

# THE ADVOCATES' ASSOCIATION, BENGALURU (Regd.)

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To:

**Sri. Muralidhar Pai** The Principal District Judge Bangalore City.

Dear Sir,

Sub: Opposition from members of Advocates Association, Bangalore for the proposal for establishment of evening courts.

The recent invitation of opinion for proposal to establish evening courts is seriously opposed by the Advocates Association Bangalore. We urge that the proposal be withdrawn forthwith.

### LAWYERS WORK ENTIRE WEEK 24/7 -

The entire advocate fraternity at Bangalore and Karnataka works hard each day round the clock 24/7 and for the entire week of 7 days. Apart from a grueling 16 hour work schedule on court days the unceasing work of an advocate continues even on a weekend such as Saturday and Sunday, which is supposed to be a holiday, as we attend to our clients.

### LAWYERS HAVE LESS OPPORTUNITY TO MAINTAIN WORK AND FAMILY LIFE BALANCE -

In this situation it would be impossible to expect advocates to give time for evening courts. It will become impossible for lawyers to maintain the balance between profession, office work and family time and will wreck and impact their life and health adversely. As it is under the existing system there is very less opportunity for lawyers to give attention and maintain the work and family life balance.

## OFFICE TIME FOR ADVOCATES IN THE EVENINGS IS AS IMPORTANT AS COURT TIME.

Each day, After attending offices and courts from morning 9 am to evening 8 pm it is impossible to expect advocates to work in evening courts. This proposal expects lawyers to work in courts not only from morning to evening but to continue such work in courts even post evening. By evening at courts we are exhausted from an entire day's work. After court hours we have to be in our offices for meeting our

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clients during evening hours. We would have to prepare for their cases and undertake drafting and other works failing which we will not be able to meet court deadlines and targets for clients. Evening courts will take away this most important activity of lawyers which is as important as attending courts during the day hours.

### ALREADY STRESS AND PRESSURE ARE TAKING A TOLL ON THE **HEALTH OF ADVOCATES -**

Further the life of an advocate is exhausting and causes huge stress and fatigue. Stress and pressure plague the lives of advocates and take a huge toll on their health. Lawyers most usually suffer from hypertension and other stress related diseases with all the pressure from clients, judges and the court staff and the patience they exhibit in waiting for cases .

In this environment instead of finding ways and means to relieve the stress faced by advocates, the proposal of evening courts escalates the stress and pressure on advocates.

It is difficult and will be counter productive if we force lawyers to attend evening courts and we urge that this proposal be given up immedialty and forthwith.

Therefore on behalf of the Advocates Association Bangalore we register our strong opposition to this measure or proposal of establishing evening courts and we urge that this proposal be immedialty dropped as advocates are unanimously against such a proposal.

Thanking you

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