

HIGH COURT OF DELHI: NEW DELHI

No. 74/SAS/DHC
20th March, 2024

NOTICE

Re: Designation of Senior Advocate

In exercise of powers conferred by Section 4 of "The High Court of Delhi Designation of Senior Advocate Rules, 2024", framed in view of Judgment dated 12th May 2023 of Hon'ble Supreme Court in Writ Petition (Civil) No. 454 of 2015 titled "*Ms. Indira Jaising Vs. Supreme Court of India through Secretary General & Ors*", published in Delhi Gazette Extraordinary, Part II, Section I, No.10 {NCTD No. 475} dated 14.03.2024 (Notification No.18/Rules/DHC dated 14th March, 2024), the 'Committee for Designation of Senior Advocates' invites applications from eligible Advocates for conferment of designation as Senior Advocate.

The eligibility conditions for conferment of 'Senior Advocate' designation are incorporated in the Rule (5) of 'The High Court of Delhi Designation of Senior Advocate Rules, 2024' which are as under:-

No person shall be eligible for being designated as Senior Advocate unless he/she:-

- (i) *has practiced as an Advocate at the Bar for not less than 10 years;*
- (ii) *is enrolled with the Bar Council constituted under the Advocates Act, 1961;*
- (iii) *has been mainly practicing in the High Court and the Courts Subordinate to it;*
- (iv) *has appeared and argued cases or provided legal services pro-bono; and*
- (v) *has attained the age of 40 years, unless the age limit is relaxed by the Permanent Committee.*

Note: Applicant/advocates having domain expertise of practicing before specialized Tribunals may be given concession with regard to the extent of appearance in the High Court.

Explanation: The eligibility condition with regard to minimum standing as a practicing Advocate shall not apply to retired Judicial Officers of

Delhi or those who have resigned having service and / or practice of 10 years at their credit.

Note: - The cut-off date for the purpose of minimum age as referred to in sub rule (v) of Rule 5 of "The High Court of Delhi Designation of Senior Advocate Rules, 2024" is 20th March, 2024 i.e. the date of this Notice.

The procedure of conferment of designation as Senior Advocate has been provided in Rule 9 & 10 of the aforementioned Rules.

Therefore, applications (**only in soft form**) seeking conferment of designation as Senior Advocate are accordingly invited from eligible practicing Advocates as provided in Rule (5) of 'The High Court of Delhi Designation of Senior Advocate Rules, 2024', in the prescribed format i.e. Annexures-A & A1 attached with this notice strictly in accordance with the instructions mentioned therein, latest by 30.04.2024 (5.30 p.m.) at the following mail address:

aoj-sas@dhc.nic.in



(Pawan Kumar Kalra)
Registrar (SAS)

'Secretariat', Committee for Designation of Senior Advocates
Room No.510, 5th Floor, S-Block,
High Court of Delhi, New Delhi

ANNEXURE-A

APPLICATION-CUM-CONSENT LETTER

FOR DESIGNATION AS SENIOR ADVOCATE

[FOR ADVOCATES]

		Recent Passport size colour photograph (original) to be pasted here	
1.	Name of the Applicant/Advocate: (Dr./Mr./Mrs./Ms.)		
2.	Date of Birth	D D M M Y Y Y Y	
3.	Age on the date of issuance of notice inviting application	___ Years	
4.	Address in full:	(i) Office-	
		(ii) Residence-	
5.	Contact Details:	(i) Landline-	
		(ii) Cellphone-	
		(iii) Email-	
6.	Educational/Professional Qualifications:		

7.	(i) Date, Month and Year of Enrolment as an Advocate (ii) Enrolment Number (Copy of Enrolment Certificate to be attached) (iii) Number of years of practice from the date of Enrolment upto the date of notification (iv) Number of completed years of service upto the date of notification.	D	D	M	M	Y	Y	Y	Y	____ Years
8.	(i) Bar Council, where registered;									
9.	Particulars of judgments involving question of law in cases in which the applicant has appeared as- (i) lead arguing counsel; and (ii) assisting counsel; Note: Maximum ten judgments best to the wisdom of the applicant may be annexed.	Lead Arguing Counsel (Number of Judgments only)				Assisting Counsel (Number of Judgments only)				
10.	Pro bono/amicus curiae work.									
11.	Five synopses for evaluation (Copies of synopses to be attached)									
12.	Whether the applicant is a first generation lawyer?									

13.	Articles/books/journals published, experience of teaching assignments in the field of law, guest lectures delivered in law schools or professional institutions connected with law.	Academic Articles/ Books/ Journals	Teaching Assignment(s)	Guest lectures delivered in law schools or professional institutions connected with law.	
14.	Whether the applicant is a member of the Delhi High Court Bar Association?				
15.	Courts where the applicant is practicing: (Court-wise period may be indicated)	Supreme Court/High Court(s)/District Court(s)/ Tribunal(s) etc.			
			From	To	
16.	Tribunal(s) where the applicant has specialized practice (Applicable to those practicing before Tribunals)	Tribunal(s)	Duration		
			From	To	
17.	Nature of practice- e.g. Civil, Criminal, Constitutional, Taxation, Labour, Company, Service, etc.				

