



## JAWATANKUASA PEGUAM PULAU PINANG (PENANG BAR COMMITTEE)

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### **SEMINAR ON DATA PROTECTION BILL**

Malaysia's first Data Protection Bill was introduced in December 2009 and has gone through its first reading in Parliament. Though timely in providing privacy protection for personal information of Malaysian citizens, the ability of this bill to achieve international standards in the provision of such protection has been questioned. Another aspect to be highlighted is that the Government of Malaysia and all credit reporting agencies are excluded from compliance under this bill.

The purpose of this seminar is to bring to light all the advantages and disadvantages of this bill, in addition to highlighting the need for a privacy bill that not only includes the protection of personal data but all aspects of personal privacy. This seminar will benefit legal practitioners, banks, financial institutions, any business that collects its customers' personal data and those interested in protecting their personal data.

The Human Rights Committee of the Bar Council and HAKAM are organising a road show with regard to the newly introduced Data Protection Bill. The same has gone through its first reading in December 2009. We understand that the second reading will be in March 2010.

The Seminar in Penang will be held as follows:

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| <b>Date</b>             | : | <b>12<sup>th</sup> March 2010 (Friday)</b>   |
| <b>Time</b>             | : | <b>3.00pm (Registration from 2.30pm)</b>   |
| <b>Venue</b>            | : | <b>Seminar Room 1, Ground Floor<br/>Kompleks Masyarakat Penyayang<br/>Jalan Utama, Penang.</b> |
| <b>Registration fee</b> | : | <b>RM 20.00 (members of the Bar &amp; chambering pupils)<br/>RM 30.00 (non-members)</b>        |

Light refreshments will be served.

Those who would like to attend the Seminar are to contact Ms. Charmaine or Puan Sharidah at the Penang Bar Secretariat (04-261 5669). All payments are to be made out to 'PENANG BAR COMMITTEE'. Kindly be informed that upon signing-up you are required to settle the fee payable regardless of your actual attendance.