

SIX-WEEK INTERNSHIP PROGRAM FOR YOUNG LAWYERS AND LAW STUDENTS

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In order to enrich legal education and improve the quality of law graduates, the SJA started a training program for young lawyers and law students with following objectives:

- > To develop a better understanding on the trial procedure observed in Civil, Criminal and Family Courts
- > To equip the advocates with the relevant laws and precedents relating to trial
- > To address common issues and errors experienced when conducting trials falling within the jurisdiction of Civil, Family & Criminal Courts
- > To further discuss the most current and crucial case law in the respective fields so as to allow the advocates to establish an edge at trial

The planned activities to be performed during the training included:

- > Each participant should prepare at least one research paper on a topic to be identified by Faculty Member
- > Each Participant should draft pleadings and additional documents assigned by Faculty Member
- > The participants should know the skills of finding relevant and recent case law on

assigned subjects

- > The participants should know the skills of finding research paper/case law by using electronic means and manually
- > They should be aware of articulating step-by-step guidelines for Advocates on how to file a case in the appropriate Court
- > They should be able to identify bottlenecks in substantial law and procedure law and suggest proposals to improve them

Following distinguished speakers conducted the training sessions:

- > Mr. Justice Hassan Feroze, Former Judge High Court of Sindh
- > Mr. Moin Azhar Siddiqi, Advocate Supreme Court of Pakistan
- > Mr. Muhammad Shahid Shafiq, District & Sessions Judge / SFM, SJA
- > Mr. Javed Ahmed Keerio, District & Sessions Judge, Sanghar
- > Mr. Naveed Ahmed Soomro, ADJ
- > Mr. Haleem Ahmed Memon, ADJ
- > Mr. Moola Bux Solangi, CJ/JM
- > Mr. Sodagar Ali Solangi CJ/

JM

- > Barrister Syed Shahbal Ali, Practicing Barrister, Lecturer and Research Associate

Mr. Aftab Ahmed Bajwa, Administrative Officer, SJA 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 pre-assessment.

During the first week, the participants were shared the knowledge on Family Laws. The learning included: Trial Procedure in Family Courts; Drafting Plaint; Drafting Written Statements; Pre-trial and Post-trial; Framing Issues and Recording Evidence.

The trainees learnt about the family cases including: dissolution of marriage; dowery article; maintenance etc. Skilled based sessions were conducted on how to do the examination in chief, cross examination, recording evidence, pre-trial and post-trial proceeding of family suits. Drafting Misc. Applications, Counter Affidavits and Conducting Arguments and Important Case Law were also discussed during the sessions.

Mr. Muhammad Shahid Shafiq, D&SJ/SFM, SJA, Mr. Mola Bux Solangi CJ/JM and Mr. Sodagar Ali



Solangi CJ/JM provided precious guidance throughout the sessions. In the second week, the participants were taught; Introduction to Rent Laws; Trial before Rent Controller; Drafting Rent Applications; Drafting Written Statements; Recording Evidence; Drafting Misc. Applications; Counter Affidavits and Conducting Arguments. Important Case Law on the subject was also discussed.

Useful knowledge was shared on Sindh Rental Premises Act. The participants were also taught how the trial is conducted before Rent Controller in different scenarios. They also learnt about the rights of landlord and tenants including how to maintain and establish relationship between them.

During this week, the trainees were provided practical knowledge on drafting rent application, written statement and also recording evidence under the kind guidance and supervision of Mr. Muhammad Shahid Shafiq and Mr. Mola Bux Solangi.

In third week of training, the students were provided knowledge on the subjects including: Introduction to the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1898; Trial Procedure in Criminal

Courts; Drafting Misc. Applications; Arguments on Applications; Recording Evidence & Cross-Examination; Final Arguments; and Important Case Law.

