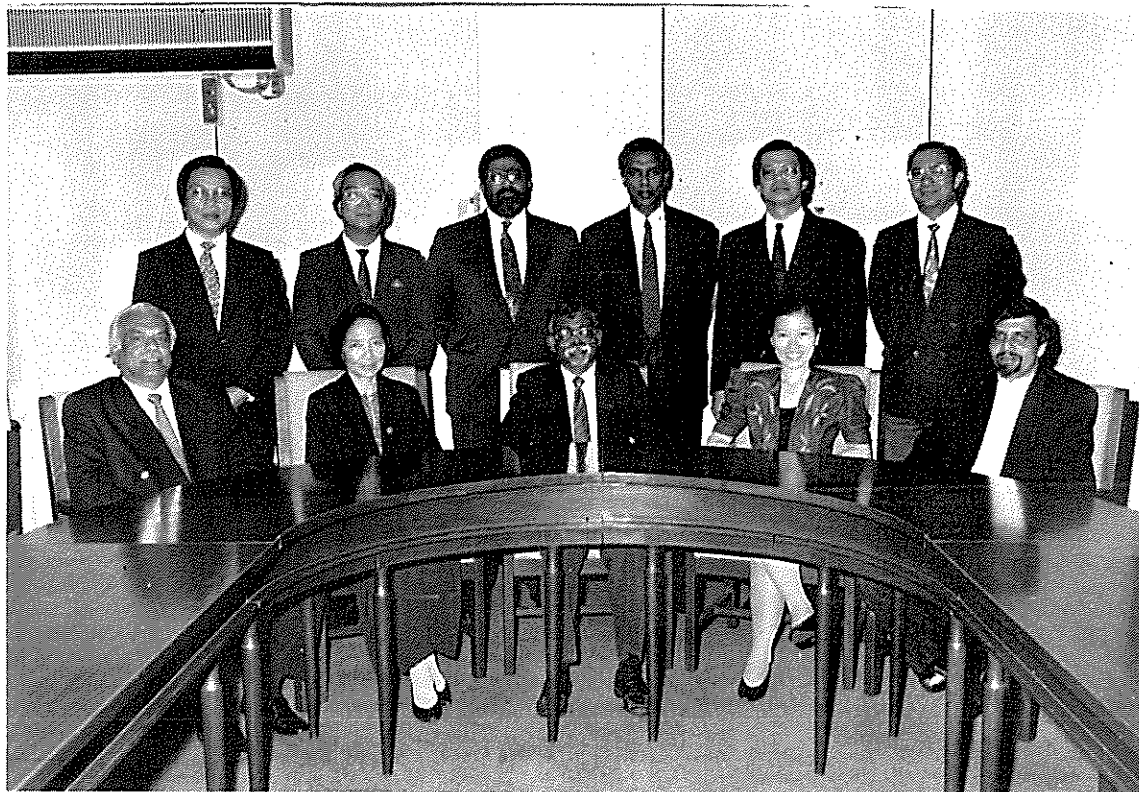


**2nd Annual General Meeting
Kuala Lumpur Bar**



**Thursday 3rd March 1994
2.30 P.M.
Auditorium Dewan Bandaraya
Kuala Lumpur**

KUALA LUMPUR BAR COMMITTEE 1993/94



L to R (Front): Mr Roy Rajasingham
Puan Hendon bte Haji Mohamed
Mr R R Sethu (Chairman)
Ms Mary Tan (Executive Secretary)
Mr Saseedharan Menon (Hon Secretary)

(Back): Encik Zainudin bin Haji Ismail
Mr Mah Weng Kwai
Mr M Puravalen
Mr Vijayaram Krishnan (Rep. to Bar Council)
Mr Lee Swee Seng
Mr Manjeet Singh

CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

It is time for us to meet again. Under the Legal Profession Act 1976 (as amended) the term of the present Committee comes to an end. The activities of the Committee are set out in the Report.

During the last year there were changes, losses and unfinished business carried over from 1992. The only certain event is the continuing rise in membership of the K L Bar. The increase causes separate problems that this annual general meeting must address.

First on the changes. The much publicised amendments to the rules of court are finally in force with time table as to filing of affidavits; the restriction in seeking ex parte injunction; restriction in adducing further evidence etc. These changes have made practice more difficult. I believe that support and para legal staff are hard to come by. A legal firm is the last choice of a job-seeker! The profession will survive the difficulties with co-operation within the profession.

As to the losses, we have lost by death many members. One notable member must be mentioned. Our colleague, Karam Singh, a colourful personality, died in India in January 1994. The past minutes of the K L Bar, (and before 1992 the Selangor and Federal Territory Bar Committee) and the Malaysian Bar are final testimonies to his contributions to the cause and struggles of the Bar. The minutes of the last annual general meeting of the K L Bar show his immense interest in our affairs. Future general meetings of the Bar would not be the same again without him. To his family and the families of the others who died we record our deepest sympathies.

