

**HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT ALLAHABAD  
AMENDMENT (Admin. 'G-I') SECTION  
NOTIFICATION**

No. 367 VIIIc, Allahabad,

Dated: April 29<sup>th</sup>, 2026

**Correction Slip No. 278**

In exercise of the powers conferred by Article 225 of the Constitution of India and all other powers enabling it in this behalf, the High Court of Judicature at Allahabad is pleased to make the following amendment in the Allahabad High Court Rules, 1952, Volume I, which shall come into force from the date of publication in the Official Gazette.

**The Allahabad High Court (Amendment) Rules, 2026**

**1. Short title and commencement.-** (1) These rules may be called the Allahabad High Court (Amendment) Rules, 2026.

(2) These Rules shall come into force from the date of publication in the Official Gazette of the Government.

**2. Definition.-** In these Rules, unless the context otherwise requires, "Rules" mean the Allahabad High Court Rules, 1952.

**3. Substitution of Rule 3 of Chapter XXIV.-** The existing provision of Rule 3, Chapter XXIV of the Rules of the Court, 1952, Vol.-I, under heading 'Rules Framed Under Section 34(1) read with Section 16(2) of the Advocate's Act, 1961' regarding 'Designation of Senior Advocate Rules, 2018', as set out in Column-I shall be substituted with Column-II as follows:

COLUMN-1 Existing Rule	COLUMN-2 Rule as here by substituted
<p><b>3. Permanent Committee for designation of Senior Advocates:-</b> (1) All the matters relating to designation of Senior Advocates in the High Court shall be dealt with by the Permanent Committee, which will be headed by the Chief Justice and consist of the two Senior-most Judges of the High Court; (ii) the Advocate General of the State of Uttar Pradesh; and (iii) a designated Senior Advocate of the Bar to be nominated by the members of the Committee.</p> <p>(2) The Committee constituted under sub-rule (1) shall have a Secretariat, the composition of which will be decided by the Chief Justice of the High Court, in consultation with other members of the Committee.</p> <p>(3) The Committee may issue such directions from time to time as deemed necessary regarding functioning of the Secretariat, including the manner in which, and the source/s from which, the necessary data and information with regard to designation of Senior Advocates are to be collected, compiled and presented.</p>	<p><b>3. Permanent Committee for designation of Senior Advocates:-</b> (1) All matters relating to designation of Senior Advocates in the High Court shall be dealt with by the Permanent Committee, which shall be headed by the Chief Justice and consist of two of the senior-most Judges of the High Court, <b>one of whom shall be the Senior Judge at Lucknow.</b></p> <p>(2) The Committee constituted under sub-rule (1) shall have a Secretariat, the composition of which will be decided by the Chief Justice of the High Court, in consultation with other members of the Committee.</p> <p>(3) The Committee may issue such directions from time to time as deemed necessary regarding functioning of the Secretariat, including the manner in which, and the source/s from which, the necessary data and information with regard to designation of Senior Advocates are to be collected, compiled and presented.</p>

**4. Substitution of Rule 4 of Chapter XXIV.-** The existing provision of Rule 4, Chapter XXIV of the Rules of the Court, 1952, Vol.-I, under heading 'Rules Framed Under Section 34(1) read with Section 16(2) of the Advocate's Act, 1961' regarding 'Designation of Senior Advocate Rules, 2018', as set out in Column-I shall be substituted with Column-II as follows:

