National Judicial Academy

P-1156: Conference for High Court Justices on Commercial Division and Commercial Appellate Division

22nd to 24th March, 2019

Programme Coordinator: Ms. Paiker Nasir, Research Fellow

No. of Participants : 17 No. of forms received : 16

| I. OVERALL | | | | |
|---|--------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------|---------|
| PROPOSITION | To a great extent | To some extent | Not at all | Remarks |
| a. The objective of the Program was clear to me | 81.25 | 18.75 | - | |
| b. The subject matter of the program is useful and relevant to my work | 43.75 | 56.25 | - | |
| c. Overall, I got benefited from attending this program | 56.25 | 43.75 | - | |
| d. I will use the new learning, skills, ideas and knowledge in my work | 75.00 | 25.00 | - | |
| e. Adequate time and opportunity was provided to participants to share experiences | 87.50 | 6.25 | 6.25 | |
| II. KNOWLEDGE | | | | |
| PROPOSITION | To a great extent | To some extent | Not at all | Remarks |
| The program provided | knowledge (or provided l | inks / references to know | wledge) which is: | |
| a. Useful to my work | 56.25 | 43.75 | - | |
| b. Comprehensive (relevant case laws, national laws, leading text / articles / comments by jurists) | 62.50 | 37.50 | - | |

| c. | Up to date | 62.50 | 37.50 | - | |
|----|---|-----------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|---------|
| d. | Related to Constitutional Vision of Justice | 33.33 | 60.00 | 6.67 | |
| e. | Related to international legal norms | 20.00 | 66.67 | 13.33 | |
| | | III. STRUCT | TURE OF THE PROC | GRAM | |
|] | PROPOSITION | Good | Satisfactory | Unsatisfactory | Remarks |
| a. | The structure and sequence of the program was logical | 62.50 | 31.25 | 6.25 | |
| b. | The program was | an adequate combinati | on of the following m | nethodologies viz. | |
| (| i) Group discussion cleared many doubts | 35.71 | 57.14 | 7.14 | |
| (| ii) Case studies were relevant | 33.33 | 66.67 | - | |
| | iii) Interactive sessions | 40.00 | 53.33 | 6.67 | |

IV SESSIONS WISE VETTING

Parameters

| Session | Discussions in individual sessions were effectively organized | | The Session theme was adequately addressed by the Resource Persons | |
|---------|---|--------------|--|--------------|
| | Effective and Useful | Satisfactory | Effective and Useful | Satisfactory |
| 1 | 56.25 | 43.75 | 57.14 | 42.86 |
| 2 | 66.67 | 33.33 | 85.71 | 14.29 |
| 3 | 66.67 | 33.33 | 71.43 | 28.57 |
| 4 | 66.67 | 33.33 | 85.71 | 14.29 |
| 5 | 66.67 | 33.33 | 71.43 | 28.57 |
| 6 | 71.43 | 28.57 | 71.43 | 28.57 |
| 7 | 76.92 | 23.08 | 66.67 | 33.33 |
| 8 | 69.23 | 30.77 | 66.67 | 33.33 |
| 9 | 58.33 | 41.67 | 50.00 | 50.00 |
| | V. PROG | RAM MATERIAL | S | |

| | PROPOSITION | To a great extent | To some extent | Not at all | Remarks |
|----|--|-------------------|----------------|------------|---------------|
| a. | The Program material is useful and relevant | 81.25 | 18.75 | - | 6. Excellent. |
| b. | The content was updated. It reflected recent case laws/ current thinking/ research/ policy in the discussed area | 62.50 | 37.50 | - | |
| c. | The content was organized and easy to follow | 62.50 | 37.50 | - | |