The unfinished business relates to the new disciplinary system enacted in 1992. Those amendments were found to be unworkable and the blame was laid at door of the Bar. Further amendments were made in 1993. Members were appointed to the Disciplinary Board. The disciplinary machinery is yet to take effect. Complaints since April 1992 are yet to be investigated. We can only hope that the Board would become functional and proceed to dispose the pending complaints.

Finally, as alluded to earlier, the increase in membership brings its own problems. The Committee would not be able to function on the present subscription of RM100.00. This sum was fixed for more than a decade ago. Staff and their salaries and emoluments have increased over the years. Rent for the present premises was recently increased. The K L Bar also intends to bring out its own newsletter. I trust that members would vote for an increase of the annual subscription to enable the Committee to function.

I thank all members for the co-operation they had extended to the Committee and me during the past year.

R R SETHU
Chairman
KUALA LUMPUR BAR COMMITTEE

ANNUAL REPORT 1993/94
AS AT 15-2-1994

1. 1ST ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The 1st Annual General Meeting was held on Friday 5th March 1993 at 10:00 a.m. at the Auditorium Dewan Bandaraya Kuala Lumpur.

2. OFFICE BEARERS

At the abovesaid meeting the following office bearers were elected

a) Bar Committee 1993/94

Chairman : Mr R R Sethu

Members : Puan Hendon bte Haji Mohamed
Mr Roy Rajasingham
Mr Saseedharan Menon
Encik Zainudin bin Haji Ismail
Mr M Puravalen
Mr Mah Weng Kwai

b) Representative to the Bar Council for 1993/94

Mr Vijayaram Krishnan

3. HONORARY SECRETARY

Mr Saseedharan Menon was appointed as Honorary Secretary.

4. CO-OPT MEMBERS

Mr Manjeet Singh and Mr Lee Swee Seng were co-opted as members of the Bar Committee under Section 73(vii) of the Legal Profession Act 1976.

5. COMMITTEE MEETINGS

a) As at 15-2-1994 the Committee met 23 times and the attendance of each member was as follows :

1. Mr R R Sethu	- 20
2. Puan Hendon bte Haji Mohamed	- 21
3. Mr Roy Rajasingham	- 18
4. Mr Saseedharan Menon	- 17
5. Encik Zainudin bin Haj Ismail	- 19
6. Mr M Puravalen	- 23

7. Mr Mah Weng Kwai	-	15
8. Mr Manjeet Singh	-	15
9. Mr Lee Swee Seng	-	19

- b) Mr Vijayaram Krishnan, the representative to the Bar Council, was invited to attend the Committee meetings as observer and also to report to the Bar Council on relevant matters as and when pertinent and necessary. He attended a total of 7 meetings.

6. FINANCE

The financial position of the Committee is stable with a sum of RM161,352.03 in Fixed Deposit. Details of the financial position are as set out in the Audited Accounts ending 31-12-1993.

It is anticipated that expenditure for the coming year will increase and the Committee proposed to increase the annual subscription.

7. SUBSCRIPTION

The subscription for the year 1993 was fixed at RM100.00 at the 1st Annual General Meeting of the Kuala Lumpur Bar held on 5-3-1993.

According to the records kept by the Secretariat, up to 15-2-1994, 136 members are still in arrears of the 1993 subscription.

8. NUMBER OF MEMBERS

As at 15-2-1994 the Kuala Lumpur Bar has a total of 2594 members.

9. PETITIONS FOR ADMISSION

From 1-1-1993 to 31-12-1993, 555 Petitions were received by the Committee.

There were 541 members admitted to the Bar in Kuala Lumpur during the year 1993. According to the records maintained by the Secretariat out of the 541 members admitted 355 are in legal practice in Kuala Lumpur.

10. SUB-COMMITTEES AND LEGAL AID MANAGEMENT PANEL

The Committee appointed the following Sub-Committees and Legal Aid Management Panel to facilitate the organisation of its various

activities:

i) Sports Sub-Committee

Chairman : Mr Roy Rajasingham

Members : Puan Hendon bte Haji Mohamed
Mr Vijayaram Krishnan
Mr Saseedharan Menon
Mr Manjeet Singh
Mr Anthony John Dason
Ms Chin Chooi Ying
Ms Shu Lee King
Mr S Krishna Aiyar

ii) Social Sub-Committee

Chairman : Mr Manjeet Singh

Members : Mr Roy Rajasingham
Ms Sin Siew Kuen
Mr Dennis Appaduray
Mr Christopher Foo

Observers: Mr Sarbjit Singh
Ms Sheena Gurbakhash
Ms Anna Vadaketh

iii) Continuing Legal Education Sub-Committee

Chairman : Mr R R Sethu

Members : Mr Lee Swee Seng
Mr Bhag Singh
Mr Philip Koh
Mr Darryl Goon

Observer : Mr Nahendran Navaratnam

iv) Ethics Lecture Sub-Committee

Chairman : Mr Mah Weng Kwai

Member : Mr Lee Swee Seng

v) Legal Aid Management Panel

Chairman : Encik Zainudin bin Haji Ismail

Hon Secretary : Mr M Puravalen

Members : Puan Hendon bte Haji Mohamed
Mr Manjeet Singh
Mr Dennis Appaduray
Tuan Haji Khamshah bin Hj Abu Bakar
Mr Jeyapalan Mahesan