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COLUMN-1 Existing Rule	COLUMN-2 Rule as here by substituted
<p><b>4. Designation of an Advocate as Senior Advocate:-</b> (1) The High Court may designate an Advocate as a Senior Advocate, if in its opinion, by virtue of his/her ability and standing at the Bar, the said Advocate is deserving of such distinction.</p> <p>Explanation: The term "standing at the Bar" means position of eminence attained by an Advocate at the Bar by virtue of his/her seniority, legal acumen, and high ethical standards maintained by him, both inside and outside the Court.</p> <p>(2) An advocate who has put in at least ten years of actual practice as an advocate shall be eligible to be designated as Senior Advocate.</p> <p>Provided that a retired Judge of any High Court, who is qualified to practice in the Allahabad High Court may also be recommended for being designated.</p>	<p><b>4. Eligibility for Designation as Senior Advocate:-</b> (1) The High Court may designate an Advocate as a Senior Advocate, if in its opinion, by virtue of his/her ability and standing at the Bar, the said Advocate is deserving of such distinction.</p> <p>Explanation: The term "standing at the Bar" means position of eminence attained by an Advocate at the Bar by virtue of his/her <b>professional attainment, expertise, knowledge of law</b> and high ethical standards maintained by him, both inside and outside the Court.</p> <p>(2) An Advocate shall be eligible to be designated as Senior Advocate if he/she—</p> <p>(a) has completed at least ten years' standing as an Advocate; or</p> <p>(b) has completed ten years' combined standing as an Advocate and as a District and Sessions Judge or Judicial Member of any Tribunal in India, whose qualification for appointment is not less than that prescribed for appointment as District Judge;</p> <p>(c) practices mainly at High Court;</p> <p><i>Note: Applicant-Advocates having domain expertise of practicing before specialized Tribunals/ District Courts may be given concession with regard to the extent of appearances in the High Court.</i></p> <p><i>and</i></p> <p>(d) has attained the age of forty-five years on the date of notification inviting applications, unless the Full Court relaxes the age requirement in exceptional cases.</p> <p>(3) No application shall be entertained if the application of the Advocate for designation has been rejected by this High Court, any other High Court or the Supreme Court within the preceding two years, or if such application has been deferred within the preceding one year.</p>

**5. Substitution of Rule 5 of Chapter XXIV.-** The existing provision of Rule 5, Chapter XXIV of the Rules of the Court, 1952, Vol.-I, under heading 'Rules Framed Under Section 34(1) read with Section 16(2) of the Advocate's Act, 1961' regarding 'Designation of Senior Advocate Rules, 2018', as set out in Column-I shall be substituted with Column-II as follows:

COLUMN-1 Existing Rule	COLUMN-2 Rule as here by substituted
5. Motion for Designation as Senior	5. Motion for Designation as Senior

<p><b>Advocate:-</b> Designation of an Advocate as Senior Advocate by the High Court may be considered:</p> <p>(a) on the written proposal made by the Chief Justice or any sitting Judge of the High Court of Judicature at Allahabad.</p> <p>Provided that a sitting Judge will not make a proposal for more than two Advocates in a calendar year; or</p> <p>(b) on the written application submitted by an Advocate, recommended by two designated Senior Advocates.</p> <p>Provided further that such designated Senior Advocates will not recommend the names of more than two Advocates in a calendar year.</p>	<p><b>Advocate:-</b> (1) The Secretariat shall ordinarily initiate the process for designation at least once every calendar year by issuing a public notice on the official website of the High Court inviting applications. In addition, intimation will be given to the Bar Associations of the High Court.</p> <p>(2) At least twenty-one days' time shall be given for submission of applications.</p> <p>(3) Notwithstanding anything contained in sub-rules (1) and (2), the Full Court may, in a deserving case, recommend designation of an Advocate <i>dehors</i> an application, subject to his/her consent.</p>
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**6. Substitution of Rule 6 of Chapter XXIV.-** The existing provision of Rule 6, Chapter XXIV of the Rules of the Court, 1952, Vol.-I, under heading 'Rules Framed Under Section 34(1) read with Section 16(2) of the Advocate's Act, 1961' regarding 'Designation of Senior Advocate Rules, 2018', as set out in Column-I shall be substituted with Column-II as follows:

COLUMN-1 Existing Rule	COLUMN-2 Rule as here by substituted
<p><b>6. Procedure for Designation:-</b> (1) All the written proposals and applications for designation of an Advocate as a Senior Advocate shall be submitted to the Secretariat.</p> <p>Provided that every application by an advocate shall be made in Form No. 1 of APPENDIX-A appended to these Rules.</p> <p>Provided further that in case the proposal emanates from a Judge it need not be submitted in the prescribed form. However once the proposal is received, the Secretariat shall request such advocate to submit Form No. 1 duly filled in within such time as directed by the Committee and in such a case the requirement of having recommendation of two Senior Advocates would stand dispensed with.</p> <p>(2) On receipt of an application or proposal for designation of an Advocate as a Senior Advocate, the Secretariat shall compile the relevant data and the information with regard to the reputation, conduct, integrity of the advocate concerned including his participation in pro bono work, reported judgments of the last five years in which the concerned advocate has appeared and has actually argued.</p> <p>(3) The Secretariat will notify the proposed names of the advocates to be designated as Senior Advocates on the official website of the High Court of Judicature at Allahabad, inviting suggestions and views within such time as may be fixed by the Committee.</p> <p>(4) After the material in terms of the above is compiled and all such information, as may be</p>	<p><b>6. Procedure for Designation:-</b> (1) All applications for designation of an Advocate as a Senior Advocate shall be submitted to the Secretariat in the manner and within the time specified in the public notice issued under Rule 5:</p> <p>Provided that every such application shall be made in Form No. 1 of APPENDIX-A appended to these Rules.</p> <p>(2) On receipt of an application for designation of an Advocate as a Senior Advocate, the Secretariat shall compile the relevant data and the information with regard to the reputation, conduct, integrity of the advocate concerned including his participation in pro bono work, reported judgments in which the concerned advocate has appeared and has actually argued and shall place the same before the Committee.</p> <p>(3) The Committee will then notify the names of the advocates who have applied to be designated as Senior Advocates on the official website of the High Court of Judicature at Allahabad, inviting suggestions/views within such time as may be fixed by the Committee which shall not be less than 15 days from the date of such notification.</p>

specifically required by the Committee to be obtained in respect of any particular candidate, has been obtained and the suggestions and views have been received, the Secretariat shall put up the case before the Committee for scrutiny.

(5) Upon submission of the case by the Secretariat, the Committee shall examine the same in the light of the material provided and, if it so desires, may also interact with the concerned advocate(s) and thereafter make its overall assessment on the basis of the point based format provided in APPENDIX-B to these Rules.

(6) After the overall assessment by the Committee, all the names listed before it will be submitted to the Full Court along with its Assessment Report.

(7) Normally voting by ballot shall not be resorted to unless unavoidable. The motion shall be carried out by consensus, failing which voting by ballot may be resorted to. In the event of voting by ballot, the views of the majority of the Judges present and voting shall constitute the decision of the Full Court. In case the Judges present be equally divided, the Chief Justice or in his absence the Senior Judge present shall have the casting vote.

(8) The cases that have not been favorably considered by the Full Court may be reviewed/reconsidered after the expiry of a period of two years, following the same procedure as prescribed above as if the proposal is being considered afresh.

(4) After the material in terms of the above is compiled and all such information, as may be specifically required by the Committee to be obtained in respect of any particular candidate, has been obtained and the suggestions/views have been received, the Secretariat shall put up the case before the Committee for scrutiny.

(5) After examination, the Committee shall place before the Full Court all such applications, together with the names of the candidates found eligible and the relevant documents submitted by them, for decision by the Full Court.

(6) The Full Court will examine each application in the light of the data provided by the Secretariat and make its overall assessment on the basis of ability, standing at the Bar or special knowledge or experience in law of the candidates, considering the following:

**Ability:** It will include very sound knowledge of law and especially the branches of law in which the Advocate is practising. The ability will also include, apart from sound knowledge of law, skills of advocacy, which are required to effectively conduct a case. Writing articles and commentaries on law will be part of ability. Capacity to rationally critique judicial decisions will be a facet of ability.

**Standing at the Bar:** Some of the qualities which give an advocate a standing at the Bar are as follows:

- (a) He/She is always fair while conducting cases before the Courts.
- (b) His/Her behavior with the Judges and other members of the Bar is respectful.
- (c) He/She maintains decorum while conducting cases before the Court.
- (d) He/She always acts first as an officer of the court and, thereafter, a mouthpiece of his/her client.
- (e) He/She follows the highest standards of professional etiquette and ethics.
- (f) He/She acts as a mentor to the junior advocates.
- (g) He/She does pro bono work.
- (h) He/She carries respect in the legal fraternity.
- (i) He/She does possess honesty and integrity.

The above list is only illustrative in nature, and not exhaustive.

