

ONE-WEEK TRAINING PROGRAM FOR NEWLY APPOINTED DISTRICT ATTORNEYS / LAW OFFICERS / SOLICITORS (FROM 19 – 24 JUNE 2023)



Background Context

❖ Recently, Sindh Public Service Commission has selected and recommended Law Officers for their appointment as Deputy District Attorneys (BS-18) in Law Department.

❖ Viewing the crucial role of Law Officers in Government business, Law Department felt the need for their capacity building/training before bringing them to function in the justice sector at District Judiciary in matters related to court management, administration of justice, and establishing liaison with relevant departments towards the cause of administration of justice. Therefore, the Law Department requested Sindh Judicial Academy to arrange a training program for its Law Officers to be capable of handling cases as competent persons after they enter into Government service and to make the Law Officers technically sound and professionally qualified.

Brief Introduction to Training

❖ In the context above, the Sindh Judicial Academy (SJA) arranged a One-Week Training Program for Newly Appointed District Attorneys/Law Officers/Solicitors from 19 to 24 June 2023 at Sindh Judicial Academy. In this interactive/practical training program, a total of 40 participants attended.

Salient Proceedings

❖ In the Inaugural Session, **Mr. Muhammad Murtaza Khan** (I.T. Expert/

Faculty Member, SJA) recited the selected verses from The Holy Quran. He also supervised the registration and attendance of the participants.

❖ In the starting session, **Mr. Ali Ahmed Baloch** (Secretary, Law Department, Government of Sindh) explained the aim and objectives of the training.



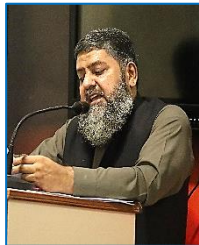
❖ He shared that the matter was discussed with Mr. Muhammad Shahid Shafiq, District & Sessions Judge/Senior Faculty Members, Sindh Judicial Academy who with the consultation of Hon'ble Mr. Justice Nadeem Akhtar, Judge High Court of Sindh/Director General, Sindh Judicial Academy made this training program possible. He also thanked Hon'ble Mr. Justice Nadeem Akhtar for his keen interest in the arrangement of this training program.

❖ Pre-assessment consisted of two parts, subjective and objective (MCQs). The participants were given 45 minutes to attempt the test. The result of this test is as follows:

Names	Marks	Names	Marks
Misbah	15	Kanya Lal	17
Huma Yamin	14	Suraiya	22
Naveed Zaman	25	Saima	17
Kamran Hassan Khan	15	Muhammad Shakeel	16

Waseem Ahmed Keerio	18	Sanaullah Laghari	25
Javed Ahmed	22	Muhammad Asif	19
Mansoor Jamal	19	Ghosya Safdar	18
Mahtab Hussain Shah	12	Waqar Ahmed	17
Javaid Iqbal	22	Riaz Hussain	21
Kashif Hussain	16	Ausuf Ali Bhurgri	14
Tanveer Ali Shah	12	Mahboob Ali Sahito	17
Shahzad Gul	18	Bushra Khursheed Sabir	20
Muhammad Ali Zakaria	14	Saima Mumtaz	16
Masood Channa	22	Nadia Ghouri	16
Asma Erum	16	Shahar Bano Kanwal	16
Jagat	18	Naheed Haider	19
Suresh Kumar	17	Muhammad Aslam	21
Raja Abdul Fatah	15	Lutufullah Sial	20
Nisho Khatoon	13		

In the next session, **Mr. Bashir Ahmed Memon** (Solicitor to the Government of Sindh) delivered a lecture on "Duties, Powers, and Functions of Deputy District Attorneys/Law Officers, he shared the theme of this training program was designed to increase knowledge, skills, and abilities. He shared the duties, powers, responsibilities, and functions of a Deputy District Attorney (DDA)/Law Officer, that is, a legal professional who works under the supervision of the District Attorney (DA) in a particular jurisdiction and is responsible for all civil litigation filed by or against the government pending in the Court wherein he/she is posted. He also discussed the responsibilities in detail.



❖ The successive session was jointly assigned to **Mr. Muhammad Shahid Shafiq** (DSJ/SFM, SJA) and **Mr. Waseem-ul-Haq** (District Attorney, Tando Allahyar) on "How to conduct civil cases in the court of law on behalf of Government".



❖ Third lecture was also jointly assigned to **Mr. Muhammad Shahid Shafiq** (DSJ/SFM, SJA) and **Mr. Waseem-ul-Haq** (District Attorney, Tando Allahyar) on "Code of Civil Procedure, 1908 (rejection of plaint, return of plaint and inspection and commission)". They shared several provisions of Laws/methods for the Disposal/Decision of the Civil suit as provided in CPC.



❖ The review of Day-01 was conducted by **Mr. Muhammad Shahid Shafiq**.

❖ On Day-02, the first session was jointly conducted by **Qazi Muhammad Naeem Siddiqui** (former Additional District & Sessions Judge) and **Mr. Waseem-ul-Haq** (District Attorney, Tando Allahyar) on the topics "Laws on Encroachment over Public Property and case law of superior courts". They discussed the important Sections of the law and shared various decisions of the superior courts.