Observers : Encik Azhar bin Azizan
Mr Sivarasa Rasiah
Mr Nahendran Navaratnam
Cik Azalina bt Othman
Cik Nuraihan bt Sharif
Mr Khoo Guan Huat
Ms Yong Siat Lin

During the period under review the Sub-Committees and the Legal Aid Management Panel respectively have been active. Their respective activities and reports appear in pages 17 to 32.

Since a Criminal Law Committee was set up at Bar Council level, the Criminal Law Sub-Committee of the Kuala Lumpur Bar Committee was dissolved.

11. PUBLIC LECTURE ON AIDS

With the concern expressed over the issue of Aids in prison a public lecture on Aids entitled "Aids Behind Bars" was held on 9-7-1993. The lecture was delivered by Dr Jannie Chew who is an Aids Counselling Director.

12. OTHER MEETINGS

During the year under review the Committee met :

- i) Puan Noor Azian, Sessions Court Judge (on 7-7-1993);
- ii) Datuk Kadir Musa, Sessions Court Judge (on 27-8-1993);
- iii) City Police Chief (on 29-9-1993 and 9-12-1993).

The Chairman and Hon Secretary also had a number of informal meetings with High Court and Sessions Court Judges.

The matters discussed related to complaints and suggestions brought up by certain members of the Bar. Matters of mutual interest were also raised and discussed. Decisions affecting members generally will be circulated as and when the matters are finalised.

13. CONTRIBUTIONS

i) Law Moot Competition organised by University of Malaya

The "Book Prize" awarded by the Committee for the best mooter in the Bahasa Melayu section of the Annual Law Moot Competition 1993 was won by Ms Yeap Hong Imm.

14. BAR COMMITTEE DOCUMENT BOXES

The Committee had changed the wooden document boxes at both the KL High Court and Subordinate Courts Jalan Duta to aluminium ones with built-in-gadget to prevent pilferage of documents. In view of the change the annual rental had been increased to RM50.00 per box.

15. COMPULSORY INDEMNITY INSURANCE SCHEME

This Committee had received complaints from members on the compulsory insurance scheme. Representatives of the Committee had met the brokers. The answers did not provide solutions to the complaints of high premium. We had also inquired from another broker who is willing to provide top up cover on the same terms of cover as under compulsory scheme but at a reduced premium. This Committee feels that members, at least for the top up, should have alternative brokers. The brokers, we consulted, would write to the members direct with what they have to offer and members can negotiate directly with them.

16. CONGRATULATORY MESSAGES

Congratulatory messages were sent by the Committee on behalf of all members to :

- i) Y Bhg Datuk Low Chee Choon on his bestowal of "Darjah Kebesaran Datuk Sultan Salahuddin Abdul Aziz Shah (DSSA)" by His Royal Highness the Sultan of Selangor on the occasion of His 67th birthday.
- ii) Yang Arif Datuk James Foong on his bestowal of "Darjah Kebesaran Datuk Paduka Mahkota Selangor (DPMS)" by His Royal Highness the Sultan of Selangor on the occasion of His 67th birthday.
- iii) Yang Arif Datuk L C Vohrah on his appointment as Judge of the International Tribunal.
- iv) Yang Berhormat Dato Mohtar Abdullah on his appointment as Attorney General.

- v) Puan Heliliah Mohamed Yusof on her appointment as Solicitor-General.
- vi) Yang Arif Datuk Azmel bin Haji Maamor on his appointment as High Court Judge.
- vii) Yang Arif Tuan Hakim Vincent Ng Kim Khoay on his appointment as High Court Judge.
- viii) Yang Arif Dato Arifin bin Zakaria on his appointment as High Court Judge.
- ix) Yang Arif Tuan Hakim Mohd Noor bin Haji Abdullah on his appointment as High Court Judge.

17. OBITUARY

The Committee records with deep sorrow the passing away of the following members of the Kuala Lumpur Bar during the year under review :

- i) Mr G T S Sidhu
- ii) Mr John Skrine
- iii) Mr Karam Singh Veriah
- iv) Mr Lee Yun Khong
- v) Mr Lee Jiun Leong

18. APPRECIATION

We express our appreciation and gratitude to the Judges and especially, Y A Dato' Anuar Zainal Abidin, who helped resolve the registry's requirement for valuation reports in probate and administration matters. Our thanks are also due to the Chief Registrar, the Deputy and Senior Assistant Registrars of the High Court, the Presidents and Magistrates in the Subordinate Courts at Jalan Duta. We have always been consulted and our views noted on changes that were proposed on the listing of cases for hearing at Jalan Duta.

