

Bosco Philip Anthony
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I was shocked to have had been informed by my Secretary that the Selangor Bar Committee called me up to request for this reference. Up until now, I still do not know his cause of death. But one thing's for sure, his memories would live on.

Speaking of Mr. Bosco, the name he was fondly called during my short tenure as his Legal Assistant, memories of birthday celebrations for his respective staff then, would come to my mind. All the staff, though mischievous, would eagerly be waiting for such events. It would be the time that the staff would have the chance to order the most expensive course on the menu at

Victoria Station, USJ, and on most such occasions, it meant half-day work for us. It would always be such a merry affair for the staff, that after a couple of drinks, and I can vouch that Mr. Bosco truly loved beer, he would on such events instruct us to close down the office for the day! "Tutup ofis la...Balik!" Those were the words we would be waiting for from him everytime after such events!! Hooray for the staff!!

I actually came to have the pleasure of knowing Mr. Bosco earlier. Soon after my CLP examination, I did my attachment at his firm since his office, then in USJ, was near to my home. Even during my chambering days, we still kept in touch. He even came for my long call with his first Legal Assistant at that time, Vasanthan. He offered me a place to start my career and I am still to-date indebted to him for all the experience whilst at Bosco Philip Anthony & Associates.

I was his second Legal Assistant together with Vasanthan. He was just starting as a sole proprietor with only few staff. Besides us two as his legal assistants, there were Jasbeer, Suzy and Jefri as supporting staff and Sham, his driver. It was just like one family, all of us.

Mr. Bosco, though his appearance and the way he spoke would at times scare a tiger, was deep inside a kind-hearted person and a very reasonable employer. I learned a lot from him, not only in matters of the law, but in management and the human touch.

He, being a former unionist, was fierce in his stand particularly on the social and economic standing of workmen. He practiced mostly in industrial relations and labour matters, and some general litigation, mostly defence work. As a sole proprietor, it was hard to get on the panel of the Financial Institutions.

It was a blessing for me to have worked for Mr. Bosco. I would not have gained the experience in industrial relation/labour matters and defence work in litigation if not for him. We learned a lot from each other and he was always encouraging us not to be afraid to speak up for the best interest of our clients. It was at a time when the judges were extremely particular about adhering to the rules that sometimes the merits of the case itself were unfortunately sacrificed.

Although he was hard pressed for time, he loved his wife and children very much.

The last time I bumped into him was a couple of years back. It was at the Shah Alam High Court. He was still the Mr. Bosco that I knew, pleasant, humble, and full of words of encouragement.

For Master Bosco, God Bless You and May You Rest in Peace.

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