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All Presidents of Sessions Court, West Malaysia;

All Magistrates, Magistrate's Court, West Malaysia;

REGISTRAR'S CIRCULAR NO.7 OF 1978

I am directed by the Honourable Lord President to draw your attention to the following instructions issued by His Lordship:

LAW BOOKS

" Law Books are essential tools for all courts.

But they are very expensive.

So all officers are required to look after them well - so that they are not damaged or, worse, lost. If they are borrowed, see that they are returned. The loss of a book which is part of a series, e.g. M.L.J. or Mallal's Digest, is very serious - because very often the publisher would not sell us a missing volume only.

Loose copies of M.L.J. should not be left floating around too long. As soon as the index has been received, you should arrange for them to be bound - properly bound with the index in the right place.

Officers should be realistic when asking for books. You should only ask for books that are in frequent use. Books which are seldom referred to should be borrowed from your nearest High Court library. We simply do not have money to buy you every book that you refer to once in a while as well as books that you need every day.

Also, you must not ask for books that you know are out of print - e.g. Mallal's Criminal Procedure Code.

Finally, it is advised that you buy your own copies of essential statutes such as the Penal Code, the Criminal Procedure Code and the Evidence Act. These you should bind at your own expense with interleaves on which you write your own notes, and when you go on transfer you take them away with you, and you keep them until you retire or abandon law practice to become a Minister. It is not enough to rely on copies bought by the Department - these you should leave behind for your successor when you are transferred."

His Lordship directs that you comply strictly with the above instructions.

Thank you.

Saya yang menurut perintah,

(ABDUL HAMID B HJ MOHAMMED)
Ag. Chief Registrar

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1. The Hon'ble the Lord President.
 2. The Hon'ble the Chief Justice, Malaya.
 3. The Hon'ble the Chief Justice, Borneo.
 4. The Hon'ble Judges, Federal Court, Malaysia.
 5. The Hon'ble Judges, High Court, Malaya.
 6. All Senior Assistant Registrars/Assistant Registrars, High Court, Malaya.
 7. Registrar, High Court, Borneo, Kuching, Sarawak.
 8. Deputy Registrar, High Court, Kota Kinabalu, Sabah.
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