



**Circular No 028/2026
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To Members of the Malaysian Bar

New Subruling 2.04(4) of the Rules and Rulings of the Bar Council

Pursuant to section 57 of the Legal Profession Act 1976 (“LPA”), the Bar Council has approved a new subruling — subruling 2.04(4) — of the Rules and Rulings of the Bar Council — as proposed by the Bar Council Legal Profession Committee.

Subruling 2.04(4) is as marked below:

2.04. Display of nameplate and signboard

- (1) The nameplate of a law firm may be placed at the main entrance of an Advocate and Solicitor’s residential premises only if his/her law firm is located at such residence.
- (2) No nameplate of a law firm shall be placed on any road leading to or on any road in the vicinity of the law firm.
- (3) Arrows or other signs indicating direction to a law firm are not permitted, except where there may be difficulty in locating such law firm (for example, in a multi-storey complex), provided however that the arrows/pointers or other signs are discreet, unobtrusive and not incompatible with the dignity of the legal profession.
- (4) The nameplate shall not be larger than 92 cm by 61 cm.

Ruling 2.04 with the new subruling 2.04(4) reads as follows:

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This subruling reflects the size and dimensional requirements that were formerly set out under Rule 9 of the Legal Profession (Publicity) Rules 2001.

Subruling 2.04(4) is incorporated in the Rules and Rulings of the Bar Council to provide clarity and ensure consistency of practice.

Professional self-regulation in this area is necessary to ensure that the regulation of law firm nameplates remains governed under the LPA and the Malaysian Bar. This accords with the Malaysian Bar's position, as stated in [Circular No 299/2024](#) dated 24 Sept 2024, following the High Court decision in *Y H Boo & Partners v Yang Dipertua Majlis Perbandaran Kajang & Majlis Perbandaran Kajang*, that law firms are regulated under the LPA and are not subject to licensing requirements imposed under local authority advertisement by-laws.

Please note that subruling 2.04(4) **takes effect immediately**.

The Rules and Rulings of the Bar Council are accessible [here](#) on the Malaysian Bar website.

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Thank you.

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