

**SUPREME COURT OF INDIA**  
**[Committee for Designation of Senior Advocates (CDSA)]**

**N O T I C E**

F. No.16/CDSA/2026/1

12<sup>th</sup> February, 2026

**RE: DESIGNATION OF SENIOR ADVOCATE**

Applications seeking designation of Senior Advocate are invited from Advocates in terms of the “Guidelines for Designation of Senior Advocates by the Supreme Court of India, 2026” available on the Official Website of this Hon’ble Court.

The Advocates whose cases have not been rejected by the Supreme Court of India or any High Court, within a period of two years, or the Advocates whose cases have not been deferred by any Court, within a period of one year, are eligible to apply afresh, as specified in Para 9(iv) of the abovesaid Guidelines.

Advocates may submit their applications ONLINE by clicking on the ‘SENIOR ADVOCATES DESIGNATION APPLICATION’ tab under the head “ADVOCATES” available on the Official Website [[www.sci.gov.in](http://www.sci.gov.in)] of this Hon’ble Court. The link will be made live from 16<sup>th</sup> February, 2026 (10:00 a.m.) till the midnight of 9<sup>th</sup> March, 2026. A print-out of the application along with enclosures submitted online (in the form of a paperbook) and a colour photograph are also required to be

submitted in the Secretariat of the Committee [Room No. 308, 3rd Floor, B-Block, Administrative Buildings Complex, Supreme Court of India, New Delhi-110001 (Phone:011-23115879)] latest by 4.30 p.m. on 10<sup>th</sup> March, 2026. The format of the application **required to be submitted ONLINE in Annexure-‘A’** along with instructions, is attached for guidance of the applicant-Advocates, so that they are ready with all requisite information/data/documents at the time of online submission of their application.

Former Chief Justices / Judges of High Courts may submit their requests for designation of Senior Advocate along with requisite documents, in the enclosed prescribed format (**Annexure-‘J’**).

Sd/-  
[ Sanjay Kumar ]  
Addl. Registrar/Secretary (CDSA)

Copy to:-

1. The Secretary, Supreme Court Bar Association (with a request to place it on the Notice Board of SCBA)
2. The Secretary, Supreme Court Advocates-on-Record Association (with a request to place it on the Notice Board of SCAORA)
3. The Secretary, Bar Council of India
4. Notice Board
5. All concerned

**APPLICATION-CUM-CONSENT LETTER  
FOR DESIGNATION OF SENIOR ADVOCATE  
[FOR ADVOCATES]**

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| 1.  | Name of the Applicant-<br>Advocate:<br>(Dr./Mr./Ms./Mrs.) *  | <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 80px; height: 30px; display: inline-block;"></div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 200px; height: 30px; display: inline-block; margin-left: 20px;"></div>               |
| 2.  | Date of Birth: *   | <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100%; height: 25px;"></div>   |
| 3.  | Age (as on 01.01.2026): *  | Years: <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 60px; height: 25px; display: inline-block;"></div> Months: <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 60px; height: 25px; display: inline-block; margin-left: 20px;"></div> |
| 4.  | Address in Full: *   | (i) Office: *<br><div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100%; height: 25px;"></div> (ii) Residence: *<br><div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100%; height: 25px;"></div>   |
| 5.  | Contact Details: *   | (i) Landline: *<br>(ii) Mobile: *<br>(iii) Email: *   |
| 6.  | Educational / Professional Qualifications:   | <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100%; height: 25px;"></div>   |
| 7.  | (i) Date, Month and Year of Enrolment as an Advocate: *  | <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100%; height: 25px;"></div>   |
|   | (ii) Enrolment Number: *   | <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100%; height: 25px;"></div>   |
|   | (iii) Bar Council, where registered  | <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100%; height: 25px;"></div>   |
|   | (Copy of Enrolment Certificate to be attached): *  | <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100%; height: 25px;"></div> <p style="font-size: small; margin-top: 5px;">(The upload file size must be less than 5 MB in PDF)</p>  |

