



**Resolution Adopted at the 76th Annual General Meeting of the Malaysian Bar
(Held Virtually on 19 Mar 2022)**

Resolution Regarding the Provision of Legal Research Products from CLJ Legal Network Sdn Bhd, The Digital Library Sdn Bhd, and Thomson Reuters Asia Sdn Bhd

Whereas:

- (1) Section 42(1) of the Legal Profession Act 1976 (“LPA”) stipulates that the purpose of the Malaysian Bar shall be, among others, “. . . (b) to maintain and improve the standards of conduct and learning of the legal profession in Malaysia; (c) to facilitate the acquisition of legal knowledge by members of the legal profession and others; . . . (e) to represent, protect and assist members of the legal profession in Malaysia and to promote in any proper manner the interests of the legal profession in Malaysia; . . .”.
 - (2) Pursuant to these objects and powers, access to relevant legal research materials shall be provided to Members of the Malaysian Bar to enhance the provision of legal services and improve the quality of legal research.
 - (3) It is beneficial to Members of the Bar to participate in subscribing to the legal research products to acquire legal knowledge and to maintain and improve the standards of conduct of the legal profession in Malaysia.
- A. Members of the Malaysian Bar shall make payment for a Legal Research Levy wherein specified legal research products will be made available to Members of the Malaysian Bar, as set out below**

Legal Research Products

- (4) Members of the Malaysian Bar shall subscribe to the following legal research products offered by CLJ Legal Network Sdn Bhd (“CLJ”), The Digital Library Sdn Bhd (“Digital Library”) and Thomson Reuters Asia Sdn Bhd (“Thomson Reuters”) (collectively, “Legal Research Products Schemes”):

(a) CLJ

No	Module	Detail	Duration
1	Cases	Reported <ul style="list-style-type: none">• CLJ Reports• CLJ Reprint• CLJ Supplementary Series• Business Law Journal	1981 – present

No	Module	Detail	Duration
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Malaysian Tax Cases Unreported <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Legal Network Series (LNS 1) 	1894 – present
2	Malaysian Legislation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Federal Acts Amending Acts PU(A) and PU(B) Bills Selected PDF downloadable in English and Bahasa Malaysia 	All
3	Glossary and Reference Materials	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Articles Words & Phrases Dictionary, Translator Statutory Definitions Practice Notes / Directions Medico Legal Terms and Judicial Quotes 	All
4	Road Traffic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reported and unreported cases from the Superior and Subordinate Courts in Malaysia related to road traffic offences, fatal accidents and personal injury (motor), as well as relevant decisions on insurance from the 1930s to present Quantum of Damages (Personal Injury) chart providing a comparative guide cross-linked to the relevant judgments based on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> types of injury — year of award court jurisdiction — quantum awarded 	1930s – present
5	Sessions and Magistrates' Cases	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reported decisions from the Subordinate Courts Unreported cases (LNS 5) 	2012 – present 1999 – present
6	State Enactments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> State Enactments — 13 states State Enactments — individual state 	All
7	Industrial Law Reports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reported awards and selected High Court and Appellate decisions on related cases Unreported awards from the Industrial Courts (LNS 2) 	1980 – present

No	Module	Detail	Duration
8	Shariah Reports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reported decisions from the Syariah Courts Unreported cases (LNS 3) 	2004 – 2015 1928 – present
9	Other Features Include	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mobile device-enabled Direct access to the latest Federal, Court of Appeal and High Court cases Case Citator 	

(b) Digital Library

No	Module	Detail	Duration
1	Cases	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> About 80,000 reported and unreported cases from the High Court, Court of Appeal, and Federal Court More than 30,000 cases from the Industrial Court Referred Commonwealth cases Syariah cases Personal injury cases from the Superior and Subordinate Courts, categorised and filtered by injury type Multi-Journal Case Citator 	1900 – present
2	Legislation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Unannotated Federal Statutes and Bills for all 14 states in Malaysia, in Malay and English Annotated selected Federal Statutes of Malaysia Multiple archived versions of each Federal Statute based on amendments Unannotated Statutes of all States of Malaysia Hansard Forms 	1959 – present
3	Practice Notes and Directions		
4	Regulatory Guidelines	Search regulatory guidelines from <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bank Negara Malaysia Bar Council Bursa Malaysia Labuan Financial Services Authority Securities Commission 	

No	Module	Detail	Duration
5	Municipal By-Laws	Search by-laws from municipalities of all 14 states in Malaysia	
6	Articles		
7	Legal Tools Include	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dictionary • Statutory Interpretation • Translator • myBriefcase — cloud storage on eLaw, to save searches, cases, forms and legislation 	
8	eLaw.my Mobile Application	Apple and Android mobile phones	

(c) Thomson Reuters

No	Package	Product	Content Summary
1	Core Package	Malaysian White Book	Malaysian Civil Procedure (Malaysian White Book)
2		Westlaw Asia Malaysia Essentials	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All Malaysia Reports (“AMR”) • All Malaysia Commercial Reports (“AMCR”) • All Malaysia Tax Cases (“AMTC”) • Personal Injury Reports (“PIR”) • Borneo Law Reports (“BLR”) • Unreported Judgments (“AMEJ”) • Case Analysis (from AMLI) • Legislation (Federal) (& historic 2006 – Present) • Legislation Overview • Journal: <i>The Law Review</i> • Articles: <i>Asian Legal Business Journal</i> • Current Awareness • Consolidated Personal Injuries Quantum Tables
3		UK Title	Common Law Library: <i>Phipson on Evidence</i>
4		Small Law Commentary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Divorce and Matrimonial Proceedings Rules 1980 • Handbook on Family Law Practice in Malaysia: Commentary, Procedures and Forms