**Special Knowledge of Law:** An Advocate may be said to be having special knowledge or experience in law if in a particular branch of law, he has acquired expertise; for example, Arbitration, Insolvency and

	<p>Bankruptcy, Company Law, Intellectual Property Law, Tax Laws, Revenue Law, etc.</p> <p>No criminal antecedents: An Advocate has not been convicted by a competent court of law and should not have been punished for an offence involving moral turpitude or contempt of court or should not have been punished by any State Bar Council/Bar Council of India for any act of misconduct.</p> <p>(7) The decision of the Full Court shall be by consensus, failing which, by secret ballot.</p> <p>(8) Cases not favourably considered may be reviewed after expiry of two years from the date of decision of the Full Court. Cases deferred shall be reconsidered in the next exercise for designation of Senior Advocate.</p>
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**7. Insertion of sub-rule (4) in Rule 7 of Chapter XXIV.-** In Rule 7, Chapter XXIV of the Rules of the Court, 1952, Vol.-I, under heading 'Rules Framed Under Section 34(1) read with Section 16(2) of the Advocate's Act, 1961' regarding 'Designation of Senior Advocate Rules, 2018', the following sub-rule (4) be inserted as follows:

**(4) The decision of the Full Court shall be communicated individually to all applicants.**

**8. Substitution of Appendix-A of Chapter XXIV.-** The existing Appendix-A, Chapter XXIV of the Rules of the Court, 1952, Vol.-I, under heading 'Rules Framed Under Section 34(1) read with Section 16(2) of the Advocate's Act, 1961' regarding 'Designation of Senior Advocate Rules, 2018', as set out in Column-I shall be substituted with Column-II as follows:

COLUMN-1 Existing Appendix-A			COLUMN-2 Appendix-A as here by substituted		
<b>APPENDIX-A</b> [See Rule 6(1)]  <b>Form No. 1</b>  <b>Form of Application for designation as Senior Advocate</b>			<b>APPENDIX-A</b> [See Rule 6(1)]  <b>Form No. 1</b>  <b>Form of Application for designation as Senior Advocate</b>		
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2	Father's / husband's name		2	Father's / husband's name	
3	Addres s	Permanent Address  Correspondence Address	3	Addre ss	Permanent Address  Correspondence Address
4	Age / Date of Birth		4	Age / Date of Birth	
5	Enrollment No. Bar Council &		5	Enrollment No. Bar	

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	Enrollment Date (Enclose Copy)			Council & Enrollment Date (Enclose Copy)										
6	Advocate Roll No.		6	Advocate Roll No.										
7	Name of the Bar Association of which he/she is a member		7	Name of the Bar Association of which he/she is a member										
8	Number of years of practice, and in which Court/s		8	Number of years of practice, and in which Court/s										
9	If specialized in any branch of Law		9	If specialized in any branch of Law										
10	Aadhaar No. (Enclose Copy)		10	Aadhaar No. (Enclose Copy)										
	PAN Card No. (Enclose Copy)			PAN Card No. (Enclose Copy)										
11	Year from which he/she became an Income tax assessee, in respect of the professional income (enclose copies of relevant documents).		11	Year from which he/she became an income tax assessee, in respect of the professional income (enclose copies of relevant documents).										
12	Particulars of annual declared gross professional income for the past five years (with copies of documents/ Income Tax returns in this regard).		12	Particulars of annual declared net professional income for the past five years (with copies of documents/ Income Tax returns in this regard).										
13	Professional Qualification (Enclose Copy)		13	Professional Qualification (Enclose Copy)										
14	Additional Qualification (Enclose Copy)		14	Additional Qualification (Enclose Copy)										
15	Contact No.		15	Contact No.										
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16	Whether he/she is, or has been in the panel of Advocates of the State or Central Government or a public sector undertaking, or a statutory body, or institution. If so, details thereof.		16	Whether the applicant is a first-generation lawyer: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No										
17	Particulars of important matters involving question of law in which he/she appeared in the last five years, and particulars of at least ten citations of such reported cases during this period.		17	Courts, where the applicant is practicing/has practiced:	<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Court</th> <th>From</th> <th>To</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Supreme Court of India</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>High Court(s)/ District Court(s)/ Tribunal(s)</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Court	From	To	Supreme Court of India			High Court(s)/ District Court(s)/ Tribunal(s)		
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19	Particulars of cases													

