



## SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT

### SELANGOR LEGAL AID CENTRE & YBGK



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The year 2020 will always be remembered as the year the world was adversely affected by the Covid 19 Pandemic. Just like all other institutions, our operations at Selangor Legal Aid Centre were severely affected by the said Pandemic. Our Centre was closed during the Movement Control Order (“MCO”) and was operating on limited hours during the Conditional Movement Control (“CMCO”) and also during the Recovery Movement Control Oder (“CMCO”).

Nevertheless, our dedicated and committed staffs at the Centre were still tirelessly reaching out to the public and the chambering pupils whilst strictly adhering to the SOPs.

In the little time we had, we managed to conduct programs and trainings for the chambering pupils.

Append below are the List of activities organised by LAC:

#### **Activity 1:**

##### **1<sup>st</sup> LAC/Dock Brief Training - Batch 1/20**

Date	: 27 <sup>th</sup> July 2020 – 3 <sup>rd</sup> August 2020
Time	: 8.30am - 11.00 am
Venue	: Selangor Bar Auditorium
No. of Participants	: 20 (Chambering Pupils)
No. staffs involved	: (4 LAC Staff)



Brief info about the activity :

The objective of this training program was to introduce dock brief to the chambering pupils scheduled to participate in these programs. The said training included methods of interviewing an accused in the court room, decorum in court, skills of advocacy and practical aspects of how to conduct mitigation before a Magistrate. Charge sheets of various offences and particulars of the accused were given to the pupils and they were asked to prepare and present their mitigation thereafter. The exercise was very useful and the response from the participants was positive in that they felt that they would be more confident and aware when faced with the actual mitigation process later in court. The said training also consists of standard operating procedures of LAC & YBGK.

### **Activity 2:**

#### **1<sup>st</sup> LAC/Courts Program Training - Batch 1/20**

Date : 28<sup>th</sup> September 2020  
 Time : 9.00am - 12.00 pm  
 Venue : Selangor Bar Auditorium (Webminar)  
 No. of Participants : 120 (Chambering Pupils)  
 No. of lawyer & staff involved : (2 Volunteer Lawyers & 1 LAC Staff)

Brief info about the activity :

This program is our new initiative which aims to provide exposure and space related to legal aid services to OYDS / OKT and the general public present in the following courts: -

1. Ampang Magistrate Court
2. Kajang Magistrate Court
3. Klang Magistrate Court
4. Kuala Kubu Bahru Magistrate Court
5. Kuala Selangor Magistrate Court
6. Petaling Jaya Magistrate Court
7. Sg. Besar Magistrate Court
8. Shah Alam Magistrate Court
9. Selayang Magistrate Court
10. Sepang Magistrate Court



## 11. Teluk Datok Magistrate Court

A "Free Legal Aid Counters" were set up to provide legal aid services to all sections of the community who visit the courts listed above. In addition, this program was also aimed to educate the public about the "touting" activities that take place in court. About 120 pupils participated in the online training and they were trained on how to conduct mitigation and bail applications.

### **Activity 3:**

#### **1<sup>st</sup> Introduction Session**

Date : 8<sup>th</sup> Jan 2020  
 Time : 3.00pm - 4.00pm  
 Venue : Selangor Bar Auditorium  
 No. of Participants : 30 (Chambering Pupils)  
 No. staff involved : (2 LAC Staff)

#### **2<sup>nd</sup> Introduction Session**

Date : 5<sup>th</sup> Feb 2020  
 Time : 3.00pm - 4.00pm  
 Venue : Selangor Bar Auditorium  
 No. of Participants : 34 (Chambering Pupils)  
 No. staff involved : (2 LAC Staff)

#### **3<sup>rd</sup> Introduction Session**

Date : 26<sup>th</sup> June 2020  
 Time : 3.30pm - 4.30pm  
 Venue : Selangor Bar Auditorium (Webminar)  
 No. of Participants : 134 (Chambering Pupils)  
 No. staff involved : (2 LAC Staff)



#### **4<sup>th</sup> Introduction Session**

Date	: 21 <sup>st</sup> Sept 2020
Time	: 3.00pm - 4.00pm
Venue	: Selangor Bar Auditorium (Webminar)
No. of Participants	: 103 (Chambering Pupils)
No. staff involved	: (2 LAC Staff)

Brief info about the activity :

#### **Orientation/Introduction Sessions**

This program was organized together with Selangor Bar Committee's 'Introductory Sessions' with the purpose of providing an insight of what is required and expected from chambering pupils during their 14 days of compulsory legal aid duty at LACS and to further introduce the various programs and clinics run by the Center. A total of 4 orientation sessions were held till September 2020.

Also attached herewith are the statistics for the followings:

- a. Programs by the LACS;
- b. Active LAC files from 2012 to 2020;
- c. Advise LAC files from 2012 to 2020;
- d. Total files opened and closed in 2020;
- e. National Legal Aid Meetings for the 2020;
- f. Introduction Sessions for Chambering Pupils for 2020; and
- g. YBGK and payments received from YBGK HQ for the 2020.

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Report submitted by:

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**Chairperson**

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