

ORIENTATION COURSE FOR NEWLY ELEVATED HIGH COURT JUSTICES [P-1465]

(01st & 02nd November, 2025)

PROGRAM SCHEDULE

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Faculty

SESSION & TIMING	THEMES	Resource Person(s)
DAY 1 1st November, 2025 (Saturday)		
SESSION 1 10:30 AM -12:00 PM	Writ Jurisdiction: Scope & Limits <u>Proposed scope of discussion:</u> • <i>Origin of Writ Jurisdiction & its Evolving Dimensions</i> • <i>Concept of “Constitutional Morality”</i> • <i>Principles of “Proportionality” & “Reasonableness”</i> • <i>Constitutional validity of State Actions vis a vis “Manifest Arbitrariness”</i>	
Tea Break - 12:00 PM – 12:30 PM		
SESSION 2 12:30 PM - 02:00 PM	Bail: Intricacies and Nuances <u>Proposed Scope of Discussion:</u> • <i>Balancing Personal Liberty with Societal Interest</i> • <i>Conditions for Bail:</i> ○ <i>Identifying Permissible vs Onerous/Extraneous Conditions</i> • <i>Bail under Special Statutes:</i> ○ <i>-Bail pending long incarceration</i> ○ <i>Recent Judicial Pronouncements</i> • <i>Writing Reasoned Bail Orders</i> <i>Consistency and Uniformity in grant of bail</i>	
Lunch Break - 2:00 PM – 03:00 PM		
SESSION 3 03:00 PM – 04:30 PM	Role of Judge in a Democracy <u>Proposed Scope of Discussion:</u> • <i>Espousing Constitutional Values</i> • <i>Ethical Conundrums in Judging & Possible Solutions</i> • <i>Biases, Prejudices and Recusal</i> • <i>Impact of Media Reporting on the Administration of Justice</i>	
Tea		

DAY 2 2nd November, 2025 (Sunday)	
SESSION 4 10:00 AM -11:30 AM	Sentencing: Issues and Challenges <u>Proposed Scope of Discussion:</u> • <i>Judicious Approach in determination of Quantum of Sentence</i> • <i>Element of Proportionality</i> • <i>Concept of Misplaced Sympathy</i> • <i>Role of Technology in Sentencing</i>
SESSION 5 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM	Effective use of Information and Communication Technology (ICT) in Courts <u>Proposed Scope of Discussion:</u> • <i>ICT in Administration of Courts</i> • <i>Future of Courtroom Technology</i> • <i>-Paperless Courts</i> • <i>-AI and Judicial Governance</i> • <i>Technology Issues and Legal Solutions</i> ○ <i>Dealing with Potential Misinformation</i> • <i>Anonymity, Identity & Party Privacy</i>
Feedback of the Conference by Participants	
Lunch & Departure	

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