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|     | (iv) Number of years of practice from the date of enrolment: *   | <input type="text"/>   | Years | <input type="text"/>   | Months |
|     | (v) Net Professional Income per annum: *   | <input type="text"/>   | Lakhs |  |        |
| 8.  | Whether registered as an Advocate-on-Record:   | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes<br><input type="checkbox"/> No  |       |  |        |
|     | (i) Date, Month and Year of Registration: *  | <input type="text"/>   |       |  |        |
|     | (ii) AOR Code Number:  | <input type="text"/>   |       |  |        |
| 9.  | Whether the applicant is a member of the Supreme Court Bar Association / Supreme Court Advocates-on-Record Association: *                                | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes<br><input type="checkbox"/> No<br><input type="text"/>  |       |  |        |
| 10. | Number of Reported Judgments (excluding orders that do not lay down any principle of law):<br><a href="#">Format L-1</a><br><a href="#">Format L-2</a>   | (i) No. of Reported Judgments as Lead Arguing Counsel: *<br><input type="text"/> Supreme Court * <input type="text"/><br><input type="text"/> High Courts * <input type="text"/><br><input type="text"/> Tribunals * <input type="text"/><br>Upload Format L-1<br>(The upload file size must be less than 5 MB in PDF)   |       | (ii) No. of Reported Judgments as Assisting Counsel: *<br><input type="text"/> Supreme Court * <input type="text"/><br><input type="text"/> High Courts * <input type="text"/><br><input type="text"/> Tribunals * <input type="text"/><br>Upload Format L-2<br>(The upload file size must be less than 5 MB in PDF)   |        |
| 11. | Number of Unreported Judgments (excluding orders that do not lay down any principle of law):<br><a href="#">Format L-3</a><br><a href="#">Format L-4</a> | (i) No. of Unreported Judgments as Lead Arguing Counsel: *<br><input type="text"/> Supreme Court * <input type="text"/><br><input type="text"/> High Courts * <input type="text"/><br><input type="text"/> Tribunals * <input type="text"/><br>Upload Format L-3<br>(The upload file size must be less than 5 MB in PDF) |       | (ii) No. of Unreported Judgments as Assisting Counsel: *<br><input type="text"/> Supreme Court * <input type="text"/><br><input type="text"/> High Courts * <input type="text"/><br><input type="text"/> Tribunals * <input type="text"/><br>Upload Format L-4<br>(The upload file size must be less than 5 MB in PDF) |        |

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| 12. | Pro Bono / Amicus Curiae work:<br><u>Format L-5(i)</u><br><u>Format L-5(ii)</u>  | Total Pro Bono cases:<br><div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 20px; width: 100px; margin-bottom: 5px;"></div> Upload Format L-5(i)<br>(The upload file size must be less than 5 MB in PDF) | Total Amicus Curiae cases:<br><div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 20px; width: 100px; margin-bottom: 5px;"></div> Upload Format L-5(ii)<br>(The upload file size must be less than 5 MB in PDF) |           |
| 13. | Whether the applicant is a first-generation lawyer: *  | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes<br><input type="checkbox"/> No  |  |           |
| 14. | Academic Articles/Books published, experience of Teaching Assignments in the field of law, Guest Lectures delivered in law schools or professional institutions connected with law:<br><u>Format L-6</u> | No. of Academic Articles: ____<br><br>No. of Teaching Assignments: ____<br><br>Upload Format L-6<br>(The upload file size must be less than 5 MB in PDF)   | No. of Academic Books: ____<br><br>No. of Guest Lectures: ____   |           |
| 15. | Courts, where the applicant is practicing/has practiced:<br><br>(Court-wise period may be indicated) *   | <b>Court</b>   | <b>From</b>  | <b>To</b> |
|     |  | <b>Supreme Court of India</b>  |  |           |
|     |  | <b>High Court(s)/ District/ Trial Court(s)</b>   |  |           |
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| 16. | Tribunals, where the applicant has specialized practice:<br><br>(Applicable to those practising before Tribunals)  | <b>Tribunal(s)</b>   | <b>From</b>  | <b>To</b> |
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| 17. | Nature of practice –<br>(e.g. Civil, Criminal, Constitutional, Taxation, Labour, Company, Service, etc.): *  | <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 30px; width: 100%;"></div>  |  |           |

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| 18. | Field of Law – domain expertise (such as, Constitutional law, Inter-State Water Disputes, Criminal law, Arbitration law, Corporate law, Family law, Human Rights, Public Interest Litigation, International law, law relating to women) in which the applicant has specialization / expertise: | <div data-bbox="654 382 1503 535" style="border: 1px solid black; height: 73px; width: 523px;"></div>  |
| 19. | Whether the applicant has applied earlier to the Supreme Court for designation; if so, date of the application & current status thereof: *   | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes<br><input type="checkbox"/> No<br><div data-bbox="643 982 1511 1052" style="border: 1px solid black; height: 33px; width: 535px;"></div>  |
| 20. | Whether the applicant has applied earlier to any other High Court; if so, date of the application and details thereof: *   | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes<br><input type="checkbox"/> No<br><div data-bbox="643 1281 1511 1350" style="border: 1px solid black; height: 33px; width: 535px;"></div> |
| 21. | Whether any FIR has ever been lodged against the applicant; if so, details thereof: *  | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes<br><input type="checkbox"/> No<br><div data-bbox="643 1539 1511 1608" style="border: 1px solid black; height: 33px; width: 535px;"></div> |
| 22. | Whether the applicant is a party to any criminal case; if so, details thereof: *   | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes<br><input type="checkbox"/> No<br><div data-bbox="643 1787 1511 1856" style="border: 1px solid black; height: 33px; width: 535px;"></div> |

