



JAWATANKUASA PEGUAM PULAU PINANG (PENANG BAR COMMITTEE)

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To all Members of the Penang Bar,

Request for Assigned Counsel for Capital Cases

The Bar Council is in the midst of compiling a list of members to act as assigned counsel for capital cases. The candidates must satisfy the criteria laid out on the draft guidelines below and also be willing to be considered as candidates for the Registry of Assigned Counsel maintained in the Federal Court, Court of Appeal and High Court.

Draft Guidelines for the Appointment and Responsibilities of Assigned Counsel in Capital Cases sent by the Federal Court Registry on 23 November 2009:

Qualification

- 3.1 To be included in the Registers of Assigned Counsel, an Advocate must fulfill the following criteria:
 - a. Be in active criminal practice for the last 3 years;
 - b. That for the last 3 years have personally conducted or having assisted another counsel in the conduct of three (3) capital trials.
- 3.2 An Advocate's previous experience from the Bench or as a Deputy Public Prosecutor/Federal Counsel or as a former Judicial Officer can be taken into account.

Members who would like to sign up are kindly requested to do so by filling in the Bar Council's Assignment Form is available at the Penang Bar Secretariat or on the Penang Bar website : www.penangbar.org. Kindly return the completed form before 29th March 2010 in order for us to forward the same to the Bar Council.

Thank you.

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