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To Members of the Malaysian Bar

Update on the Transition of YBGK's Function and Role to JBG

We refer to Circular No 271/2026 dated 10 Aug 2026 entitled "Registration Portal for JBG Panel Lawyers" and Circular No 161/2026 dated 20 May 2026 entitled "Update on the Legal Aid and Public Defence Act 2026 and Transition of YBGK".

We wish to update Members on the latest developments concerning the transition of the function and role of Yayasan Bantuan Guaman Kebangsaan ("YBGK") to the Legal Aid Department (Jabatan Bantuan Guaman, "JBG").

Arrangements Communicated by YBGK Headquarters

YBGK Headquarters, via letter dated 23 Oct 2026, entitled "Pemakluman Tarikh Akhir Pengambilan Fail Kes-Kes Bicara YBGK oleh Peguam Panel YBGK", informed us of the following arrangements:

1. **Cut-off date for trial files**: The cut-off date for YBGK lawyers to take up trial files is **30 Nov 2026**.
2. **Payment of claims for ongoing trial cases**: YBGK will process and pay claims for ongoing trial cases, provided the files were taken up on or before 30 Nov 2026. The payment period is expected to extend until June 2027. If any trial cases remain unresolved after that, YBGK will consider extending the payment period until the cases are concluded.
3. **Pre-trial cases**: YBGK lawyers will continue to handle pre-trial cases as usual until the Legal Aid and Public Defence Act 2026 ("the Act") comes into force.

Click here (see page 3 onwards) to view the letter from YBGK Headquarters dated 23 Oct 2026.

Transition Arrangements and Further Discussions

We have consistently made ourselves available to assist in ensuring a smooth transition from YBGK to JBG and have sought to be involved in discussions on the arrangements for the transition. However, we are concerned that important aspects of the transition remain unclear,

particularly as the Act has yet to come into force and its commencement date has not been finalised.

We understand that, to date, the Chief Public Defender has yet to be appointed. We have sought a holistic discussion with the relevant parties on matters relating to the transition, including the standard operating procedures. These matters are important to ensure that the transition is properly coordinated and that there is no disruption to the delivery of legal aid services.

We are seeking to arrange a meeting with YBGK Headquarters and JBG to discuss these outstanding matters.

Registration as JBG Panel Lawyers

We are aware of feedback from YBGK lawyers regarding the process for registration as JBG panel lawyers through Sistem iGuaman. The Malaysian Bar has been engaging with YBGK Headquarters and JBG to facilitate the establishment of the panel and will continue to assist in addressing the difficulties faced by Members with the registration process.

In the meantime, Members who are interested in registering as JBG panel lawyers and require assistance with the registration process may indicate their interest by completing this form. Members should note that this form is for us to identify those who require assistance and does not constitute registration as a JBG panel lawyer. Members who require further information may also contact their respective BC LAC branches.

We will keep Members informed of further developments as and when we are made aware of the same, and thank Members for their continued support and cooperation.

Thank you.

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Tuan / Puan,

PEMAKLUMAN TARIKH AKHIR PENGAMBILAN FAIL KES-KES BICARA YBGK OLEH PEGUAM PANEL YBGK

Dengan hormatnya perkara tersebut di atas dirujuk.

2. Susulan daripada perbincangan yang telah diadakan pada 22 Oktober 2026 berhubung penetapan tarikh akhir pengambilan fail bagi kes-kes bicara YBGK, dimaklumkan bahawa tarikh akhir pengambilan fail kes bicara telah ditetapkan pada 30 November 2026.

3. Sehubungan itu, semua peguam panel YBGK yang ingin mengendalikan fail kes bicara adalah diminta mengambil tindakan sewajarnya bagi memastikan semua fail kes berkenaan diambil selewat-lewatnya pada atau sebelum tarikh yang telah ditetapkan.

4. Untuk makluman, YBGK masih meneruskan pembayaran tuntutan bagi kes-kes bicara yang masih berjalan, tertakluk kepada syarat bahawa fail kes tersebut telah diambil pada atau sebelum 30 November 2026. Tempoh pembayaran tuntutan bagi kes-kes berkenaan dianggarkan sehingga Jun 2027. Walau bagaimanapun, sekiranya kes bicara masih belum selesai selepas tarikh tersebut, YBGK akan mempertimbangkan pelanjutan tempoh pembayaran tuntutan secara bulanan sehingga kes berkenaan selesai.

5. Walau bagaimanapun, pengendalian kes-kes pra-bicara akan diteruskan seperti biasa sehingga **Akta Bantuan Guaman Dan Pembelaan Awam 2026 [Akta 878]** diwartakan. Oleh itu, peguam panel hendaklah terus mengendalikan kes-kes pra-

bicara sedia ada mengikut prosedur dan arahan semasa sehingga dimaklumkan sebaliknya oleh pihak YBGK

6. Kerjasama dan perhatian semua peguam panel berhubung perkara ini amatlah dihargai bagi memastikan urusan pengendalian kes berjalan dengan teratur dan lancar.

Sekian, terima kasih.

"MALAYSIA MADANI"
"BERKHIDMAT UNTUK NEGARA"

Saya yang menjalankan amanah,

(AIDA ADHHA BINTI ABU BAKAR)
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