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*His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah  
ibni Al-Marhum Sultan Haji Omar 'Ali Saifuddien Sa'adul Khairi Waddien,  
Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam*





Excerpts From His  
Majesty's Titah



*“Sesungguhnya adalah harapan Beta supaya pada suatu ketika nanti semua pegawai-pegawai dan kakitangan kehakiman kita akan kesemuanya terdiri dari rakyat Beta iaitu sepertimana juga kedudukan Jabatan Undang-Undang sekarang. Tetapi yang penting sekali ialah memelihara kedudukan Kehakiman yang adil dan saksama. Ke arah itu Beta menggesa rakyat Beta khususnya mereka yang masih berada di bangku sekolah dan institusi-institusi pengajian tinggi untuk juga memilih mata pelajaran-mata pelajaran undang-undang supaya pada satu ketika nanti mereka dapat memainkan peranan yang penting di dalam pentadbiran kehakiman dan kepeguaman baik di sektor Kerajaan mahupun di sektor swasta.”*

Petikan Titah Kebawah Duli Yang Maha Mulia Paduka Seri Baginda Sultan Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah, Sultan dan Yang Di-Pertuan Negara Brunei Darussalam sempena Istiadat Pembukaan Rasmi Bangunan Baru Mahkamah Besar Negara Brunei Darussalam pada 15hb Mac 1984.

“Although it is my hope that one day all our judicial officers and staff would be from my subjects as can be found in the Legal Department now, but the most important factor is the maintenance of the status of a just and impartial judiciary. Towards this end I call upon my subjects especially those who are still in schools and institutes of higher learning to choose law as a subject which they should pursue so that in future they would be able to play an important role in the administration of justice and laws either in the public sector or the private sector.”

Titah of His Majesty Sultan Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah, Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam at the Official Opening of the New Supreme Court Building of Brunei Darussalam on 15th March 1984.



The Hon. Chief Justice of the  
Supreme Court



**The Honourable  
Dato Paduka Steven Chong Wan Oon**

# FOREWORD

by The Hon. Chief Registrar of the Supreme Court

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ  
السَّلَامُ عَلَيْكُمْ وَرَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ وَبَرَكَاتُهُ



First of all I would like to express my deepest appreciation to the Government of His Majesty The Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam for my present appointment as of 5<sup>th</sup> July 2018.

The Legal Year ceremony is a reflection of what we achieved in the previous year and what we are going to strive for in the coming years. I am grateful to my predecessor, Justice Pengiran Datin Paduka Hajah Rostaina binti Pengiran Haji Duraman on her achievements in guiding the Courts. The solid foundation that she had laid will make my task easier and the Court's vision to be excellent in delivering its services will continue.

Court excellence will not be achievable without the cooperation of all especially the judicial officers and staff in all districts. I am honoured to have a pool of officers and staff who have been giving their commitments at the highest level even though they have to multitask in nearly all level of services provided by the Court. My deepest appreciation to all of them.

The Court is in the process of establishing a roadmap towards Court Excellence and we welcome any comments and feedback from all legal practitioners and other stakeholders. The way forward is to work together and to move in tandem. In our continuing effort to provide excellent services, we must not forget that legal practitioners albeit in the Government sectors or in private sector owe duties to general public so as to enhance public trust and confidence in the judicial and legal system.

I would like to take this opportunity to express my heartfelt gratitude and appreciation to all the judicial officers and staff for their continuous commitment, support, integrity, perseverance and unity to meet the ever increasing expectation of legal services entrusted upon us.

In addition, the success of today's occasion is owed due to the effort of all. I would like to extend my appreciation and gratitude to members of the organizing committees and the various government departments in ensuring that today's ceremony runs smoothly.

On behalf of the Judiciary, I thank you for your presence today and offer you all our best wishes and a happy and successful 2019.

**HAJI ABDULLAH SOEFRI BIN POKSM DATO SERI PADUKA HAJI ABIDIN**  
**Chief Registrar of the Supreme Court**  
**(Chairperson of the Organising Committee)**



# Mission Statement



### **Mission**

“Administration of Justice”

### **Objective**

“Upholding the Rule of Law”

### **Goals**

“Securing Justice”

“Enhancing Access to Justice”

“Preserving Public Trust and Confidence”

### **Values**

“Taqwa”

“Independence”

“Accountability”

“Timelines”

“Accessibility”

“Equality and Fairness”

“Integrity”

### **Principles**

“To Faithfully discharge judicial duties”

“To do right to all manner of people after the Laws and Usage  
of Brunei Darussalam without fear or favour affection  
or ill will to the best of their ability”

“To be faithful and bear true allegiance to  
Brunei Darussalam”



# Speeches during The Opening of the Legal Year 2018





**THE HONOURABLE FORMER CHIEF JUSTICE**  
Dato Seri Paduka Haji Kifrawi bin Dato Paduka Haji Kifli

Bismillahir Rahmanir Rahim, Assalamualaikum Warahmatullahi Wabarakatuh and Good Morning,

The Honourable Attorney General,  
The Honourable Chief Judge of the Syar'ie Court,  
President of Brunei Darussalam's Law Society,  
Justices, Judges, Members of the Bar, Distinguished Guests,  
Ladies and Gentlemen.

1. On behalf of the Judiciary, it is both a privilege and a pleasure to welcome all of you this morning to our ceremonial Opening of the Legal Year 2018.
2. As we were unable to hold an Opening of the Legal Year 2017, I am extremely pleased that we are all gathered here once again to remind ourselves of the important role we all play in upholding the rule of law be it judges, prosecutors or private practitioners. Occasions of this kind are important because they give us time to pause from our busy professional lives and think about the purpose and importance of the practice and profession of the law, and the manner in which it is practiced. In so doing, we might reflect on the fundamental importance of the rule of law – applied to all citizens, whatever their position in the community, and without fear or favour – administered by an independent judiciary and combined with an open and accessible justice system. Your presence here this morning is therefore significant, towards achieving a sound legal system for the country, the ceremony bringing together all those concerned with the law in one room, providing opportunities for valuable exchanges between all members of the legal fraternity.

**CONGRATULATIONS**

3. I would like to begin by announcing that His Majesty The Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam has consented to the appointment of a new Intermediate Court

Judge. Judge Lailatul Zubaidah binti Haji Mohd Hussain was sworn in on the 5<sup>th</sup> August 2017. She joins a young team of judges in the Intermediate Court who are all gaining exposure to more serious, more complicated cases with a view to prepare them for the challenges of sitting in the higher courts.

4. These appointments to the higher Bench will bring together a blend of diversity of talents and backgrounds with a shared commitment to excellence in the administration of justice in the Intermediate Courts.
5. I also wish to congratulate Magistrate Pengiran Shahyzul Khairuddien who was awarded the prestigious Chevening Scholarship to do an LLM in International Commercial Law at University College London in the United Kingdom. We are extremely proud of his achievement and look forward to his return in September this year.
6. We are also further strengthened by the appointment of 5 new Deputy Official Receivers who are tasked with administering the affairs of bankrupts. I wish them well in their assignment and remind them that as judicial officers, of the importance of conducting themselves with honesty and integrity in carrying out their duties.
7. Mr Zheng Onn also deserves a mention as the newly elected President of the Law Society. On behalf of the Judiciary, I offer my congratulation and best wishes for a fruitful term as President and express my appreciation and congratulations to Mr Haji Rozaiman for a job well done as former President of the Law Society.
8. Last but not least, I wish to express my gratitude and best wishes to Judge David John Leonard who has gone into retirement after many years on the Brunei bench as a Visiting Judge and a Judge of the Court of Appeal. He leaves us with fond memories in and outside the courtroom, his collegiality and great service to the Bench having touched the lives of many.
9. Let me now turn to the customary review of the initiatives taken by the Courts over the preceding year.
10. In March 2017, the Brunei Judiciary hosted the 5<sup>th</sup> Council of ASEAN Chief Justices meeting (CACJ) and 39<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Law Association Meeting (ALA) at the Empire Hotel and Country Club.

#### **CACJ MEETING**

11. The CACJ Meeting was a resounding success, bringing delegates together to address high level policy matters affecting legal systems in the region, the sharing of best practices and assessing legal trends. In my Opening Address to the Meeting, I spoke of the need to remain committed to the vision for court excellence in all ASEAN Member States and reminded my counterparts of the obligations of Member States under the Boracay Accord 2015 by which ASEAN member states must maintain the momentum gained over the years in building partnerships and enhancing cooperation by way of continued commitment to cooperation and sharing of information and remaining relevant.
12. I want to reiterate this message today and say that this should not be just an international vision to be achieved but also a vision that should be kept within sight in the national legal framework. It is important that the stakeholders in the legal system fulfill their important roles in the legal system for the legal system to thrive.

## **ALA MEETING**

13. The ALA Meeting was attended by the representatives of the National Committees of all 10 member countries. I am happy to say it was a fruitful meeting at which the reports of ALA's 2 principal Working Groups – 'Harmonization of laws' and 'ALA at the Crossroads' were approved for submission to the ASEAN Secretariat and the ASEAN Ministerial Agencies.
14. The ASEAN Law Association being the ASEAN Charter's exclusive civil society affiliate for law and think tank, it was a pleasure and a privilege to host the meeting successfully.
15. On that point, I wish to convey my heartfelt gratitude to my officers and staff along with officers and staff of the State Judicial Department, the Attorney General's Chambers, the Law Society and all those involved who worked tirelessly, around the clock to make sure that the event ran smoothly, Syukur Alhamdulillah.

## **MEDIATION**

16. As part of Brunei's commitment to the harmonization of laws across ASEAN Member states, the Courts have recognized that effective dispute settlement mechanisms are a vital component of an economic community and this includes Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR). At the ALA Meeting, I expressed the view that ADR has the potential to save time and resources when properly administered and provides a variety of benefits as an alternative to traditional litigation, such as greater satisfaction to the disputing parties, producing innovative methods of resolving disputes and achieving greater efficiency in reaching settlements.
17. To this end, I am happy to announce that 7 of my judicial officers have completed a training course in Mediation and have been certified as Accredited Mediators by the Singapore Mediation Centre. My congratulations go to Judge Muhammad Faisal, Deputy Chief Registrar Radin Safiee, Senior Registrar Hajah Hazarena, Senior Magistrate Azrimah, Magistrate Pengiran Shahyuzul Khairuddin, Magistrate Hajah Nor Amalina and Magistrate Hajah Ervy Sufitriana on their achievements. I have no doubt that their judicial skills will be further enhanced and strengthened by this training and look forward to more cases settling before trial.

## **I-READY OFFICERS**

18. Since last year, the Court has benefitted from the services provided by apprentices of the I-Ready Apprenticeship Programme across various sections of the Court. For those who are not familiar with the I-Ready Apprenticeship Programme, it is a programme launched by His Majesty The Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam at the opening of the 13<sup>th</sup> Legislative Council in 2017, which seeks to increase the marketability and employability of unemployed graduates through a 3 year placement as an apprentice in participating organizations.
19. I am informed that there are 14 I-Ready officers attached to the Court comprising of Judicial Law Officers, Accounts Officers, System Analysts and Statisticians. I wish them the best of luck with their placements and hope that they too, benefit fully from their time in the Judiciary.



## **EODB RANKING AND JCMS**

20. I now turn to the Ease of Doing Business Report 2018 which is significant, due to the extensive involvement of a select team of judicial officers in identifying areas requiring reform efforts and improved regulation within the Judiciary to advance Brunei's distance to frontier (DTF) score.

The Report, released in November 2017 announced a rise in Brunei's ranking from 72 to 56 out of 190 economies, recording the largest improvement of all economies measured by the distance to frontier (DTF) score for the second consecutive year.

21. In this Report, the largest improvements identified included an improvement in the area of Enforcing Contracts, having improved 32 places taking Brunei to a World Bank ranking of 61 as a result of Enhancements in an Online Management System through the introduction of an Electronic Case Management System for use by judges and lawyers.
22. At this juncture, I wish to record my appreciation and congratulations to my officers involved in assisting the Ease of Doing Business (EODB) Steering Committee whose hard work and tireless efforts have contributed to the rise in ranking.
23. As far as the Electronic Case Management System is concerned, I am happy to report that it remains an electronic case management system that supports case management within the courts. Harnessing the power of technology has allowed us to reap great efficiencies in the saving of time and costs for all stakeholders.
24. So far, much of our attention has been focused on technology leading up to trial. There is much room for implementation of technology within the courtroom beyond our present video conferencing facilities and use of the Judicial Case Management System to retrieve documents from electronic case files. The next point of emphasis should then explore how we can further harness technology to facilitate advocacy from various perspectives, for example hearing remand and bail applications from the Prisons.
25. Instead of ferrying inmates to and from court, a network link should be established between the Court, Prosecutors, Prisons and Defence Counsel so that inmates do not have to leave prison for court unless they absolutely have to.
26. As there are provisions in the Criminal Procedure Code that allow for such applications to be made in this manner, the Courts should look into introducing such initiatives.

## **LEGAL CLINIC**

27. I now turn to the recent re-introduction of the Legal Clinic by the Law Society which offers free legal advice to the underserved and disadvantaged. I am informed that the Clinic will operate from the Small Claims Tribunal room in the Magistrates Court once a month. This initiative taken by the Law Society must be lauded as it strengthens access to justice. One of the major obstacles in accessing justice is the cost of legal advice and representation. Legal clinic programmes are therefore important, as a central component of strategies to enhance access to justice all over the world.

28. On that note, it is encouraging to read about the work of other non-governmental agencies who have also taken it upon themselves to organize legal clinics for the benefit of those who need such services. This response to the needs of the community is not only supportive of access to justice but is also a reflection of a deep commitment to fostering and developing a strong sense of community across society.
29. I wish to endorse my full support for these programmes and wish the coordinators and organizers continued success in their noble endeavours.

