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To All Members of the Bar and Pupils

Professional Standards & Development Programmes – Calendar of Events 2007/2008

The Bar Council has made professional standards and development its priority this term. The Professional Standards and Development Committee (PSDC) have been tasked with the responsibility of establishing a structured and comprehensive system of training for lawyers and pupils. In this regard, the PSDC intends to undertake a number of measures with the objective of improving and enhancing the quality of lawyering in Malaysia.

First, the Ethics Programme has been substantially revamped (with the help of Nahendran Navaratnam and Gopal Sreenevasan). It is now called the '**Professional Standards and Ethics Course**'. It is divided into two parts, one at the commencement and the other at the end of pupilage. The course covers critical and fundamental areas of practice such as *"Pupilage - Role and Function", "Role of the Bar & Lawyers in Civil Society", "Professional Responsibilities - Professional Liability", "Fiduciary Duty and Risk Management", "Research and Legal Analysis", "Decorum in Court", "Professional Ethics", "Solicitors Account and Undertakings", "Duty to Court - Candour, Decorum and Contempt", "Mediation"* and *"Duty to Client Professional Liability"*. The new course began in Kuala Lumpur on July 11, 2007 and is being monitored by the PSDC. For queries/clarification, please contact **Jerald Gomez (jeraldgomez@jeraldgomez.com), Hendon Mohamed (hend35@streamyx.com), Raphael Tay (raphael.tay@tktlawyers.com)** or **Lilian Chong (lilian.chong@malaysianbar.org.my)**.

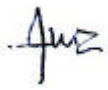
Next, as part of our efforts to put in place a proper foundation for continuing legal education at the Bar, we have established a nationwide professional development network. It is called the ***"cle-Network"***. Under this initiative, all state bar committees have established their respective professional development sub-committees and they have prepared their **annual professional development programmes (from July 2007 to March 2008).** These programmes would broadly cover fundamental and specialist areas of practice (litigation and non-litigation) as well as practice and risk management. It will enable members/pupils to easily attend professional development events either in their home-state or in neighboring states. The programmes have already commenced and the composite calendar of events of this nationwide professional development scheme as well as the individual state calendar of events are available on the Malaysian Bar website. For queries/clarifications, please contact **Steven Thiru (**stevent@shooklin.com.my**), the respective state representatives (refer to the respective state programmes)** or **Linda Tey (**linda@malaysianbar.org.my**)**.

There will also be professional development programmes conducted at the Bar Council Secretariat in Kuala Lumpur. These programmes will focus on the contemporary legal issues, both in Malaysia and in the international sphere. There will also be practical workshops (eg. advocacy and human rights). This programme has already commenced and the calendar of the Bar Council events is also found on the Malaysian Bar website. For queries/clarifications, please contact **Colin Andrew Pereira (**cap@gohwongpereira.com**)** or **Linda Tey (**linda@malaysianbar.org.my).

Alternatively, to view / download the abovementioned programmes, log on to www.malaysianbar.org.my and click on **Resource Centre**, **Circular – 2007**, Professional Standards & Development Programmes - Calendar of Events 2007 / 2008. The list of programmes for January 2008 is also attached here.

The PSDC is determined to provide members with quality professional development that will add value to their practice. We would therefore urge members to participate and contribute to the programme. We also look forward to your comments and feedback.

Thank you.



Steven Thiru
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PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES

JANUARY 2008

DATE	TOPIC	SPEAKER (S)	VENUE
3 Jan 2008	**Islamic Banking and Finance**	YM Tengku Dato' Hasmuddin	Negeri Sembilan
5 Jan 2008	**Minority Oppression and Just and Equitable Applications**	YBhg Dato' Loh Siew Cheang Gopal Sreenevasan P. Gananathan	KL
10 Jan 2008	**Basic Conveyancing**	Lee Pooi Mun	Perak
12 Jan 2008	**Pleadings and Trials in the Industrial Court**	Vijaya Kumar Rajand Sunil Vijayan	Malacca
12 Jan 2008	**Islamic Will and Gift**		Pahang
12 Jan 2008	**Industrial Court Seminar – Collective Bargaining / Collective Agreement**		KL
12 Jan 2008	**Drafting Pleading and Conducting Industrial Court Trials**		Malacca (Jointly organized by Malacca Bar and ICPC)
15 Jan 2008	**Avoiding and Dealing with a Disciplinary Board Complaint**	Jerald Gomez	KL
16 – 17 Jan 2008	**Ethics Lecture**		Johor
18 Jan 2008	**Law of Insolvency & Winding Up**	Colin Andrew Pereira	Penang
26 Jan 2008	**Drafting Agreements – Principles, Technique and Common Pitfalls**		Pahang
30 Jan 2008	**Law Relating to Medical Negligence**	Sagadevan Thangavelu	Perak
31 Jan 2008	**Gated Communities and Strata Titles**	Y.P. Cheong	Bar Council

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