



CIRCULAR

Sub: Courts and Judges –Judicial Ethics to be followed by the Judicial Officers of District Judiciary as Core Conduct – Instructions issued.

Ref: High Court's Circular in Roc.No.1620/2024/RG/B2, dated 16.04.2024.

All the Judicial Officers of the Tamil Nadu State Judicial Service and Puducherry Judicial Service are required to instill themselves the following judicial ethics as Core Conduct:

- 1) Justice must not merely be done but is must also be seen to be done.
- 2) The behavior and conduct of Judicial Officers of the District Judiciary must reaffirm the people's faith in the impartiality of the Judiciary. Accordingly, any act of a Judicial Officer, whether in official or personal capacity, which erodes the credibility of this perception, has to be avoided.
- 3) Close association with individual members of the Bar, particularly those who practice in the same Court, shall be eschewed.
- 4) A Judicial Officer should practice a degree of aloofness consistent with the dignity of his Office.
- 5) Every Judicial Officer must at all times, be conscious that he/she is under the public gaze and there should be no act or omission by him/her which is unbecoming of the High Office he/she occupies and the public esteem in which that office is held.
- 6) Judicial Officers of District Judiciary shall avoid mobile contacts and closed chamber meetings with the practicing Advocates, unless it is necessary to have such chamber meetings and mobile contact with the Bar Association Office Bearers relating to common issues and smooth functioning of the Court.

7) Judicial Officers shall avoid consistent and lengthy unofficial mobile conversations during working hours.

The above said instructions shall be followed scrupulously and any deviation or violation in this regard will be viewed seriously.

The earlier Circular, issued in this regard in Roc.No.1620/2024/RG/B2, dated 16.04.2024, stands cancelled.

**HIGH COURT OF MADRAS,
CHENNAI.**

DATED: 18.04.2024.


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| 1. The Principal Judge, City Civil Court, Chennai | With a request to
 communicate the
 circular to all
 Judicial Officers
 functioning
 in their respective
 Districts. |
| 2. All the Principal District Judges / District Judges. | |
| 3. The Chief Judge, Court of Small Causes, Chennai. | |
| 4. The Chief Judge, Puducherry | |
| 5. The District Judge, The Nilgiris @ Uthagamandalam. | |
| 6. The Member Secretary, Tamil Nadu State Legal Services Authority, Chennai | |
| 7. The Director, Tamil Nadu State Judicial Academy, Chennai. | |
| 8. The Administrator General and Official Trustee of Tamil Nadu, Chennai. | |
| 9. The Chief Metropolitan Magistrate, Egmore, Chennai. | |
| 10. All the Chief Judicial Magistrates. | |

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31. The Deputy Director, Regional Centre of Judicial Academy, No.251, Scheme Road, Race Course, Coimbatore – 641 018.
32. The Section Officers, "B", "C" and "F" Sections, Madurai Bench of Madras High Court, Madurai.
33. The Section Officers, "F", "C" and "G" Sections, High Court of Madras, Chennai.
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