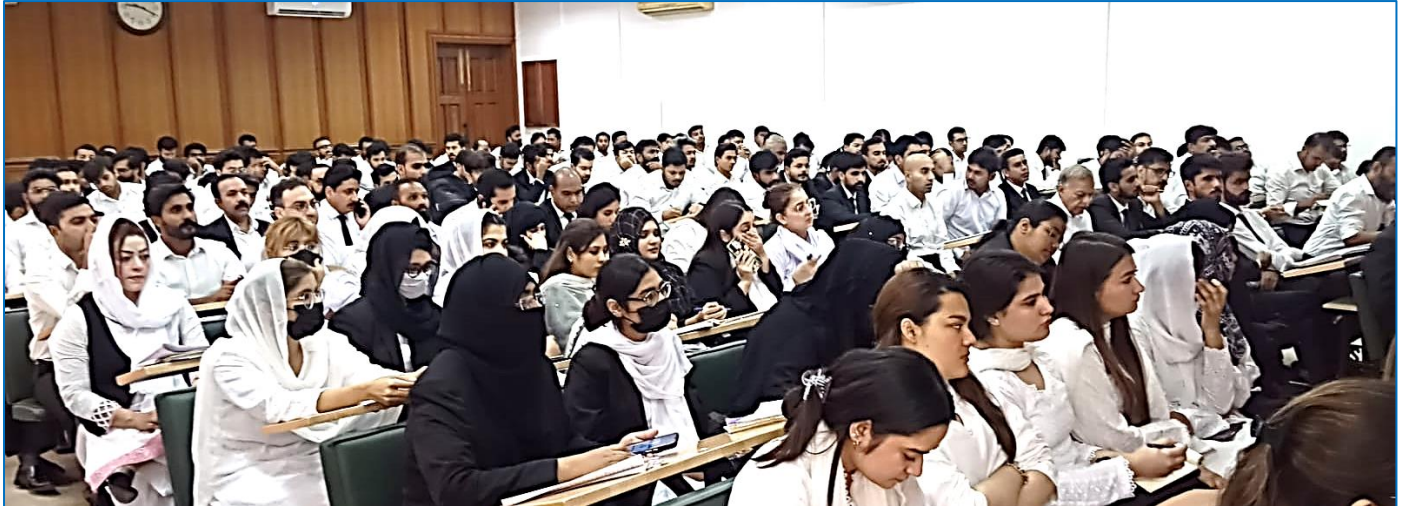# TWO-WEEK BAR VOCATIONAL COURSE FOR LAW GRADUATES (BATCH-10) FROM 20 OCTOBER – 02 NOVEMBER 2023 AT KARACHI

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 prime objective of this Vocational Course was to enhance law graduates' skills, standards, and quality. Also, to develop an analytical approach for trainees in solving the cases.

Brief Introduction to Training

❖ The Sindh Judicial Academy in collaboration with the Sindh Bar Council arranged a Two-Week Vocational Training Program for Law Graduates on procedural laws from 20 October – 02 November 2023 **(Batch-10)** at S.M. Law College, Karachi. 298 Law Graduates attended it.

Salient Proceedings

❖ On Day 01, in the Inaugural Session, **Mr. Haq Nawaz** (Personal Assistant to Faculty Member/Research Officer, Sindh Judicial Academy) conducted the registration and attendance of participants.

❖ The first and second sessions were conducted by **Mr. Muhammad Shahid Shafiq** (District & Sessions Judge / Senior Faculty Member, SJA) on the following subjects/topics:

Supply of Documents
- Role of Advocate at the stage of supplying documents to an accused
- Procedure of providing Legal Aid

Framing Charge:
- When and how to frame charge?
- How and when to amend the charge?
- Role of Advocate at the stage of framing
- of charge

❖ On Day-02, the first and second sessions were also led by **Mr. Muhammad Shahid Shafiq** on the following topics:

Introduction of Family Laws applicable in Pakistan:
- Draft plaint suit for dissolution of marriage by way of *Khullah* and recovery of dowry articles
- Draft plaint suit for maintenance of children
- Draft plaint suit for custody of minor children
- Draft written statement
- Drafting application for interim maintenance
- Preparing written arguments by referring to law and case law

❖ On Day 03, 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
- How to produce documents and mark Exhibit
- Role of Modern devices in the collection of evidence

Moreover, Mr. Soomro engaged the participants in a Mock Trial session of Civil Law to develop critical thinking and elocution skills and provide knowledge of the subject and procedures.

❖ On Day 04, the first and second sessions were also conducted by **Mr. Arshad Hussain Soomro** on the following topics:

- Concept of interlocutory applications
- Court room etiquettes
- Pleadings
  - Concept of pleadings
  - Object of the pleadings
  - Fundamental rules of pleading

❖ On Day 05, the first and second sessions were conducted by **Hon'ble Mr. Justice Abdul Malik Gaddi** (former Judge High Court of Sindh) on the following subject/topics:

The Sindh Rented Premises Ordinance, 1979
- Introduction of rent law
- Procedure to deposit rent
- Important provisions of rent law
- Trial procedure

❖ On Day 06, the first and second sessions were also conducted by **Hon'ble Mr. Justice Abdul Malik Gaddi** on the following subject/topic:

- Grant of injunction order in civil cases
- Important provision of the Contract Act, 1872

❖ On Day 07, the first and second sessions were conducted by **Dr. Sardar Ali Shah** (Assistant Professor, Faculty of Law, University of Sindh, Jamshoro) on the following topics:

- Code of conduct to be observed by Advocate
- Legal ethics
- How to appear in court

❖ On Day-08, the first session was conducted by **Mr. Javed Ahmed Keerio** (District & Sessions Judge) on the topic of "How to draft bail application advancing argument in court".

❖ The second session was conducted by **Prof. Fareed Ahmed Dayo** (Principal, S.M. Law College) on the topic of "Criminal Litigation".

❖ On Day 09, the first and second sessions were conducted by **Mr. Muhammad Shahid Shafiq** accompanied by **Qazi Muhammad Naeem Siddiqui** (former Additional District & Sessions Judge) on the following topics:

- 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 10, the first session was conducted by **Mr. Muhammad Shahid Shafiq** on the following topics:

- Examination-in-chief of a defendant in a civil suit
- Examination-in-chief of a complainant and his witnesses in a private complaint

❖ The second session was conducted by **Ms. Nareeta Hassan** (Advocate High Court of Sindh) on the following topics:

- Personality development & managing stress
- Communication skills

❖ <u>On Day 11</u>, the first and second sessions were conducted by **Mr. Muhammad Shahid Shafiq** on the following topics:

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

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

❖ <u>On Day 12</u>, the first and second sessions were also conducted by **Mr. Muhammad Shahid Shafiq** on the following topics:

- ADR process and oral examination of parties
- Recording evidence
- Misc. applications
- Trial procedure followed in civil courts
- Mock Trial

<u>Conclusion</u>

❖ This training program was meant to provide fresh law graduates with practical exposure to the field. They were involved in hands-on training sessions supervised by experts in the field. It developed specific skills and techniques relevant to the field and enhanced the participants' expertise. The training also increased the problem-solving abilities, confidence, adaptability, and personal growth among the students.

❖ <u>At the end of training,</u> participants were awarded Certificates.