

TECH LAW CONFERENCE: NAVIGATING TECH LAW IN LEGAL PRACTICE

Date: 20 Jan 2026 (Tuesday) | **Time:** 9:00 am to 5:30 pm

Venue: Raja Aziz Addruse Auditorium, Level 2,
Wisma Badan Peguam Malaysia
(for physical participants)

Platform:  **zoom**
(for virtual participants)

Mode: Hybrid

The Tech Law Conference is a one-day event jointly organised by the Bar Council Cyber and Privacy Laws Committee; the Bar Council Personal Data Protection Committee; the Bar Council Legal Tech, AI and Sandbox Committee; and the Bar Council Intellectual Property Committee.

The Conference will bring together practitioners and thought leaders to explore the evolving intersection of technology and law. It aims to deepen awareness, encourage dialogue, and promote collaboration within the legal community on pressing issues relating to data protection, artificial intelligence (“AI”), intellectual property and technology regulation.

Registration Fees

Physical		
Member of the Bar	Pupil in Chambers / Law Student	Non-Member
RM100	RM40	RM200

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Virtual		
Member of the Bar	Pupil in Chambers / Law Student	Non-Member
RM80	RM20	RM160

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Time	Programme
9:00 am	Opening Remarks by Sarah Yong Li Hsien, <i>Chairperson, Bar Council Cyber and Privacy Laws Committee</i> Opening Address by Mohamad Ezri b Abdul Wahab, <i>President, Malaysian Bar</i> Welcome Address by Tuan Gobind Singh Deo, <i>Minister of Digital, Malaysia</i>
9:30 am	Opening Keynote Charting the Future: Judicial Stewardship in the Age of Technology This session will explore how the Judiciary can adapt to technology-driven challenges in AI, data privacy and intellectual property. It will emphasise balancing innovation with regulation, the need for legal frameworks to evolve with technological change, and how the legal profession can enhance the delivery of legal services on this journey. Speaker: YA Tan Sri Datuk Nallini Pathmanathan, <i>Federal Court Judge</i>
10:00 am	Morning Tea and Sponsors’ Airtime
10:30 am	Plenary 1 Enhancing Cyber Security and Resilience for Firms: Strategies and Compliance in Malaysia This plenary explores practical strategies for legal firms to strengthen cyber resilience by implementing robust security measures and maintaining sound cyber hygiene. It will also cover key regulatory compliance requirements under Malaysian law, address emerging cyber threats, and emphasise the importance of continuous risk management and incident preparedness in today’s digital environment. Speakers (1) Adjunct Professor Murugason R Thangaratnam, <i>Member, Digital Expert Panel, Malaysia Digital Economy Corporation (“MDEC”)</i> (2) Lee Houren, <i>Senior Associate, Cyber Security, S-RM</i> Moderator: Fadhil Ihsan b Mohamad Hassan, <i>Co-Chairperson, Bar Council Legal Tech, AI and Sandbox Committee</i>
11:15 am	Plenary 2 Artificial Intelligence Meets Intellectual Property: Innovation, Challenges and Legal Reform This breakout session examines how AI is transforming Malaysia’s intellectual property landscape from an AI-driven innovation perspective. It will also consider enforcement challenges and the need for legal reform to address emerging issues. Speakers (1) Sri Richgopinath Salvam, <i>Member, Bar Council Intellectual Property Committee</i> (2) Sri Sarguna Raj Ideraju, <i>Member, Bar Council Intellectual Property Committee</i> Moderator: Surendran Subramaniam, <i>Member, Bar Council Intellectual Property Committee; Member, Bar Council Cyber and Privacy Laws Committee; Member, Bar Council Legal Tech, AI and Sandbox Committee</i>

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12:00 pm	Plenary 3 Ethical Integration of AI in Legal Practice: Enhancing Client Services with Responsibility This plenary will engage participants in discussions on the practical and ethical considerations of integrating AI technologies into legal practice. Emphasis will be placed on strategies for lawyers to responsibly utilise AI tools to improve client services, manage compliance risks and maintain the highest professional standards within the Malaysian legal landscape. Speakers (1) Shamsul Izhan Abdul Majid @ Sam Majid, <i>Chief Executive Officer, National AI Office Malaysia</i> (2) Sathish Ramachandran, <i>Co-Chairperson, Bar Council Legal Tech, AI and Sandbox Committee</i> Moderator: Janet Toh Yoong San, <i>Co-Deputy Chairperson, Bar Council Cyber and Privacy Laws Committee</i>
12:45 pm	Plenary 4 Fintech Security Challenges: Navigating Legal and Cyber Risks in Malaysia Fintech innovations present both opportunities and complex cyber security challenges. This session will encourage participant engagement on Malaysia’s regulatory landscape for fintech cyber security, data protection issues and emerging risks. Discussions will be consolidated into practical guidance on legal compliance, managing cyber threats and safeguarding financial technologies in a rapidly evolving digital economy. Speakers (1) Lo Khai Yi, <i>Member, Bar Council Cyber and Privacy Laws Committee</i> (2) Ong Johnson, <i>Member, Bar Council Legal Tech, AI and Sandbox Committee</i> Moderator: Imran b Ismail, <i>Member, Bar Council Legal Tech, AI and Sandbox Committee</i>
1:30 pm	Lunch and Sponsors’ Airtime
2:45 pm	Plenary 5 Privacy Rights and the Right to be Forgotten: Legal and Ethical Challenges in Digital Erasure This session will engage participants in discussions on the legal complexities and ethical dilemmas surrounding privacy rights and the right to erase one’s digital footprint. It will explore whether true digital oblivion is achievable under Malaysia’s legal framework and examine its implications for privacy, freedom of expression and data governance in the digital age. Speakers (1) Sonya Liew Yee Aun, <i>Member, Bar Council Human Rights Committee; Member, Bar Council Cyber and Privacy Laws Committee; Member, Bar Council Legal Tech, AI and Sandbox Committee</i> (2) Sarah Yong Li Hsien, <i>Chairperson, Bar Council Cyber and Privacy Laws Committee</i> Moderator: Foong Cheng Leong, <i>Deputy Chairperson, Bar Council Legal Tech, AI and Sandbox Committee</i>
3:30 pm	Plenary 6 Personal Data Protection in Malaysia: Accountability, Enforcement and Evolving Roles This plenary will provide an in-depth analysis of Malaysia’s Personal Data Protection Act 2010, with a focus on legal accountability and enforcement mechanisms. It will also highlight the expanding regulatory responsibilities of data protection officers and the Act’s role in shaping data privacy standards within Malaysia’s digital economy. Speakers (1) YA Puan Adlin binti Abdul Majid, <i>High Court Judge</i> (2) Shariffah Rashidah Syed Othman, <i>Personal Data Protection Commissioner and Deputy Director General, Personal Data Protection Department, Ministry of Digital</i> Moderator: Tong Lai Ling, <i>Member, Bar Council Cyber and Privacy Laws Committee</i>
4:15 pm	Evening Tea and Sponsors’ Airtime
4:45 pm	Closing Keynote Electronic Evidence for Trials This keynote will offer a judicial perspective on how Malaysian courts are adapting to technological change. It will examine emerging trends in electronic evidence and provide guidance to practitioners on effective management, presentation and compliance with evolving evidentiary standards. Speaker: YA Tuan Atan Mustaffa Yussof Ahmad, <i>High Court Judge</i>
5:15 pm	Closing Remarks by Sathish Ramachandran, <i>Co-Chairperson, Bar Council Legal Tech, AI and Sandbox Committee</i>

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Event Policy

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