There were many members who helped us in the various sub-committees and others who volunteered to assist in the Ethics Lectures. We record our appreciation and thanks for their services and hope they would continue to help the Committee whenever called upon.

(SASEEDHARAN MENON)
Hon Secretary
KUALA LUMPUR BAR COMMITTEE

REPORTS OF SUB-COMMITTEES AND LEGAL AID MANAGEMENT PANEL

1. SPORTS SUB-COMMITTEE

- 1.1 The following Convenors were appointed to assist the Sports Sub-Committee in setting up various sports sections and to organise competitions and friendly games :-

Golf	:	Thomas Koh
Soccer	:	V Vijakumar
Cricket	:	David Woo
Tennis	:	Dhiren Norendra
Hockey	:	R Ganapathi
Badminton	:	S Krishna Aiyar
Table-Tennis	:	John Ng
Squash	:	Teh Meng Teck
Netball	:	Hoh Pau Yu
Bowling	:	M Rueben
Athletics	:	Suria Kumar
Darts	:	T J Su
Sepak Takraw	:	Mohd Lotfan Nadzmi

Generally the various sports sections were very active and a number of friendly games and competitions organised. All Convenors and others who had helped to make the competitions a great success are to be congratulated for a job well done.

A number of new members participated in the various games and many from the Kuala Lumpur Bar represented the Malaysian Bar in the annual Law Games with Singapore.

Some of the competitions were open to members of the Bar from other States. The response from some of the States was good.

- 1.2 An inaugural competition of selected games between the K L Bar and Penang Bar was organised with Penang playing hosts.

The games were played over a weekend in December. The games played were golf, cricket, hockey, tennis, netball, soccer and badminton. The final result was a "draw". Detail results are as follows :-

Golf	:	Lost
Cricket	:	Won
Hockey	:	Draw

Tennis	:	Won
Netball	:	Won
Soccer	:	Lost
Badminton	:	Lost

The annual series is for the KL/Penang Bar Winners Cup which was jointly donated by both Bar Committees. In view of the "draw" both State Bars get to keep the coveted trophy for six months.

The following is a report of section activities :-

1.3 Golf

The 6th Annual Golf Competition with the Malaysian Institute of Surveyors and the K L Bar for the Jones Lang Wootton Trophy was played at the Staffield Country Club on 21-10-93. The K L Bar for the first time lost this series to the Surveyors.

The 1st K L Bar Closed Golf Competition was held on 18-11-93 at the Kajang Hill Golf Club. The results are as follows :-

Best Gross - Saheran Abdullah
(Challenge Trophy donated by Mr Edmund Yong)

Best Nett - Rauf Abdullah
(Challenge Trophy donated by Mr S Y Chan)

1.4 Soccer

The soccer section was not too active as their regular field at Club Aman was under repair. Thus they have deferred the Thayalan Memorial Cup 7-A-Side Football Tournament to a later date.

The annual game against the Royal Selangor Club was played at Padang Merbok on 7-7-93. We won, the score being 3-2. Members turned out in great numbers to support our team.

A friendly game was played against the British High Commission (staff) in October 93 at Club Aman. We lost (5-2).

1.5 Cricket

The cricket section was not active as the regular pitch at Club Aman was under extensive repair. The team however played against the Penang Bar at Penang which we won.

1.6

Tennis

The tennis section was extremely active and members played weekly on three courts as the response was overwhelming. Friendly games and practice matches were played. Some of the results are as follows :-

Against Price Waterhouse	-	Won (4-1)
Return game against Price Waterhouse	-	Lost (3-2)
Against UTM	-	Won (6-0)
Against KDE	-	Lost (6-1)
Against Penang Bar	-	Won (6-1)

The 1st K L Bar Open Tennis Championship was held on 5-2-94 and 6-2-94 at the Plaza Damansara courts. The response was good. The results are as follows :-

Men's Singles

Champion	:	Souren Norendra
Runner-up	:	Robin Lim Dou Shing

Men's Doubles

Champions	:	Robin Lim & Muzafar Munzir
Runners-up	:	Souren Norendra & Dominic K W Aw

Ladies Singles

Champion	:	Rozinah Nizaruddin
Runner-up	:	Fadzilah Pilus

Ladies Doubles

Champions	:	Fadzilah Pilus & Rozinah Nizaruddin
Runners-up	:	Lorraine Cheah & Aisha Abdullah

Veterans Singles

Champion	:	Ngooi Chiu Ing
Runner-up	:	Muhd Hafidz Nuruddin

1.7

Hockey

Some new and younger members have joined the K L Bar hockey team which has contributed to the overall strength of the team. With more participation, the team, in the forthcoming year, would be a force to be reckoned with.

The annual game against the Royal Selangor Club was of a

high standard. We lost (1-4). The game against Penang Bar ended in a draw (0-0).