## **AMENITIES**

30. The Courts are committed to providing quality service to court users across all sectors. One particular service is in relation to a cause I hold dear to my heart, the provision of food services! While we may not have an operational canteen in the High Court, I am happy to know that there is a canteen in the Law and Courts' Building where lawyers and members of the public can grab a tasty bite to eat while waiting for cases. I am also informed that a drinks vending machine has been installed for use by the general public.
31. These amenities may seem unimportant and insignificant, but in the whole scheme of things, they provide lawyers and members of the public a quick respite between cases without having to leave the court building.
32. I also wish to look into the provision of wifi services in all the courthouses as a step towards improving court facilities and the quality of service provided to court users. The installation of wifi facilities will help practitioners utilize time between cases more effectively by providing wireless access to email, legal reference material and suitable office networks. For witnesses, the availability of wifi services will mean ready access to work and business pursuits in between court hearings. Wifi will also enable court reporters to be able to file their copy back to HQ in the event of major trials in the public interest.
33. As with most things however, installing wifi will require a plea for resources, money, to the administration. And so while it may be some time before the objective is realized, it will be placed as a priority of goals to be achieved, hopefully sooner rather than later.

## **CLOSING**

34. I do not wish to bore everyone with a speech longer than it has to be and so I will bring my speech to a close by reminding all those concerned with the law about the importance of upholding the rule of law. The rule of law stands for the upholding of individual rights and freedoms while balancing them against society's need to maintain law and order.
35. When a fair and efficient legal system is established, the Courts earn the trust of the people to hear their cases impartially, with justice accessible to all. Businesses will benefit from a stable environment where commerce is governed by transparent rules, contracts are enforced and investments are protected.

36. In inheriting a common law legal system which enshrines the principles of the rule of law and an independent bar and judiciary, we work towards a legal system based on the rule of law which, and I quote from the 'Human Rights In the Administration of Justice; A Manual on Human Rights for Judges, Prosecutors and Lawyers, Chapter 4, **'would not be possible without independent lawyers who are able to pursue their work freely and without fear of reprisals. Indeed, independent lawyers play a key role in defending human rights and fundamental freedoms at all times, a role which, together with that played by independent and impartial judges and prosecutors, is indispensable for ensuring that the rule of law prevails, and that individual rights are protected effectively.'**
37. And so, I must urge the legal profession to hold itself to high standards and norms and to have a 'social conscience'. I also remind the legal profession as a whole to hold true to honesty and integrity in carrying out their responsibilities as judges, prosecutors and private practitioners.
38. The focus on court and service excellence must be maintained and we must never stop seeking ways to improve our court processes to further enhance the quality of justice we administer.
39. Before I invite the Hon. Attorney General to deliver her speech, I would like to thank all those involved in organizing this year's ceremony in particular the Chief Registrar, Officers and Staff of the Judiciary. I am also grateful to the Commissioner of Police and the Royal Brunei Police Force for the guard of honour which I was privileged to inspect this morning.
40. I must not forget to thank the Prime Minister's Office and the State Judiciary Department for their continuous support and cooperation in ensuring the efficient running of the Courts, to the Prisons Department in ensuring the prompt attendance of prisoners to Court and the High Commissions and Embassies who have supported us with the provision of interpreters for court matters.
41. As we look forward to a challenging year, allow me, on behalf of the Judiciary wish each and every one of you a happy, healthy and fulfilling New Year.

Walaikumsalam Warahmatullahi Wabarakatuh.



THE HONOURABLE FORMER ATTORNEY GENERAL  
Datin Seri Paduka Hajah Hayati binti POKS Dato  
Seri Paduka Haji Mohd Salleh

Alhamdulillah Rabbil 'Alamin Wassalatu Wassalamu 'Ala-Asyrafil Anbiya'e Wal Mursalin Sayidina Muhammadin Wa'ala Alihi Wasahbihi Ajma'in and Salam Sejahtera.

My Lord Honourable Chief Justice, Yang Amat Arif Chief Syarie Judge, Honourable Judges, President of the Brunei Darussalam Law Society, Members of the Bar, Distinguished Guests, Ladies and Gentlemen.

My Lord,

Alhamdulillah, we gather here today to mark the Opening of the Legal Year 2018 after a brief hiatus last year. This annual tradition signifies the solidarity and commitment of the legal fraternity in upholding the Rule of Law. Such solidarity and commitment is more meaningful and important in the context of the momentous occasion in October 2017 as we celebrated the Golden Jubilee of His Majesty The Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan's accession to the throne. The historic occasion serves to remind us of His Majesty The Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan's unrelenting commitment to upholding the rule of law and the safeguarding of a fair and independent judiciary. The development of our country as a whole in the last 50 years under the wise guidance of His Majesty has been mirrored by a myriad of important developments in the legal and judicial history.

One thing however remains. In whichever court a case is heard, the requirement that it is subjected to due process of the law and the cardinal principle, that someone is innocent until proven guilty, prevails.

The Attorney General's Chambers is proud and honoured to be a significant part in the nation's journey. I am fortunate to inherit a dedicated and committed team. Many men and women (mostly women) in AGC when I assumed the office in 2009 to continue the instrumental role of the AGC to Brunei Darussalam's legal system. Alhamdulillah many more have joined us since (again, mostly women). If Jack MA, the founder of ALIBABA is correct in saying that one

of the 'secret sauce' of ALIBABA's success is "hire as many women as possible" then AGC is on the right track!

Anyway, let us now focus on the future. As we move to the future together towards achieving vision 2035, I remind my officers to adapt to a changing world by deepening their skills but must always remain to be guided by principles, integrity and humility. Forward thinking but not to change for the sake of change but prepared to deal with new legal landscapes. I call upon my officers to deliver their best to protect and enhance our country's interests. We will continue to build our human capabilities and competence development, transformation and improvement initiatives, technology opportunities, revision of our strategic plan and succession planning even within the budgeting challenges.

We intend to enhance our good rapport and understanding with the ministries, engagement with our enforcement agencies, schools stakeholders and the public including on the issues such as the risks and challenges posed by social media. We will also continue the good rapport with our regional and international counterparts.

In the interest of time, I would invite you to visit our website [agc.gov.bn](http://agc.gov.bn) for our Biennial Reports and more facts and figures on the highlight of our various services and initiatives in 2016 and 2017 be it in drafting, advisory and prosecution.

### **Congratulations and Acknowledgment**

Before I end my speech I take this opportunity to convey our gratitude to two Solicitor Generals who have left Chambers during the past two years namely Puan Naimah binti Md Ali and Dato Paduka Haji Muhammad Juanda bin Haji Abdul Rashid. I wish to record my sincere appreciation to them for their contribution during their respective tenure as Solicitor General. I wish them the best in their life and future endeavours.

I am also pleased to welcome Datin Hajah Hasnah binti Haji Ibrahim and Awang Haji Abdullah Soefri bin Pehin Orang Kaya Saiful Mulok Dato Seri Paduka Haji Awang Abidin as Assistant Solicitor General and Haji Mohammad Yusree bin Haji Junaidi as the new Solicitor General, after his short stint as the Acting Director of the State Judiciary.

I am sure they will discharge their responsibilities and provide good leadership especially to our enthusiastic new recruits with professionalism and integrity. I also join Your Lordship in congratulating all the various officers in the Judiciary mentioned by Your Lordship and the newly elected President of the Law Society. On behalf of AGC, we give our pledge to support the good initiatives by the Judiciary and the Law Society for the better administration of justice in Brunei Darussalam.

With tawakal to Allah Subhanahu Wata'ala, we, as a team, the women and men in AGC including our non-legal support staff, who form the backbone of AGC will continue 2018 with an optimistic and positive mood, ready, equipped and looking forward to carry out our responsibilities and to face any challenges that lie ahead. As the Malay proverb says: "Bersatu kita teguh, bercerai kita runtuh. Berat sama dipikul, ringan sama dijinjing". (United we stand, divided we fall).

Ladies and Gentlemen,

As we gather this morning to mark the Opening of Legal Year, let us remind ourselves again as esteemed members of the legal profession, members of the Bar and officers of the court of our duty and our pledge to maintain and uphold a respected and trusted legal system which is incorruptible and of the highest quality and integrity for the country's stability and prosperity, both as our professional duty and as our personal duty.

Finally on behalf of my Chambers, I wish Your Lordship, members of the legal fraternity and all who are present today a happy, healthy and prosperous 2018.

Thank You.



## THE PRESIDENT OF THE LAW SOCIETY On Hung Zheng

### **1. Introduction**

If I may, to the Honourable Chief Justice, Judges, Chief Judge of the Syar'ie Court, Mdm. Attorney General, distinguished guests, fellow members of the profession, ladies and gentlemen, I wish you all a very good morning.

I wish also to particularly extend a warm welcome to our overseas guests:

- 1) Mr Gregory Vijayendran, President of the Law Society of Singapore;
- 2) Mr George Varugnese, President of the Malaysian Bar;
- 3) Mr Brenndon Keith Soh, President of the Sabah Law Society; and
- 4) Mr Amirali Nasir, Vice President of the Law Society of Hong Kong.

### **2. Golden Jubilee and congratulations**

The Law Society and I would like to take this opportunity to extend our warmest congratulations to His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanah Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah ibni Al-Marhum Sultan Haji Omar 'Ali Saifuddien Sa'adul Khairi Waddien for the recent Golden Jubilee which commemorates not only the 50 years he has been on the throne but also the peace, prosperity and stability which has flourished from his leadership.

On behalf of the Law Society, I would also like to congratulate the appointment of a new Intermediate Court Judge, Judge Lailatul Zubaidah binti Haji Mohd Hussain who was sworn in on the 5th August 2017.

### **3. Law and its effect on society**

I am glad to see so many of us gathered here once more to celebrate this opening of the legal year. As we did not have a celebration last year, I feel I should be permitted to have double the amount of time for my speech.

In all seriousness, it is important on such occasions to remember that we gathered here today, as colleagues of the legal profession who play a vital role in upholding the rule of law. It cannot be emphasized enough that our actions not only shape and inform the laws of Brunei but also impact the social and economic realities of members of the public. Thus, the relationship between the legal profession and the public must be guided by integrity, clarity and competency.

#### **4. Legal Aid Clinic**

Integral to the legal system is the ability of all members of the public to gain access to competent legal advice.

To this end, I am pleased to announce that we have re-commenced our legal aid clinic on 27th January 2018 and aim to hold regular advisory sessions once a month. Lawyers should be filled with a spirit to serve the public and it is important as part of that duty (moral or otherwise), to assist those members of the public who require legal advice but are unable to afford it.

I strongly urge senior lawyers to be involved and also hope that they can encourage their junior members to volunteer. These may not be hours which are billable in terms of fees but billable in terms of a higher currency, that of giving back to the community. It may be a debt collection issue or it may be a sad case of domestic violence, whatever the case let's use our legal skills to help those in need to get back up on their feet. The simple act of suggesting a course of action may be enough to bring hope to what might otherwise appear to be a bleak circumstance.

The Legal Aid Clinic however is not a viable solution for those in need of actual legal representation. The Law Society hopes that the authorities consider the establishment of a legal aid fund to help the less fortunate members of the public in both criminal and civil cases. Together, we should strive towards equal access to justice for all.

#### **5. Awards in Claims for Personal Injury**

It has been noted with some concern by stakeholders such as the Autoriti Monetari Brunei Darussalam ("AMBD") that awards of damages granted in Brunei for personal injury claims are among the highest granted regionally. Part of this concern stems from the previously unconsidered impact that escalating personal injury awards might have on the public at large. To this end, AMBD has engaged with the Law Society in ongoing dialogues to discuss their concerns. I would like to share with you just some general points.

Justice requires that an individual injured through no fault of their own should rightly be compensated. That is only fair. However, justice also requires that those who are at fault should not pay more than what might be considered proportionate or reasonable in the circumstances. What is proportionate or reasonable is often a very difficult question to answer.

Majority of these awards are satisfied by the insurance industry. The funds for these awards come from the pool of reserves collected from insurance premiums. A natural commercial result of this might be that the industry will become less inclined to give higher discounts to customers and a greater number of people might end up paying more for their insurance.

To focus on a particular aspect of insurance, policies covering employer's common law liability are now typically capped at or about \$100,000.00. In many of these cases, a claim will exceed far more than the cover provided by the insurer. In cases where a claim exceeds the cap, the insured company must satisfy the excess and in these economically challenging times, it is worrying that this may lead to the shuttering or winding-up of those companies.



It is not suggested that awards be unreasonably diminished but that a balance must be struck between the appropriate amount of compensation due to an injured party and the very real consequences of a high award of damages.

We hope to continue our dialogue with AMBD and other relevant stakeholders on these issues.

## **6. Land Code**

Although the draft land code amendments were gazetted in August 2016, they have still not been given effect yet. We are grateful that the Ministry of Development had sought the views of the Law Society which resulted in several discussions concerning the amendments. However, there remains great ambiguity as to certain provisions and the overall effect of the amendments.

Clarity and certainty in land ownership will greatly benefit the financial sector, the construction industry and the legal profession, to name a few. Since 2012, it has been difficult for the legal profession to address questions as to a purchaser's entitlement when they intend to buy a property.

It cannot be gainsaid that, clarity, certainty and finality on land ownership will result in both foreign and local investors having confidence to purchase property which may in turn encourage investment into the country. The Law Society hopes to be able to continue working with the Ministry of Development to assist where possible in resolving this ambiguity and any other legal issues concerning the Land Code. Our aim is to strive for renewed growth in this economic sector which will undoubtedly benefit all those who call Brunei home and the country as a whole.

## **7. Challenges to the legal profession**

Aside from issues surrounding the land code, the legal profession is also facing challenges on other fronts. Firstly, we, unfortunately, have not escaped the ripple effects of the current economic climate. The current circumstances have led to a downturn in the property and construction related industries as well as the Small-Medium Enterprise business sector. The 4 profession relies greatly on these various areas of business for work. There is a direct relationship between their profitability and their capacity to hire counsel for legal services.

Secondly, the Law Society is greatly concerned with the increasing number of qualified local lawyers in Brunei. We acknowledge that this is a complex issue but the Law Society owes a duty to the future generations of lawyers to ensure the viability of the profession.

Presently, we are aware of at least 31 law graduates both from the UK and Brunei, who have completed or are completing the necessary professional qualifications. We have also been made aware that at least 40 more law students are expected to graduate in Brunei alone. It is of no surprise that these bright-eyed new lawyers would go on to look for employment with local firms or with the legal divisions in the government.

