

Group IV: Legal Education and Uniform Selection Criteria for Judicial Officers in Pakistan

Legal education, provides the foundation of law abiding society. In fact, legal education and research adds quality to the rule of law in a society. It provides basic skills and competence to a person desirous to be a legal professional or intending to know the law in general. legal education must be propagated at all levels of education in order to spread awareness of fundamental and Constitutional rights of people, prevalent laws and their corresponding obligations and to ensure peace and prosperity in the country. Moreover, for an effective system of administration of justice, Judicial education is a main channel of enhancing judicial competency and ensuring that the judicial officers have the required knowledge and skills for the application of legal principles.

Judicial education also includes training of persons employed within the judicial system for effectively assisting judges in dispensation of justice. Moreover, for an effective and efficient system of dispensation of justice and promotion of speedy justice, continuing legal education for members of the Bench and Bar should be promoted at all levels. It is well settled in Pakistan that the Central Superior Service in Pakistan attracts the best talent. The Federal Public Service Commission is a specialized body responsible for induction of competent and able officers having required skills and proficiencies. The CSS examinations are conducted on yearly basis throughout the country and there is uniformed criteria for selection of all candidates. All the vacancies are filled on yearly basis. The officers are selected after passing various types of examinations including written, oral, psychological and medical etc. It is, therefore, need of the hour that the induction of judicial officers throughout Pakistan may be made uniform on the pattern of CSS in order to induct the best talent on regular basis in order to address issues including backlog of cases.