No	Package	Product	Content Summary
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Law Reform (Marriage and Divorce) Act 1976 • Islamic Family Law in Malaysia • Conveyancing in Malaysia: Law and Practice • Administration of Estates in Malaysia, Second Edition
5		Corporate Commentary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Practical Guide For Company Directors in Malaysia, Second Edition • Companies Act 2016 with Overview • Directors' Manual Malaysia Commentary • Law and Practice of Corporate Insolvency in Malaysia • Malaysian Code on Corporate Governance • Malaysian Company Secretary's Practice Manual • Management Corporations in Malaysia, Second Edition • The Life and Law of FinTech • Hands on Guide - Company Secretarial Essentials Malaysia Commentary
6		News Room	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Global News Service from Westlaw Classic, including thousands of sources (includes Reuters News); • Malaysian sources include <i>Malay Mail</i>, <i>Business Times</i>, <i>New Sabah Times</i>, <i>New Straits Times</i>

Legal Research Levy and Duration of the Legal Research Products Schemes

- (5) The duration of the Legal Research Products Schemes shall be for three years, commencing from 1 July 2022 until 30 June 2025.
- (6) The current amounts of annual subscription, contribution, prescribed fee and levies payable by each Member of the Bar per annum are:

Annual Subscription
Section 46(1) of the LPA

RM450

Building Fund (Levy) (until 2030) Section 46(3) of the LPA	RM250
Legal Aid Fund (Levy) Section 46(3) of the LPA	RM100
LawCare Fund (Levy) Section 46(3) of the LPA	RM100
Sports Fund (Levy) Section 46(3) of the LPA	RM20
Compensation Fund (Contribution) Section 80(2) of the LPA	RM100
Discipline Fund (Prescribed Fee) Section 29(1) of the LPA	<u>RM60</u>
Total	RM1,080

- (7) Subject to the adoption of the Legal Research Products Schemes by Members of the Malaysian Bar, the additional payment for the Legal Research Levy proposed, pursuant to section 46(4) of the LPA, shall take effect on 1 January 2023, and is payable by Members of the Malaysian Bar when applying for their Sijil Annual for the year 2024 and thereafter, as follows:

Year of Subscription to Legal Research Products	Rate Per Annum	Duration of Access
1 July 2022 – 31 December 2022	Nil (subsidised by the Malaysian Bar)	1 July 2022 – 31 December 2022
1 January 2023 – 31 December 2023	RM202	1 January 2023 – 31 December 2023
1 January 2024 – 31 December 2024	RM202	1 January 2024 – 31 December 2024
1 January 2025 – 30 June 2025	RM100 (pro-rated for a six- month period)	1 January 2025 – 30 June 2025

- (8) The Legal Research Levy will be included as payment to the Malaysian Bar for every Member of the Malaysian Bar as a separate item titled “Legal Research Levy” commencing from 1 January 2023.

- (9) The rate of RM202 per annum is a **cumulative** subscription to the legal research products offered by CLJ, Digital Library and Thomson Reuters as set out in paragraph (4), and is a substantial reduction of the regular prices of the products of CLJ, Digital Library, and Thomson Reuters, respectively, if independently subscribed to by Members of the Malaysian Bar.

B. Ancillary Matters

- (10) The Bar Council (as established under section 47 of the LPA) shall be authorised to take all necessary or appropriate action towards the implementation and enforcement of the Legal Research Products Schemes, including to:
- (a) organise training workshops, either online or face-to-face, with the respective legal research database providers, to train Members of the Malaysian Bar on the use of the products;
 - (b) ensure accessibility to the products for the duration of the subscription term; and
 - (c) do all such other things that are incidental or conducive to the successful achievement of the Legal Research Products Schemes.
- (11) The adoption of the Legal Research Products Schemes shall not preclude Members of the Malaysian Bar from subscribing to other legal research products from CLJ, Digital Library and Thomson Reuters, respectively, or other service providers.
- (12) The details of the Legal Research Products Schemes, if adopted, are subject to variation and modification, if any, which may arise as a result of final negotiations between the Bar Council and CLJ, Digital Library and Thomson Reuters, respectively, leading up to the formal agreement.

Therefore, it is hereby resolved that the Malaysian Bar enter into an agreement with CLJ, Digital Library and Thomson Reuters, respectively, for the provision of the products detailed in paragraph (4) above, and pursuant to section 46(4) of the LPA, Members of the Malaysian Bar shall pay an annual Legal Research Levy with effect from 1 January 2023, as prescribed in paragraphs (7) and (8) above.

It is further resolved that the Bar Council be authorised to:

- (a) negotiate the best terms possible for the Legal Research Products Schemes;
- (b) decline to enter into such an agreement with CLJ, Digital Library and Thomson Reuters, respectively, as the case may be. Such decision is at the sole discretion of the Bar Council; and
- (c) take all necessary or appropriate action towards the implementation, imposition, enforcement, administration, and any ancillary or incidental actions as a result thereof, of the Legal Research Products Schemes following the formalisation and execution of the agreement(s).