Consequently, 2017 saw one of the highest numbers of local admissions to the Brunei Bar. Some firms have reported to have received a higher than average number of pupillage applications in that year and a number of those applications had to be rejected despite good qualifications. As a comparison, in previous years, we would be lucky to receive even one pupillage application in a year.

Thirdly, the evidence suggests that there is a trend by local companies to directly engage foreign firms abroad for their services rather than engaging local lawyers due to their perceived lack of capability. There is a grave danger that with more legal services being sought outside Brunei, the window of opportunity for local firms to provide the same services is closing rapidly. This would in turn affect their capability to employ local law graduates and diminish the capacity for local firms to grow in size and expertise.

The vast majority of employees in our law firms are locals and they should be supported in every way possible. Not only will it make more economic sense but the members of the legal profession are more than capable to handle issues which concern Bruneian law.

## **8. Regulation of foreign firms**

Presently, there is no legislation in place to regulate the setting up of a foreign law firm in Brunei. In our neighbouring countries, legislation is in place which provides that the Attorney General Chambers or the Bar Council of those respective jurisdictions oversee the registration of foreign firms and allows the imposition of certain restrictions. An example of these restrictions might be that such firms would only be allowed to practice certain specified areas of the law. We have had preliminary discussions with the Attorney General's Chambers and though discussions are still in their infancy, I am hopeful the Law Society and the AG's office can work together to come up with a solution.

## **9. Intestacy**

The current law regarding distribution of property of a non-Muslim dying intestate in Brunei is unsatisfactory. Although the Probate and Administration Act indicates that distribution will be in accordance to the recognized and clearly-defined customs of the deceased's race, in this modern era, there are very few experts who could set out those customs clearly. There are often different or contradicting opinions provided by the experts which may only sow seeds of discord between family members during which must be an already distressing time. This uncertainty may give rise to disputes that are likely to end only with ugly and costly litigation between family members. The Law Society would propose that the relevant authorities consider an amendment to the Probate and Administration Act and to adopt a set of rules for the administration and distribution of property like our neighbouring countries in Singapore and Malaysia.

## **10. Lawyers standards**

It is of grave concern that the Law Society is receiving an escalating number of complaints against members of the profession alleging breaches of the practice and etiquette rules. We must remember at all times that the practice of law is a noble profession and we must always uphold the highest standards not only of ethics but also of practice. It must never be suggested that we merely pay lip service to the oath which we have all sworn to truly and honestly conduct ourselves in the practice of an advocate and solicitor according to the best of our knowledge and ability and according to the law.

Lawyers have a duty towards the administration of justice and a duty to uphold the rule of law founded on principles of equality, fairness and justice. In carrying out their duties, lawyers are required and expected to deal with the other members of the legal profession with courtesy and integrity. If lawyers do not adhere to these principles, our reputation and credibility as members of this noble profession may suffer as a result. Therefore, I urge our members to uphold and observe our practice and etiquette rules diligently.

I also strongly encourage pupil masters to ensure that their pupils are familiar with the practice and etiquette rules. Graduates who intend to practice in Brunei from the UK are required to sit for a professional ethics exam before being permitted to pass the bar. Why should it be any different when they intend to practice in Brunei? I would propose that pupils or lawyers seeking admission should be required to satisfy the Chief Justice or the Law Society that they have read and understood the practice and etiquette rules. The profession must not only be able to administer justice but also do justice to the profession.

## **11. ALA and JCMS**

Last year, we saw Brunei, hosting the 39th ASEAN Law Association's Governing Council Meeting ("ALA"). The event saw our judicial officers, members of the Attorney General's Chambers, 6 practitioners and legal academics from ASEAN coming together to discuss cross boundary legal issues and ways in which we can help one another. It was a successful event and I want to congratulate all those who were involved in the meticulous planning and organization.

On other note, it has been 2 years now since the launch of the Judicial Case Management System and the judiciary's other initiatives to improve the management and clearance of cases. The response and results have largely been positive. The speed of processing and returning of legal documents as well as the allocation of hearing dates has increased tremendously. We also applaud the Judiciary's current initiative to be more pro-active in managing their cases and to ensure cases are being disposed of efficiently.

## **12. Conclusion**

Before I conclude, I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to our past President, Mr Rozaiman Abdul Rahman. I thank you for your guidance, patience and friendship while I was in Council. I also thank the outgoing Council members for the time, effort and dedication which they have made in support of the Law Society.

The Law Society cherishes its relationship with the Judiciary and the AGC. In ALA, we saw our three organisations working together to ensure the smooth running of the event. I understand that my events and sports committee are thinking of setting up a tripartite pseudo-Olympic games. I am excited about this initiative and hope we can build more on this friendship. I also hope that by coming up with this as opposed to the more traditional games like netball and futsal, the Law Society can finally win at something!

I would like to thank all the members of the law society who voted for us in the Council and I would like to also thank the members and the Council for putting their trust in me. I take this position with great humility and hope that together with your support we can achieve all that we set out to do.

I assure the Bar's full support for the Judiciary in all Courts. I reaffirm our commitment to cooperate with the Attorney-General's Chambers in the administration of justice and to seek to do justly and act efficiently in all cases before the Courts. I also extend to Your Honour, the Chief Justice, all your colleagues on the Bench, as well as the Honourable Attorney-General, the Bar's best wishes for your good health, fulfilment in all of your purposes and every other success.



# The Supreme Court



# The Supreme Court

## COURT OF APPEAL

Currently the Judges who form the Panel of the Court of Appeal are Justice Michael Peter Burrell, Justice Conrad Seagroatt and Justice Michael Victor Lunn. Besides ensuring that cases are heard on time, the experience of the panel of judges who have a vast number of years of judicial of experience from different jurisdictions will assist in ensuring that the Brunei Judiciary has an adequate volume of case law that serve either as case precedent or guidelines.

2018 was year of goodbyes and welcomes. In May 2018 we bade farewell to Justice Dato Seri Paduka Mortimer who sat as the President of the Court of Appeal from 2010 to 2018. Whilst serving as the President of the Court of Appeal, Justice Dato Seri Paduka Mortimer was known for efficiently running the session and ensuring that very few cases were carried over or adjourned. His service as President was recognized by His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah ibni Al-Marhum Sultan Haji Omar 'Ali Saifuddien Sa'adul Khairi Waddien, Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam when he was bestowed with the Most Honourable Order of Seri Paduka Mahkota Brunei, First Class, (SPMB), which carries the title Dato Seri Paduka on 15<sup>th</sup> July 2018.

In November 2018 we welcomed the new President of the Court of Appeal, Justice Michael Peter Burrell. Justice Burrell has been sitting in the Court of Appeal since 2013. Under the tutelage of Justice Burrell, the Court of Appeal will endeavor to continue to hear cases in an expeditious and fair manner.

The Court of Appeal also welcomed a new judicial commissioner Justice Michael Victor Lunn to sit as one of its panel. Justice Lunn also sat in the Court of Appeal in Hong Kong and will no doubt bring in an array of judicial experience with him.

As a Court that only sits twice a year (May and November sessions), it is naturally a concern that cases fixed in a session are heard on time without any adjournments as an adjournment could mean a delay of up to six months. It is important that the Counsel involved in the Court of Appeal be prepared for cases to be heard within a very short period of time. It is also equally important for Counsel and the Registry to keep the line of communication open to ensure that papers are submitted within the stipulated timelines and also to ensure that vital information is relayed to and from Counsel from the Registry without delay. As such, the Registry now has a dedicated team of 3 Registrars, 2 Legal Assistants, 1 interpreter, 1 Court Recorder and 2 clerks who will provide assistance to the Court of Appeal during the session.

Regular discussions between the judiciary and justices of the Court of Appeal take place before, during and after each session. This constant dialogue results in an adaptive and responsive system that deals with issues almost immediately and will continue on in 2019.

## HIGH COURT REGISTRY

The High Court seeks to be accessible and responsive court that provides quality services.

The retirements and appointments in several key judicial posts in 2018 made way for a number of changes for the High Court. This first started with the retirement of The Honourable Chief Justice Dato Seri Paduka Haji Kifrawi bin Dato Paduka Haji Kifli in July 2018. Chief Justice Dato Seri Paduka Haji Kifrawi served as the Chief Justice for 9 years and has contributed immensely to the legal sector as a whole. The Judiciary thanks Chief Justice Dato Seri Paduka Haji Kifrawi for his guidance and wisdom during his term. At the same time the High Court welcomed the appointment of Justice Dato Paduka Steven Chong Wan Oon as the new Chief Justice who has served as a High Court Judge since 2001. As a recognizable member of the Judiciary, Chief Justice Dato Paduka Steven Chong's transition as the Chief Justice was a natural progression and was supported by all members of the Judiciary. The Judiciary congratulates Chief Justice Dato Paduka Steven Chong on his appointment and looks forward to improving the efficiency and quality of service of the Judiciary as a whole.

The following month in August 2018, the Chief Registrar Pengiran Datin Hajah Rostaina binti Pengiran Haji Duraman was elevated as a High Court Judge. Justice Pengiran Datin Hajah Rostaina served as Chief Registrar for 10 years and was known for being conscientious of the needs of the Judiciary, her staff and also court users. It was during the same time in July 2018 that a new Chief Registrar was appointed. Already known in the legal sector from his years serving in the Judiciary and Attorney General's Chamber, Chief Registrar Haji Abdullah Soefri bin Pehin Orang Kaya Saiful Mulok Dato Seri Paduka Haji Abidin is a welcomed addition to the judiciary and brings with him many years of experience in order to ensure that the judiciary continues to move towards Court Excellence.

Another notable appointment was the appointment of the Honourable Attorney General Dato Paduka Haji Abdul Hairol Arni bin Haji Abdul Majid in August 2018. The Honourable Attorney General Dato Paduka Haji Abdul Hairol Arni had been serving as a High Court Judge since 2008 and was well known within the Judiciary for his guidance in both legal and administrative matter. The Judiciary extends its heartfelt congratulations to the Honourable Attorney General Dato Paduka Haji Abdul Hairol Arni on his new appointment.

The High Court Registry is headed by the Chief Registrar Haji Abdullah Soefri bin Pehin Orang Kaya Saiful Mulok Dato Seri Paduka Haji Abidin who oversees the running of the Registry together with Deputy Chief Registrar Radin Safiee bin Radin Mas Basiuni, Senior Registrar Dayangku Hajah Norismayanti binti Pengiran Haji Ismail and Senior Registrar Hajah Hazarena binti Pehin Orang Kaya Setia Jaya Dato Paduka Haji Hurairah. The Registry would encourage an open door policy in that any issues with respect to the Registry may be directed to them.

As ever, the High Court acknowledges that much has to be done. There has been greater segregation of work within the registries to ensure that there are distinct and allocated staff to carry out specific work for specific courts. This allows for greater efficiency and specialization of work for our staff. These efforts are constant and no doubt counsel and other court users may notice that the workings of the registry may change from time to time in order to further develop our services.

The High Court's caseload is always of primary concern. Despite the current number of judges and judicial officers and unavoidable delays in waiting times for hearings, efforts have been made to ensure that cases are constantly being monitored and that delays are not too long.

Our Legal Assistants are now closely monitoring cases and have regular meetings with judges and judicial officers to highlight the availability of hearing dates.

Another initiative taken by the High Court to ensure cases are disposed of in a timely manner is to provide mediation in more cases. Initial reports are showing a positive success rate and it is hoped that data may be published in the future with respect to mediation. Proper guidelines and rules ought to be introduced in the first half of 2019 in order to ensure mediation is a productive and proper tool.

There has also been a notable use of counsel seeing the Duty Registrar. This is much welcomed to ensure that urgent cases or issues are brought to the Court's attention without delay. On the same token, the Duty Legal Assistant and Duty Clerk have made a significant impact to ensure cases are attended to within a suitable time and available access to staff within the registry. This practice will continue into 2019.

Continuing legal education for both staff and officers is vital. Trends and transformations both locally and internationally that effect our legal eco-system must be identified and properly addressed. One example was the Judgement Writing Course held in October 2017 to assist judicial officers write and deliver oral judgments.

The Registry welcomes 2019 and looks forward to the many more advancements in delivering quality and efficient access to justice.

## **BANKRUPTCY OFFICE**

### **Function**

The Official Receiver's Chamber (Bankruptcy Office) act as an administrator for judgment debtors' estates, trustees for bankrupts' estates as well as deals with the administration of Company Winding Up matters. The office is headed by the Official Receiver and is assisted by Deputy Official Receivers. Throughout the year the Office will hold creditors' meetings with both creditors and judgment debtors with the purpose of managing, monitoring and reviewing the judgment debtors' payments to the Official Receiver with the main objective of assisting judgment debtors to settle their debts and for creditors to receive payment of dividends in an expeditious and timely manner.

### **Deputy Official Receivers**

Changes have been made in the composition of the Bankruptcy Office since January 2018. Due to the bulk of cases incoming on a yearly basis, the need of more permanent officers is apparent. The year 2017 saw the recruitment of new judicial officers who are now tasked to become fully dedicated Deputy Official Receivers under the Bankruptcy Office. There are currently five (5) Deputy Official Receivers who are hearing bankruptcy cases on a full-time basis. They are:

- Dayangku Siti Nursu'aidah binti Pengiran Jufrizar @ Pengiran Tajuddin
- Hajah Normazdina binti Haji Md. Maskub
- Muhammad Muzakkir bin Awang Haji Zakaria
- Nurul Hidayah binti Hamdan
- Nuuror-Raheebah binti Haji Abdul Wahab

With the new full-time addition of Deputy Official Receivers, this has enabled the Judiciary to relieve a number of Senior Judicial Officers of their duties as Deputy Official Receivers in order to provide more focus in their judicial capacity. Nevertheless, due to the increasing workload faced by the Bankruptcy Office, the exercise of multiple roles is inevitable for judicial officers. The following are judicial officers who are currently sitting as Deputy Official Receivers and are also exercising other judicial roles as Registrars of the Supreme Court, Deputy Registrars of the Intermediate Court and Magistrates of the Subordinate Court:

- Harnita Zelda Skinner
- Hajah Noor Amalina binti Dato Paduka Haji Alaihuddin
- Hajah Ervy Sufitriana binti Haji Abdul Rahman

### **Support Staff**

The Registry is currently manned by one (1) Assistant Official Receiver, one (1) Assistant Financial Officer, one (1) Registration Clerk, three (3) Clerks, one (1) Process Server and three (3) I-Ready Accounts Officers.

