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## SCHOOL OF LAW

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### Certificate Course

*on*

## Advanced Professional Advocacy Skills

(Twelve Weeks Course)

**Date of Commencement: 26<sup>th</sup> November 2022**

**Venue: Galgotias University, Greater Noida**

## About the Course

Galgotias University, under the guidance of Justice J.R. Midha, former Judge of Delhi High Court and *Professor Emeritus* of Galgotias University, feels immense pride in announcing the “Certificate Course on Advanced Professional Advocacy Skills”.

This Course has been designed by Justice J.R. Midha, *Professor Emeritus* who encourages value additions in legal education and professional advocacy standards with stress on Communication Skills, Rational Thinking and Fundamentals of Law.

The Certificate Course on Advanced Professional Advocacy Skills shall include amongst other aspects Communication Skills, Rational Thinking, Court Room Psychology, Fundamentals of Law, Integration of Laws and Mock Trials. Eminent experts will take the classes to provide practical understanding.

This Advanced Course is open to all law students. The students can apply for this Certificate Course by submitting the application online.

***The Students who opt for this course will be given preference for internship under Justice J.R. Midha and other Resource persons.***

## Theme of the Course

The theme of the course is to equip law students with Advanced Professional Advocacy Skills.

The law students at the start of their professional journey face various challenges such as lack of confidence in appearing before the Court, lack of drafting skills, preparing briefing notes, etc.

This course aims to provide additional knowledge of practical aspects to the law students to bridge the gap between theoretical knowledge and practical aspects to enable them to get a good start in their legal career.

## About the University

Galgotias University, School of Law, a premier institute of Law in Delhi NCR, has been a pioneer in grooming modern day legal professionals with a multi-disciplinary edge since its inception in 2012. It has gradually established as an academic institution that provides an environment for quality research and a conducive ecosystem for innovative and interactive teaching and learning. It is a progressive institute that aims for the best and is constantly working to upskill its students through modern teaching, practical engagement through internships and industrial visits as well as opportunities to learn by eminent jurists.

## About the Resource Persons

### JUSTICE J.R. MIDHA

#### Former Judge of Delhi High Court

Justice J.R. Midha, former Judge of Delhi High Court is the *Professor Emeritus* and Advisor of Galgotias University. Justice Midha has initiated reforms in the legal education with stress on Communication Skills, Rational Thinking and Fundamentals of Law. He is imparting value based education to law students. Justice Midha has designed the “Certificate Course on Professional Advocacy Skills” for imparting specialized training to the law students/ law graduates who want to practice in Courts.

Justice J.R. Midha served as a Judge of Delhi High Court for more than 13 years from 11th April, 2008 to 7th July, 2021. He served as the Chairperson of Delhi International Arbitration Centre (DIAC) and Member of the Sub-Committee of Supreme Court on use of Artificial Intelligence in MACT cases. He also served as the Chairperson of Judicial Education and Training Programme Committee of High Court of Delhi and undertook innovative steps for judicial training of Judges at Delhi Judicial Academy. He was also a Member of Advisory Board of Conservation of Foreign Exchange and Prevention of Smuggling Activities Act, 1974 (COFEPOSA) for a number of years. He also presided over the Tribunal under Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967 relating to United Liberation Front of Assam (ULFA) in 2012.

Before elevation, Justice Midha practiced Law for 26 years from 1982 to 2008 before various Courts including Supreme Court, Delhi High Court and other High Courts. He also appeared as a counsel before the Arbitrators/Arbitral Tribunals. He represented Govt. of NCT of Delhi as Standing Counsel (Civil) before the High Court of Delhi from May, 2006 until elevation as a Judge in April, 2008.

Justice Midha taught Law at Campus Law Centre, Faculty of Law, Delhi University from 1989 to 1992 and taught various subjects including Code of Civil Procedure, Indian Evidence Act, Transfer of Property Act, Delhi Rent Control Act, Limitation Act, Arbitration Act, Motor Vehicles Act, Court Fees Act, Suit Valuation Act, Indian Registration Act, and Indian Stamp Act. He authored and compiled the synopsis and case material on the subjects of “Pleading and Conveyancing” and “Motor Accident Compensation” for Campus Law Centre. While teaching, he took the initiative of organizing a Lok Adalat for Motor Accidents Cases in Campus Law Centre in 1991 in which the compensation was computed by Law students and the computation was submitted to the Lok Adalat Judges in advance to assist the claimants in obtaining fair compensation. Even after elevation to the Bench, he continued to visit various law schools to deliver guest lectures. He has been a resource person for training of Judges in National Judicial Academy as well as State Judicial Academies. He has

been appointed by the Delhi High Court as an Administrator of Shri Kalkaji Mandir, New Delhi.

