

TWO-WEEK VOCATIONAL TRAINING PROGRAM FOR LAW GRADUATES (BATCH-02 FROM 18 FEBRUARY – 04 MARCH 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 18 February – 04 March 2023 (**Batch-02**) at Sindh Judicial Academy. In this interactive/practical training program, a total of 300 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, 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 following topics were taught:

Pleadings:

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

Plaint and written statement:

- Specimen of plaint
- Specimen of applications
- Specimen of 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 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, 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:

- Introduction of family laws applicable in Pakistan
- Drafting plaint for family disputes
 - Suit for dissolution of marriage by way of Khullah and recovery of dowry 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 dowry articles
 - Suit for maintenance of children
 - Suit for custody of minor children

❖ On Day 04, The first, Second, and third sessions were also 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 also 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, The first and Second sessions were conducted by **Mr. Ashraf Yar Khan** (Advocate High Court of Sindh) on the subject of "Civil Law." In this subject following topics were taught:

- Introduction of Code of Civil Procedure
- How to draft a plaint?

❖ The third session was conducted by **Hon'ble Mr. Justice Nadeem Azhar Siddiqui** (former Judge High Court of Sindh) on the subject of "Temporary and Permanent Injunction."

❖ On Day 11, The first session was conducted by **Mr. Abdul Naeem Memon** (District & Sessions Judge) on the subject of the "Code of Conduct."

❖ The second session was conducted by **Mr. Hamid Saeed** (international Image & Wardrobe Consultant) on the subject of "Professional Dressing."

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.