### **Public Services:**

#### 1. Name searches

The Registry receives applications from both the Government and private sectors to conduct name searches on individuals and companies. These applications are numerous and forms a huge and time-consuming part of the registry's work on a daily basis. As part of fulfilling the registry's commitment to provide efficient and expeditious services, the registry endeavors to produce results within a 3-week time frame.

#### 2. Deed of Assignments

The Registry also provides services for registration of Deeds of Assignments. With effect from February 2018, this service is now dealt with all five full-time Deputy Official Receivers.

### **Changes in the Bankruptcy Registry**

Every year, the Judiciary seeks to improve the services offered by its respective registries and the Bankruptcy Registry is no exception. Under the guidance and authority of the Chief Registrar of the Supreme Court, the Bankruptcy Office is now overseen by Senior Registrar/ Deputy Official Receiver Dayangku Hajah Norismayanti binti Pengiran Haji Ismail and Registrar/ Deputy Official Receiver Hajah Hazarena binti Pehin Orang Kaya Setia Jaya Dato Paduka Haji Hurairah.

Amongst the number of changes made to the workings of the Bankruptcy Office, one notable change is in respect to monthly cash payments made by judgment debtors. To ensure a better management of payments made by judgment debtors, judgment debtors are now directed by Deputy Official Receivers to make direct cash payments to Official Receivers' account set up in banks upon receiving written notice. In other words, the Bankruptcy Registry is no longer accepting cash payments directly from judgment debtors. This new practice has relieved the working staff and officers with valuable time which is now dedicated to other bankruptcy matters.



The Bankruptcy Office has also established a new email address: [bankruptcy.unit@judiciary.gov.bn](mailto:bankruptcy.unit@judiciary.gov.bn). This email address can be used by judgment debtors and third parties to bankruptcy and winding up matters to address the court with their queries.

### **Cause list of Creditors' Meetings**

With the relaunch of the Judiciary Official website ([www.judiciary.gov.bn](http://www.judiciary.gov.bn)), a weekly cause list of cases fixed before each Deputy Official Receiver is now made available under the Bankruptcy Office in the Cause list feature of the website. An alternative search on individual cases can also be made via the E-Filing website at <https://efiling.judiciary.gov.bn/eFiling/index.jsp>.

As for Winding Up matters, there has only been 7 Winding Up Orders granted this year compared to 18 in 2017.

### **PROBATE**

The role and function of the registry is to issue grant of probate (where there is a valid will), letter of administration (where there is no valid will), summary administration of intestate estate not exceeding \$25,000.00 and re-sealing grant for letter of administration. The probate office is headed by the Probate Officer, Deputy Probate Officers and Assistant Probate Officer.

In order to be recognized legally to deal with the deceased's estate in the case of where there is no will, an administrator must be appointed. In the event there is a will an executor would be appointed as named in the will.

The letter of administration will be issued authorizing the person(s) to be appointed as the administrator to administer the estate and distribute the assets in accordance to the Probate and Administration Act, Cap 11.

Whereby if there is a will, the deceased must **specify a person to be appointed as the executor** to carry out the instructions. The grant of probate is a court order authorising an executor to administer the deceased's estate in accordance to the instructions in the will.

Following the launching of the judicial case management system in 2015, the registry continues to deal with all probate matters electronically. All applications are operated using the electronic system making it more efficient to retrieve files for hearings and more accessible to obtain electronic database. However applications made for letter of administration and grant of probate are done by paper form since in almost all cases the applicants are layman in person.

The registry will continue to enhance better cooperation and coordination among the relevant current agencies such as Syariah Court, Land Transport Department and Land Department and appreciate their continuous support in ensuring that the assets are being distributed in an orderly manner.

The Probate Office will work closely with the stakeholders to further enhance its services which may include the reviewing of the current law where improvements can be facilitated.

## **MARRIAGE REGISTRY**

For many people the registration of their civil marriages marks a milestone in their lives. It is therefore important for the Registry to ensure that there are sufficient staff available to attend to civil marriages.

Currently there is a pool of six Marriage Registrars and 3 clerks on hand to ensure that applications are received and processed and that civil marriages are registered. By law, notice of the intended marriage for a period of 2 weeks must be given before a marriage is registered. There are exceptions to this rule where applicants may forgo the 2-week waiting period subject to the discretion and availability of the Marriage Registrar.

The use of technology has also played a part in improving registry services. In the past, couples would have to wait 7 days to collect their marriage certificate, however, now with the use of technology couples will usually receive their marriage certificate instantly after the wedding. There is also an electronic database of marriages making searches very much more efficient.

The Registry is also able to cater for larger wedding parties and will hold marriages in the Court room for larger groups, subject to availability.

The Registry looks forward to continuing to welcoming and congratulating married couples in 2019.

## **LIBRARY**

The Library of the Supreme Court of Brunei Darussalam is open to all members of the legal fraternity and is one of the principal legal libraries in the country in providing a legal reference service. The Library's collection consists predominantly of legal works and material and contains approximately 21,000 volumes of textbooks, law reports and research journals covering a range of legal resources from Brunei, Malaysia, Singapore, India, Pakistan, Hong Kong, Australia and Britain.

The Library Unit is tasked with keeping, maintaining and updating the Laws of Brunei, providing an efficient and effective legal source of information and coordinating the facilitating the purchase and preservation of library materials. As part of its annual plan for 2019, the Library Working Committee propose to implement and operate an automated Library Management System and to establish professional ties with other public and educational libraries.

## Chief Justice of the Supreme Court

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**The Honourable  
Dato Paduka Steven Chong Wan Oon**

## Court of Appeal Judges

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**The Hon. Justice Michael Peter Burrell**  
*President of the Court of Appeal*

## Judicial Commissioners of the Court of Appeal

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**The Hon. Justice  
Conrad Seagroatt**



**The Hon. Justice  
Michael Victor Lunn**

## High Court Judge

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**The Hon. Justice  
Pengiran Datin Paduka Hajah Rostaina binti Pengiran Haji Duraman**

## High Court Visiting Judges

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**The Hon. Justice  
Dato Seri Laila Jasa James Kerr Findlay  
*Judicial Commissioner of the Supreme Court***



**The Hon. Justice  
Gareth John Lugar-Mawson  
*Judicial Commissioner of the Supreme Court***

## Registrars of the Supreme Court

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**Haji Abdullah Soefri bin  
POKSM Dato Seri Paduka Haji Abidin  
*Chief Registrar***



**Radin Safiee bin Radin  
Mas Basiuni  
*Deputy Chief Registrar***



**Pengiran Hajah  
Norismayanti binti  
Pengiran Haji Ismail  
*Senior Registrar***



**Hajah Hazarena binti  
POKSJ DP Haji Hurairah  
*Senior Registrar***



**Harnita Zeldia Skinner  
*Senior Registrar***



**Hajah Noor Amalina binti  
DP Haji Alaihuddin  
*Acting Senior Registrar***

## Deputy Official Receivers

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**Hajah Normazdina binti  
Haji Md Maskub**



**Muhammad Muzakkir bin  
Awang Haji Zakaria**



**Nurul Hidayah binti Hamdan**



**Nuuror-Raheebah binti  
Haji Abdul Wahab**



**Pengiran Siti Nursu'aidah  
binti Pengiran Judfrizar  
@ Pengiran Tajuddin**



## Staff of The Supreme Court

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**Confidential Secretaries**



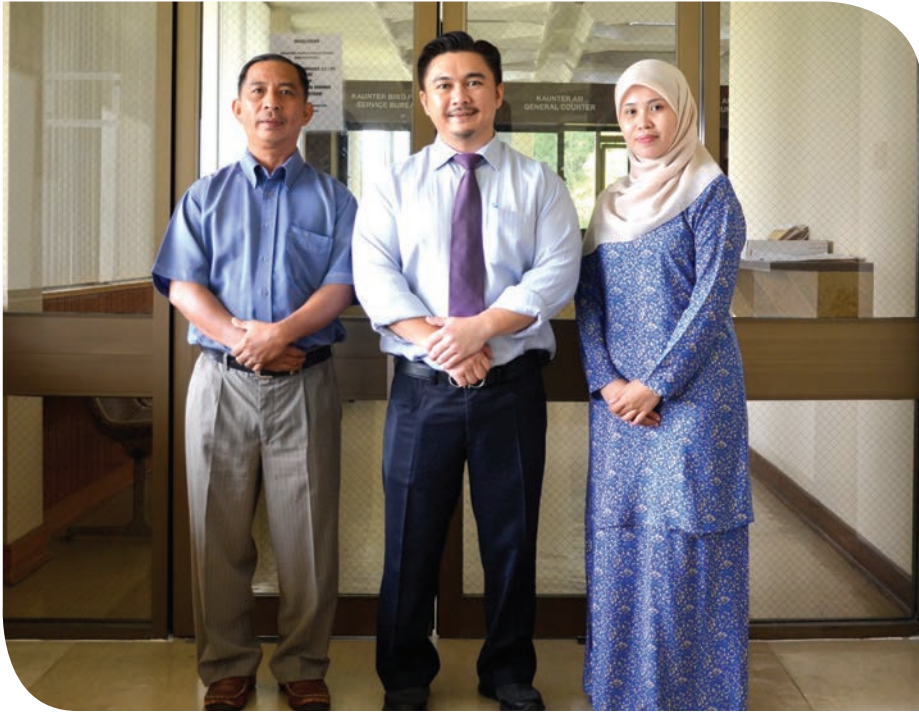
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**Swearing-In Ceremony of  
The Hon. Justice Dato Paduka Steven Chong Wan Oon  
Chief Justice of Brunei Darussalam  
Istana Nurul Iman, 25th October 2018**



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**Swearing-In Ceremony of  
The Hon. Justice Pengiran Datin Paduka Hajah Rostaina binti  
Pengiran Haji Duraman, High Court Judge  
Istana Nurul Iman, 25th October 2018**



**From Left:**

**YM Awang Haji Abdullah Soefri bin POKSM Dato Seri Paduka Haji Abidin**

**YM Pengiran Haji Sazali bin Pengiran Haji Yakub**

**YM Awang Haji Rosli bin Haji Ibrahim**

**YB Dato Paduka Haji Hairol Arni bin Haji Abdul Majid**

**YA Justice Pengiran Datin Paduka Hajah Rostaina binti Pengiran Haji Duraman**

**YB Pehin OKLSBDDLU Haji Awang Isa bin PDPMDLU Haji Awang Ibrahim**

**YAA Justice Dato Paduka Steven Chong Wan Oon**

**YM Datin Paduka Madgelene Chong**

**YA Justice Michael Peter Burrell**

**YA Justice Michael Victor Lunn**

**YA Justice Conrad Seagroatt**



**Conferment of the Most Honourable Order of Seri Paduka Mahkota Brunei, First Class (SPMB) to Justice Dato Seri Paduka John Barry Mortimer, President of the Court of Appeal Istana Nurul Iman, 15th July, 2018**



**Conferment of the Most Honourable Order of Paduka Seri Laila Jasa, Second Class (DSLJ) to Justice Dato Seri Laila Jasa James Kerr Findlay, Commissioner of the Supreme Court Istana Nurul Iman, 15th July, 2018**



**CONFERMENT OF HONORARY MEDALS**

Judge Muhammed Faisal bin PDJLD DSP Haji Kefli (PJK)  
Pengiran Norafidah binti Pengiran Haji Bungsu (PIKB)  
Istana Nurul Iman, 5th April 2018



# The Intermediate Court



# The Intermediate Court

The Intermediate Court was established in 1991 by the Intermediate Courts Act, Chapter 162.

It is a Court of first instance and hears both criminal and civil matters. The Intermediate Court civil jurisdiction are for matters where the amount claimed is over BND50,000 but does not exceed BND300,000.

In the exercise of its criminal jurisdiction it has all the jurisdiction, powers, duties and authority as are vested, conferred and imposed on the High Court. It does not have jurisdiction in respect of any offence punishable with death or imprisonment for life; or to impose a period of imprisonment longer than 20 years in respect of any offence of the Brunei Laws.

Currently there is only one full time Intermediate Court Judge. However, several Judicial Officers have been appointed as Intermediate Court Judges, on top of their posts as the Deputy Chief Registrar and Senior Registrars of the Supreme Court and Senior Magistrates of the Subordinate Court.

These appointments, made in 2015 and 2017, were in order to further improve the administration of the Intermediate Court and to be as a part of its initiative to expedite cases heard in the Intermediate Court, in particular which are commercial in nature.

In the Judiciary's continuing commitment to improving services to its various stake holders, the court buildings in the various districts have been recently gazetted so as to enable the Intermediate Court to preside not only the court buildings in Bandar Seri Begawan, but also in the other districts. Now, the Intermediate Court can hear cases at these various venues:

1. High Court Building
2. Law and Courts Building
3. Kuala Beliat Court Building
4. Tutong Court Building

The Judiciary also reiterates its commitment to the use of Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR), specifically the use of mediation, in civil cases in the Intermediate Courts.

The Intermediate Courts are looking forward towards a productive 2019.

## **COMMERCIAL COURT REGISTRY**

It is important that Commercial Court hears its cases efficiently as the impact is felt in the business community. Resolving commercial disputes efficiently and affordably to meet business needs and expectations is advantageous to the community as a whole.

2017 and 2018 has contributed immensely to the development of the Intermediate and Commercial Court Registry. This has been largely due to the influx of the number of cases filed with the registry that has almost compelled the registry to progress in its services. Although the Intermediate Court Registry still occupies the same space as the Supreme Court Registry work has been assigned to identify staff devoted to work for the Intermediate and Commercial Court Registry.

Apart from processing court documents the Registry is also responsible for ensuring the preparation of case files for five Intermediate Court Judges who hear criminal, civil and commercial matters. The Registry is therefore highly involved in the lifecycle of the file from its inception to its end.

The use of mediation has also played a role and is highly encouraged and is improving to be a positive tool in order to resolve disputes outside of court. It is hoped that mediation will be a norm to ensure that commercial cases are resolved efficiently. The Registry encourages parties to take advantage of this service that is currently being offered for free.