The 4th Open Six-A-Side Hockey Tournament for the Joga Singh Dhaliwal Challenge Trophy was played on 17-10-93 at Tun Razak Hockey Stadium. The results are as follows :-

Champions	:	Team BHC
1st Runners-up	:	Team Harcharan & Peters
2nd Runners-up	:	Team Misfits

1.8 Badminton

The badminton section was very active and members met once a week at the Selangor Badminton Association Hall where friendly matches and practice matches were played.

The K L Bar Annual Closed Badminton Tournament held in the first week of November 93 again proved to be popular and highly successful. The results are as follows :-

Men's Singles

(Challenge Trophy donated by Sgor & FT Bar Committee)

Champion	:	Wong Sai Fong
Runner-up	:	Arthur Yap

Men's Doubles

(Challenge Trophy donated by Shook Lin & Bok)

Champions	:	David Gan & Leong Ooi Seong
Runners-up	:	Richard Tee & Tee Han Cheong

Ladies Singles

(Challenge Trophy donated Puan Hendon bt Haji Mohamed)

Champion	:	Pushpa Ramalingam
Runner-up	:	Fong Ju-Li

Ladies Doubles

(Challenge Trophy donated by Y A Ong See Seng)

Champions	:	Pushpa Ramalingam & Fong Ju-Li
Runners-up	:	Grace Yeoh & Lorraine Cheah

Mixed Doubles

(Challenge Trophy donated by R Rajeswaran)

Champions	:	R Thilakan & R Pushpa
Runners-up	:	David Gan & C Y Chin

Veterans Doubles

(Challenge Trophy donated by Shearn Delamore & Co)

Champions : Khoo Eng Chin & D P Vijandran
Runners-up : Wong Sai Fong & S Radhakrishnan

1.9 Table-Tennis

The K L Bar Annual Closed Table-Tennis Competition was held at Bangsar Sports Complex, K L on 23-10-93. More participants competed than the last Championships. The results are as follows :-

Men's Singles

Champion : John Ng
1st Runner-up : Rajiv Vijayanathan
2nd Runner-up : Ng Seng Kiok

Ladies Singles

Champion : Gan Puay Geok
1st Runner-up : Lam May Yin
2nd Runner-up : Cheah Yoke Sim

1.10 Squash

The 1st K L Bar Open Squash Championship was held at the Hilton Squash Courts. Men and ladies competed. A Plate and Classic Plate event were included in order to encourage greater participation. The full results are as follows :-

Main Event

(Challenge Trophy donated by Y Sivaloganathan)

Champion : Christopher Foo
1st Runner-up : Kingston Tan
2nd Runner-up : Teh Meng Teck

Plate Event

Champion : Arthur Yap
Runner-up : Nick Leong

Classic Plate Event

Champion : Ooi Aik Lim
Runner-up : Wong Kam Leong

Ladies Event

Champion : Jayne Koe
1st Runner-up : Kong Pik Fong
2nd Runner-up : Hooi Mei Yin

1.11 Netball

The K L Bar netball team had a successful year in competition. Some new players have joined the team and many from the K L Bar were selected to represent the Malaysian Bar in the Annual Law Games against Singapore.

The K L Bar team beat Penang (the more fancied team) by 24-16 in the inaugural game in Penang in December.

It is hoped that more members would join the section so that an annual tournament could be organised.

1.12 Bowling

The Inaugural K L Bar Closed Bowling Championship was held on 20-11-93 and 21-11-93 at Raintree Club, K L. The response for the men was good though only two ladies competed in the ladies individual event. The results are as follows :-

Men

Champion : Suhaimi Ahmad
1st Runner-up : Cheow Wee
2nd Runner-up : Ahmad Zaharil Muhaiyar

Ladies

(Challenge Trophy donated by Ms C Y Chin)

Champion : Peony Lye
Runner-up : Lilian Chong

Team

Champions : C F Kuan, Elaine Lim, K J Yeoh
1st Runners-up : T S Lai, Peony Lye, S K Han
2nd Runners-up : M Rueben, Lilian Chong, Cheow Wee

1.13 Athletics

The 1st K L Bar Open Mini Marathon was held at Taman Perdana Jogging Area on 8-8-93. The turn out was good. It is hoped that there would be greater participation for

the next run. The results are as follows:-

Men's Category

(Challenge Trophy donated by Shairudin Aziz)

Champion : Suria Kumar

1st Runner-up : K P Nava

2nd Runner-up : A Nagarajan

3rd Runner-up : S Muhendran

4th Runner-up : V Vijakumar

Seniors Category

(Challenge Trophy donated by Albar Zulkifly & Yap)

Champion : T K Ooi

1st Runner-up : Chong Choh Yoon

2nd Runner-up : Ngooi Chiu Ing

3rd Runner-up : Tony Dhana

4th Runner-up : S S M Sathiaselvan

Masters Category

Champion : Tan Ah Lak

Runner-up : K Siva Segara

Ladies Category

(Challenged Trophy donated by V P Nathan & Pts)