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| 23. | Whether any proceedings were initiated or are pending against the applicant before Bar Council of India or State Bar Council; if so, details thereof: *  | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes<br><input type="checkbox"/> No<br><div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 20px; width: 100%; margin-top: 5px;"></div> |
| 24. | General State of Health:   |   |
| 25. | Any other relevant information:  |   |
|     | <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>DECLARATION</u></b></p> <p>I _____ hereby give consent for being designated as Senior Advocate.</p> <p>I hereby declare that the information furnished above is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. No material information is concealed or suppressed therefrom. I understand that furnishing of false information or suppression of any factual information would render me unfit from being designated as Senior Advocate.</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; margin-top: 20px;"> <div data-bbox="253 1024 345 1052">Date: -</div> <div data-bbox="984 1024 1459 1052" style="text-align: right;">Signature of the Applicant-Advocate</div> </div> <p style="text-align: right; font-size: small; margin-top: 10px;">(The uploaded signature size must be 10 to 20 KB in jpg/jpeg.)</p> |   |

**PRESCRIBED FORMATS****Format L-1***(See Sl. No. 10 of the Application)***AS LEAD ARGUING COUNSEL****LIST OF REPORTED JUDGMENTS (EXCLUDING ORDERS NOT LAYING  
DOWN ANY PRINCIPLE OF LAW)****In matters before Supreme Court of India**

| S. No. | Citation /<br>Case Number | Cause Title<br>and Subject<br>Matter | Decided on | Legal formulation advanced by the<br>applicant. |
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**In matters before High Courts**

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**In matters before Tribunals**

| S. No. | Tribunal(s) | Citation /<br>Case Number | Cause Title<br>and Subject<br>Matter | Decided on | Legal formulation advanced<br>by the applicant. |
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**Format L-2***(See Sl. No. 10 of the Application)***AS ASSISTING COUNSEL****LIST OF REPORTED JUDGMENTS (EXCLUDING ORDERS NOT LAYING  
DOWN ANY PRINCIPLE OF LAW)****In matters before Supreme Court of India**

| S. No. | Citation /<br>Case Number | Cause Title<br>and Subject<br>Matter | Decided on | Legal formulation advanced by the<br>applicant. |
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**Format L-3***(See Sl. No. 11 of the Application)***AS LEAD ARGUING COUNSEL****LIST OF UNREPORTED JUDGMENTS (EXCLUDING ORDERS NOT LAYING DOWN ANY PRINCIPLE OF LAW)****In matters before Supreme Court of India**

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(See Sl. No. 11 of the Application)

## **AS ASSISTING COUNSEL**

### **LIST OF UNREPORTED JUDGMENTS (EXCLUDING ORDERS NOT LAYING DOWN ANY PRINCIPLE OF LAW)**

#### **In matters before Supreme Court of India**

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**Format L-5(i)***(See Sl. No. 12 of the Application)***List of matters in which appeared as Pro-Bono**

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**Format L-5(ii)***(See Sl. No. 12 of the Application)***List of matters in which appeared as Amicus Curiae**

| S.No. | Court(s)/<br>Tribunal(s) | Citation/<br>Case Number | Cause Title | Decided on | Reportable /<br>Unreportable |
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**Format L-6***(See Sl. No. 14 of the Application)*

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

| S. No. | Topic of published academic |       | Experience details in law schools or professional institutions (with names) connected with law |                | Any other relevant details |
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|        | Articles                    | Books | Teaching Assignment(s)   | Guest Lectures |                            |
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**INSTRUCTIONS TO BE FOLLOWED BY THE ADVOCATES  
WHILE APPLYING FOR DESIGNATION OF SENIOR ADVOCATE**