The use of Case Managements Conferences (CMCs) was fully implemented in 2017. Training was provided to Counsel in the first half of 2018 and learning resources have been made available online. CMCs are meant to be used as a guide for parties to be aware that a case ought to run and be completed within a stipulated timeline set during the CMC hearing. The impact of CMCs has yet to be seen and will be monitored throughout 2019.

The use of technology cannot be ignored. Currently the Intermediate Court Registry is the only registry that has its entire case load digitized on the Court's electronic case management system (JCMS). For Commercial Court cases all files must be instituted electronically paving the way to easier access to files.

As it continues to develop the Intermediate Court and Commercial Court Registry will take heed of the needs of its users to ensure that services continue to improve in 2019.



## Judges of the Intermediate Court

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**Judge Muhammed Faisal bin PDJLD**  
**Dato Seri Paduka Haji Kefli**



**Judge Radin Safiee bin Radin**  
**Mas Basiuni**



**Judge Pengiran Masni binti**  
**Pengiran Haji Bahar**



**Judge Pengiran Hajah**  
**Norismayanti binti**  
**Pengiran Haji Ismail**



**Judge Lailatul Zubaidah**  
**binti Haji Mohd Hussain**



# The Subordinate Court



# Subordinate Court



## COMPOSITION AND NEW APPOINTMENTS

The Subordinate Courts comprise of the Magistrates' Courts as well as specialized courts such as the Juvenile Courts and the Small Claims Tribunals.

At present, the Subordinate Courts bench consists of the Chief Magistrate, two Senior Magistrates and five Magistrates who are led by the Honourable Pengiran Masni binti Pengiran Haji Bahar in her capacity as the Chief Magistrate.

Of the five Magistrates, two were recently appointed in May 2018. We wish to welcome Magistrate Pengiran Hazirah binti Pengiran Mohd Yusof and Magistrate Kamaliah Fadhilah binti Haji Ibrahim, who each have at least 5 years of experience as Deputy Public Prosecutors.

## MAGISTRATES' COURTS

The Criminal Procedure Code (Cap 7) grants the Magistrates' Courts with the jurisdiction to hear criminal cases. However, unlike the Supreme Court, the Magistrates' Courts have limited jurisdiction and sentencing powers. In general, only offences with a prescribed penalty of no more than seven years imprisonment may be tried by Magistrates. Enhanced jurisdiction and sentencing powers are available for specific types of offences under other statutes such as the Misuse of Drugs Act (Cap 27).

Similarly, in civil matters, Magistrates enjoy a limited but important jurisdiction by virtue of the Subordinate Courts Act (Cap 6). Since 20<sup>th</sup> September 2006, enhanced jurisdiction was granted by the Chief Justice to the Magistrates' Courts. As a result, Senior Judicial Officers such as the Chief Magistrate and the Senior Magistrates may hear any claim not exceeding \$50,000 in value. Magistrates may hear any claim not exceeding \$30,000. A variety of disputes may be tried in the Magistrates' Courts including contracts for sale of goods and services, certain property damage actions in tort, claims arising from residential tenancies of not more than 2 years and certain actions under the Consumer Protection (Fair Trading) Order.

## **JUVENILE COURTS**

The Juvenile Courts handle all criminal charges against juveniles. They operate differently from other criminal courts. The concern for rehabilitation and restoration assumes greater emphasis relative to deterrence, incapacitation and even sentencing parity. There is a greater need for a holistic approach and a sense of family orientation which takes into account factors and circumstances from a multi-disciplinary perspective.

The Juvenile Courts also handle applications for Care and Protection Orders and Beyond Parental Control Orders under the Children and Young Persons Act.

We wish to reiterate our gratitude to the Department for Community Development (JAPEM), the Panel of Advisers and all the stakeholders in the juvenile justice system, without whom the guiding philosophy of the Juvenile Courts i.e. restorative justice and the aim of reintegrating young offenders into their families and the community could not be achieved.

## **SMALL CLAIMS TRIBUNALS**

The Small Claims Tribunals provide affordable and effective civil justice to members of the public. The Tribunals were set up as a complement to the civil jurisdiction of the Magistrates' Courts and provide a forum for the speedy resolution of small claims (not exceeding \$10,000, or, with the consent of both parties, \$20,000) between consumers and suppliers, without the use of lawyers. However, such claims must be filed within twelve calendar months of the dispute arising.

## **MEDIATION**

Mediation is a procedure recently introduced in the Magistrates' Courts to resolve civil matters above \$10,000 on a voluntary basis. Seven Judicial Officers are internationally accredited by the Singapore Medication Centre. Their services, skills and expertise are, however, shared with the Supreme Court and the Intermediate Courts. These seven Judicial Officers conduct mediation in addition to their main judicial duties. It is hoped that the practice of mediation can increase over time as an alternative, speedy and inexpensive avenue for the resolution of civil disputes.

## **SUBORDINATE COURTS IN OTHER DISTRICTS**

The courts in Tutong, Belait and Temburong continue to provide much needed services for residents outside of Brunei-Muara. They are led by District Magistrates who are responsible for the day-to-day operation of the respective court buildings. In addition to Subordinate Courts services, District Magistrates also act as the sole Notary Public, Coroner and Deputy Probate Officer in those districts. In Belait, the District Magistrate also serves as a Marriage Registrar.

The Supreme Court and the Intermediate Courts have also recently expanded operations to Tutong and Belait on a discretionary and ad-hoc basis. Whilst their respective registries remain in Brunei-Muara, Justices of the Supreme Court and Judges of the Intermediate Courts may sit and hear their cases in Tutong and Belait. District Magistrates play an important role in ensuring that the court buildings are well-prepared and equipped to hear Supreme Court and Intermediate Courts cases.

The Tutong District Magistrate is Senior Magistrate Lailatul Zubaidah binti Haji Mohd. Hussain. She continues to sit on Saturdays in Tutong.

The Belait District Magistrate is Acting Senior Magistrate Pengiran Shahyul Khairuddin bin Pengiran Abdul Rahman who resumed his duties in Belait on 8<sup>th</sup> October 2018 following the completion of his study leave. In his absence, Magistrate Hajah Noor Amalina binti Dato Paduka Haji Alaihuddin served as the Belait District Magistrate and she was assisted by Magistrate Dewi Norlelawati binti Haji Abdul Hamid. Magistrate Pengiran Shahyul now sits from Monday to Thursday in Belait.

Currently, only Magistrates' Courts cases are heard in Temburong. No permanent District Magistrate has been appointed and Magistrates are rotated on a monthly basis to sit in Temburong once a month.

## **TECHNOLOGY IN COURT**

The aptly named Technology Court (Court 6) in the Subordinate Courts, Law & Courts Building, Bandar Seri Begawan continues to be in high demand. The Technology Court allows witnesses outside of Brunei Darussalam to give evidence via live video-conferencing. In criminal matters, it is also no longer necessary for a defendant who is already remanded in prison to be physically brought to court where bail and remand applications are concerned as prisons are also equipped with video-conferencing equipment.

Overall, the increasing use of the Technology Court has contributed towards the saving of costs and time for all parties involved. However, the scale of such savings has not reached its full potential as the Technology Court is also utilized for hearings involving vulnerable witnesses and also by the Supreme Court and the Intermediate Courts, thus limiting its availability for the Subordinate Courts. As a crucial commodity in an increasingly connected and mobile society, we are committed to the cause of transforming all court rooms into technology courts.

Operations in the Belait District Courts Building's Technology Court have been suspended until further notice due to building maintenance related issues. We are actively trying to resolve the issues and look forward to resuming operations as soon as possible.

## **COURT RECORDERS**

The Subordinate Courts are pleased to report that Court Recorders have been introduced into the court system. The Court Recorders are tasked to transcribe spoken or recorded speech into written form to produce official transcripts of court hearings. Their services are shared with the Supreme Court and the Intermediate Courts.

We welcome this much needed service which undoubtedly, will complement the existing framework of court operations in providing complete, accurate and secure transcripts of courtroom proceedings and witness testimonies.

Since their introduction, Court Recorders have been utilized in corruption cases with its usage expected to increase as more of them are recruited.

## **PUBLIC SERVICE**

The Subordinate Court also provides key services to the public in various forms in all 4 districts. These public services include:

- Attestation of documents
- Witnessing Statutory Declaration
- Affidavits and any other Declaration
- Certified True Copies of documents
- Attesting Power of Attorney
- Notary Public
- Court Process Server

Currently there are 9 Registrars of the Subordinate Court, 7 of whom are based in Bandar Seri Begawan Court, 1 in Tutong Court and 1 in the Belait Court. Upon their appointment as Registrars, they are ex-officio Commissioners for Oaths.

The Magistrates of the Subordinate Courts are also appointed as Notary Public, with the task to authenticate documents by witnessing the signing of the documents and verifying the identity of the signatories. In its stead to deter fraud the Notary Public ensures that a high standard of authentication is conducted before documents are notarised.

## **JUDICIAL OFFICERS AND COURT STAFF TRAINING**

In the effort to achieve judicial excellence, the Subordinate Courts have continued to send Judicial Officers for training in various fields both locally and overseas. Some of the training includes:

- 'ASEAN-USPTO Judicial Colloquium on Civil and Criminal Intellectual Property Infringement Cases (Bangkok);
- 'Cross Border Insolvency Laws' (Singapore);
- 'ASEAN Judiciaries Portal Training' (Singapore);
- 'Arbitration Masterclass' (Singapore);
- 'Fundamentals of Enforcement of Intellectual Property Rights' (Singapore);
- 'Advanced Judicial Training Course on Cybercrime and Electronic Evidence for Judges, Magistrates and Prosecutors of the ASEAN Region' (Cebu);
- 'Judgment Writing Course' (Singapore); and
- 'Masterclass and Judiciary Wide Induction Programme' (Singapore).

In tandem, court staff have been sent for various training to equip them with the necessary and relevant skills and expertise in order to achieve court excellence and improving the quality of services offered to the public.

## **CONCLUSION**

With the current composition of Magistrates, the Subordinate Courts have been infused with new energy and a renewed vigour in our efforts to improve the quality of administration of justice. To address the ever-increasing workload and to improve the timeliness of disposing of cases, the Subordinate Courts look forward to welcoming more Magistrates. To this end, the Subordinate Courts reiterates its pledge to increasing productivity and quality by providing training and improving the welfare of officers and staff and adopting best practices in the administration of justice.

## Magistrates of Subordinate Court

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**Lailatul Zubaidah binti  
Haji Mohd Hussain  
Senior Magistrate**



**Pengiran Masni binti  
Pengiran Haji Bahar  
Chief Magistrate**



**Hajah Azrimah binti Haji  
Abdul Rahman  
Senior Magistrate**



**Pengiran Shahyzul  
Khairuddin bin  
Pengiran Abdul Rahman  
Acting Senior Magistrate**



**Pengiran Hazirah binti  
Pengiran Mohd Yusof  
Magistrate / Registrar**



**Hajah Kamaliah Fadhilah  
binti Haji Ibrahim  
Magistrate / Registrar**



**Hajah Ervy Sufitriana  
binti Haji Abdul Rahman  
Magistrate / Registrar**



**Dewi Norlelawati binti  
Haji Abdul Hamid  
Magistrate / Registrar**



## Panel of Advisers to the Juvenile Court

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*From left:*  
**Haji Awang Abd Alim bin Haji Awang Othman,  
Hajah Mordiah binti Haji Jackia,  
Alinah binti Haji Tamin,  
Ustaz Haji Md Lazim bin Haji Matali**

# Registrars / Adjudicators of Small Claims Tribunal

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**Registrar:**

Pengiran Masni binti Pengiran Haji Bahar

**Deputy Registrar:**

Dayang Hajah Hazarena binti POKSJ Dato Paduka Haji Hurairah

**Assistant Registrars:**

Awang Radin Safiee bin Radin Mas Basiuni

Pengiran Hajah Norismayanti binti Pengiran Haji Ismail

Dayang Lailatul Zubaidah binti Haji Mohd Hussain

Dayang Harnita Zelda Skinner

Dayang Hajah Azrimah binti Haji Abdul Rahman

Pengiran Shahyzul Khairuddien bin Pengiran Abdul Rahman

Pengiran Hazirah binti Pengiran Mohd Yusof

Dayang Hajah Noor Amalina binti Dato Paduka Haji Alaihuddin

Dayang Hajah Kamaliah Fadhilah binti Haji Ibrahim

Dayang Hajah Ervy Sufitriana binti Haji Abdul Rahman

Dayang Dewi Norlelawati binti Haji Abdul Hamid

**Adjudicators:**

Pengiran Masni binti Pengiran Haji Bahar

**Deputy Adjudicators:**

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[As of 1st November 2018]

## Staff of The Subordinate Court

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**Registrars of Subordinate Court**



**Bandar Seri Begawan Staff**



**Kuala Belait Magistrate and Staff**



**Tutong Magistrate and Staff**



**Temburong Court Staff**

## Judge Advocates at Court-Martial

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In 2006, a number of Judicial officers were appointed as Judge Advocates by the Judge Advocate General on the Royal Brunei Armed Forces Court-Martial by virtue of Section 124(3) (b) of the Royal Brunei Armed Forces, Chapter 149, which provides for the appointment of persons having judicial or legal experience as may from time to time, be required to act as Judge Advocates at Court-Martial.

The appointed Judge Advocates are as follows:-

The Hon. Justice Dato Paduka Steven Chong Wan Oon

The Hon. Justice Pengiran Datin Paduka Hajah Rostaina binti Pengiran Haji Duraman

The Hon. Awang Haji Abdullah Soefri bin POKSM Dato Seri Paduka Haji Abidin

Judge Muhammed Faisal bin PDJLD Dato Seri Pahlawan Haji Kefli

Judge Radin Safiee bin Radin Mas Basiuni

Judge Pengiran Masni binti Pengiran Haji Bahar

Judge Dayang Lailatul Zubaidah binti Haji Mohd Hussain



The State  
Judiciary Department



# The State Judiciary Department

The State Judiciary Department was established in May 2002 and is solely responsible for the administration and management of support services, provision and financial affairs of the Civil and Sya'riah Courts. These responsibilities supported through five strategic pillars, namely to provide efficient and quality administrative services and human resource management to the courts; improving financial management, accountability and collection of revenue systematically and efficiently; providing a complete, conducive, safe and secure court building infrastructure; providing adequate training programs and capacity building strategies and to enhance the use of information technology, application systems and Information Communication Technology Infrastructure in the court's management and process.

