Three-Day Advocacy Training Program on Recording of Evidence Through Commission for the members of Sindh High Court Bar Association, Batch-03

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Sindh High Court Bar Associations nominated 39 Advocates including 19 female Advocates for this training

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Three-day advocacy training program for the members of Sindh High Court Bar Association, (Batch-03) was held at Sindh Judicial Academy Karachi from November 12 - 16, 2020. The training continued from 02:15 pm to 05:30 pm and 39 young Advocates including 19 female Advocates attended the program.

training. He elaborated the concept of Primary & Secondary evidence with relevant facts. He also discussed the procedure of Recording examination-inchief, cross-examination, and re-examination. He also shared the knowledge on how to exhibit. The trainees were given several group exercises.

Hon'ble Mr. Justice Nadeem Azhar Siddiqui, Former Judge



Mr. Muhammad Shahid Shafiq, D&SJ / SFM, Sindh Judicial Academy and Mr. Aftab Ahmed Bajwa, Administrative Officer, SJA jointly conducted the inauguration session including registration and attendance of participants, recitation, a brief on Code of Conduct & SOPs, introduction of the training program and conduct of preassessment.

Mr. M Shahid Shafiq also conducted the first skill-based session of the final day of the

High Court of Sindh conducted the first session. He explained 'Appointment of Commissioner for Recording Evidence & its Terms of Reference'. He shared the knowledge 'How to approach parties for their appearance?' The Hon'ble Justice also discussed 'Settling schedule of recording evidence (Certificate of readiness)' and 'Laws relating to appointment of Commission for recording evidence'.

Hon'ble Mr. Justice Ali Aslam Jafri, former Judge High Court of Sindh and Mr. Muhammad Shahid Shafiq, D&SJ/SFM, SJA jointly conducted the final session of the first day. The Hon'ble Justice shared the knowledge on 'Specimen of evidence recorded by a Commissioner'. He also shared 'Case law on issues normally occurred while evidence is recorded by the Commissioner'. The discussion was followed by a group activity on the topic conducted by Mr. M Shahid Shafiq.

The second day of the training was started with another lecture from Hon'ble Mr. Justice Nadeem Azhar Siddiqui. He elaborated the procedure of recording evidence when affidavit-in-evidence is filed'. He also shared the procedure of preparing report and art of writing case diaries. The trainees were engaged in an exercise to provide the practical knowledge on the topics taught.

Mr. Anwar Mansoor Khan, former Attorney General of Pakistan and Senior Advocate, Supreme Court of Pakistan conducted the final session of the second day. He discussed the procedure of handling objections raised during examination-inchief and cross examination. He also shared knowledge on Reference to Court in case of conflict/dispute/objection raised by any other parties during evidence. Moreover, Mr.

Khan concluded the session by explaining the procedure to seek time if evidence is not completed in time.

In the final session of final day, post assessment test was conducted. The participants were also given a Trainers evaluation for assessing the performance of honorable trainers.

Hon'ble Director General SJA, Mr. Justice Muhammad Ali Mazhar, Judge High Court of Sindh shared the importance of recording evidence through



commission and said that they might have learnt a lot from the most senior faculty members in this short span of the training sessions. Mentioning the heavy backlog of the cases in the courts, he advised the trainees to complete their job as a commissioner in scheduled time. He also mentioned that the recording of evidence and cross-examination are art and they

should proofread the document to minimize the ambiguities in any stages of case proceedings. The Hon'ble Director General also urged the trainees to transcribe the reasons for delaying the case proceedings and seek assistance from the court. Later, the trainees presented souvenirs to Hon'ble DG, SFM and Admin Officer.



Mr. Justice Muhammad Ali Mazhar also awarded certificates to the participants of this training program. The session was concluded with a traditional group photograph of the participants with Hon'ble DG and other trainers.

