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REPORT

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DECLARATION

I ANAND K S Register Number U22DL011 Hereby Declare That This Report Is Compiled by Me Under Internship Program at SUBRAMANIAN ASSOCIATES the Duration of the Internship Was From 13 January 2023 to 10 February 2023.

This Report Is Based on my Own Experiences and Observations at the Madras High Court, to the Best of my Knowledge and Understanding in its Duration. The Same Which Is Being Submitted to Bharath Institute of Law, Is a Reliable Document and Is of Bonafide Nature.

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I would like to thank and express my deep gratitude to respected Mentors, where I undertook & completed my internship. They have been my constant support, source of encouragement, guided and helped me in successfully completing my internship. Moreover, apart from Court, they gave me a chance to get practical exposure by attending various conferences, seminars with various advocates and clients. I would also like to offer my due sense of gratitude to all my teachers and every person for their support and for assisting me in providing the best of all possible facilities for completing my internship as well as at the time of drafting of this report.

I would also like to extend my gratitude to my class Mentor Assistant Professor Meenakshi Ma'am and my beloved Dean, Dr. Gopal Sir for providing me with this fruitful opportunity.

OBJECTIVES

The Legal Internship Program is not designated to teach us how to be good lawyers it takes more than study at the University to do that. The objectives are to:

➤ Expose us to the law in operation in context where we will come to perceive aspects of law which cannot be learned from reading or hearing about it.

➤ Allow us to perceive ways in which the formal learning we acquire at law school may be applied in practice and therefore to develop an appreciation of the practical dimension of the legal principle.

➤ Enable us to relate the different areas of legal practice to importance of developing skills of legal research, communication, drafting, practice management and problem solving.

➤ Enable us to observe and reflect upon the values, ethical standards and conduct of legal profession in practice and to develop our own attitude of professional responsibility.

INTRODUCTION

SUBRAMANIAN ASSOCIATES is a law firm based in Tiruvannamalai. The firm provides legal services before the Hon'ble High Court of Judicature at Madras, Civil Courts and Criminal Courts at Tiruvannamalai and Tribunals.

Areas of practice of the firm are as follows:-

1. **CONSTITUTIONAL LAW:** Writs of all nature, Service matters, Public law including matters pertaining to local authority, Administrative law, Land laws including land acquisition and planning.
2. **CIVIL LAW:** Commercial Disputes, Property Law, Intellectual Property Rights Law, Tenancy Laws, Contract Law & Agreements, Conveyances & Deeds, Family and Personal Law.
3. **ARBRITATION:** Domestic Arbitrations, International Commercial Arbitrations.
4. **CRIMINAL LAW:** Criminal Appeals, Original Petitions and Revisions before the High Court, Criminal Appeals before the Supreme Court of India.

PURPOSE OF VISIT

The purpose of the visit was to understand the working of a court, the nature of duties of the judicial officers. The visit was to help us understand the role of court in dispensing justice in any case, the role of prosecutors in a case, the way cases proceed in a court, the way judges, prosecutors and defence lawyers handle the case, the relationship of the prosecutors and the police.

This gave us an opportunity to understand the actual need of co-ordination in the four pillars of the criminal justice system. The visit included an in-depth study of the day to day functioning of the criminal courts, at different levels and over a vast variety of cases. The aim was to evaluate the resources available and the distribution of power between the judges, the prosecution, and the defence council.

DAILY SCHEDULE AS AN INTERN

The interns were asked to report at 10am at the chambers at near the Combined Court Campus, Chennai. We would all be assigned a court to watch, observe and assist each advocate of the firm. Court usually goes on until 4:45pm, with a 45-minute lunch break in between. After Court gets over at 4:45pm, we would go to the office at Chennai. There, we would be given research work, drafting, or any other basic simple duties. We were also asked to update the case status of the pending cases taken by the firm. The main work given to interns was research work, as the firm takes up many cases and hence needs assistance in finding relevant case laws and judgements to support their arguments. Attendance was taken every day to track the punctuality and consistency of each intern.

Once we reach the respective Court Halls, we would be asked to keep track of which item is going and we would be asked to inform if it reaches a specific item number. The Courts were usually very crowded with Senior advocates, their juniors, and interns, so I found it difficult to observe the arguments. But I try my best to observe and make notes of what is happening and how the arguments are presented in each case. This gives a very significant insight as to how each Judge reacts and responds to different kinds of arguments.