❖ The second lecture was delivered by **Mr. Waseem-ul-Haq** (District Attorney, Tando Allahyar) on the topic "Minors Law frequently used in Court". He discussed Sindh Gothabad Act and The Sindh Irrigation Act in detail with their Sections and Sub Sections.

❖ Third lecture was also delivered by **Mr. Waseem-ul-Haq** on the topic "Other laws (administrative affairs, routine office work in respect of court cases and financial administrative work)". He discussed the relevant Section of the Sindh Rented Premises Ordinance 1979 regarding "Different

Department of Government of Sindh either have given their properties on Rent to Different person/Individuals on the Monthly/Quarterly or Yearly Rent basis. And in some cases, Government has taken the property of a private person on Rent.

❖ Fourth lecture was delivered by **Mr. Javed Ahmed Keerio** (District & Sessions Judge) on the topic “Important provisions of the Arbitration Act, 1940”. In this lecture, he discussed the step-wise process of Arbitration. He also discussed the objectives and the purposes of the Arbitration Act, 1940. He shared the relevant case law of superior courts.



❖ The review of Day-02 was conducted by **Mr. Muhammad Shahid Shafiq**.

❖ On Day-03, the first session was conducted by **Mr. Muhammad Shahid Shafiq** on the subject “Important Provisions of the Contract Act, 1872”.

The second session was jointly conducted by **Qazi Muhammad Naeem Siddiqui** and **Mr. Waseem-ul-Haq** on the topics “Important Provisions of the Court Fee Act, 1870 and Important Provisions of the Limitation Act, 1908”. They discussed The Court Fee Act, of 1870 and The Limitation Act, 1908 in detail.

❖ Third session was conducted by **Mr. Muhammad Shahid Shafiq** (DSJ/SFM, SJA) on the subject “Qanun-e-Shahadat, 1984”. In this subject, he discussed the following topics:

- How to examine a witness?
- How to cross-examine?
- Circumstances when secondary evidence becomes primary evidence

❖ Fourth session was jointly conducted by **Qazi Muhammad Naeem Siddiqui** (former Additional District & Sessions Judge) and **Mr. Waseem-ul-Haq** (District Attorney, Tando Allahyar) on the subject “Important provisions of the Transfer of Property Act, 1882 and Important provisions of the Specific Relief Act, 1877”. In these subjects, they shared:

- Types of relief
- How to argue an injunction application
- Circumstances when performance may be claimed

❖ The review of Day-03 was also conducted by **Mr. Muhammad Shahid Shafiq**.

❖ On Day-04, the first session was jointly conducted by **Qazi Muhammad Naeem Siddiqui** (former Additional District & Sessions Judge) and **Mr. Arshad Ahmed Soomro** (District Attorney, Tando M. Khan) on the topic “How to argue an application filed under Order XXXIX Rules 1 & 2 CPC”. He discussed “Grounds for Temporary Injunctions” and “Conditions for the Grant of Temporary Injunctions”
Mr. Siddiqui shared the “Circumstances Where a Temporary Injunction may be Granted”. He also shared the “Procedure for issuance of injunctions”.



❖ The second and third sessions were also jointly conducted by **Qazi Muhammad Naeem Siddiqui** and **Mr. Arshad Ahmed Soomro** on the topic “Important provisions of the Sindh Land Revenue Act, 1967 and Sindh Board of Revenue “Code of Appeals & Revisions” Rules, 1959”. They shared the “Introduction of Land Revenue Laws” in this session. They also shared Terminology, Rights to property under the Constitution, Historical evaluation of the Land Revenue System, and Laws related to Land.

❖ The fourth session was jointly conducted by **Hon’ble Mr. Justice Abdul Maalik Gaddi** (former Judge High Court of Sindh) and **Mr. Arshad Ahmed Soomro** on the topics “Important provisions of the Land Acquisition Act, 1894 and important provisions of the Sindh Revenue Jurisdiction Act, 1876”.



❖ The Review of Day-04 was conducted by **Mr. Muhammad Shahid Shafiq**.

❖ On Day-05, the first and second sessions were conducted by **Mr. Arshad Ahmed Soomro** on “Important provision of the General Clauses Act, 1894”, “Legal drafting”, “How to file written statement and counter affidavit?”, and “Important provisions of the Sindh Civil Servant Efficiency and Discipline Rules, 1973”

❖ The third session was jointly conducted by **Mr. Javed Ahmed Keerio** and **Mr. Arshad Ahmed Soomro** “Important provisions of the Sindh Civil Servant Conduct Rules, 2008” and “Important provisions of the Sindh Civil Appeal Rules, 1980”. They also discussed the relevant case laws of superior courts.

❖ The fourth session was conducted by **Mr. Arshad Ahmed Soomro** on “How to find case law? (exercise)” and “How to argue the main case” (exercise)”

❖ The review of Day-05 was conducted by **Mr. Muhammad Shahid Shafiq**.

❖ On Day-06, in the first session, a Post-Assessment was conducted.

❖ In the second session, a “Mock Trial” was jointly arranged by **Mr. Javed Ahmed Keerio** (District & Sessions Judge) and **Mr. Arshad Ahmed Soomro** (District Attorney, Tando M. Khan).

Conclusion

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

