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## CHAPTER 13

# MEDIATION/CONCILIATION OF FAMILY DISPUTES AMONG NON-MUSLIMS IN THE CIVIL COURT

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### INTRODUCTION

In Malaysia, currently there is no family mediation service in the civil court available to non-Muslim parties although there have been suggestions to introduce it under the proposed family court. However, there is conciliation/reconciliation provision under the current law applicable to non-Muslims, which will be deliberated in detail in this chapter. The practice of the conciliation or reconciliation at the National Registration Department as well as at the religious organisations will be discussed. In this chapter, mediation service offered by the Malaysian Mediation Centre and the Legal Aid Bureau will be briefly deliberated.

#### **Malaysian Mediation Centre**

The Malaysian Bar Council in 1999 has established the Malaysian Mediation Centre (MMC) to encourage Malaysians to settle their disputes through mediation including family disputes. The MMC is funded by the Bar Council, but those who use its services are