

Oath ceremony and lecture on 'Professional Ethics and Conduct' for newly enrolled Advocates

Under the guidance and instructions of Hon'ble the Chief Justice (Chief Patron, State Judicial Academy) and Committee of Hon'ble Judges, State Judicial Academy comprising Hon'ble Shri Justice Muzaffar Hussain Attar, Chariamn and Hon'ble Shri Justice Hasnain Masoodi, Member) today organized Oath ceremony and lecture on 'Professional Ethics and Conduct' for newly enrolled Advocates of Jammu province at State Judicial Academy complex, Jammu

Shri Pawan Dev Kotwal, Director, State Judicial Academy administered Oath to the Advocates. About 68 Advocates subscribed to the oath and received absolute Advocates' licenses after the oath ceremony.

Shri Justice (Retd.) O.P. Sharma delivered lecture on 'the Professional Ethics for Advocates'. During the lecture his lordship recalled the life histories of some of great jurists who arose from the Bar to highest echelons of law and justice and there illustrious careers are hallmarks of excellence. Justice Sharma suggested the lawyers to go through the biographies of M.C. Chagla, Setalvald, Palkivala, Fali Nariman, Soli Sorabji, H.R. Khanna and Marshal (Chief Justice, Supreme Court of United States) and emphasized that their lives are beacon lights for any one who chooses a career in the judicial system.

Justice Sharma remind the crucial role being played by the Advocates as officers of the court and members of the Bar. His Lordship impressed upon the lawyers to work hard with patience and perseverance. It is the knowledge of the lawyer who assists the court in coming to the just conclusion of a case and settles the legal issues. The continuous quest for excellence ensures that the lawyer earns a reputation not only with his clients but also with the Bench. It was the great skill of N. Palkhivala which changed the course of judgment of Keshvananda Bharti's case and immortalized the concept of fundamental rights. His Lordship emphasized upon the virtues of the profession and pointed towards the lamps of advocacy being, 'honesty, courage, industry, wit, eloquence, knowledge. Mannerism also plays a great role and lawyer should be respectful to the court not only for the person who occupies the court but for a larger cause i.e. upholding the dignity of institution.

Earlier, Mr. Pawan Dev Kotwal, Director, State Judicial Academy welcomed the Hon'ble Guest and also deliberated on the need for subscription to oath by the lawyers fraternity. The function concluded with vote of thanks by Director, State Judicial Academy. Shri Mehmud Anwar Alnasir, Yahaya Firdous Ahangar, Rajni Sharma, Sub-Judges, Shri Pankaj Kumar Gupta, Deputy Registrar, Shri Jagdish Raj Thakur, Faculty Member and staff of the State Judicial Academy was present on the occasion.