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| 1. | Advocates are requested to scrupulously follow these instructions while submitting the Application and the prescribed Formats (L-1 to L-6).  |
| 2. | At the time of submission of the Application online, the following should be kept ready:<br>(i) Data/Information that is to be furnished in formats L-1 to L-6;<br>(ii) Scanned signature of the applicant;<br>(iii) Recent scanned passport size colour photograph; and<br>(iv) Scanned Enrolment Certificate.  |
| 3. | In addition to the Application submitted online, the following should be submitted in the CDSA Secretariat:<br>(i) One print-out of the Application along with its attachments in the shape of a Paper Book, duly tagged & indexed.<br>(ii) One recent passport size colour photograph (name of the applicant should be written on its back side).   |
| 4. | Data/Information relating to reported and unreported judgments in matters argued as lead arguing/assisting counsel, pro bono/amicus curiae, publication work (articles/books/teaching assignments/guest lectures) should be provided in the prescribed formats L-1 to L-6 which form part of Application.  |
| 5. | List of citations of reported and unreported judgments in matters argued as lead counsel/ assisting counsel should be furnished in chronological order. The citations should be of judgments <b>made reportable by the Supreme Court/High Courts/ Tribunals and are available in their official reports</b> . For example, in the case of Supreme Court Judgments, neutral citations may be given. |
| 6. | Name of the applicant should tally with his/her name as mentioned in his/her enrolment certificate. Abbreviated name shall NOT be accepted.  |
| 7. | Request to accept application beyond the last date indicated in the notice, shall NOT be entertained in any case.  |

☐ Yes, I have read the instructions carefully.

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**Annexure - 'J'**

**REQUEST-CUM-CONSENT LETTER FOR  
DESIGNATION OF SENIOR ADVOCATE  
[FOR FORMER CHIEF JUSTICES/JUDGES OF HIGH COURTS]**

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| 1. | Name of the Applicant:<br>(Dr./Mr./Mrs./Ms. Justice)<br><br>Chief Justice/Judge of High Court from where<br>retired                            |                                  |                           |
| 2. | Age as on date   |                                  | ____ Years    ____ Months |
| 3. | Address in full:   | (i) Office -                     |                           |
|    |  | (ii) Residence -                 |                           |
| 4. | Contact<br>Details:  | (i) Landline -                   |                           |
|    |  | (ii) Mobile -                    |                           |
|    |  | (iii) Email -                    |                           |
| 5. | (a) Date of enrolment as advocate<br>(b) Enrolment Number<br>(c) Date of Resumption of Practice<br><br>(copies of certificates to be provided) |                                  |                           |
| 6. | Bar Council, where registered  |                                  |                           |
| 7. | Field of law in which applicant has<br>specialization / expertise (special knowledge or<br>experience in law)                                  |                                  |                           |
| 8. | Number of reported judgments delivered as<br>Judge/Chief Justice of High Court<br>(List of citations to be provided)                           |                                  |                           |
| 9. | High Courts where served as Judge / Chief<br>Justice (please specify duration)   | <b>Name of High<br/>Court(s)</b> | <b>From</b>               |
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| 10. | Total period served as Judge / Chief Justice of High Court   |  |
| 11. | Date of elevation/retirement as Chief Justice/Judge of High Court  |  |
| 12. | Whether held / accepted any post-retirement assignment. If so, give details thereof.   |  |
| 13. | Whether applied for being designated as Senior Advocate earlier before the Supreme Court/High Court, If so, the status thereof.  |  |
| 14. | Whether party to any criminal or other litigation, at present or in the past. If so, the nature of involvement.  |  |
| 15. | Any other information:   |  |
|     | <p style="text-align: center;"><u>DECLARATION:</u></p> <p>I _____ hereby give consent for being designated as Senior Advocate.</p> <p>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 from being designated as Senior Advocate.</p> <p>Date: _____ [ Signature of the Applicant ]</p> |  |

Note: Kindly read instructions attached herewith while filling up the information in the above format.



**GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS TO BE FOLLOWED**  
**WHILE SUBMITTING REQUEST-CUM-CONSENT LETTER (ANNEXURE-J)**  
**FOR DESIGNATION OF SENIOR ADVOCATE**

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| 1. | Letter of request-cum-consent, in the prescribed format shall be made in English, typed/printed with font size (Arial-14) in double spacing on one side of the white paper (A4 Size) with an inner margin of about four centimeters width on top and on the left side.         |
| 2. | Documents (copy of Enrolment Certificate, copy of Resumption of Practice Certificate and list of citations of reported judgments) accompanying the letter of request-cum-consent should be numbered consecutively in the Index, in all sets.                                   |
| 3. | All documents annexed to the letter of request-cum-consent 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 prescribed format). |
| 4. | Name of the applicant should tally with his/her name as mentioned in his/her enrolment certificate.  |
| 5. | The letter of request-cum-consent should be submitted in the shape of a paperbook, duly tagged & indexed and not in spiral binding and the like.   |
| 6. | Three sets of Annexure-J in form of paperbook, identical in all respects, should be filed.   |
| 7. | The soft copy of request-cum-consent letter, in searchable mode, along with scanned photograph should be submitted through e-mail (cdsa.2018@sci.nic.in), in addition to the hard copy thereof.  |