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DISTRICT JUDGE RECRUITMENT: MANDATORY ADVOCACY EXPERIENCE REDUCED TO ONE YEAR

- The Supreme Court reduced from three years to one year the mandatory period of legal-practice experience required for law graduates to take the competitive examination for District Judge posts.
- Candidates who qualify after one year of practice must, however, undergo a further two-year period of judicial training, during which they will receive half salary as trainee judges.
- After the initial one-year judicial-academy training, successful trainees must complete another year of court-based training: the first six months under the supervision of a Principal District and Sessions Judge and the next six months under the supervision of a High Court judge, including clerkship-style work.
- Full-time appointment with full salary will follow only after a satisfactory training-assessment report from the supervising High Court judge.
- » **One-year advocacy requirement**
- The one-year prior-practice requirement will apply to judicial-service recruitment notifications issued after April 1, 2027.
- After clearing the examination, candidates must undergo one year of judicial-academy/clerkship training and another year under District and High Court judicial supervision.
- The Supreme Court stated that this arrangement will remain in force for the next five years and may then be reviewed on the basis of available data.

NEW PROCEDURE FOR ONLINE PROPERTY REGISTRATION

- » **Stage 1**
- Property buyers must create a login in their own name on the Registration Department website and select the type of deed to be registered.
- They must indicate the biometric devices to be used, such as fingerprint, iris and webcam systems.
- Details of prior title documents must be entered and a digital copy uploaded.
- Names, addresses and identity-proof details of the seller, buyer and witnesses must be entered.
- The user must specify whether the property is a house or plot and enter the basic property particulars.
- Details such as the Sub-Registrar Office, village, survey number, area, boundaries and remarks must be entered.
- The consideration/value for which the property is transferred and the method of payment must be entered.
- The applicant must state who currently possesses or controls the property.
- Any legal status or pending litigation concerning the property must be disclosed.

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- Based on the data entered, a draft deed will be generated automatically for review.
- The system will verify the property value and display registration fee, stamp duty, computer fee and document-writer welfare-fund charges.
- Once the draft is verified and uploaded, it will be stored under the "My Documents" section.
- The buyer must then upload identity documents of the buyer and seller, layout/subdivision maps where applicable and photographs of the property.
- » Stage 2
- The deed saved in "My Documents" must be submitted/uploaded for registration.
- Aadhaar verification and biometric details including fingerprint, photograph and iris data must be recorded.
- » Stage 3
- Stamp duty and registration charges must be paid online.
- » Stage 4
- After payment, the applicant must give online consent to formally submit the deed for registration. The applicant's direct part of the process then ends.
- » Stage 5
- The Sub-Registrar will examine the uploaded deed, supporting documents and identity proofs and take a decision within 24 hours.
- If approved, the Sub-Registrar will apply a digital signature and complete registration.
- The registered deed will then be available through the applicant's login in a form suitable for downloading/printing.