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**Circular No 097/2021  
Dated 11 Mar 2021**

To Members of the Malaysian Bar and pupils in chambers

**Report on Continuing Professional Development Scheme 2020/21**

We refer to the following:

- (1) [Circular No 077/2021](#) entitled “75 th Annual General Meeting of the Malaysian Bar (13 March 2021)” dated 25 Feb 2021, giving notice of the 75 th Annual General Meeting of the Malaysian Bar (“AGM”);
- (2) [Circular No 094/2021](#) entitled “Agenda and Motions for the 75 th Annual General Meeting of the Malaysian Bar (13 March 2021)” dated 10 Mar 2021; and
- (3) “Motion Regarding the Continuing Professional Development Scheme”, proposed by Salim Bashir (Chairman, Bar Council), on behalf of the Bar Council, dated 4 Mar 2021 (see pages numbered 3 to 7 of the [motions booklet, here](#)).

The report on the Continuing Professional Development (“CPD”) Scheme for the 2020/21 term can be accessed [here](#) (see page 2 onwards).

We hope the information provided here is of assistance.

Stay safe.

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# CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

2020/2021 REPORT



75<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
OF THE MALAYSIAN BAR

13 MAR 2021

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// The need for continuous legal training is not unique to judges; it is essential for lawyers at the Bar and in public service. In the case of the former, the Bar only recently implemented the Continuing Professional Development (“CPD”) programme aimed at enhancing legal knowledge among its members. However, there is a need for greater emphasis on continuous legal education. That too, in relation to the core values underlying the administration of justice. //

- The Right Honourable Tun Tengku Maimun binti Tuan Mat, Chief Justice of Malaysia  
*Speech for the Opening of the Legal Year 2020*

## SUMMARY OF CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT (“CPD”) MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS:

- 10 Mar 2012**  
**67<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting (“AGM”)**
  - ▶ Resolution adopted to implement a mandatory CPD Scheme on a voluntary basis for the first two years.
- 15 Mar 2014**  
**69<sup>th</sup> AGM**
  - ▶ Resolution regarding a proposed series of dates for the implementation of the mandatory CPD Scheme was rejected. The CPD Scheme continued on a voluntary basis.
- 19 Mar 2016**  
**70<sup>th</sup> AGM**
  - ▶ Resolution adopted making the CPD Scheme mandatory for Members, to take effect on a staggered basis. With effect from 1 July 2016, Members admitted as advocates and solicitors of the High Court of Malaya from 1 July 2011 onwards, are required to obtain 16 CPD points for each CPD cycle, and pupils who commenced their pupillage from 1 July 2016 onwards, are required to obtain 8 CPD points in the course of their pupillage.
- 17 Mar 2018**  
**72<sup>nd</sup> AGM**
  - ▶ Resolution adopted to extend the CPD Scheme to Members admitted as advocates and solicitors of the High Court of Malaya from 1 July 2006 to 30 June 2011. With effect from 1 July 2018, these Members are required to obtain 16 CPD points in each CPD cycle.



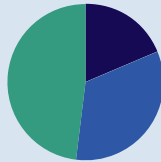
### CPD TRAINING

CYCLE  
**3**

1 JULY 2016 – 30 JUNE 2018\*

**1,472 EVENTS**

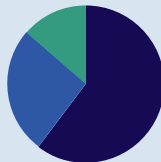
- FREE**  
174 EVENTS
- RM10 - RM50**  
307 EVENTS
- MORE THAN RM50**  
444 EVENTS



**59,927 PARTICIPANTS**

(INCLUSIVE OF REPEATED PARTICIPATION)

- 36,154 MEMBERS**
- 15,755 PUPILS IN CHAMBERS**
- 8,018 OTHER PARTICIPANTS**

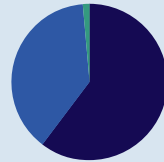


### CPD ON DEMAND

- 89 VIDEOS**
- 10,275 VIEWS**
- 2,035 SUBSCRIBERS**

**85 CPD CAMPS**

**1,820 PARTICIPANTS**



- 978 MEMBERS (LESS THAN 5 YEARS IN PRACTICE)**
- 619 PUPILS IN CHAMBERS**
- 21 NON-MEMBERS**



### NUMBER OF CPD ACTIVITIES AND PARTICIPANTS

ACTIVITIES	EVENTS	PARTICIPANTS
BAR COUNCIL**	395	19,137
STATE BAR COMMITTEES	425	24,163
BC LEGAL AID CENTRES	30	926
CPD ROUNDTABLE	6	30
IN-HOUSE LEGAL TRAINING BY LAW FIRMS	406	8,150
COMMERCIAL COURSE PROVIDERS	69	1,814
GOVERNMENT AGENCIES, ACADEMIC INSTITUTIONS, NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANISATIONS, PROFESSIONAL BODIES	141	5,707

\*All figures displayed above are based on data updated in our database as at 30 June 2019.

