

TWO-WEEK VOCATIONAL TRAINING PROGRAM FOR LAW GRADUATES (BATCH-04 FROM 30 MARCH – 15 APRIL 2023)



Background Context

❖ The Hon'ble Supreme Court of Pakistan decided in its judgment [*Pakistan Bar Council through Chairman & others Vs. Federal Government through Establishment Division & others (2018 SCMR 1891)*] that the Provincial/Islamabad Bar Councils may introduce a "Two Week Bar Vocational course" during the six-month training/pupillage period that a law graduate intending to join the legal profession must undergo for being enrolled as an advocate for practicing law. The Provincial/Islamabad Bar Councils may, however, consider and decide modalities for introducing the said course through respective Federal/Provincial Judicial Academies.

Brief Introduction to Training

❖ In the context above, a Two-Week Vocational Training Program for Law Graduates on procedural laws was arranged from 30 March – 15 April 2023 (**Batch-04**) at Sindh Judicial Academy. In this interactive/practical training program, a total of 448 Law Graduates attended.

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
- Attendance of participants
- recitation
- national anthem

- Pre-Assessment
- Brief on the Code of Conduct & SOPs of the training program.



❖ First, Second, Third, and fourth sessions were conducted by **Mr. Muhammad Shahid Shafiq** (D&SJ / SFM, SJA) on the subject of "Pleading and Conveyancing". In this subject, the following topics were taught:

Pleadings:

- Drafting rules
- Concept of pleadings
- Object of the pleadings
- Fundamental rules of pleadings

Plaint and written statement:

- Specimen of the plaint
- Specimen of applications
- Specimen of the written statement

Conveyancing:

- Definition of conveyancing
- History of conveyancing
- Type of conveyancing

Specimen:

- Deed component

- Power of attorney
- Sale agreement, sale deed, lease deed, etc.

❖ On Day 02, the First, Second, Third, and Fourth sessions were also conducted by **Mr. Muhammad Shahid Shafiq** (D&SJ / SFM, SJA) on the subject of “Law of Evidence (Qanun-e-Shahadat, 1984)”. In this subject, the following topics were taught:

- Primary & secondary evidence
- Relevancy of facts
- Procedural of refreshing memory
- Power of court to put questions and ask to produce documents
- Examination and cross-examination
- Examination-in-chief of a plaintiff in a Family Suit
- Examination-in-chief of a defendant in a Civil Suit
- Examination-in-chief of a complainant & his witnesses in Private Complaint

❖ On Day-03, the First, Second, and Third sessions were conducted by **Mr. Muhammad Shahid Shafiq** (D&SJ / SFM, SJA) on the subject of “Trial in Magisterial Courts”. In this subject, the following topics were taught:

Supply of documents

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

Charge

- When and how to frame charge?
- How and when to amend the charge?
- Role of advocate at the stage of framing charge

Bail

- Drafting bail application
- Preparing a written argument
- Advancing argument in court (Mock Trial)

❖ On Day 04, the First and Second sessions were also conducted by **Mr. Muhammad Shahid Shafiq** (D&SJ / SFM, SJA) on the subject of “Trial in Magisterial Courts”. In this subject, the following topics were taught:

Recording evidence

- Leading question

- Art of cross-examination
- Recording statement of accused
- Recording defense

Final arguments

- Preparing a final written argument
- Finding case law



❖ The third session was conducted by **Mr. Hamid Saeed** (International Image and wardrobe Consultant) on the subject of “Professional Dressing”.

❖ On Day 05 (Assessment Day), in this Assessment Day **Mr. Muhammad Shahid Shafiq** (D&SJ / SFM, SJA) was given a few exercises by providing a police file whereby trainees were asked to draft:

- Bail application
- Prepare written arguments
- Record defense evidence
- Prepare cross-examination
- Prepare a final argument



❖ On Day 06, the First session was conducted by **Qazi Muhammad Naeem Siddiqui** (Former Additional District & Sessions Judge) on the subject of “Family Court Trial”. In this subject, he was taught “How to draft



a written statement?”.

❖ The second session was conducted by **Mr. Javed Ahmed Keerio** (District & Sessions Judge) on the subject of “Family Court Trial”. In this subject, he was taught “How to draft counter affidavit on application under Order VII Rule 11 CPC?”.

❖ The third session was conducted by **Mr. Muhammad Shahid Shafiq** (DSJ/SFM, SJA) on the subject of “Family Court Trial”. In this subject, he taught “How to draft a counterclaim while filing a written statement?”.

❖ On Day 07, the First and Second sessions were conducted by **Mr. Muhammad Shahid Shafiq** (DSJ/SFM, SJA) on the subject of “Family Court Trial”. In this subject, the following topics were taught:

- Introduction of Code of Civil Procedure
- How to draft a plaint?
- How to draft an application under Order VII Rule 11 CPC?

❖ On Day 08, the First session was conducted by **Mrs. Munawwar Sultana** (D&SJ / SFM, SJA) on the subject of “Family Court Trial”. In this subject, the following topics were taught:

- Preparing written arguments
- Advancing final argument – Mock Trial



❖ The second session was conducted by **Dr. Sardar Shah** (Assistant Professor, Faculty of Law, University of Sindh, Jamshoro) on the subject of “Family Court Trial”. In this subject, he taught “Legal Ethics”.

❖ On Day-09, the First, Second, and Third sessions were conducted by **Mrs.**

Munawwar Sultana (D&SJ / SFM, SJA) on the subject of “Civil Law”. In this subject, the following topics were taught:

- Introduction of family laws applicable in Pakistan
- Drafting plaint for family disputes
 - 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
- 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, Second, and third sessions were also conducted by **Mrs. Munawwar Sultana** (D&SJ / SFM, SJA) on the subject of “Civil Law”. In this subject, the following topics were taught:

- Role of advocates during pre-trial
- Drafting application for interim maintenance
- Preparing argument by referring to law & case law
- Recording of evidence of parties
 - Drafting affidavit-in-evidence
 - Production of documents
 - Cross-examination

❖ The fourth session was conducted by **Mr. Javed Ahmed Keerio** (D&SJ) on the subject of “Civil Law”. In this subject, he taught “How to draft application under Order XXXIX Rules 1 & 2 CPC?”.

❖ On Day 11 (Assessment Day) (Online), exercises were given on the following issues by **Mr. Muhammad Shahid Shafiq** (D&SJ / SFM, SJA):

- Drafting plaint
- Drafting written statement
- Recording evidence
- Argument on Misc. application
- Final argument

❖ On Day 12, the First session was conducted by **Mr. Muhammad Shahid Shafiq**

(D&SJ / SFM, SJA) on the subject of the “Code of Conduct”.

❖ The second session was conducted by **Mr. Malik Tahir Iqbal** (Advocate High Court) on the subject of the “Code of Conduct”. In this subject, the following topics were taught:

- Clients’ expectations from Advocate.
- Advocate as an officer of the court.



❖ On Day 13 (Award Ceremony Day), **Hon’ble Mr. Justice Nadeem Akhtar** (Judge, High Court of Sindh / Director General, Sindh Judicial Academy) gave concluding remarks and awarded certificates to the participants. In the concluding session, participants were awarded certificates.