We welcome, Haji Muhammad Bahrin bin Haji Alias who is also the Deputy Chief Registrar of the Syariah Appeal Court as our Acting Director of the State Judiciary Department since 7 May 2018 till now.

In the same year, saw the hiring of two new Magistrate / Registrar in the Civil Court as well several posts that have been filled respectively in both the Civil Court and Syariah Court.

A total of 20 officers and staff from the Civil Court attended the conferences, seminars and training in various disciplines both locally and overseas, in 2018 / 2019.





**Awang Haji Muhammad Bahrin bin Haji Alias**  
*Acting Director of the State Judiciary Department*



**Officers and Staff of the State Judiciary Department**



# CONFERENCES, TRAININGS & VISITS





**13TH ASFAN LAW ASSOCIATION GENERAL ASSEMBLY &  
THE ASEAN LAW CONFERENCE 2018 - 25th to 28th July 2018**  
**Hon. Justice Dato Paduka Haji Hairol Arni bin Haji Abdul Majid**  
**Pengiran Hajah Norismayanti binti Pengiran Haji Ismail, Senior Registrar**  
**Hajah Noor Amalina binti DP Haji Alaihuddin, Registrar / Magistrate**



**JUDGMENT WRITING PROGRAMME FOR  
THE JUDICIARY OF BRUNEI**  
**Jubli Emas Hall, Law and Courts Building, 18th - 20th October 2018**



**FIRE MARSHALL COURSE**

**Headquarters, Old Airport Berakas, 15th to 17th January 2018**  
**Mohamad Jazmi bin Haji Mohamad Kamel, Registrar Subordinate Court**  
**Mohd Fadzillah bin Haji Abu Bakar, Senior Interpreter**  
**Mahmud Zuhdi bin Karim, Court Bailif**



**VISIT TO TUTONG COURT**  
Subordinate Court, Tutong - 6th September 2018



**VISIT TO KUALA BELAIT COURT**  
Subordinate Court, Kuala Belait - 28th August 2018



**VISIT TO MARABURONG PRISON**  
**Maraburong Prison - 22nd November 2018**



**STUDY VISIT TO SUBORDINATE COURT  
UNIVERSITI ISLAM SULTAN SHARIF ALI (UNISSA)  
Subordinate Court, Law and Courts Building - 6th September 2018**



# Highlights of 2018





# Legal Year 2018

## 6th February 2018

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# Activities





**35TH NATIONAL DAY**  
23rd February 2018



**CLEANING CAMPAIGN AND TAHLIL**  
at Kawasan Tanah Perkuburan Islam Kampung Limbongan  
10th May 2018



**TADARUS AND KHATAM AL-QURAN CEREMONY  
High Court, 4th June 2018**



**Farewell for the Hon. Justice John Barry Mortimer  
President of the Court of Appeal, 12th May 2018**



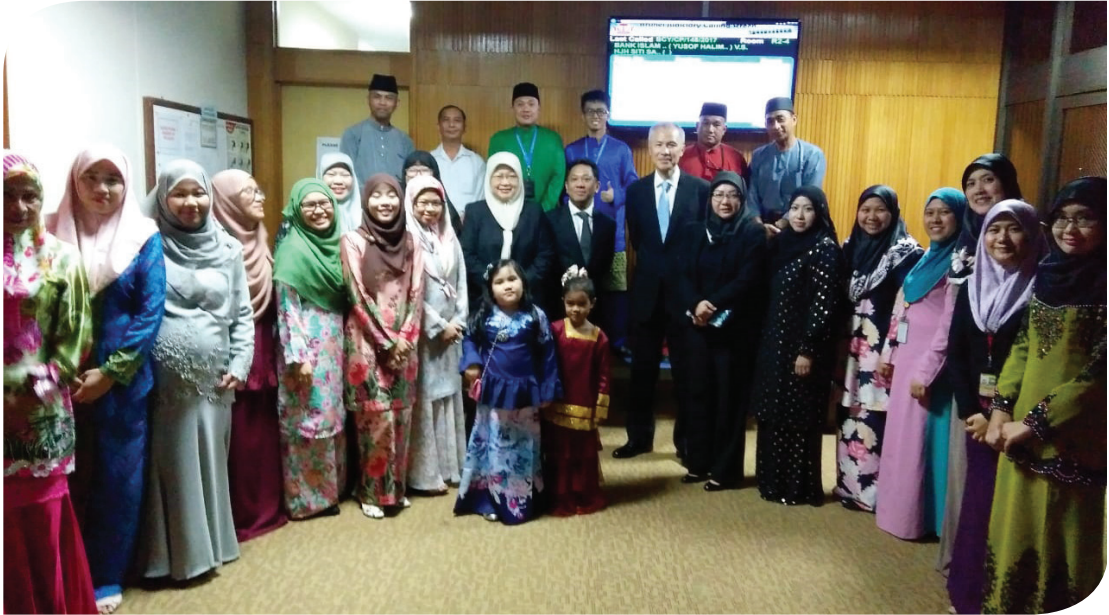
**Awang Haji Morshidi bin Haji Mokhtar's farewell  
4th June 2018**



