



Parul Institute of Law Faculty of Law

Organizes Panel Discussion on

COURT MANAGEMENT & COURT MANAGERS: PAST, PRESENT & THE WAY FORWARD

Wednesday, June 30, 2021

10-30 am to 12-30 pm

REPORT

Parul Institute of Law organized a Panel Discussion on Court Management & Court Managers: Past, Present and The Way Forward on Wednesday, June 30, 2021. The followings were the member of esteemed panel, deliberated on past, present of court management and role of court managers in the present system. Panelists also made certain recommendations and remarks on the present subject matter.

Hon'ble Shri Justice V. Gopala Gowda,
Former Judge, Supreme Court of India

Hon'ble Smt. Justice Roshan Dalvi,
Former Judge, Bombay High Court

Shri. S B Talekar,
Advocate & Managing Partner, Talekar & Associates

Prof. Geeta Oberoi,
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Shri Surya Prakash B S,
Programme Director, DAKSH

Smt. Deepika Kinhal,
Sr. Resident Fellow & Lead (Judicial Reforms), Vidhi Centre for Legal Policy

Total 90 participants including students, faculty members, advocates, professionals, court managers, officials from government's attended the said programme.

Followings are some important questions asked by the participants.

- 1) What is the purpose behind creation of this cadre? And what are the ways or course of action for effective implementation of court manager scheme in judiciary?
- 2) 13th Finance Commission introduced the Post with One Pay-scale, but there is no uniformity seen in respect of Pay-scale working in various States. Can we have one Post One Pay structure for the Court Managers across India.?
- 3) Suggestive Steps to be taken by the judiciary and central government and state for effective implementation of the Court Managers into the System & one Post One Pay structure for the Court Managers across India?
- 4) How the vision behind creation of the post of Court Managers in pan India can be fulfilled?
- 5) In your view What type of Resources and facilities to be given or required to court manager for effective functioning?
- 6) Is there any Training module prepared to be given to court managers?
- 7) Do you think that Court Manager can play vital role in implementation of E court project more effectively?
- 8) Does the resistance we see in matters of court manager is more against the scheme of Court Manager per se or is intricately more against resistance to change intended in the process?
- 9) Do you think the concept of Court Manager has undergone some changes wherein they are seen more in supportive role rather than as reformist for Court administration?
- 10) Steps to be taken regarding regularization of existing Court Managers who till now in many of the states despite the order of Hon'ble Apex Court of India?

Followings are the key remarks made by the esteemed panelists.

- 1) Judicial Infrastructure is an essential part of Access to Justice, Article 39A.
- 2) Order of Supreme Court (*All India Judges' Association case, 2018*) with regards to appointment of Court Managers to be implemented in letter and spirit.
- 3) Judges should focus on Judicial Aspects of the case rather than administrative part. Judges' time is precious which should not be wasted on matter which is totally administrative in nature.
- 4) Contempt Writ petition to be filed in Hon'ble Supreme Court, for effective implementation of the SC Order.

- 5) Behavioral change in Judges, Registrars and Administrative Authority is required for proper implementation of scheme related to Court Managers.
- 6) Regarding pendency of cases the professional with Statistics degree to be appointed for that. Court. Court Managers should not be assigned this task.
- 7) Judges should not head budget committee and leave it to group of experts from finance and other areas.
- 8) Judges should provide training to court managers from whom work is required.
- 9) Follow Court Manager's role in other countries and some can be adopted in our category.
- 10) Judges' time is scarce resource utilized mindfully.
- 11) Many remarks, citation after citation but nothing is happening on ground.
- 12) Court Managers are considered as external factor i.e. not considered as integral part of the system due to contractual nature of service.
- 13) Information sharing to Court Managers for the better performance.
- 14) Senior Judges/Justices should mentor Court Managers.
- 15) Judges are not only burdened with cases but also with various administrative tasks, which should be delegated to Court Managers.
- 16) Judiciary should stop resisting entry of court managers.
- 17) The Court Managers should be given Separate Cabin, Assistant/s, Peon, Vehicle facility, to carry out the day-to-day activities.
- 18) Uniform Service Rules, Pay structure, Duties should exist Pan India
- 19) Yearly trainings to the Court Managers should be conducted at National Judicial Academy (NJA), Bhopal.
- 20) Apart from Training program conducted by NJA, they also be trained from top Management schools to upgrade their management skills, on regular basis.
- 21) At present, the Secretary of District Legal Services Authority is manned by Senior Division Judge, where the work performed by the Secretary are purely administrative, policy decision to be made to assign those to Court Managers so that the Judges will be free to concentrate on the judicial work.

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SCHEDULE

Inauguration

10-30 am to 11-00 am

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Hon'ble Smt. Justice Roshan Dalvi, Former Judge, Bombay High Court

Prof. (Dr.) M N Patel, Provost, Parul University, Vadodara

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Panel Discussion

11-00 am to 12-10 pm

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Moderator :-

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Q & A, 12-10 pm to 12-30 pm

Vote of thanks, 12-30 pm

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