

## TWO-WEEK BAR VOCATIONAL COURSE FOR LAW GRADUATES (BATCH-11) FROM 03 NOVEMBER – 16 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 03 November to 16 November 2023 (**Batch-11**) at S.M. Law College, Karachi. 294 Law Graduates attended this interactive and practical training program.

### **Salient Proceedings**

❖ On Day 01, in the Inaugural Session, **Mr. Noman Shah** and **Mr. Haq Nawaz** supervised attendance and completed the registration process.

❖ Technical sessions were conducted by **Mr. Muhammad Shahid Shafiq** (District & Sessions Judge / Senior Faculty Member,

SJA). He engaged the participants in a Mock Trial. He also covered the following subjects and their subsequent 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
- Recording of evidence
- Examination-in-chief (prosecutor's role)
- Cross-examination (accused and advocate role)

❖ On Day 02, the sessions were also led by **Mr. Muhammad Shahid Shafiq**. He explained laws relating to family disputes and participants were assigned roles and completed the Mock Trial.

❖ On Day 03, the sessions were conducted by **Mr. Arshad Hussain Soomro** (District Attorney, Law Department) on the following topics:



### **Qanun-e-Shahadat, 1984**

- How to examine your witness?
- How to cross-examine defendant witnesses?
- How to produce documents and mark Exhibits?

- Role of modern devices in the collection of evidence

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

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

❖ On Day 05, the sessions were conducted 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

❖ On Day 06, the sessions were also conducted by **Qazi Muhammad Naeem Siddiqui** on the following topics:



- How to draft an interlocutory application?
- How to amend pleadings with principles set forth by superior courts
- Appointment of commission adding, striking of, and deletion of parties

❖ On Day 07, the sessions were conducted by **Mr. Muhammad Shahid Shafiq** and he explained the process of civil trial. He arranged civil court mock trials and explained the Mediation process and its advantages.

❖ On Day 08, the first session was led by **Mr. Javed Ahmed Keerio** (District & Sessions Judge). He explained how to draft a bail application and discussed advancing an argument in court.



❖ The second session was conducted by **Mr. Muhammad Shahid Shafiq** on the subject of “The Illegal Dispossession Act, 2005.” He discussed the procedure for filing a complaint and Civil/Criminal remedy under the Act.

❖ On Day 09, the sessions were conducted by **Prof. Fareed Ahmed Dayo** (Principal, S.M. Law College, Karachi) on the subject of “Criminal Litigation.”



❖ On Day 10, the sessions were conducted by **Mr. Qasim Mandokhail** (Advocate High Court of Balochistan). He shared the code of conduct to be observed by the Advocate, how to appear in court, and courtroom etiquette.



❖ On Day 11, the sessions were conducted by **Dr. Tehreem Farrukh** (Associate Professor, Faculty of Law, S.M. Law College, Karachi) on the topic of “how to approach Higher Education Institutions.”



### Conclusion

❖ 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.

❖ At the end of the training, **Hon'ble Mr. Justice Amir Hani Muslim** (former Judge of the Supreme Court of Pakistan, **Hon'ble Mr. Justice Nadeem Akhtar** (Judge, High Court of Sindh / Director General, Sindh Judicial Academy), and **Hon'ble Mr. Justice Adnan-ul-Karim Memon** (Judge, High Court of Sindh) graced the concluding session and exchange their views with the participants. They also awarded certificates to the participants.