18.	Field of Law-domain expertise (such as, Constitutional law, Criminal law, Arbitration law, Corporate law, Family law, Human Rights, Public Interest Litigation, law relating to women) in which the applicant has specialization/expertise.	
19.	Whether the applicant had applied earlier to the Supreme Court / any High Court for designation; if so, current status of application?	
20.	Whether the applicant has applied to Supreme Court / any other High Court; if so, current status of application?	
21.	Whether any FIR has ever been filed against the applicant; if so, current status must be indicated?	
22.	Whether the applicant is a party to any civil, criminal or other litigation? If so, the nature of alleged involvement.	
(i)	Has the applicant at any point of time been:	
(a)	arrested?	
(b)	prosecuted?	
(c)	kept under detention?	
(d)	bound down?	
(e)	finned by a court of law?	

	(f)	convicted by a court of law for any Offence?	
	(g)	debarred from any examination or rusticated by any authority/ institution/council ?	
	(h)	debarred/ disqualified by any public commission/ authority?	
	(i)	Held guilty of contempt of Court?	
	(ii)	Is any case pending against the applicant in any court of law at the time of submitting this application?	
	(iii)	If the answer to any of the above-mentioned questions is 'Yes', give full particulars of the case / arrest / detention / fine / conviction / sentence / punishment etc. and / or the nature of the case pending in the Court / Authority or Institution etc., at the time of submitting this application.	
23.		Whether any proceedings were initiated or are pending against the applicant before Bar Council of India or State Bar Council? If so, particulars thereof.	

24.	General state of health	
25.	Any other relevant information	
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>DECLARATION</u></p> <p>I _____ Advocate hereby give consent for being designated as Senior Advocate.</p> <p>I hereby verify that the information furnished above is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. Nothing material is concealed or suppressed therefrom. I understand that furnishing of false information or suppression of any factual information would render me unfit for being designated as Senior Advocate.</p> <p>Date:- _____ [Signature of the Applicant]</p>		
<p><u>Note:</u> Applicants should read instructions attached herewith while filling up Annexure-A.</p>		

PRESCRIBED FORMAT

LEAD ARGUING COUNSEL

(List of Judgments)

S.No.	Court(s)	Citation / Case Number	Cause Title and Subject Matter	Decided on	Legal formulation advanced by the applicant.

ASSISTING COUNSEL

(List of Judgments)

S.No.	Court(s)	Citation / Case Number	Cause Title and Subject Matter	Decided on	Legal formulation advanced by the applicant.

List of matters where appeared as Pro-Bono/ Amicus Curiae

S.No.	Court(s)	Citation/Case Number	Cause Title	Decided on

Details of five Synopses

S.No.	Court(s)	Case Number	Cause Title	Details

Details of academic articles/books/journals published, experience of teaching assignments in the field of law, guest lectures delivered in law schools or professional institutions connected with law.

S.No.	Topic of published Academic articles / Books / Journals.	Experience details of teaching assignment and guest lectures delivered in law schools or professional institutions connected with law	Names of law schools or professional institutions connected with law	Any other relevant details

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS TO BE FOLLOWED FOR FILLING UP ANNEXURE-A AND ANNEXURE-A1

1.	Every Application-cum-Consent Letter or the Application for providing additional information in the prescribed formats marked as Annexure-A and Annexure-A1 shall be made in English, typed/printed with font size (Arial-14) in double spacing on both sides of the white paper (A4 Size) with an inner margin of about four centimeters width on top and on the left side.
2.	Documents accompanying the Application should be numbered consecutively in the Index.
3.	All documents annexed to the Application should be accompanied by an Index containing the details thereof. (The Registry, at any stage, may ask for the supportive documents for verification in the light of the facts mentioned in the Application).
4.	Name of the applicant should tally with his/her name as mentioned in his/her enrolment certificate. Abbreviated name shall NOT be accepted.
5.	(i) All photocopies of the accolades/testimonials should be legible and true copies of their respective originals. (ii) English translation of vernacular documents (if any) should be annexed thereto.
6.	Only one set of the Application should be filed.
7.	The soft copy of the Application/s along with Annexure-A and Annexure-A1, in searchable mode, along with the scanned photograph should be submitted through e-mail, as mentioned in the notice.
8.	Information relating to judgments, pro bono/amicus curiae, five synopses, articles/books/journals/teaching assignments/guest lectures may be provided in the prescribed formats, which are parts of Annexure-A and Annexure-A1.