As a Judge, Justice Midha dealt with cases of various jurisdictions and rendered several landmark judgments. He lives by and has worked on the principle that Justice is *Truth in Action*; truth is the foundation of justice; and dispensation of justice, based on truth, is an essential feature in the justice delivery system. He laid down the principles relating to Search for Truth in *Ved Prakash Kharbanda v. Vimal Bindal*, (2013) 198 DLT 555. His quotation “*In the Court of Justice, both the parties know the truth, it’s the judge who’s on trial*” in his retirement speech became viral on social media.

Justice Midha actively initiated judicial reforms in various jurisdictions namely, Arbitration, Motor Accident Claims, Execution Cases, Maintenance in Matrimonial Cases, Compensation to Victims of Crime, Prosecution for False Claims, Proclaimed Offenders, etc. Justice Midha has written books on Motor Accident Claims Compensation and Amendments to the Code of Civil Procedure.

## SUMEET PUSHKARNA

Sumeet Pushkarna, Advocate has done his Masters degree in Advocacy Skills with distinction from the United Kingdom. He has been a member of the fellowship program conducted by the Institute of Constitutional and Parliamentary studies at New Delhi. He has also been an Advisor to many governmental and statutory bodies.

He has extensive litigation experience of over 26 years. He has been the Standing Counsel at the Delhi High Court for various Governmental and Statutory bodies including Election Commission of India and Central Government. He has vast experience in Civil Litigation and has represented various organisations in Arbitrations. He has assisted the various higher Courts as an Amicus and a Court Commissioner in many important causes and cases.

## SUMIT CHANDER

Sumit Chander, Advocate is a practicing lawyer at the Delhi High Court and the Supreme Court of India. His area of practice includes all kinds Civil and Commercial Cases ranging from Arbitration, Property, Matrimonial, Recoveries, Writ Petitions, Public Interest Litigations, etc. He has been a lawyer for the Delhi Government and the Government of India for many years. He has handled cases for corporate clients such as Godrej, Mahindra, MTNL.

He has been appointed as an Arbitrator by the Delhi High Court in several cases. He is a Mediator with the Delhi High Court Mediation & Conciliation Centre also known as ‘Samadhan’. He has done an advance Mediation Training Program from Pepperdine University, California (USA). He has been accredited

in Commercial Mediation by the Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs. He was awarded the National Law Day Award by Dr. Justice K.G. Balakrishnan, Former Chief Justice of India for his erudition and vast experience which played a pivotal role in development and recognition of International Mediation and Arbitration.

He is frequently invited as a legal expert on various national news channel such as India Today News, Aajtak, etc. He was the counsel in the famous Public Interest Litigation which led to establishing 40 new Courts in Delhi and this was recorded in various national News Papers.

## RESOURCE PERSONS



**JUSTICE J.R. MIDHA**

(Former Judge, Delhi High Court)

Professor Emeritus, Galgotias University



**SUMEET PUSHKARNA**

Advocate



**SUMIT CHANDER**

Advocate

## Objectives

This course is being introduced to imbibe the students with the following skills:

1. Honing the skills of Addressing arguments in court
2. Enhancing the Communication Skills
3. To Stimulate out of box/Rational Thinking
4. Learning the art of Client interaction
5. Drafting Skills
6. Skills to make briefing notes
7. Skills to analyse and interpret legal documents

## Evaluation Criteria

The students shall be evaluated on the basis of the following criteria

1. Attendance
2. Completion of Assignments
3. Responsiveness during the entire course

## Delivery of the Course

1. The twelve weeks course shall include classes on University Campus and at-home preparation for each class.
2. Attendance in all in-campus classes shall be mandatory to obtain the Certificate.
3. Mobiles should remain in aeroplane mode or switched off during the in-campus class duration.
4. Recording/taking photos of the course is strictly prohibited.



## Registration & Contact Information

Registration Link /QR Code:

<https://forms.gle/du943unpLjoHHVze6>



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