

**MAJLIS SULH: THE HANDLING OF MARRIAGE DISPUTES IN SELANGOR**

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**ABSTRACT**

In the last semester, we have chosen *Majlis Sulh: The Handling of Marriage Disputes* in Selangor as the ultimate topic for a research paper in completing the syllabus prescribed by the Faculty of Law, UiTM. This topic was preferred due to the current phenomena suffered by the civil courts including Shariah Court with backlog of cases which is burdensome to the court, generally and the disputed parties, specifically. As the number of family disputes keeps rising day by day in the state of Selangor, the effectiveness of *Majlis Sulh* in handling marriage disputes must be given serious attention by the legislature and the society at large.

*Majlis Sulh*, as an alternative reference for the family disputes settlement is governed under Syariah judiciary in Malaysian legal system. The emphasis is made on the objective which is to analyse to what extent the application of *Sulh* is adopted in Selangor by looking at the procedures implemented during *Sulh* session. In Selangor, *Majlis Sulh* is governed under Kaedah-kaedah Tatacara Mal (Sulh) Selangor 2001. Besides, other mechanisms for dispute settlement out-of-court are compared with the *Sulh* process in making differences to the litigation process in court. The issues and problems in the implementation of *Sulh* are also highlighted together with the recommendations in order to ensure its effectiveness in achieving its aim in settling marriage dispute among Muslims.

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