

Webinar on

“Behind the Scars: Protecting Children from Invisible Bullying”

When bullying leaves no physical marks, how do we spot it, report it and legally stop it?

23 Oct 2026 (Friday)

3:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Online via  **zoom**

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This event is free of charge but advance registration is required

The Bar Council Child Rights Committee (“CRC”) is organising a webinar titled “Behind the Scars: Protecting Children from Invisible Bullying”. This webinar aims to raise awareness of bullying in school environments and promote a better understanding of its various forms, its impact on students and the importance of fostering a safe and supportive learning environment.

The webinar will explore the root causes of bullying in schools, including peer dynamics, school culture, social pressures and the growing influence of digital platforms. By examining these factors, the discussion aims to provide a better understanding of the complexities surrounding bullying and the circumstances that may contribute to such behaviour.

Ultimately, the webinar seeks to enhance awareness of the various forms and manifestations of bullying in modern contexts, identify gaps in existing prevention and response mechanisms, and share practical strategies for prevention, intervention and reporting. Through open dialogue and collaboration, the webinar aims to promote a safer and more supportive school environment grounded in empathy, respect and responsibility.

Who Should Attend?

- Members of the Bar;
- Pupils in Chambers and Law Students; and
- Non-Members

Time	Programme
3:00 pm	Opening Remarks and Introduction by K Swathi Shankri d/o P Kanniasseelan, <i>Member, CRC</i>
3:10 pm	Session 1: “Behind the Screen: Recognising Hidden Bullying and Seeking Protection” Speaker: Dadan Satia Mamat, <i>Social Welfare Officer, Jabatan Kebajikan Masyarakat (“JKM”)</i> Focus: • Recognising hidden bullying, its impact on children, early warning signs and available intervention or reporting channels; • Utilising state mechanisms by mobilising the <i>Talian Kasih</i> network and community counselling support systems; and • Drawing on the speaker’s tribunal experience to gain practical insights into complaint-handling procedures.

3:45 pm	Session 2: "When Bullying Follows Children Home: The Role of Parents and Schools" Speaker: Nurul 'Ain Abdul Rahim, <i>Legal Officer, Attorney General's Chambers ("AGC"); Parent of Three (Two Attending Sekolah Berasrama Penuh, "SBP")</i> Focus: • Understanding parental awareness, communication between schools and families, cyberbullying beyond school hours, how adults should respond when bullying crosses institutional boundaries; and • Drawing on the speaker's experience as a parent and her judicial background to provide useful perspectives on these issues.
4:10 pm	Session 3: "From Bullying to Accountability: Children's Rights and Remedies Under the Anti-Bullying Act 2026 (Effective 16 June 2026)" Speaker: M K Thas, <i>Co-Chairperson, CRC</i> Focus: • Understanding the new legal framework, what constitutes bullying and its application beyond school premises; • Exploring the routes to the tribunal; and • Distinguishing between civil remedies and criminal offences.
4:45 pm	Question-and-Answer Session
5:00 pm	End of Programme

Speakers

Dadan Satia Mamat, *Social Welfare Officer, JKM*

Dadan Satia Mamat has an academic background in human development, counselling psychology and social work. He has 30 years of working experience with the National Anti-Drug Agency and JKM.

Throughout his career, he has served as a protector, probation officer, authorised officer for childcare centres (Taman Asuhan Kanak-Kanak, "TASKA") and care centres, investigating officer, as well as departmental prosecutor. He was also involved as the coordinator of a pilot diversion project for children in conflict with the law.

He currently serves as a court adviser for children in Kuala Lumpur, a member of the Anti-Bullying Tribunal, and a member of the Visiting Board of Sekolah Tunas Bakti Sungai Besi, Kuala Lumpur.



Nurul 'Ain Abdul Rahim, *Legal Officer, AGC; Parent of Three (Two Attending SBP)*

Nurul 'Ain Abdul Rahim is a legal officer with over 18 years of professional experience in the AGC and the Judiciary. She was admitted as an advocate and solicitor of the High Court of Malaya on 8 May 2008 and has developed extensive experience in the administration of justice and the practice of law.

In addition to her legal career, she serves as a part-time lecturer at the Faculty of Law, Universiti Teknologi MARA, where she teaches magisterial skills. She has also been invited as a guest speaker by several government institutions, contributing to legal education, professional development and capacity-building initiatives. She is currently completing her PhD thesis in criminal justice, with a particular research interest in inquest proceedings and their legal framework.



Beyond her professional and academic commitments, Nurul 'Ain is a devoted wife and mother of three children, two of whom have attended SBP in the Klang Valley. She continues to balance her professional responsibilities, academic pursuits and family life while remaining committed to advancing legal practice and the administration of justice in Malaysia.

M K Thas, Co-Chairperson, CRC

M K Thas is a senior partner at Azlan M K Thas & Co. He has experience in the field of community engagement and advocacy, particularly in matters involving social development and public welfare. Throughout his career, he has worked closely with various government agencies, non-governmental organisations and community stakeholders to support initiatives that promote safety, awareness and empowerment.



He is actively involved in programmes that address issues affecting vulnerable groups and has contributed to several outreach, training and capacity-building efforts at the community level. His commitment to public service and collaborative approach have enabled him to play a meaningful role in strengthening community support systems.

M K Thas continues to engage in efforts that foster greater understanding, cooperation and resilience within the communities he serves.

Moderator

K Swathi Shankri d/o P Kanniasseelan, Member, CRC

K Swathi Shankri d/o P Kanniasseelan is the founder of SK Swathi & Co, where her practice focuses on family law, child custody, guardianship and the protection of children's rights.



For the 2026/27 term, she serves as the Young Lawyers' Liaison representative for CRC and is a member of the Bar Council Family Law Committee. Her work reflects a strong commitment to child welfare, the protection of vulnerable children and the advancement of children's rights through the law.

As a legal practitioner and child rights advocate, she is particularly interested in issues affecting children's safety, well-being and access to justice. Her involvement in this session on bullying reflects the importance of fostering greater awareness, strengthening protection mechanisms and ensuring that every child can grow and learn in a safe and supportive environment.

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