



JAWATANKUASA PEGUAM PULAU PINANG (PENANG BAR COMMITTEE)

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To all Members of the Penang Bar,

LATEST UPDATES : PENANG COURT ISSUES

Members are kindly requested to take note of the following notification by the Court:

SUBORDINATE COURTS

1. Relocation of Georgetown Subordinate Courts (Civil)

The Georgetown Sessions and Magistrates Court will be relocated to the Northam Tower at No. 57 Jalan Sultan Ahmad Shah and the target date for the move is 1st March 2010.

The Courts will be located on the 2nd, 4th, 26th and 27th Floor of Northam Tower:

Further details will be notified to members as and when they are made available.

2. Criminal Cases at the Georgetown Sessions and Magistrates Courts

The Court is working on introducing Case Management for Criminal cases at the Georgetown Subordinate Courts, similar to the system currently practised at the Civil Subordinate Courts.

Details will be confirmed in due course.

3. Request for postponements

The Court has requested parties to write in at least three (3) months in advance to request for postponements if the date(s) given are not suitable. This is to enable the Court to fix other cases on the said dates.

HIGH COURT

1. Fixing of dates for Appeals at the High Court

The Court has fixed the following dates for hearing of appeals (both interlocutories and appeal proper):

- 26th January 2010
- 5th February 2010
- 26th March 2010

The Court is currently issuing the Notices for case management and hearing dates to parties concerned.

The Court has assured us that law firms who receive notice for appeals in more than one court on the same date may request to have their matters stood down while the lawyers attend to other appeal(s) first.

2. Additional Criminal High Court

An additional High Court Judge will be sent to hear Criminal cases in Penang in 6 months time. With the addition, there will eventually be 4 Criminal High Courts and 5 Civil High Courts.

General

As always, we take this opportunity to request for members to provide us with your feedback and comments with regard to any of the above issues or any other Court-related issues or problems faced, namely with regard to the practices and directions which came about as a result of the re-organisation of the Penang Courts since late 2009.

Your feedback will assist us in compiling feedback for our ongoing discussions with the Courts to ensure a better and more effective administration of justice.

Thank you.

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MURELI NAVARATNAM
CHAIRMAN