

TWO-WEEK BAR VOCATIONAL COURSE FOR LAW GRADUATES (BATCH-13) FROM 17 February – 02 March 2024 AT KARACHI



Background Context

❖ This Bar Vocational Course is designed and developed to enhance law graduates' skills, standards, and quality in compliance with the worthy order dated 28-08-2018 passed in constitution petition No.134/2012 and civil Misc. Application No.1864/2010 in constitution petition No.09/2005 and subsequent orders dated 06-06-2022 and 14-09-2022 passed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of Pakistan in CMA No 61810/2020 in CP.NO 134/ 2012. The Sindh Bar Council vide letter dated 13-10-2022 has approached this academy to conduct a "Two Weeks Bar Vocational Course" during the six-month training/ pupillage period that a law graduate intending to join the legal profession must undergo to be enrolled as an advocate for practicing law. In view of worthy observations (supra) of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of Pakistan, this academy especially, designed a "Two-week training program" for young law graduates to strengthen their capacity to draft pleadings about procedural and special laws. This training is given over the academic concept of drafting and step-wise trial in courts for judicial appreciation, which also provides detailed case law studies on issues used frequently in courts. Such training is designed in a manner and sequences as the trial proceeded, whereas, many cases are included on different issues, wherein pleadings and different applications supported with affidavits are discussed just to provide the understanding to the law graduates to acquire better ideas of the cases usually filed in courts. The prime objective of

this training is to develop an analytical approach for trainees to solve cases. The academy never encourages memorization of a few or many provisions of law, but it is another attempt to enhance trainees' comprehension of complex situations that may arise in the court while dealing with cases. The trainees are expected to respect each other's point of view as the law is the subject of social science and is dynamic, in particular the procedural law which is interpreted progressively.

❖ In this regard, the SJA has already conducted 11 Batches in the year 2023.

Brief Introduction to Training

❖ In the context above, a Two-Week Bar Vocational Course for Law Graduates on Procedural Laws was arranged from 17 February – 02 March 2024 (**Batch-13**) at Auditorium, Karachi Bar Association, Karachi. In this interactive/practical training program, a total of 418 Law Graduates participated.

Salient Proceedings

❖ On Day 01, in the Inaugural Session, Mr. Muhammad Shahid Shafiq (District & Sessions Judge/Senior Faculty Member, Sindh Judicial Academy) conducted the following activities:



- Registration
- Recitation of the Holy Quran
- Attendance of participants

❖ Further **Mr. Muhammad Shahid Shafiq** on the subject of “Criminal Law.” In this session, he discussed:

Supply of Documents

- Role of advocate at the stage of supplying copies to an accused
- Mock Trial

Framing a Charge

- Object of the Framing of Charge
- When and how to frame charge
- Mock Trial

❖ On Day 02, the first and second sessions were conducted by **Mr. Muhammad Shahid Shafiq** on the subject of “Sindh Rented Premises Ordinance, 1979.” In this session, he discussed:

- Introduction of rent law
- Procedure to deposit rent
- Trial procedure
- Important provisions of rent law

❖ On Day 03, the first and second sessions were also conducted by **Mr. Abbas Ali Abbasi** (Advocate, High Court of Sindh) on the subject of “Temporary and Permanent Injunction.” In this session, he discussed:

- How to draft an injunction application? (practical exercise)
- How to draft an application under Order XXXIX Rules 1 & 2 CPC?
- How to draft Misc. Application?