**Dayang Hajah Rosiah binti Haji Mat Yassin's farewell  
29th March 2018**



**Awang Haji Matnoor bin Haji Lamit's farewell  
4th June 2018**



**HARI RAYA AIDILFITRI CELEBRATION**  
High Court, 21st June 2018



**HARI RAYA AIDILFITRI CELEBRATION**  
High Court, 3rd July 2018



**HARI RAYA AIDILFITRI CELEBRATION**  
**Subordinate Court Kuala Belait, 5th July 2018**



**HARI RAYA AIDILFITRI CELEBRATION**  
**Subordinate Court BSB, 7th July 2018**



**THE NEW ISLAMIC YEAR OF 1440 HIJRAH CEREMONY**  
**Jubli Emas Hall, Law and Courts Building, 22nd September 2018**



**JUDICIARY FUTSAL & NETBALL FRIENDLY MATCH 2018**  
**JKR Sports Complex Berakas, 9th February 2018**

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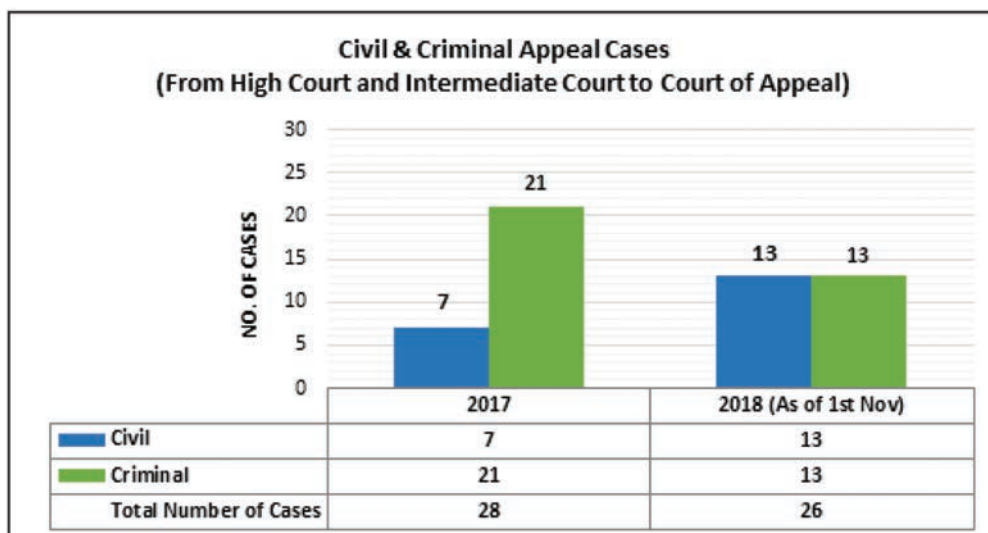
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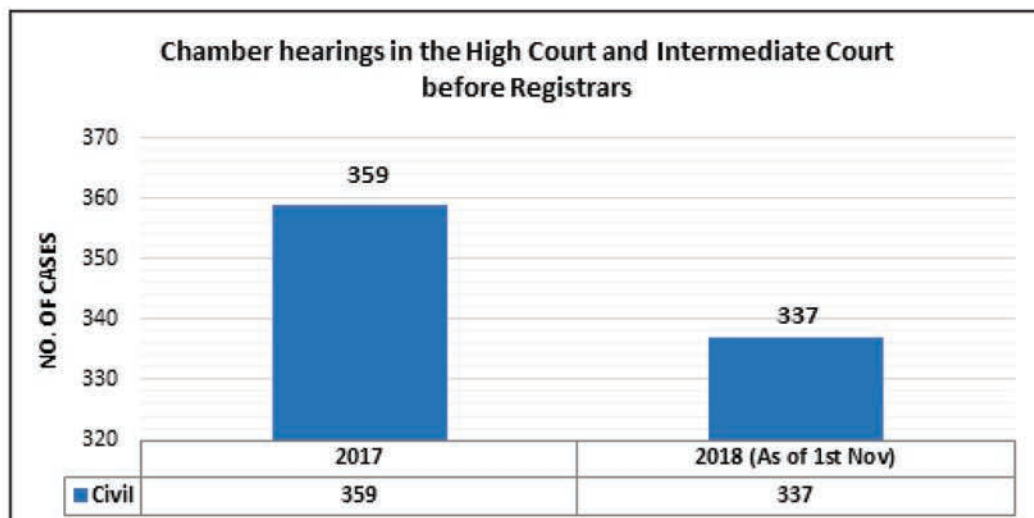
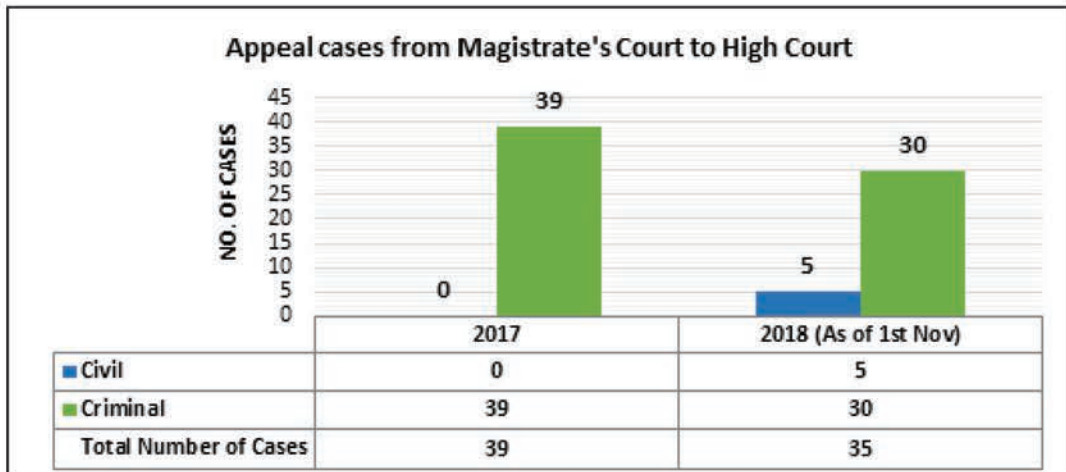
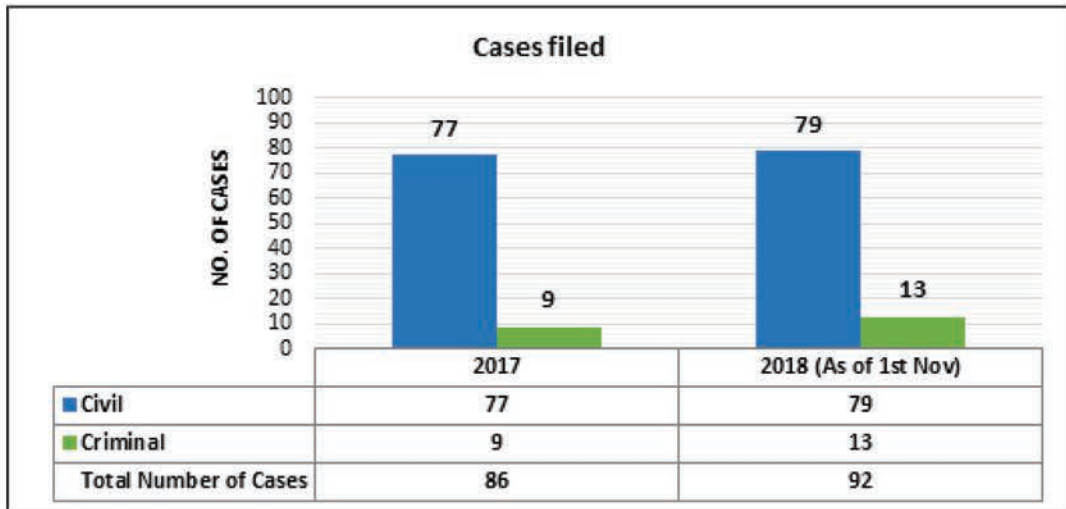
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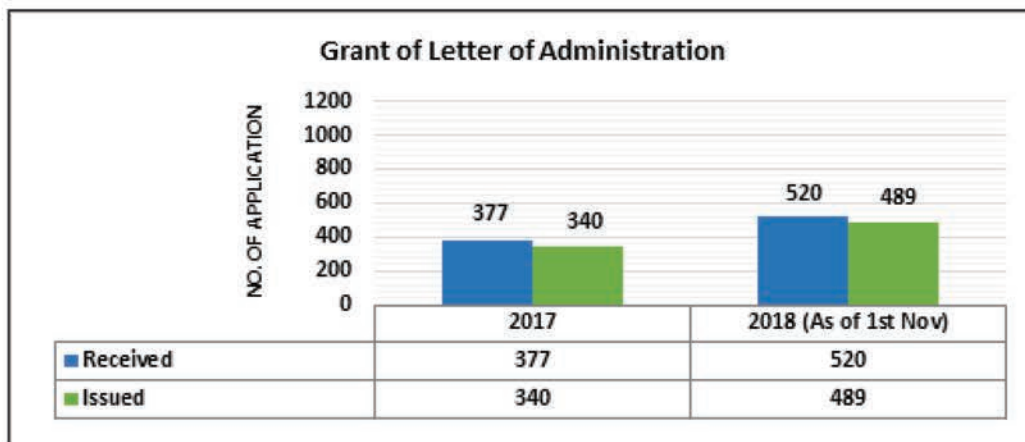
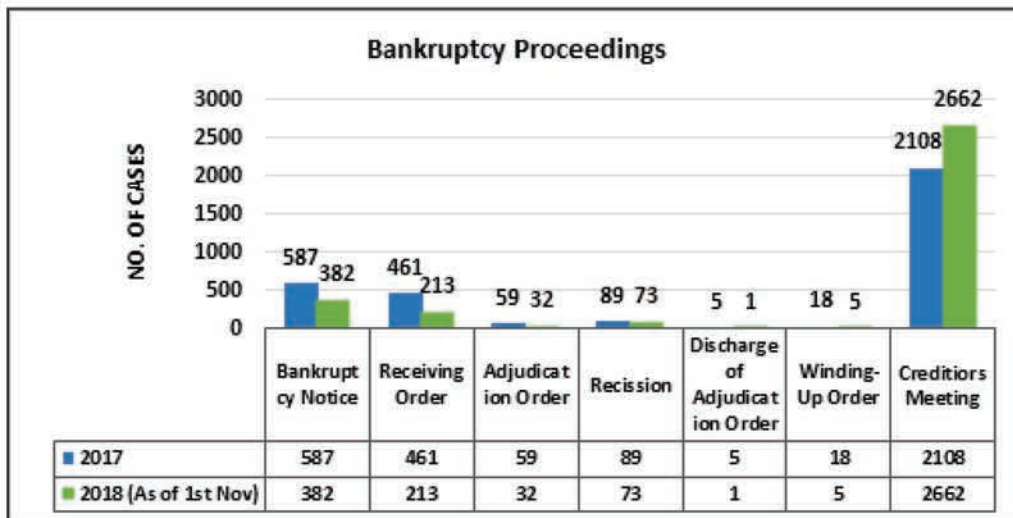
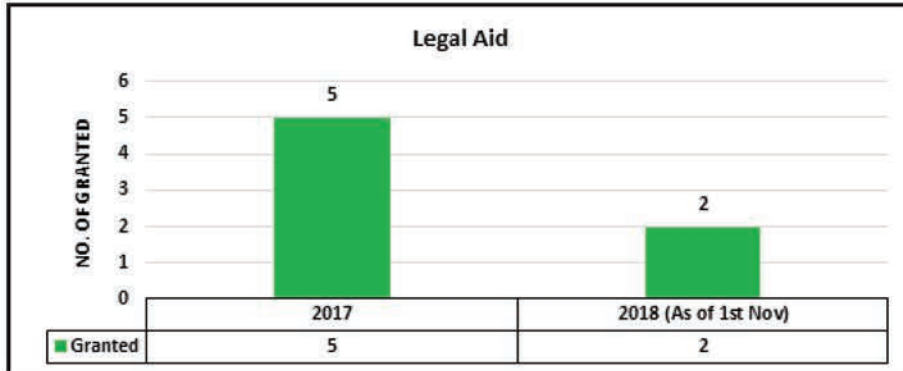
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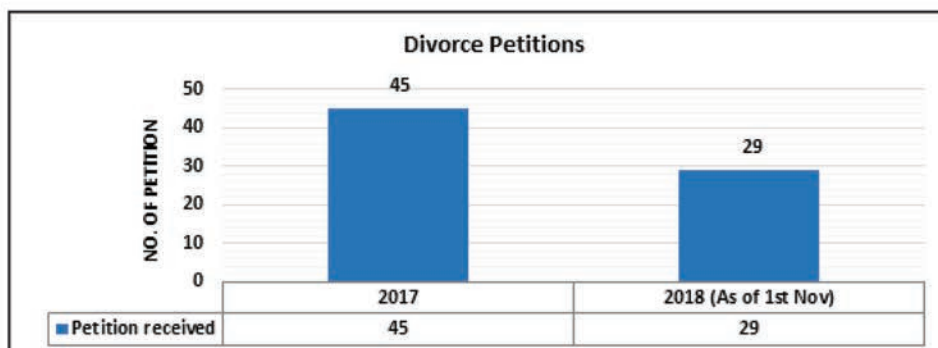
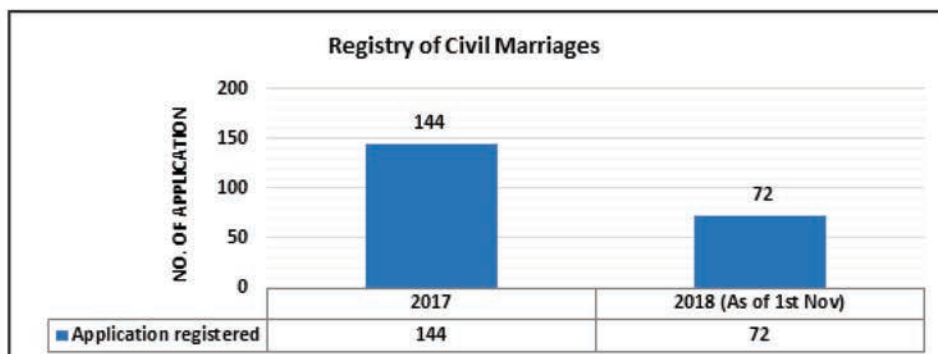
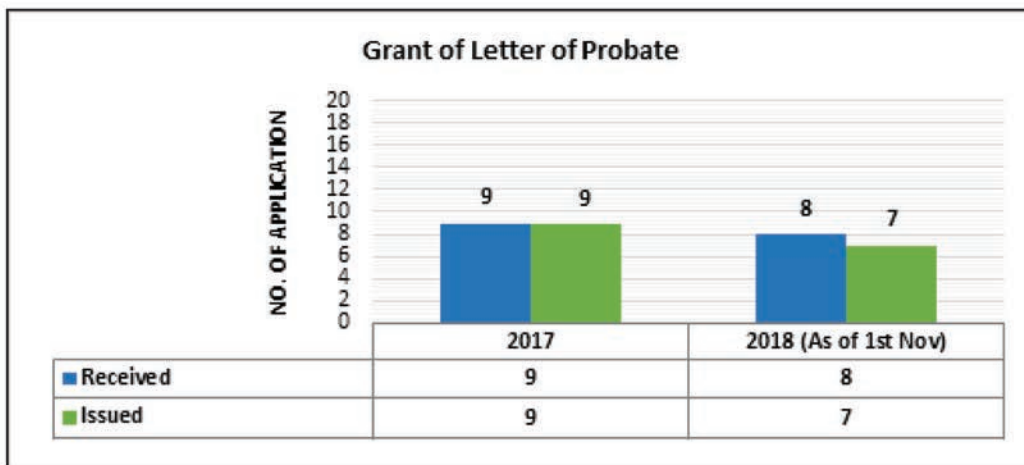
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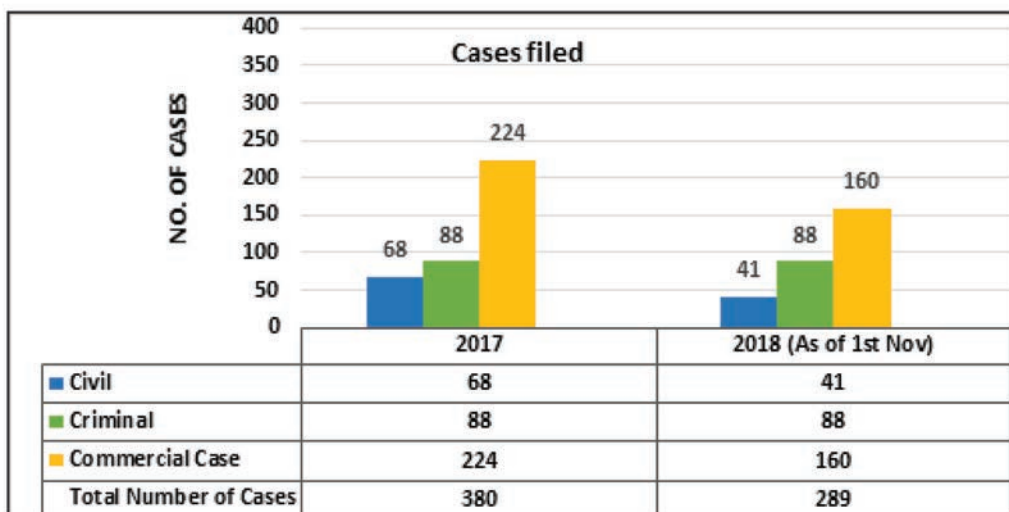
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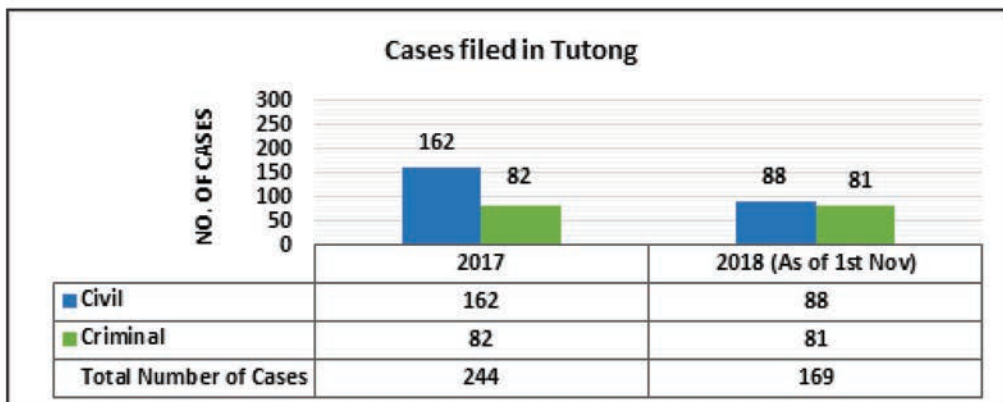
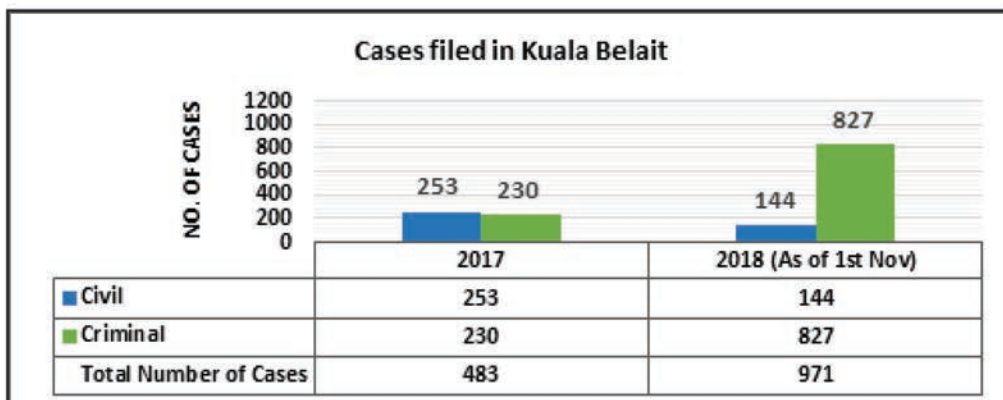
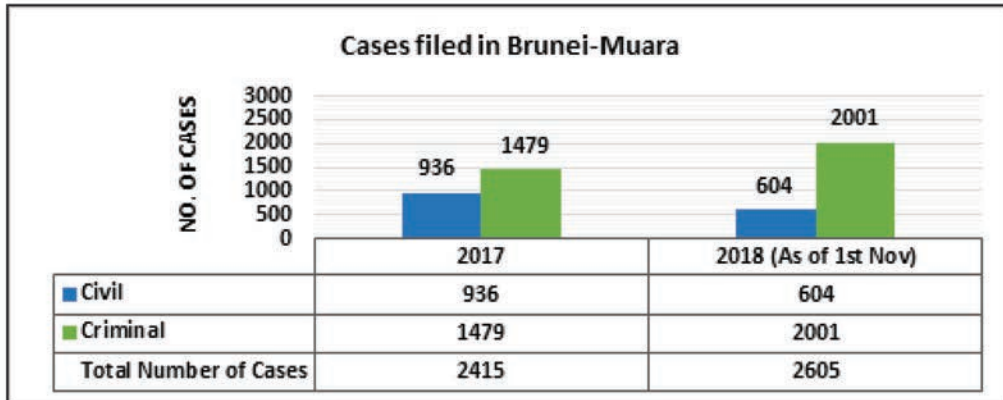