VIII. GENERAL SUGGESTIONS

- a. Three most important learning achievements of this Programme
- 1. Though there is limited number of cases in our high court, the subject matter is fascinating and the resource persons presented the topics so well that I never felt the sessions boring. The Commercial Court Act came in 2015 and the recent amendments made in Arbitration Act have been discussed and doubts have been cleared.
- 2. 1. Practical oriented; 2. Based on latest developments in law; 3. Resourceful subject experts.
- 3. Participant did not comment.
- 4. Participant did not comment.
- 5. Different perspectives in which commercial courts will have to work; Manner in which appellate courts will have to deal with appeals. Effectiveness of premediation.
- 6. Policy decision can be challenged and entertained under Art. 32/226.
- 7. As above.
- 8. 1. Basic exposure to controversies in law; 2. Learning towards implementation of contracts keeping in mind requirements.
- 9. Participant did not comment.
- 10. Participant did not comment.
- 11. Exposure to the emerging trends; Different perspectives on provisions and situations.
- 12. Updated my knowledge.
- 13. 1. Learnt new skills, ideas & knowledge; 2. Interaction was useful; 3. Came to know about constitutional silences.
- 14. Information; Knowledgeable.
- 15. As the topic chosen for the conference is new one, the only suggestion is that speakers with experience on topics may be called.

| | 16. 1. An insight into the constitutional silences; 2. Understanding the scheme of infrastructure contracts under PPP mode; 3. Understanding interplay between Commercial Courts Act, 2015 and Arbitration & Conciliation Act, 1996. |
|---|--|
| b. Which part of the Programme did you find most useful and | 1. Participant did not comment. |
| | 2. All programmes. |
| why | 3. Participant did not comment. |
| | 4. Commercial courts & arbitration. |
| | 5. Entire programme. |
| | 6. All the programme Session 8: Interpretation of Construction and Infrastructure Contracts- for it should have been case law based after giving a brief introduction. |
| | 7. All. |
| | 8. Lectures for exploring effectively and working down complex issues. |
| | 9. Session 7: Joint Venture Agreements. |
| | 10. Participant did not comment. |
| | 11. Participant did not comment. |
| | 12. Most of the sessions were useful. |
| | 13. 1. Interplay between Commercial Court Act 2015 and the Arbitration & Conciliation Act 1996; 2. Joint venture agreements; 3. Adjudication of commercial disputes, open discussion. |
| | 14. The whole programme. |
| | 15. As the topic chosen for the conference is new one, the only suggestion is that speakers with experience on topics may be called. |
| | 16. Session 2: A Written Constitution: Construing the Sounds of Constitution's Silences-gave me new perspective to think over the 'silences' in Indian constitution. |
| c. Which part of the | 1. Participant did not comment. |
| Programme did you find least useful and | 2. Nil. |
| why | 3. Entire session. |
| | 4. All programme were useful. |
| | 5. Nil. |
| | 6. Participant did not comment. |
| | 7. All. |
| | 8. Participant did not comment. |
| | 9. Session 8: Interpretation of Construction and Infrastructure Contracts. |
| | 10. Participant did not comment. |
| | 11. Participant did not comment. |
| | 12. Not much. |
| | 13. Intellectual property rights, trade marks and patents. |
| | 14. Participant did not comment. |
| | 15. As the topic chosen for the conference is new one, the only suggestion is that speakers with experience on topics may be called. |

| | 16. NA. |
|--|---|
| d. Kindly make any suggestions you may have on how NJA may serve you better and make its programmes more effective | 1. Participant did not comment. |
| | 2. Periodical circulation of articles on critical and practical values based on latest law amongst the high courts. |
| | 3. Such conference should be organized so that a person is updated with current trends on the subject from time to time. |
| | 4. The study materials can be sent to all the judges in advance via email. The materials can be sent by email to other high courts who are not participants as many of my brother judges are asking for study materials. Programme can be scheduled only on Saturday & Sunday. Fridays could be avoided. Two judges of the Madras High court have taken personal leave on Friday to attend this conference. |
| | 5. It should have more interactive sessions. |
| | 6. Nil. |
| | 7. Participant did not comment. |
| | 8. Online access to reading material. |
| | 9. Participant did not comment. |
| | 10. Need longer training modules for commercial dispute resolution for High court justices. |
| | 11. With respect to new laws state level education programmes may be conducted at the earliest opportunity. |
| | 12. Continue to ensure the quality of resource persons. |
| | 13. Overall, it was a fruitful session. |
| | 14. Participant did not comment. |

16. Nothing right now in my mind.

15. As the topic chosen for the conference is new one, the only suggestion is that speakers with experience on topics may be called.