



**Circular No 171/2020
Dated 29 May 2020**

To Members of the Malaysian Bar and pupils in chambers

Waiver of Ruling 10.06 of the Rules and Rulings of the Bar Council

We refer to [Circular No 068/2020](#) entitled “Update on COVID-19 | Issues Relating to Pupillage” dated 19 Mar 2020, with regard to the exemption of legal aid duty for pupils in chambers (“pupils”) during the period when the Movement Control Order (“MCO”) is in force.

The Bar Council has now decided to waive Bar Council Ruling 10.06 for certain categories of pupils. This decision has not been arrived at lightly, but it is nevertheless necessary due to practical considerations.

Bar Council Ruling 10.06 states that “Every pupil is required to attend at a Legal Aid Centre for at least 14 days during his/her period of pupillage.”

The waiver of Bar Council Ruling 10.06 **takes effect immediately** and is **only applicable** to the following categories of pupils:

- (1) Pupils whose pupillage period ended before the MCO began on 18 Mar 2020 and who have not completed their 14 days of legal aid duty;
- (2) Pupils whose pupillage period came to an end during the MCO or during the Conditional MCO (“CMCO”) and who have not completed their 14 days of legal aid duty; and
- (3) Pupils whose pupillage period will come to an end within a period of three months from the date the CMCO ends.

Pupils who are not included in the categories above are still required to comply with Bar Council Ruling 10.06.

Thank you.

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