\*\*Inclusive of CPD events such as CPD Camps, CPD Prime, advocacy training, and ethics course.

## CATEGORIES OF CPD ACTIVITIES:



CPD : BRIDGES



CPD : LEGAL LEARNING LAB



CPD : PERINTIS



CPD CAMPS



ROUNDTABLE



LEGAL CRAFT



CPD ON DEMAND

CPDPRIME

CPD : PRIME

## WHAT'S NEW:

### CPD • LIVE

CPD Live allows you to participate in CPD events through online live streaming in the comfort of your preferred location.

### CPD DIRECT ACCESS ↗

CPD Direct Access aims to help young lawyers through guidance and constructive feedback from seniors lawyers that would support the professional development and personal growth.

“**2,403** MEMBERS RECEIVED **2 CPD EVENT VOUCHERS WORTH RM30** EACH FOR OBTAINING 16 OR MORE CPD POINTS IN CYCLE 4.”

## CPD TRAINING

CYCLE  
**4**

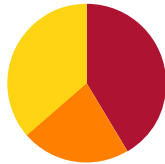
1 JULY 2018 – 30 JUNE 2020\*

## 1,542 EVENTS

■ **FREE**  
561 EVENTS

■ **RM10 - RM50**  
263 EVENTS

■ **MORE THAN RM50**  
411 EVENTS



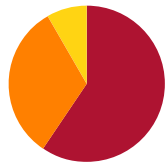
## 69,310 PARTICIPANTS

(INCLUSIVE OF REPEATED PARTICIPATION)

■ **43,804**  
MEMBERS

■ **20,539**  
PUPILS IN  
CHAMBERS

■ **4,967** OTHER  
PARTICIPANTS



## CPD ON DEMAND

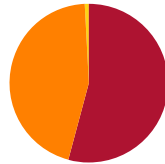
▶ **133** VIDEOS

👁️ **13,216** VIEWS

👤 **5,949** SUBSCRIBERS

## 56 CPD CAMPS

## 1,268 PARTICIPANTS



■ **772** MEMBERS  
(LESS THAN 5 YEARS  
IN PRACTICE)

■ **487** PUPILS  
IN CHAMBERS

■ **9** NON-MEMBERS



## NUMBER OF CPD ACTIVITIES AND PARTICIPANTS

ACTIVITIES	EVENTS	PARTICIPANTS
BAR COUNCIL**	397	27,189
STATE BAR COMMITTEES	532	29,513
BC LEGAL AID CENTRES	56	1,115
CPD ROUNDTABLE	11	55
IN-HOUSE LEGAL TRAINING BY LAW FIRMS	371	5,938
COMMERCIAL COURSE PROVIDERS	56	2,783
GOVERNMENT AGENCIES, ACADEMIC INSTITUTIONS, NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANISATIONS, PROFESSIONAL BODIES	109	2,389

\*All figures displayed above are based on data updated in our database as at 1 Mar 2021.

\*\*Inclusive of CPD events such as CPD Camps, CPD Prime, advocacy training, and ethics course.

**PARTICIPATION**

**CYCLE**  
**3**

**1 JULY 2016**  
**- 30 JUNE 2018\***

**OVERALL MEMBER PARTICIPATION IN THE CPD SCHEME:**

NO OF CPD POINTS	NO OF PARTICIPANTS IN CPD CYCLE #3
1	1,014
2	1,066
3	752
4	430
5	528
6	670
7	379
8	337
9	283
10	303
11	241
12	340
13	212
14	219
15	182
16	269
<b>MORE THAN 16</b>	<b>2,373</b>

**TOTAL NUMBER OF MEMBERS 19,359**

**MEMBERS WHO PARTICIPATED IN CPD SCHEME 9,598**

**PARTICIPATION**

**CYCLE**  
**4**

**1 JULY 2018**  
**- 30 JUNE 2020\***

**OVERALL MEMBER PARTICIPATION IN THE CPD SCHEME:**

NO OF CPD POINTS	NO OF PARTICIPANTS IN CPD CYCLE #4
1	1,370
2	1,193
3	753
4	514
5	515
6	523
7	397
8	383
9	304
10	350
11	266
12	375
13	218
14	262
15	201
16	297
<b>MORE THAN 16</b>	<b>2,107</b>

