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**Circular No 269/2013
Dated 18 Dec 2013**

To Members of the Malaysian Bar

Renewed Appeal for Donations to Assist Members Affected by Floods

I refer to Circular No 266/2013 dated 13 Dec 2013, entitled “Appeal for Donations to Assist Members Affected by Floods”, in which I appealed to Members to contribute to alleviate the hardship faced by Members who have suffered significant losses.

On behalf of the Bar, I thank the Members who have heeded the appeal and have donated generously.

Our affected Members continue to be in dire circumstances, as reflected in the first-hand report below from Abdullah Johari b Hamzah (Pahang State Bar Chairman) and Hon Kai Ping (Pahang State Bar Representative), who, together with a few younger Members of the Bar, visited some Members affected by the floods.

There was total devastation. When the elevated river banks were breached on 3 Dec 2013, the water level rose five feet from the level of the drain until head level in just one hour. Within that short space of time, nothing could be saved. The residents could only switch off the electricity and watch helplessly at their refrigerators and washing machines floating around in the kitchen area, and rush their children off to the nearest schools, which now look like evacuation centres. The vehicles parked in the house garages were submerged, as the water level rose too quickly.





There was no assistance from the authorities for 24 hours, and in some instances for up to two days. There were incidents of men fighting for what little food eventually arrived; perhaps for children and pregnant mothers.

Ten days after the floods, the ruin was clear for all to see. We saw piles of destroyed furniture and household items alongside most roads in the area, and there was a strong stench of mud and wastage in the air.



The local city authority sent dumpster trucks and excavators to clean the place up. We saw many volunteer units hard at work clearing the garbage and assisting in cleaning the houses. There were buses of youths from Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia, Unit Amal PAS and various other youth volunteer units who arrived to lend a hand.

Even with all the help, it will take at least another week or so before any semblance of normal life can be resumed, assuming that there will not be another round of flooding.



It is evident that our Members need our help during this arduous time. I appeal again to the kindness and compassion of Members to contribute to the donation drive that Bar Council has initiated to assist those Members in need of emergency funds, and thank you in advance for your generosity.

To contribute, please complete and submit the attached reply slip, together with proof of payment, to Shegi Nair by fax at 03-2032 2043 or by email at shegi@malaysianbar.org.my. Please indicate **“Donation Drive for Members Affected by**

Floods” on the back of the cheque or on the bank-in slip. The closing date for the drive is 10 Jan 2014 (Friday).

Please do not hesitate to contact Shegi Nair by telephone at 03-2050 2099, or by email at shegi@malaysianbar.org.my, should you have any enquiries.

Thank you.

Christopher Leong
President
Malaysian Bar



Appeal for Donations to Assist Members Affected by Floods

Reply Slip

Date: _____

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Fax: 03-2026 1313
Attn: Shegi Nair

I/We would like to donate the following amount:

No	Name (Include email address)	Amount (RM)
(1)		
(2)		
(3)		
	TOTAL	

I would like to donate by (please tick where applicable):

- ☐ Direct deposit to CIMB Bank Berhad, No 11 Jalan Raja Laut, 50350 Kuala Lumpur
(Account: 1408-1205-6910-58; SWIFT code: CIBBMYKL)
☐ Cheque or bank draft, payable to “**Bar Council**”
☐ Cash, at the Ground Floor of the Bar Council Secretariat

Firm: _____

Address: _____

Contact No: _____

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