❖ On Day 04, the first and second sessions were conducted by **Qazi Muhammad Naeem Siddiqui** (former Additional District & Sessions Judge) on the subject of “Civil Law.” In this session, he discussed:

- How to draft a plaint?
- How to draft a written statement?
- How to draft an application under Order XXXIX Rules 1 & 2 CPC?
- Understanding the law on jurisdiction
- Return of plaint
- Rejection of plaint



❖ On Day 05, the first and second sessions were conducted by **Mr. Zain-ul-Abdin Sahito** (Advocate, High Court of Sindh) on the subject of “Civil Law.” In this session, he discussed:

- Trial procedure followed in a civil court
- How to draft an application under Order VII Rule 11 CPC?
- How to determine the pecuniary jurisdiction of a civil court?
- Procedure to purchase court fees in the different civil suit

❖ On Day 06, the first session was conducted by **Dr. Sardar Ali Shah** (Assistant Professor, Law, University of Sindh, Jamshoro) on the following topics:

- Code of conduct to be observed by the advocate
- Legal ethics

❖ The second session was jointly conducted by **Dr. Sardar Ali Shah** and **Mr. Malik Tahir Iqbal** (Chief Executive Officer, Legal Right Forum) on the following topics:



- How to appear in court?
- Court room etiquettes
- Juvenile trial and legal assistance

❖ On Day 07, the first and second sessions were conducted online by **Mr. Muhammad Shahid Shafiq** on the following subjects/topics:

- How to file suit?
- Necessary documents required for the civil suit
- Communication skills
- ADR law

❖ On Day 08, the first and second sessions were conducted by **Syed M. Waseem Shah** (Advocate, Supreme Court of Pakistan) on the subject of “Criminal Law.” In this session, he discussed:

- How to draft a bail application?
- Post-arrest bail drafting (Specimen)
- Pre-arrest bail drafting (Specimen)

- Drafting bail applications (practical exercises with relevant laws)
- How to surety submitted in the court?
- How to draft an application for a reduced surety amount (practically in the shape of a Mock Trial)

❖ On Day 09, the first and second sessions were conducted by **Qazi Muhammad Naeem Siddiqui** the subject of “Criminal Law.” In this session, he discussed:

Recording of evidence of parties

- How to draft affidavit-in-evidence
- How to exhibit the documents
- Cross-examination

Drafting written statement

- Suit for dissolution of marriage by way of Khullah and recovery of dowery articles
- Suit for maintenance of children
- Suit for custody of minor children

❖ On Day 10, the first and second sessions were conducted by **Mr. Arshad Hussain Soomro** (District Attorney, Law Department) on the subject of “Law of Evidence (Qanun-e-Shahadat, 1984.” In this session, he discussed:



- How to examine your witness?
- How to cross-examine witness?
- How to produce documents and mark Exhibits?
- Role of Modern devices in the collection of evidence
- Mock Trial (Civil Law)

❖ On Day 11, the first and second sessions were conducted by **Mr. Sheeraz Ali Khawaja** (Advocate, High Court of Sindh) on the subject of “Law of Jurisprudence.” In this session, he discussed:



- Role of medical jurisprudence in the criminal justice system
- Difference between forensic medicine and jurisprudence

❖ On Day 12, the first session was conducted by **Mr. Muhammad Shahid Shafiq** on the subject of “Civil Law.” In this session, he discussed:

- Concepts of pleadings
- Basic rules for drafting

❖ Second session was jointly conducted by **Hon’ble Mr. Justice Nadeem Akhtar** (Judge, High Court of Sindh / Director General, Sindh Judicial Academy), **Hon’ble Mr. Justice Muhammad Iqbal Kalhoro** (Judge, High Court of Sindh) and **Hon’ble Mr. Justice Adnan-ul-Karim Memon** (Judge, High Court of Sindh) on the subject of “Code of conduct to be observed by an advocate while appearing in court of law.”

Conclusion

❖ At the end of training, **Hon’ble Mr. Justice Nadeem Akhtar** (Judge, High Court of Sindh / Director General, Sindh Judicial Academy), **Hon’ble Mr. Justice Muhammad Iqbal Kalhoro** (Judge, High Court of Sindh), and **Hon’ble Mr. Justice Adnan-ul-Karim Memon** (Judge, High Court of Sindh) has graced the concluding session and exchange their views with the participants. At the end of the session, the Hon’ble Director General and Hon’ble Guests expressed concluding remarks and awarded certificates to the participants.



