

Seminar on

Avoiding the Quicksand of Divorce

26 Jan 2019 (Saturday) | 8:45 am to 5:30 pm

KL Bar Auditorium

Wisma Badan Peguam Malaysia

(Formerly known as Wisma Straits Trading)

4th Floor, 2 Leboh Pasar Besar

50050 Kuala Lumpur



Registration Fees

Members of the Bar	RM150
Non-Members	RM200
Law Students and Pupils in Chambers	RM70

CPD Code: T3/26012019/BC/BC192044/6

Registration for the event will begin at 8:15 am

The Bar Council Family Law Committee is organising this one-day seminar entitled “Avoiding the Quicksand of Divorce”, bringing together eminent speakers from Malaysia and Singapore from the judicial, legal and psychological spheres, to educate, share and reflect on key issues arising when distressed litigants and their families seek justice. The topics featured include a focus on the intricacies of practice, ethical considerations facing a family practitioner, and addressing and supporting the best interests of children and vulnerable persons within the family justice system. It is hoped that this seminar will create new collaborations with the relevant stakeholders and professionals, as a first step towards fulfilling our quest for a multi-disciplinary approach, supported by family professionals, for an effective family justice system in Malaysia.

Programme

8:15 am	Registration	11:30 am	Refreshments
8:45 am	Opening Address by George Varughese, <i>President, Malaysian Bar</i>	12:00 noon	Is There a Code for Ethics for Family Law Practitioners? by Foo Yet Ngo, <i>Messrs Y N Foo & Partners</i>
8:55 am	Welcoming Remarks by Goh Siu Lin, <i>Chairperson, Bar Council Family Law Committee</i>	1:00 pm	Lunch
9:00 am	Practical Problems in Family Litigation Foreign Marriages and Divorces: Registration and Recognition by Balwant Singh Sidhu, <i>Messrs Balwant Singh Sidhu & Co.</i> Rebutting Presumptions for Child Custody by Kan Weng Hin, <i>Messrs W H Kan</i>	2:00 pm	The Voice of the Child in Court Part 1 - Child Representative - Challenges in Interviewing Children, Whether by Child Representatives or Judges by Malathi Das, <i>Joyce A. Tan & Partners LLC, Singapore</i>
10:30 am	Panel: Reflections from the Bench Challenges in Resolving / Mediating Matrimonial Disputes by YA Dato' Lee Swee Seng, <i>High Court Judge</i> Thoughts / Observations on the Handling of Family Law Cases by Judge Foo Tuat Yien, <i>Former Judicial Commissioner of the Supreme Court of Singapore, and Former Principal District Judge, Family Court (2009-2014)</i>	3:30 pm	Refreshments and Networking
	Moderator Vicky Alahakone, <i>Messrs Alahakone & Associates</i>		Part 2 - Challenges in Interviewing Children, Whether by Child Representatives or Judges - Psychological Issues of the Child - Brainwashing of the Child - Using the Child as Leverage by Dr Diana Lea Baranovich, <i>Associate Professor, Department of Educational Psychology and Counselling, University of Malaya</i>
		5:30 pm	End



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Signature: _____ Date: _____

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- (2) Cheque or bank draft, payable to "Malaysian Bar"; or
- (3) Cash payment (up to RM250 only), at the ground floor of the Bar Council Secretariat

All payments must be made in advance of the event, and include all bank charges. Registration will be confirmed once proof of payment is provided by email or fax, and full payment is received.

Seats will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.

Cancellations must be made in writing. There will be no refunds for cancellations made after **24 Jan 2019 (Thursday)** but substitutions are allowed. The organiser reserves the right to modify, cancel or postpone the event, should circumstances arise that make such action necessary, whereupon all registration fees paid will be refunded.

- (1) Materials will be emailed only. No printed notes will be provided.
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Please direct all correspondence (including completed registration forms and proof of payment) and enquiries to:

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