

TWO-WEEK VOCATIONAL TRAINING PROGRAM FOR LAW GRADUATES (BATCH-01 FROM 14-29 JANUARY 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 14 – 29 January 2023 at Sindh Judicial Academy. In this interactive/practical training program, a total of 32 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 Code of Conduct & SOPs of the training program.

❖ The first session was conducted by **Mr. Muhammad Shahid Shafiq** (D&SJ / SFM, SJA) on the subject of "Pleadings." In this subject following topics were taught:

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

❖ The second session was conducted by **Ms. Nareeta Hassan** (Advocate High Court of Sindh) on the subject of "Plaint and Written Statement." In this subject following topics were taught:

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

❖ The third session was conducted by **Mr. Muhammad Shahid Shafiq** (D&SJ / SFM, SJA) on the subject of "Conveyancing." In this subject following topics were taught:

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

❖ The fourth session was also conducted by **Mr. Muhammad Shahid Shafiq** (D&SJ / SFM, SJA) on the subject of "Specimen." In this subject following topics were taught:

- Deed component
- Power of attorney

- Sale agreement, sale deed, lease deed, etc.

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

- Introduction of subject and sharing of necessary material
- 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 04, the First, Second, and third sessions were conducted by **Mrs. Munawwar Sultana** (D&SJ / SFM, SJA) on the subject of “Family Court Trial.” In this subject 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

❖ On Day 05, the First was conducted by **Mrs. Munawwar Sultana** (D&SJ / SFM, SJA) on the subject of “Family Court Trial.” In this subject following topics were taught:

- Preparing written arguments
- Advancing final argument – Mock Trial

❖ In the second session of Day 05, a “Mock Trial” was arranged “from the stage of presenting plaint to the final argument” by **Mrs. Munawwar Sultana** (D&SJ / SFM, SJA).

❖ On Day 06 (Assessment Day), exercises were given on the following issues by **Mrs. Munawwar Sultana** (D&SJ / SFM, SJA):

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

❖ On Day 07, 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 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 08, 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 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
- Advancing argument in court

❖ On Day 09 (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 the final argument

❖ On Day-10, in this Assessment Day **Mr. Muhammad Shahid Shafiq** (D&SJ / SFM, SJA) was given following exercises:

- By providing a plaint of civil suit to the trainees and asking them to prepare an examination-in-chief in question/answer format.
- By providing a statement along with a few documents under section 161 Cr.P.C. to prepare examination-in-chief.
- By providing examination-in-chief to prepare arguments.

❖ On Day 11, the First, Second, Third, and Fourth sessions were conducted by **Mr. Muhammad Shahid Shafiq** (D&SJ / SFM, SJA) on the subject of the “Code of Conduct.” In this subject following topics were taught:

- Code of Conduct
- Clients’ expectations from Advocate
- Advocate as an officer of the court
- Interpretation of law

❖ On Day 12, the First, Second, Third, and Fourth sessions were conducted by **Mr. Qazi Muhammad Naeem Siddiqui** (former Additional District & Sessions Judge) on the subject of “Civil Law.” In this subject following topics were taught:

- Introduction of Code of Civil Procedure, 1908.
- How to draft a plaint?
- How to draft an application under Order VII Rule 11 CPC.
- How to draft an application under Order XXXIX Rules 1 & 2 CPC

❖ On Day 13, the First, Second, Third, and Fourth sessions were conducted by **Mr. Muhammad Shahid Shafiq** (D&SJ / SFM, SJA) on the subject of “Civil Law.” In this subject following topics were taught:

- How to draft a written statement?
- How to draft a counter affidavit on application under Order VII Rule 11 CPC?
- How to claim while filing a written statement?
- Important provisions of the Contract Act, 1872.

Conclusion

❖ On Day 14 (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.