Champion : Ong Geik Khuan

1st Runner-up : Shu Lee King

2nd Runner-up : N Inpamathi

3rd Runner-up : Loo Foong Meng

4th Runner-up : Annie Chew

Darts

The 1st K L Bar Darts Competition was held on 10-9-93. Only 11 participants competed. Greater participation is expected for the next Championships. The results are as follows :-

Men

(Challenge Trophy donated by MBL)

Champion : T J Su

1st Runner-up : Pertaf Singh

2nd Runner-up : Abd Majid Md Yusof

3rd Runner-up : Teh Meng Teck

Ladies

Champion : Sheila De Costa
1st Runner-up : Jayne Koe
2nd Runner-up : Karen Kaur
3rd Runner-up : Alice Kweh Lai Ting

Highest Score : Anand Ponnudurai

1.15 Sepak Takraw

The section was inactive as members shyed away.

1.16 Volleyball

Volleyball will be introduced next term as many members have shown interest. An open competition will be organised if the response is good.

2. SOCIAL SUB-COMMITTEE

During the year under review the Social Sub-Committee organised three functions :-

i) 2nd Charity Treasure Hunt

A Treasure Hunt was held on 26-9-1993, the flag off and the finish being at the car park near the Jalan Duta Courts. The questions and the route was set by Mr K Pasupathy and there was keen competition amongst the 34 teams of participants. A dinner was held at the Card Room of the Royal Selangor Club where the answers and winners to the Treasure Hunt were announced. The net proceeds of the Hunt amounted to RM10,595.25. Of this, a sum of RM5,115.05 was spent on purchasing equipment like Adapted Tricycle, Physioball, Communication Aid etc which were donated to Bangsaria Day Care and Training Centre for handicapped children. The balance of RM5,480.20 was donated to the Selangor King George V Silver Jubilee Fund Old Folks Home. The cheque presentations were done at the Annual Dinner & Dance.

ii) Blood Donation

A Blood Donation was organised on 5-11-1993 at the Bar Committee Conference Room. A total of 92 volunteers took part and the University Hospital Blood Bank collected 73 pints of blood.

iii) Annual Dinner & Dance

The 2nd Annual Dinner & Dance was held at the Crown Princess Hotel on 10-12-1993. Guests were entertained by the Moët & Chandon Instant Cafe Theatre Company. Tickets were priced at RM90.00 per head and total attendance was 530.

The Committee wishes to place on record its gratitude and thanks to the various donors of prizes and everyone who helped to make the Charity Treasure Hunt, the Blood Donation Campaign and the Annual Dinner & Dance a success.

3. CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION SUB-COMMITTEE

The Continuing Legal Education Committee comprises of the same team as in 1992/93. In response to numerous complaints of lack of guidance on office management, the Committee organised a set of talks on the theme of "Office Management". Of those contacted three were available and three talks were arranged, all at the Bar Council seminar room. The three talks were delivered as follows :

- (a) "General Principles Of Office Management" by Mr Chin Koon Yik of Peat Marwick Consultants on (20-10-1993)
- (b) "Management of A Legal Firm" by Mr Michael Wong, a senior member of the Bar on (22-11-1993)
- (c) "Computer Software For a Legal Firm" by Mr Cecil Abraham, also a senior member of the Bar on (14-1-1994)

These were well attended and the Committee expresses its thanks and appreciation to the speakers for these talks. Perhaps members should write to the Committee in the future suggesting the topics on which talks ought to be arranged. This would ensure that the talks meet the needs of the practising Bar in Kuala Lumpur.

In addition we had also arranged a talk by the Honourable Mr Rajinder Sachar, the retired Chief Justice of the Delhi High Court on "Recent Developments in Public Interest Litigation" at the University of Malaya on (1-10-1993). The attendance was disappointing.

Finally the Committee had undertaken the task of producing a second volume of the Practice Notes/Directions since 1983 to 1993. The first volume, undertaken by the Selangor and FT Bar Committee, contained Practice Notes issued until 1982. The new volume is now in the final stages of editing and should be available soon at a small price.

4. ETHICS LECTURE PROGRAMME SUB-COMMITTEE

Lectures on Ethics and Etiquette were conducted regularly throughout 1993. These lectures consisting of 8 topics were spread out over one and half days (Fridays and Saturdays), when senior members of the Bar spoke to a number of pupils-in-Chambers on each occasion.

Attendance of the pupils was taken at each lecture. Pupils paid a fee of RM30.00 when the lectures were at the Bar Council Seminar Room and a fee of RM40.00 when the lectures were held at LPPKN, Jalan Raja Laut, Kuala Lumpur. The fees covered the cost of 3 teas, a lunch and rental at LPPKN.

The Ethics Lecture Programme Sub-Committee sent :-

- (a) a questionnaire to all the pupils-in-Chambers attending the lectures for their views on the extensiveness and usefulness of the lectures. The questions ranged from the choice of topics to that of speakers. Pupils were invited to submit their suggestions and proposals to help enhance the programme;
- (b) a letter of appeal to all senior members of the Bar inviting them to give lectures on ethics and etiquette. Unfortunately the response to this appeal was not very encouraging.

