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To Members of the Malaysian Bar

**Call for Nominations for the Malaysian Bar Lifetime Achievement Award 2025
(Deadline: 10 Jan 2025)**

The Malaysian Bar Lifetime Achievement Award (“MBLAA”) was established to honour current or former Members of the Malaysian Bar who have demonstrated dedication and exemplary service, in addition to making outstanding and significant contributions to the Malaysian Bar. The MBLAA is awarded based on whether the contributions — in leadership or practice — have had a historical and lasting impact on the legal profession in Malaysia and the community at large.

The MBLAA 2025 will be presented to any deserving individual, or posthumously to their next of kin. Details of the award ceremony will be provided in due course.

The MBLAA was first conferred posthumously on [Raja Aziz Addruse](#) at the Malaysian Bar Annual Dinner and Dance on 10 Mar 2012. Since then, the recipients have been [Peter Mooney](#), [Mahadev Shankar](#), [Dr Radhakrishna Ramani](#) (posthumously), [Karpal Singh s/o Ram Singh](#) (posthumously), [V C George](#), [Param Cumaraswamy](#), [Cecil Rajendra](#), [P G Lim](#) (posthumously), [Ambiga Sreenevasan](#), [G T S Sidhu](#) (posthumously), [Hendon Mohamed](#), and [Sulaiman Abdullah](#) (posthumously).

Eligibility Criteria

- (1) Nominations may be made on behalf of any qualified individual, living or deceased at the time of the nomination, who is or was a Member of the Malaysian Bar.
- (2) There are no restrictions with regard to race, descent, place of birth, gender, geographic location, or religious or political views.
- (3) Institutions or organisations are not eligible for the MBLAA.

Nomination Process

- (1) Nominations may be made by any Member of the Malaysian Bar, presently holding a valid Practising Certificate, other than the candidate himself or herself.
- (2) Nominations must consist of:
 - (a) Nomination Letter
The nomination letter must be addressed to the “Malaysian Bar Lifetime Achievement Award Selection Committee, Bar Council Malaysia”. The nomination letter must be

written in English or Bahasa Malaysia and include a brief biodata, *curriculum vitae* or write-up of the candidate, and full contact details of the nominator. The nomination letter should not exceed 500 words in length;

(b) Summary Statement

The summary statement must bear a concise description of the dedication and exemplary service demonstrated by the candidate and his or her contribution(s), whether in leadership or practice, which have had a historical and lasting impact on the legal profession in Malaysia and the community at large. The summary statement should not exceed 1,000 words; and

(c) Details of referees, or any supporting materials (optional).

- (3) The MBLAA Selection Committee (comprising senior Members of the Malaysian Bar) will consider the nominations. The Bar Council will make the final decision based on the recommendation of the MBLAA Selection Committee.

Nominations must be submitted **on or before 10 Jan 2025 (Friday)** by:

- (a) email to vila@malaysianbar.org.my and satha@malaysianbar.org.my; or
(b) hand delivery or post to Malaysian Bar Lifetime Achievement Award Selection Committee, Bar Council Malaysia (Attention: Vilashini Vijayan and Satha Selvan Subramanian), Wisma Badan Peguam Malaysia, 2 Leboh Pasar Besar, 50050 Kuala Lumpur.

Nominators are requested to maintain the confidentiality of the nomination process and refrain from informing the candidate concerned about his or her nomination.

There is no restriction on the number of candidates who may be nominated by any individual Member, or the number of nominators who may write or sign a single nomination letter on behalf of a candidate.

Should you have any enquiries, kindly contact:

- Vilashini Vijayan (03-2050 2095, vila@malaysianbar.org.my); or
- Satha Selvan Subramanian (03-2050 2092, satha@malaysianbar.org.my)

Thank you.

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Chairperson

Malaysian Bar Lifetime Achievement Award Selection Committee