The Criminal Procedure Code was elaborated by the learned faculty members and Qanoon-e-Shahadat Ordinance was discussed. The participants learned how the trial and evidence are conducted in Criminal Courts after lodging of FIR. They also learnt what are the procedures are followed in criminal trial with a mock trial exercise in which interneers prepared questions as per the requirement of examination in chief, cross examination, recording of evidence by witnesses and Investigation Officer, final arguments etc.

In the fourth week of the training, the interneers were provided skill-based sessions on: Conducting Research for the Preparation of a Case; Types of Research (Qualitative & Quantitative); Data Collection; Data Analysis Tools; and Writing Research Paper. They were also taught how to find case laws from different law books and other resources.

Mr. Nizamuddin, Librarian SJA delivered a presentation

on searching case law. The interneers were practically involved in executing the searching techniques.

In the fifth and final week of training, the interneers were taught: The Code of Civil Procedure, 1908; Specific Relief Act; Limitation Act; Trial Procedure in Civil Courts; Drafting Complaint; Drafting Written Statements; Framing Issues; Recording Evidence; Drafting Misc. Applications, Counter Affidavit and Conducting Arguments; and Important Case Law. They also learnt the questions of examination-in-chief and cross examination as well as different injunction application which are to be filed in the court during the pendency of suit. They were also shared that what type of specific relief have been given by courts according to the act and who can claim such relief. The interneers also performed supervised mock trials and performed role play for better understanding of what they learnt in their studies.

Mr. Samee-UI-Haq and Ms. Nida Agaria hosted the certificated distribution ceremony. The ceremony started with the recitation of selected verses from The Holy





Quran. The internees actively participated and contributed their observations and remarks with respect to this training program.

Mr. Imdad Noopoto and Ms. Kulsoom Khan discussed about Family Law. They discussed the efforts of respectable faculty members for elaborating the topic with suitable examples.

Mr. Rehan Qadeer gave a critical analysis on Criminal Justice System and discussed Criminal Trial Procedure. He also shared his suggestions for the betterment of trial procedure.

Mr. Sadia Ashraf delivered an introductory speech on Criminal Law. She mentioned that the Code of Criminal Procedure and Trial Procedure in Criminal Courts were taught briefly. She also expressed gratitude on sharing the knowledge in detail with important Case Law. Moreover, Ms. Yusra Ashfaq gave an introductory speech on Civil Law.

Addressing to the certificate distribution ceremony, Hon'ble Mr. Justice Muhammad Ali Mazhar, Judge High Court of Sindh and

acting Director General, Sindh Judicial Academy welcomed the participants and urged them to utilize the knowledge that they gained during this training program in their professional life.

The Hon'ble DG also shared the basic norms and ethics for the advocates and said that being an officer of the court, they should wear a tidy uniform, switch-off their mobile devices and present good behavior in the Courtroom. He also guided them to prepare their case file properly with folio for saving the time of Honorable Judge and Court. He also emphasized on carrying relevant books, e.g., CPC, Cr.PC etc. He also emphasized them to be honest to their profession do not conceal the facts.

The Hon'ble Director General urged the lawyers to establish a good reputation and maintain higher decorum. He also urged them to study the past experiences of great lawyers if they want to intuit the future. He also mentioned the examples of the great lawyers including Advocate Sharif-Uddin

Pirzada and Advocate Hafeez Pirzada and shared that these great lawyers proceeded their cases in front of him. He added that these respected personalities, the role models, were not even aware of the law but they used to follow all the rules and regulations of the court of law.

The Hon'ble Judge said that though Respectable Advocate A.K Barohi is not among us but his name is always taken as a sign of pride and dignity due to his professional dedication. He also said that they are the future of judiciary and they should do the research as it is a tool of creating new knowledge.

Earlier, the representatives of internees presented the gift of flowers and souvenirs of Ajrak to the Hon'ble Director General and others

At the conclusion, Hon'ble Director General SJA, awarded certificates to the participants. The session was concluded with a traditional group photograph of the participants with Hon'ble DG, the guest and others.