**TOTAL NUMBER OF MEMBERS 20,161**

**MEMBERS WHO PARTICIPATED IN CPD SCHEME 10,028**

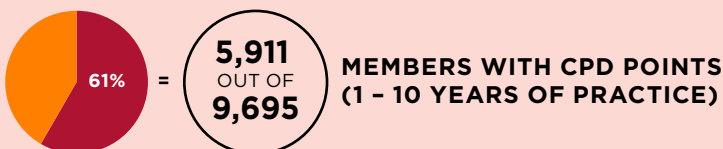
YEAR OF PRACTICE	NO OF MEMBERS			
	1 - 8 CPD POINTS	9 - 16 CPD POINTS	MORE THAN 16 CPD POINTS	TOTAL NO OF MEMBERS WITH CPD POINTS
0	69	14	17	100
1	8	0**	0**	8
2	240	54	16	310
3	411	186	144	741
4	228	212	325	765
5	220	140	239	599
6	223	145	233	601
7	224	148	197	569
8	198	117	189	504
9	191	83	88	362
10	170	63	67	300



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\*\*This refers to Members that have been in practise for less than a year.

YEAR OF PRACTICE	NO OF MEMBERS			
	1 - 8 CPD POINTS	9 - 16 CPD POINTS	MORE THAN 16 CPD POINTS	TOTAL NO OF MEMBERS WITH CPD POINTS
0	69	14	16	99
1	258	47	13	318
2	511	272	210	993
3	392	250	329	971
4	321	179	220	720
5	268	135	197	600
6	212	141	141	494
7	237	126	128	491
8	244	128	117	489
9	200	115	97	412
10	166	81	77	324



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# PARTICIPATION

CYCLE  
**5**

1 JULY 2020  
- 30 JUNE 2022\*

## OVERALL MEMBER PARTICIPATION IN THE CPD SCHEME:

NO OF CPD POINTS	NO OF PARTICIPANTS IN CPD CYCLE #5
1	733
2	1,257
3	394
4	422
5	230
6	165
7	117
8	119
9	65
10	86
11	51
12	91
13	32
14	46
15	33
16	30
MORE THAN 16	148

YEAR OF PRACTICE	NO OF MEMBERS			
	1 - 8 CPD POINTS	9 - 16 CPD POINTS	MORE THAN 16 CPD POINTS	TOTAL NO OF MEMBERS WITH CPD POINTS
0**	91	4	2	97
1	388	55	22	465
2	423	72	30	525
3	372	56	15	443
4	244	32	17	293
5	202	24	10	236
6	175	23	7	205
7	175	30	9	214
8	149	29	11	189
9	141	22	6	169
10	104	22	6	132



TOTAL NUMBER OF MEMBERS **20,161**

MEMBERS WHO PARTICIPATED IN CPD SCHEME **4,019** AS AT 1 MAR 2021

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# CPD TRAINING

CYCLE  
**5**

1 JULY 2020 - 30 JUNE 2022\*

**377** EVENTS

**FREE**  
102 EVENTS

**RM10 - RM50**  
117 EVENTS

**MORE THAN RM50**  
37 EVENTS



**17,740** PARTICIPANTS  
(INCLUSIVE OF REPEATED PARTICIPATION)

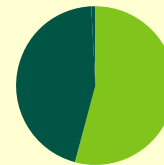
**10,744** MEMBERS

**6,031** PUPILS IN CHAMBERS

**965** NON-MEMBERS



**5** CPD CAMPS  
**461** PARTICIPANTS



**186** MEMBERS

**275** PUPILS IN CHAMBERS

**0** NON-MEMBERS

## NUMBER OF CPD ACTIVITIES AND PARTICIPANTS

ACTIVITIES	EVENTS	PARTICIPANTS
BAR COUNCIL**	111	10,049
STATE BAR COMMITTEES	132	5,704
BAR COUNCIL LEGAL AID CENTRES	12	100
CPD ROUNDTABLE AND IN-HOUSE LEGAL TRAINING BY LAW FIRMS	56	810
COMMERCIAL COURSE PROVIDERS	27	308
GOVERNMENT AGENCIES, ACADEMIC INSTITUTIONS, NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANISATIONS, PROFESSIONAL BODIES	28	739