A. 1st Ethics Lecture Programme held on 9-4-93 and 10-4-93

A total of 61 pupils-in-Chambers attended this programme.

This programme was conducted with the assistance of the following speakers :-

Topic	Speaker
(a) Maintaining the Standards of the Profession	Mr A Kanesalingam
(b) Extent of Counsel's Authority	Mr Mah Weng Kwai
(c) Practice and Etiquette Rules and Bar Council Rulings	Mr N Chandran
(d) Contempt of Court	Mr Wong Sai Fong
(e) Enforcement of Undertakings	Mr Inderjit Singh
(f) Solicitor's Account Rules	Mr R R Sethu
(g) Advocacy and Decorum in Court, Professional Conduct of Counsel in and out of Court, Duties of Counsel	Mr Sidney Augustin

(h) Legal Aid Mr M Puravalen

B. 2nd Ethics Lecture Programme held on 11-6-93 and 12-6-93

A total of 61 pupils-in-Chambers attended this programme.

This programme was conducted with the assistance of the following speakers :-

Topic	Speaker
(a) Advocacy and Decorum in Court, Professional Conduct of Counsel in and out of Court, Duties of Counsel	Mr Mah Weng Kwai
(b) Enforcement of Undertakings	Mr N Chandran
(c) Practice and Etiquette Rules and Bar Council Rulings	Encik Zainudin Ismail
(d) Contempt of Court	Mr Darryl Goon
(e) Extent of Counsel's Authority	Mr P S Ranjan
(f) Solicitor's Account Rules	Mr R R Sethu
(g) Maintaining the Standards of the Profession	Mr David Dass
(h) Legal Aid	Mr M Puravalen

C. 3rd Ethics Lecture Programme held on 20-8-93 and 21-8-93

A total of 81 pupils-in-Chambers attended this programme.

This programme was conducted with the assistance of the following speakers :-

Topic	Speaker
(a) Maintaining the Standards of the Profession	Mr Mah Weng Kwai
(b) Enforcement of Undertakings	Mr Wong Chong Wah
(c) Practice and Etiquette Rules and Bar Council Rulings	Mr K Chandra
(d) Extent of Counsel's Authority	Mr Lee Min Choon
(e) Contempt of Court	Mr D P Naban
(f) Solicitor's Account Rules	Mr George Varghese
(g) Advocacy and Decorum in Court, Professional Conduct of Counsel in and out of Court, Duties of Counsel	Mr Darryl Goon
(h) Legal Aid	Mr M Puravalen

D. 4th Ethics Lecture Programme held on 24-9-93 and 25-9-93

A total of 143 pupils-in-Chambers attended this programme.

This programme was conducted with the assistance of the following speakers :-

Topic	Speaker
(a) Maintaining the Standards of the Profession	Ms Izabella DeSilva
(b) Enforcement of Undertakings	Mr Inderjit Singh
(c) Advocacy and Decorum in Court, Professional Conduct of Counsel in and out of Court, Duties of Counsel	Tuan Haji Sulaiman bin Abdullah
(d) Extent of Counsel's Authority	Encik Shahul H Amirudin
(e) Contempt of Court	Mr S Radhakrishnan
(f) Solicitor's Account Rules	Mr Low Yong Suan
(g) Practice and Etiquette Rules and Bar Council Rulings	Ms C H Liew
(h) Legal Aid	Encik Zainudin Ismail

E. 5th Ethics Lecture Programme held on 19-11-93 and 20-11-93

A total of 82 pupils-in-Chambers attended this programme.

This programme was conducted with the assistance of the following speakers :-

Topics	Speaker
(a) Practice and Etiquette Rules and Bar Council Rulings	Mr Lee Swee Seng
(b) Solicitor's Account Rules	Mr R R Sethu
(c) Advocacy and Decorum in Court, Professional Conduct of Counsel in and out of Court, Duties of Counsel	Tuan Haji Sulaiman bin Abdullah
(d) Extent of Counsel's Authority	Tuan Haji Yusoff Shamsuddin
(e) Contempt of Court	Mr Bhag Singh
(f) Maintaining the Standards of the Profession	Mr Mah Weng Kwai
(g) Enforcement of Undertakings	Ms Jennifer Cheong
(h) Legal Aid	Mr M Puravalen

F. 6th Ethics Lecture Programme held on 17-12-93 and 18-12-93

A total of 143 pupils-in-Chambers attended this programme.

