

REFRESHER COURSE FOR FAMILY COURTS [P-1502]

2ND & 3RD MAY, 2026

PROGRAM SCHEDULE

SESSION & TIMING	THEMES
DAY 1 2 nd May, 2026 (Saturday)	
SESSION 1 10:00 AM -11:30 AM	<p style="text-align: center;">Family Courts: Developing the Relevant Judicial Persona</p> <p><u>Proposed Scope of Discussion</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Communication Skills and Techniques for Effective Resolution of Family Disputes• Understanding litigant behaviour in diverse litigation <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Panel</u> Justice Sonia G. Gokani Justice G. Jayachandran</p>
Tea Break - 11:30 AM – 12:00 PM	
SESSION 2 12:00 PM - 01:30 PM	<p style="text-align: center;">Role of Judges in Divorce and Maintenance Proceedings</p> <p><u>Proposed Scope of Discussion</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Individual Rights vis-à-vis Institution of Marriage• Grounds for Dissolution of Marriage vis-à-vis Resolution of Family Disputes• Conundrums & Parameters in Awarding Maintenance <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Panel</u> Justice C.S. Dias Justice G. Jayachandran</p>
Lunch Break - 1:30 PM – 2:30 PM	
SESSION 3 2:30 PM – 04:00 PM	<p style="text-align: center;">Exploring Psycho-Social Aspects of Family Disputes</p> <p><u>Proposed Scope of Discussion</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Components Leading to Marital Discord and Dissolution▪ Finding Underlying Causes of Discord▪ Identification of Bias and Stereotypes <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Panel</u> Justice C.S. Dias Dr. Samindara Sawant</p>
Tea - 4:00 PM	

DAY 2
3rd May, 2026 (Sunday)

SESSION 4 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM	Adjudication of Custody & Guardianship Disputes <u>Proposed Scope of Discussion</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Factors Relevant in Deciding Custodial Arrangements▪ Welfare & Best Interests of the Child▪ Balancing Parental Rights <i>vis-à-vis</i> Parental Alienation Syndrome <u>Panel</u> Justice K. Kannan Dr. Moumita Bhattacharya
Tea Break - 11:30 AM – 12:00 PM	
SESSION 5 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM	Counselling & Mediation in Resolving Family Disputes <u>Proposed Scope of Discussion</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Conducive Courtroom Environment to Foster Amicable Settlement▪ ADR Methods in Resolving Family Disputes: Tools & Techniques▪ Judge as a Counsellor <u>Panel</u> Justice K. Kannan Justice Sudhir Kumar Jain
Feedback and Audit of the Course by Participants - 1:30 PM – 1:40 PM	
Lunch & Departure	

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