OBSERVATIONS

I made the following observations during the period of my court visits. Functions of Court room staff

Reader to the Honourable judge: She maintains all the case files of the cases being heard in the court and prompts the judge with the various cases and other documents.

Steno of the Honourable judge: Records the orders of the Honourable judge. Typist: Types each and everything going on in the court room.

Stages of trial

The stages of trial of Civil Case are as follows. First the plaint is presented before the Court. After that the summons are served upon the defendants. It is a process directed to a proper officer of the court to notify the person named, that he is required to appear, on a day named and answer the claim in such action. Where neither party appear, the court may dismiss the suit. Both the parties are then required to appear before the Court. In case any party fails to appear, then the Court passes an ex-parte decree. Next the defendants file the written statement. Written Statement is a reply statement of the defendant in a suit specifically denying the allegations made against him by the plaintiff in his plaint. After filling the written statement by the defendant, the next stage of the suit is the production of documents by the parties. At this stage, both parties have to file documents in court which are in their possession or power.

After the filling of the written statement, production of the documents and appearance of the parties, the important stage commences that is Examination of the parties. At the first hearing of the suit, the court ascertains from each party or his pleader whether he admits or denies such allegations of fact as made in the plaint and written statement.

The next step of the civil suit is the framing of issues by the Court. After the framing of issues parties shall present in the court a list of witnesses whom they propose to call either to give evidence or to produce documents. After the summoning of the witnesses, the next stage of the civil suit is hearing of suits and examination of witnesses commences. The defendant's counsel will cross-examine the plaintiff and the witnesses of the plaintiff's side. The plaintiff's counsel also cross-examines the defendant and the witnesses of the defendant's side. Once the evidence has been submitted and

cross-examination is conducted by both parties, both sides are allowed to present their arguments. The next stage of the civil suit is judgment, which means the statement given by the judge on the ground of which a decree is passed. After the delivery of judgment, the next stage is the preparation of Decree. The last stage of a civil suit is the execution of the Decree.

The decree-holder compels the judgment-debtor to out the mandate of the decree or decree or order as the case may be.

Case observation

I came across a variety of cases. Not all the cases were argued in Court, but I did get an idea on what kinds of cases I may come across as an advocate. In one case I came across, a woman sued a female doctor. The doctor performed a permanent contraceptive surgery on the woman. The woman became pregnant after a few months. She then sued the doctor because the surgery failed. I also came across a lot of POCSO cases, divorce cases, maintenance cases, anticipatory bail cases, etc.

It is a total mixture of drama and boredom, according to me. Each case is very different from each other and it is very interesting to observe each and every factual data and the twists and drama in each case.

THE EXPERIENCE

The overall experience was very good. I got to know a lot of practical lawyer stuff which are the basics and would not be taught in college. The very basics and foundation like how many copies to print, how to stitch a docket and what stamp to attach to which documents, etc. I believe that all these would not be taught in college or anywhere specifically.

It's about the interest and efforts of each budding lawyer. Since the basics are well understood, I believe that it would get easier in my future internships and when I start practicing as an advocate. More than any of this, this internship has introduced me to many new amazing people. I found good mentors and got new best friends. The pressure was less and there was so much fun balancing work. Overall, it was a very fruitful experience.

CONCLUSION

Pursuing this training, I got an opportunity to get some exposure in the field of law. Research work was the basis of my internship and included dimensions of criminal medico legal experts to civil corporate litigation. All of which was an over-the-top experience. Such trainings help a law student to reborn and replenish himself and to explore his bounds of training. Expertise in law comes through thorough reading which was the pre-requisite to our training. The importance of legal internships can be summarized through following threefold points:

- Internship provides a platform for practical application of classroom knowledge.
- Legal Internships helps in gaining practical skills and hence gives an edge in the job market.
- Internship assists in choosing respective area of interest and hence in specialisation.
- When it comes to observance of trials in the courts, it was one of the most essential

parts of learning for an intern. Observance of trials and court proceedings help in understanding the very root of the law in India. Proceedings are the whole mechanism in toto whose analysis is always advisable.

With a vote of thanks and gratefulness for reading this report thoroughly and for giving me this wonderful opportunity to grow up my vision in this field of law, I conclude this report with a great lot in my mind.