	in which he/she appeared as an arguing Counsel, on behalf of another Advocate, (not being an advocate from his/her chamber/office), during the preceding three years, and the name and particulars of the Advocates on whose behalf he/she appeared.			Company, Service, etc.)	
20	Particulars of articles, if any, published in any journal or books, if any, authored.			20	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, Revenue Law) in which the applicant has specialization/ expertise:
21	Whether associated with any faculty of Law (If so, the particulars thereof).			21	Whether he/she is, or has been in the panel of Advocates of the State or Central Government or a public sector undertaking, or a statutory body, or institution. If so, details thereof.
22	Particulars of the cases in which he/she provided free legal aid.			22	Particulars of important matters involving question of law in which he/she appeared in the last five years, and particulars of at least ten citations of such reported cases during this period.
23	Particulars of the pro bono work performed.			23	Names and particulars of Advocates associated with him/her in his/her chamber/office.
24	Whether or not his/her name was considered for being designated as Senior Advocate within last two years.			24	Particulars of cases in which he/she appeared as an arguing Counsel, on behalf of another Advocate, (not being an advocate from his/her chamber/office), during the preceding three years, and the name and particulars of the Advocates on whose behalf he/she appeared.
25	Whether he/she is involved in any criminal case, disciplinary proceedings before the State Bar Council. If so the particulars / the result / the stage of the proceedings.			25	Particulars of articles, if any, published in any journal or books, if any, authored.
26	Whether he/she is involved in any contempt case.			26	Whether associated with any faculty of Law (If so, the particulars thereof).
27	Whether any proceeding for professional misconduct has been initiated against him/her by the State Bar Council of Uttar Pradesh / Bar Council of India (pending or decided).			27	Particulars of the cases in which
28	Whether any remark has ever been passed against him/her in any order/judgment by any Court of law.				
29	Whether he/she is involved in any collateral activities which may disqualify him/her for being designated as Senior Advocate.				

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<p>(SIGNATURE OF THE APPLICANT)</p> <p>I, the under signed advocate, practicing in the State of Uttar Pradesh, submit my application for being designated as senior Advocate and state my consent to be so designated by the High Court.</p> <p>Dated</p> <p>(Signature) ]</p>		he/she provided free legal aid.	
	28	Particulars of the pro bono work performed.	
	29	Whether or not his/her name was considered for being designated as Senior Advocate within last two years.	
	30	Whether he/she is involved in any criminal case, disciplinary proceedings before the State Bar Council. If so the particulars / the result / the stage of the proceedings.	
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	33	Whether any remark has ever been passed against him/her in any order/judgment by any Court of law.	
	34	Whether he/she is involved in any collateral activities which may disqualify him/her for being designated as Senior Advocate.	
	35	Whether the applicant has applied earlier to any other High Court; if so, date of application and details thereof:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
		(SIGNATURE OF THE APPLICANT)	
		I, the under signed advocate, practicing in the State of Uttar Pradesh, submit my application for being designated as senior Advocate and state my consent to be so designated by the High Court.	
		Dated	
		(Signature)	

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**9. Omission of APPENDIX-B of Chapter XXIV.-** The APPENDIX-B of Chapter XXIV of the Rules of the Court, 1952, Vol.-I, under heading 'Rules Framed Under Section 34(1) read with Section 16(2) of the Advocate's Act, 1961' regarding 'Designation of Senior Advocate Rules, 2018', is **omitted**.

**By Order of the Court**

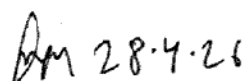
  
**(Manjeet Singh Sheoran)**  
**Registrar General**

**No. 6037 Allahabad,**

**Dated: 29<sup>th</sup> April, 2026**

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6. The Registrar (J) (Computer) for updating the Allahabad High Court Rules on official website of the Hon'ble Court.
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10. The President, Advocates Association, High Court of Judicature at Allahabad.
11. The President, Oudh Bar Association, High Court, Lucknow.
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**(Manjeet Singh Sheoran)**  
**Registrar General**

HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT ALLAHABAD