08/09 10:58

Dear All,

I, for one strongly disagree with the statement given by MMLA and i do not agree to this MMLA as well, they dont have many members i believe but their statement may cause people to think that there is a separation btwn the Muslim and non - Muslim lawyers. Gosh! wats dis country becoming nw!!! BC alrly have a Syariah division and tht wld suffice. Just pm one of dis fellas in MMLA n he was defensive, dis people need to be reminded that its they r members of M'sian Bar (if they still are)and work tgthr. Opportunist i must say...!

Re:Non-Muslim Lawyers' Association

Posted by Haezreena Begum Bt Abdul Hamid - 2011/08/09 11:18

;) don't acknowledge this MMLA, seems to be more political and race orientated rather than religion orientated. Would always support the Bar views and hope Bar can monitor this MMLA.

Thank u.

Re:Non-Muslim Lawyers' Association

Posted by David Soong Tshon Li - 2011/09/14 17:01

Appreciate your posts, Haezreena.

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Re:Non-Muslim Lawyers' Association

Posted by Mohamad Azrulsani Bin Othman - 2011/10/06 13:05

Halo Tan Peek Guat ,

Im good and im cool with these. A really fine opined by you.
Im fine with my avatar, its an Orang Utan actually, and its now understood that we are cool on these too.

I noticed in a chinese newspaper on the idea of having Government to give allowance for those household who earns less than rm3200 p.m. Imagine a BAR member who unfortunately earning less than that, a solebread winner and working 24/7 just only to earn maybe far less than that.

FheWWHwWwWwW!!!!

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Re:Non-Muslim Lawyers' Association

Posted by Mohamad Azrulsani Bin Othman - 2011/10/07 15:02

totally cool on you!!!

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Re: A LAWYERS' ASSOCIATION TO UPHOLD JUSTICE

Posted by Tan Peek Guat - 2011/10/13 13:38

Dear Friends,

We should not be thinking in terms of "Muslim or Non-Muslim Association". Therefore, the topic title ought to be changed. Thank you.

I repeat below my paragraph to say that :

"We therefore, need to be united and form an association among ourselves, consisting of Muslim and Non-Muslim lawyers, - so as TO ALLOW big and small lawyers who have hearts of gold, to gather strength and ward off the unwanted, evil, and vicious attacks which are the works of others - who are filled with unjust and evil intentions against other lawyers, not themselves."

&, for that, "Kindly do email me at jennytanpj@hotmail.com, or do call me, if necessary, at 0173207878".

As lawyers, we need to seek to uphold JUSTICE and not to allow ourselves to be blinded by the injustice portrayed by those misleading and deceiving lawyers in our midst - whose blows can be very cruel and unkind. Need further sharing?

Regards,

Tan Peek Guat

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Re:Non-Muslim Lawyers' Association

Posted by Tan Peek Guat - 2011/12/06 08:13

Dear Friends,

We need to uphold Justice for God's sake - if we believe in HIM and are Children of God.

I regret to inform you that someone who is a crook and thief stole my email address of jennytanpj@hotmail.com on 28.10.2011 and he/she has been in possession of that email address SINCE that date.

I tried hard BUT there is no way Hotmail would want to disable that account/email address for the last month. So, please block incoming mails from jennytanpj@hotmail.com.

My replacement email address is jennytanpj118@hotmail.com; Tel. remaining the same 0173207878. Thank you.

For your information, the following is the reply my friend had given to that crook and thief who stole the email address of jennytanpj@hotmail.com from the rightful owner, Ms Jenny Tan.

Repeat: Ms Jenny Tan's current replacement email address is :
jennytanpj118@hotmail.com.

Please block jennytanpj@hotmail.com from your contact list as I am no longer in control of the former one.

The information/reply my friend sent to that crook and thief:

Hi there, you crook,

please disclose your own name if you have one,
and stop using someone else's name - as in this instance, the name of Jenny Tan :

I tell you that :

You need to be honest in your dealings.

Do not be a crook.

You need to believe in God and not incur upon HIS wrath to punish you for the injustice you portray.

Please tell the truth, apologise to Ms Tan and all her contacts you had dealt with illegally and unrighteously and writing misusing her name.

You need to retract all your illegal, false, malicious, misleading and deceiving mails and dealings sent out to the CONTACTS saved in Ms Jenny Tan's email account of jennytanpj@hotmail.com after you had deceived her and you hacked into her account and now mispossess it as your own. This is not right.

You are now MISusing her email in order to satisfy your own greed and unbecoming ways; and you need to apologise to her and her contacts. Tell them the truth, and who you are, crook.

Pray, and do the right thing and stop your shaming ways caused upon others.

If you need MONEY, go and find proper work and stop misusing the name of other members of society.

Otherwise, you need to live frugally.

Do not cheat in your life and take advantage of other members of society.

Please apologise now.

And, please reply.

I am, her Associate and friend.

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