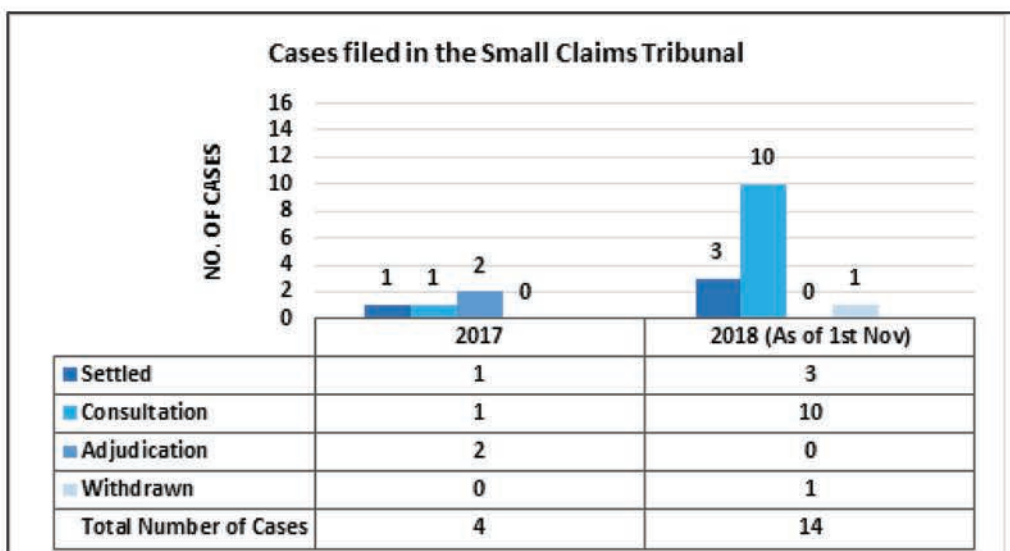
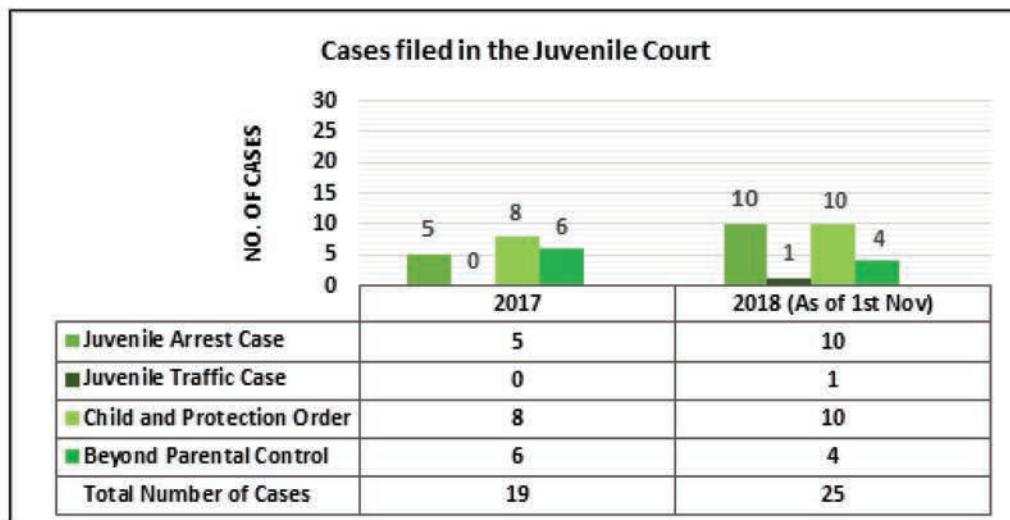
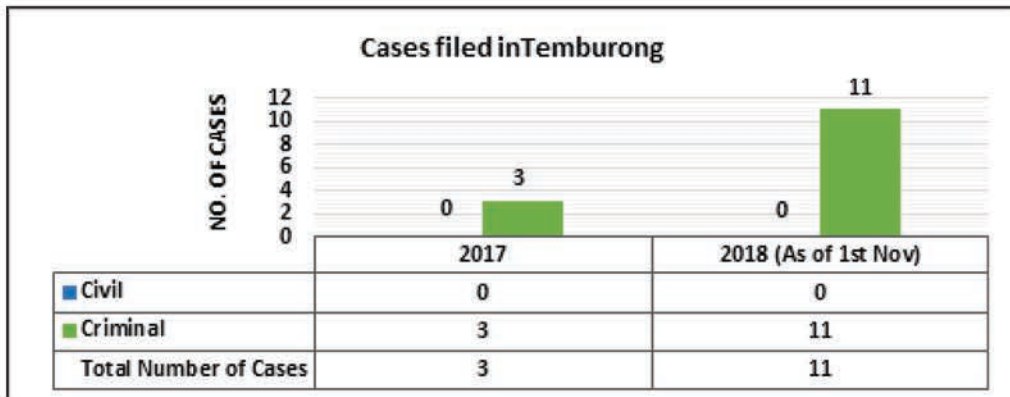
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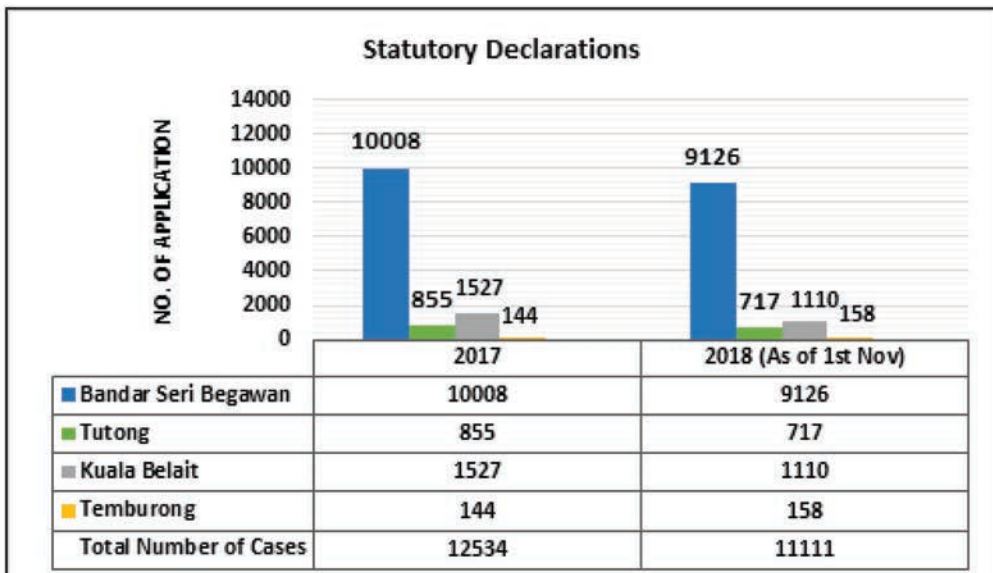
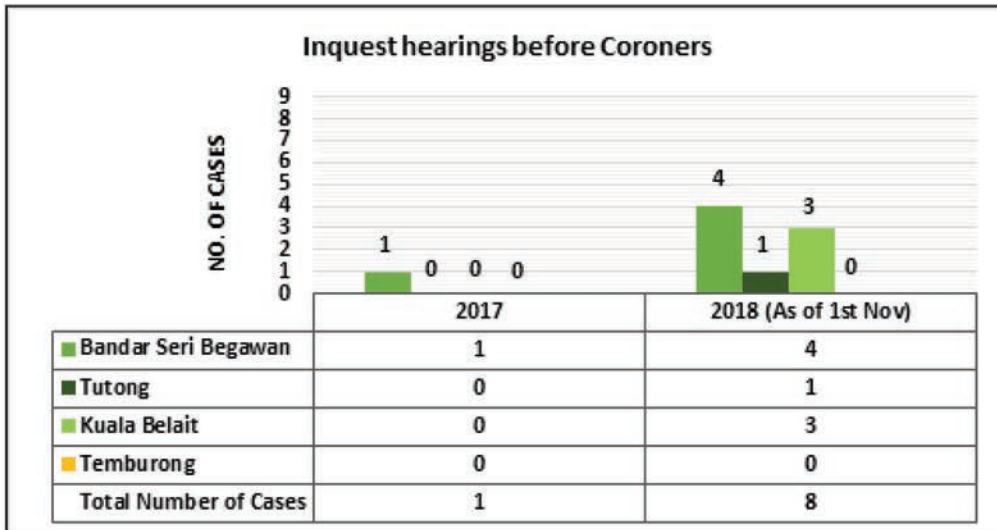


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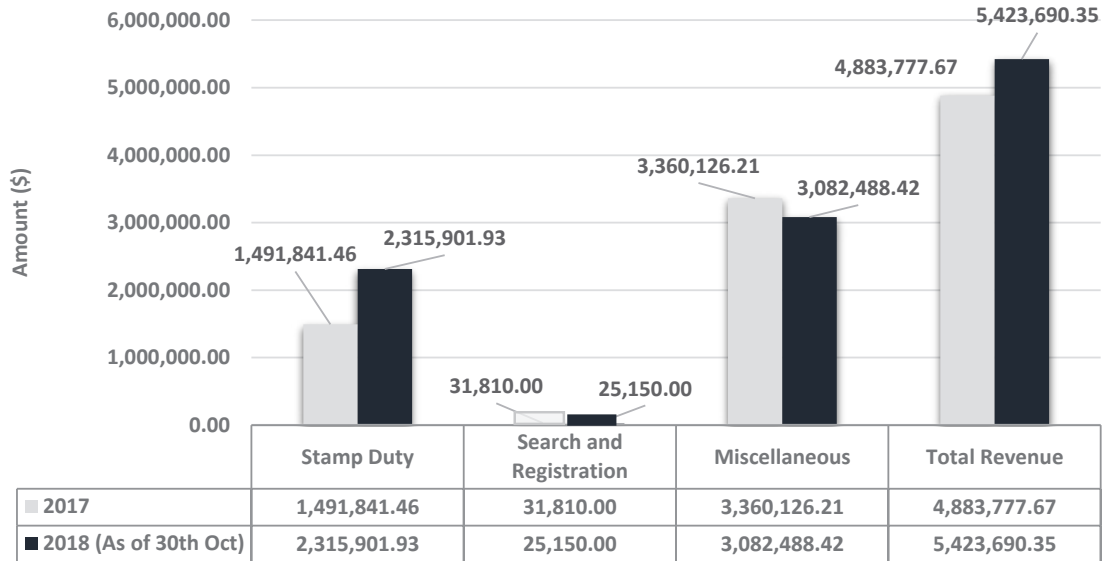
## Magistrate's Court







## Court revenue



## **Committee Members of the Opening of the Legal Year 2019**

### **1. ADVISORS**

The Hon. Justice Dato Paduka Steven Chong, Chief Justice  
The Hon. Justice Pengiran Datin Paduka Hajah Rostain binti Pengiran Haji Duraman

### **2. CHAIRMAN**

Haji Abdullah Soefri bin POKSM Dato Seri Paduka Haji Abidin

### **3. DEPUTY CHAIRPERSONS**

Director of State Judiciary  
Pengiran Masni binti Pengiran Haji Bahar

### **4. FINANCE**

Shahrezawati binti Ahmad  
Haji Tamin bin Haji Lamat

### **5. REFRESHMENTS**

Pengiran Masni binti Pengiran Haji Bahar  
Hajah Kamaliah Fadhilah binti Haji Ibrahim  
Suzanah binti Haji Sulaiman

### **6. FLOOR MANAGER**

Pengiran Hazirah binti Pengiran Mohd Yusof  
Muhammad Hardy Iman bin Haji Muhammad Ukit  
Muhammad Afandi bin Haji Ebil  
Mohamad Jazmi bin Haji Mohamad Kamel  
Pengiran Norfarzat Irwani binti Pengiran Haji Mohd Jaafar  
Mohamad Norhamizan bin Mohd Nurazman  
Mohd Fadzillah bin Haji Abu Bakar  
Hajah Noorinah binti Haji Noorkaseh  
Siti Hadizah binti Yahya  
Haji Mohd Aizat bin Haji Lutfi

### **7. RBPF/SECURITY**

Muhammed Faisal bin PDJLD DSP Haji Kefli  
Muhammad Muzakkir bin Awang Haji Zakaria  
Haji Omar bin Haji Mohd Daud  
Muhammad Hardy Iman bin Haji  
Mohamad Jazmi bin Haji Mohamad Kamel  
Mohamad Norhamizan bin Mohd Nurazman  
Mohammad Arif bin Haji Sabtu  
Awangku Mohammad Abdul Syazwan Azizan bin Pengiran Haji Abdullah

### **8. PROTOCOL**

Radin Safiee bin Radin Mas Basiuni  
Harnita Zelda Skinner  
Suzanah binti Haji Sulaiman  
Adi Zuhailah binti Jumat  
Pengiran Norfarzat Irwani binti Pengiran Haji Mohd Jaafar  
Suhana binti Haji Md Jaini  
Hashimah binti Haji Abu Bakar

Noorhayati binti Haji Ismail  
Hajah Asmawati binti Haji Ismail@Haji Jaafar  
Norhayati binti Haji Idris  
Mariam binti Haji Abu Bakar  
Haji Sahari bin Haji Abd Rahman  
Rosalawati binti Haji Awang Salleh  
Hajah Norsiah binti Haji Jamil  
Siti Nooraqilah binti Haji Sirat  
Hajah Nurul Hazimah binti Haji Tengah  
Mahmud Zuhdi bin Karim  
Muhammad Tajuddeen bin Haji Awang Asli  
Setiawati binti Haji Tamit  
Rabiqah binti Ahmad  
Sumarni binti Haji Sairan  
Nurnajiah binti Haji Yussop  
Pengiran Siti Saerah binti Pengiran Haji Abd Rahman  
Afzan binti Kassim  
Kasman bin Kamis  
Siti Khadijah binti Haji Abd Kadir  
Rohani binti Haji Zakaria  
Puasa bin Haji Tuah  
Rodglan bin Haji Abd Rahman  
Mohammad Shamri bin Alias  
Nani Hamizah binti Haji Omar Ali  
Siti Nurafiqah binti Haji Suri  
Asrina binti Haji Jukin  
Siti Nur Mumtazah binti Sulaiman  
Mohammad Arif bin Haji Sabtu  
Awangku Mohammad Abdul Syazwan Azizan bin Pengiran Haji Abdullah  
Nur Afifah Basyirah binti Ibrahim  
Dayangku Faiziah binti Pengiran Sabtu

**9. INVITATION**

Haji Abdullah Soefri bin POKSM Dato Seri Paduka Haji Abidin  
Hajah Mariah binti Awang Ali  
Suzanah binti Basman  
Pengiran Hajah Rahaiyah binti Pengiran Haji Mohd Yassin  
Norhayati binti Haji Idris  
Norhayati binti Haji Masri  
Hajah Nurul Hazimah binti Haji Tengah  
Siti Nooraqilah binti Haji Sirat  
Khairul Khairiah Wahidah binti Ahmad  
Siti Nornadzirah@Nurul Najibah binti Haji Awang Sulaiman  
Noraidah binti Haji Mohd Yussof  
Nani Hamizah binti Haji Omar Ali  
Rohani binti Haji Jaafar

**10. LOGISTICS**

Haji Omar bin Haji Mohd Daud  
Muhammad Amin Lim Ching bin Abdullah



**11. PUBLICATION/MEDIA**

Hajah Noor Amalina binti DP Haji Alaihuddin  
Pengiran Hazirah binti Pengiran Mohd Yusof  
Suzanah binti Haji Sulaiman  
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