

TWO-WEEK BAR VOCATIONAL COURSE FOR LAW GRADUATES (BATCH-12) FROM 08 – 20 JANUARY 2024 AT HYDERABAD



Background Context

❖ The Bar Vocational Course was meticulously crafted to elevate the skills, standards, and overall quality of law graduates, aligning with the esteemed order dated 28-08-2018 in constitution petition No.134/2012 and civil Misc. Application No.1864/2010 in constitution petition No.09/2005. Subsequent orders on 06-06-2022 and 14-09-2022 by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of Pakistan in CMA No 61810/2020 in CP.NO 134/ 2012 further underscored the need for such enhancement.

In response to the directive, the Sindh Bar Council, through a letter dated 13-10-2022, approached the Sindh Judicial Academy to administer a "Two Weeks Bar Vocational Course." This course is an integral part of the mandatory six-month training/pupillage period, a prerequisite for law graduates aspiring to join the legal profession and practice law.

With due consideration to the observations of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of Pakistan, the academy specifically tailored a "Two-week training program" for young law graduates. The program focuses on fortifying their capacity to draft pleadings related to procedural and special laws. The training delves into the academic intricacies of drafting and the step-by-step trial process in courts for judicial appreciation. Additionally, it incorporates detailed case law studies on frequently encountered issues in courtrooms.

The training program was strategically designed to mirror the progression of a trial. Numerous cases are included, spanning various issues, wherein discussions on pleadings and different applications supported by

affidavits aim to provide comprehensive insights into the types of cases commonly filed in courts. The primary objective of this training is to instill an analytical approach in trainees for effective problem-solving in legal cases.

Contrary to encouraging rote memorization of legal provisions, the academy emphasizes enhancing the trainees' comprehension to tackle complex situations that may arise in court proceedings. Recognizing that law, especially procedural law is a dynamic subject in the realm of social science, the academy fosters an environment where trainees respect each other's perspectives, fostering a holistic understanding of the subject matter.

In this regard, the SJA has already conducted 12 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 08 – 20 January 2024 (Batch-12) at Mumtaz Mirza Auditorium, Hyderabad. In this interactive/practical training program, a total of 460 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)

supervised the activities of Registration and Attendance of participants.



❖ Further, Mr. Shafiq elaborated on the subject of “Criminal Law” and discussed:

Supply of Documents

- Role of advocate at the stage of supplying documents to an accused and the procedure of providing legal aid

Recording of evidence of parties

- Drafting affidavit-in-evidence
- Production of documents
- Cross-examination
- Mock Trial

❖ On Day 02, the first and second sessions were conducted by Mr. Junaid Memon (Senior Civil Judge) on the subject of “Family Law.” In this session, he discussed:



- Introduction of family laws applicable in Pakistan.
- How to draft a plaint in the family suit?
- How to draft a written statement in a family suit?
- How to draft interim applications in family suits?

❖ On Day 03, the first and second sessions were also conducted by Mr. Junaid Memon on the subject of “Family Law.” In this session, he discussed:

- How to record evidence of plaintiff/defendant in family cases.
- How to produce documents in the family suit?
- How to frame issues in the family suit?
- How to draft affidavit-in-evidence in family suit?

❖ On Day 04, the first and second sessions were also conducted by Mr. Junaid Memon on the subject of “Family Law.” In this session, he discussed:

- Role of advocate during the Pre-Trial stage.
- Role of advocate during the Post-Trial stage.
- How to draft final arguments in the family suit?
- How to submit relevant laws and case laws in Court.
- Mock Trial (Practical Session)

❖ On Day 05, the first and second sessions were conducted by Dr. Sardar Ali Shah (Assistant Professor, Law, University of Sindh Jamshoro) on the subject of “Civil Law.” In this session, he discussed:



- Code of conduct to be observed by the advocate
- Legal ethics
- How to appear in court
- Court room etiquettes

❖ On Day 06, the first and second sessions were conducted online by Mr. Muhammad Shahid Shafiq on the subject of “Civil Law.” In this session, he discussed:

- How to draft a plaint in a civil suit?
- How to draft a written statement in a civil suit?
- How to draft affidavit-in-evidence in civil suit?
- How to produce documents in Court?
- (practical exercises)

❖ On Day 07, 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]
- Exercises for drafting Bail Applications
- How surety be submitted in the court?
- How to draft an application to reduce the surety amount
- Mock Trial Practical Session
- (Practical exercises)

❖ On Day 08, 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:



- How to draft an application under Order VII Rule 11 CPC, and counter affidavit on it?

Court Fees

- How to determine the pecuniary Jurisdiction of a civil court?

- Procedure to purchase court fees in different civil suits.

❖ On Day 09, 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 10, the first and second sessions were 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?
- How to Draft an application under order 39 Rules 1 & 2 CPC?
- How to draft Misc. Applications?
- (Practical exercises)

❖ On Day 11, the first session was conducted by Syed M. Waseem Shah on the subject of “Civil Law.” In this session, he discussed:

- How to draft a complaint under the Illegal Dispossession Act, 2005
- Procedure of filling Complaint
- Civil remedy under the Act
- Criminal remedy under the Act
- Important Case Law
- Mock Trail (Practical Session)

❖ On Day 12, the first session was conducted by Mr. Muhammad Shahid Shafiq on the subject of “The Sindh Rented Premises Ordinance, 1979.” In this session, he discussed:

- Introduction of Rent Law
- Procedure to deposit Rent
- Important provisions of Rent Law
- Trial Procedure

❖ The second session was conducted by Mr. Malik Tahir Iqbal (Chief Executive Officer, Legal Right Forum) on the subject of “Juvenile Justice System Ordinance, 2000.” In this session, he discussed:



- Introduction of the Juvenile Justice System
- Important Provisions of Juvenile Justice System
- Trial Procedure

Conclusion

❖ At the end of training, participants were awarded Certificates.