This programme was conducted with the assistance of the following speakers :-

Topic	Speaker
(a) Advocacy and Decorum in Court, Professional Conduct of Counsel in and out of Court, Duties of Counsel	Mr Mah Weng Kwai
(b) Maintaining the Standards of the Profession	Mr Vincent Lim
(c) Contempt of Court	Mr Darryl Goon
(d) Extent of Counsel's Authority	Mr Nagarajah Muttiah
(e) Solicitor's Account Rules	Mr Ng Seng Kiok
(f) Enforcement of Undertakings	Mr Robert Lazar
(g) Practice and Etiquette Rules and Bar Council Rulings	Encik Azzat Kamaludin
(h) Legal Aid	Encik Zainudin Ismail

The 7th Ethics Lecture Programme will be held on 25-2-94 and 26-2-94.

5. LEGAL AID MANAGEMENT PANEL

5.1 General

- (a) The Panel is glad to report some positive achievements for the past year. The talks given by members of the Legal Aid Panel at the Ethics Lectures has contributed to the increased participation. It is noted that many of the projects were oversubscribed by chambering volunteers.
- (b) On the minus side, it is regretted that a full-time lawyer/administrator has still not been approved by the Bar Council. The pace at which the activities can be implemented is very much dependent on this. The appointment will free the Panel to devote their time to formulating and monitoring the implementation of policies. Presently, they are also bogged down to a large extent with the day to day management of the Centre.
- (c) There has been a 32% increase in the membership to 1523 volunteers. They handled a total of 1121 files constituting a 30/70% criminal and civil profile respectively. Advisory services were provided to 1114 clients.

5.2 Finance

A sum of RM210,908.00 was approved by the Bar Council Legal Aid Committee for the Centre's operation for the year 1993.

5.3 Activities/Projects

- (a) Emphasis was on literacy programmes for the year under review. This was possible because the court litigation/advisory programmes are now well in place and running on their own steam.
- (b) A major literacy project was launched with NGOs. A planning/exploratory meeting was held to ascertain the requirements of NGOs. A subsequent programme was launched to cover care areas which were relevant to the workings of all NGOs. This was well received. Course content included para legal training, human rights, rights in criminal law, the criminal justice system and labour law. The programme is now in its mid-term review. Participation included FOMCA, Tenaganita, Awam, Persatuan Sahabat Wanita, MTUC, Pink Triangle etc.
- (c) Speakers were also provided for the following seminars/workshops :-

- (i) Tenaganita - Migrants Workers - Policies - Implication/Responses 1993

Two speakers from LAC spoke on rights under labour law and rights under criminal/immigration law respectively.

- (ii) Pink Triangle/Ikhlas

Two speakers participated in a forum on obscenity laws, law and homosexuality.

- (iii) Tenaganita

Two speakers spoke to transexuals on their rights in law.

- (iv) Practice and procedure in Syariah Courts by Puan Kamar Ainiah.

- (d) The LAC participated in a Community Week at the Atria Shopping Centre. A legal clinic was held daily from 11:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. The good turnout of volunteers included the past President, YM Raja Aziz Addruse.

5.4 Ongoing Projects

(a) Pudu Jail Clinic is functioning at its normal capacity. Many chambering students have expressed their appreciation for the exposure given.

(b) **Kajang Prison Clinic**

Another milestone has been reached. The Ministry of Home Affairs has recently granted approval for the organisation of a similar clinic at Kajang Prison. The project is now in the able hands of Mr Jeya Mahesan.

(c) **Syariah Clinic**

The clinic is now open on Wednesdays and is being manned by 71 volunteers. The members were briefed on basic practice at the Syariah Courts by Cik Azalina and Cik Rubiah Jaffar.

(d) **Chambering Students Programme**

The programme is now into its 17th session. A review is being done to increase the efficacy of training provided in the programme.

5.5 Seminars

The Centre was also represented at the following seminars/workshops :-

(a) Asian Seminar on Consumer Law organised by University Malaya (9th - 12th August 1993);

(b) Seminar on Consumer Protection and How to Handle Complaints organised by FOMCA (20th December 1993);

(c) Seminar on Inter Agency Management of Battered Woman organised by the General Hospital (21st December 1993).

5.6 Radio Talk

The LAC is now airborne on Radio Ibukota every alternate Wednesdays from 10:15 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. The Selangor Bar has apparently no objections to us broadcasting into the Klang Valley!

5.7 Forthcoming Projects

- (a) The Syariah Sub-Committee is in the midst of planning a literacy campaign and hopes it will be ready for implementation with the incoming term.
- (b) A Criminal Advocacy Course for volunteers is already in the pipeline. The Sub-Committee has obtained the services of experienced criminal practitioners for this programme. It is hoped the same will be videotaped for use by other LACs.

5.8 Projects that did not take off

- (a) The Duta Dock Brief could not be implemented. This was due to the lack of physical premises and more importantly, approval for the use of the same by the authorities. Efforts are still being made to proceed further.
- (b) The "Dial-A-Law" project did not materialise. The time and efforts of our volunteers were devoted to other projects.
- (c) The Chairman on behalf of the Panel expresses his thanks to all volunteers who have unstintingly given their services and who have withstood the brickbats, sometimes both from clients and employers (lawyers).