

HIGH COURT OF UTTARAKHAND AT NAINITAL
NOTIFICATION

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Dated: August 21, 2026

District Courts' (Allocation of Space, Construction of Bar Buildings and Allotment of Lawyers' Chambers) Arrangement/Management Rules, 2026

For the purpose of arrangement/management of allocation of space, construction of Bar Buildings and allotment of Lawyers' Chambers' in District Courts and Outlying Court of all the districts of State of Uttarakhand, the High Court of Uttarakhand is pleased to make following rules:-

(1) Short title, commencement –

- (i)** These rules may be called "*District Courts' (Allocation of Space, Construction of Bar Buildings and Allotment of Lawyers' Chambers) Arrangement/Management Rules, 2026.*"
- (ii)** These Rules shall extend to all District Courts of State of Uttarakhand and shall come into force with effect from the date of their notification.

(2) Earmarking of Space/Land: The criteria for earmarking of Space/land for the construction of Bar buildings shall be as follows:-

- (i)** In newly created District Courts, Outlying Courts, where land is being acquired for setting up of the Court; with the approval of the Hon'ble High Court of Uttarakhand (*hereinafter called the High Court*), as far as practicable, land to the extent of 1/10 of total land acquired for the purposes of non-residential campus, may be earmarked in the layout plan for construction of Bar buildings including Advocates' Chambers, Library, Meeting hall, Sheds/halls for clerks & typists, canteen, convenience shops etc. The land so earmarked shall be at a reasonable distance from the main Court building with separate boundary wall along with CCTV Cameras, separate gates for ingress and egress, with sufficient space for parking of vehicles.
- (ii)** In the old campuses of Districts & Outlying Courts, space already allocated to the Bar Association(s) may be utilized for construction of multi-storied buildings for catering the current and future needs of Advocates' Chambers, Library, Meeting hall, Sheds/halls for clerks & typists, canteen, convenience shops etc.
- (iii)** In the old campuses of Districts & Outlying Courts, with the approval of High Court, vacant land may be earmarked for the use of Bar Association(s) for construction of Bar Building, including Advocates' Chambers, Library, Meeting hall, Sheds/halls for clerks & typists, canteen, convenience shops etc, after reserving sufficient space for future expansion of the Judgeship at Headquarters and Outlying Court.
- (iv)** In old campuses of Districts & Outlying Courts, on the recommendation of concerned District Judge, High Court may permit demolition of dilapidated building already allocated to Bar Association for construction of new multi-storied buildings for Lawyers' Chambers, Library, Meeting Hall, Sheds/halls for clerks & typists, canteen, convenience shops etc. and the existing lease deed in respect of such

dilapidated buildings need not be renewed.

- (v) If any proposal of earmarking of land is approved by the High Court for construction of Bar buildings including Advocates' Chambers, Library, Meeting hall, Sheds/halls for clerks & typists, canteen, convenience shops etc., the land shall be demarcated accordingly and there shall be no need for execution of any lease deed.

(3) Proposal for earmarking of land/plan for construction of Bar buildings – If the Bar Association makes any demand for earmarking of land for construction of Chambers/Meeting Hall/ Library etc., the District Judge shall submit the proposal to the High Court, with the following information:-

- (i) The piece of land, if any that can be spared for construction of Advocates' Chambers, Meeting Hall, Library Hall etc. considering the future infrastructural requirement of the Judgeship;
- (ii) The total strength of the Bar, Number of Chambers available, total area (*land as well as building*) occupied by the Bar Association and number of existing Bar building (with its area), if any;
- (iii) In the event of lack of space, if any, existing site occupied by temporary sheds or structures of Lawyers can be utilized for multi-storied building after demolition of existing structure;
- (iv) Number of green trees on the site;
- (v) If the proposed construction is likely to adversely affect the ambience of the existing buildings;
- (vi) Source of fund from which the construction is proposed;
- (vii) A site plan showing the existing buildings, the site proposed to be earmarked for use of Bar Association and plan of building which is proposed to be constructed.

(4) Construction of Bar building – To prevent the construction in non-plan manner and for optimum use of space, the following aspects/guidelines will be followed:-

- (i) Construction of proposed Bar buildings shall only be done after getting the plan and drawing approved by the High Court.
- (ii) Construction must be in symmetry with the design of the Court building as far as possible.
- (iii) Proposed Bar building shall be a multi-storied building in Category – A Districts, mentioned in Appendix – C. There must have provision of future expansion of the proposed Bar Building and its foundation should be laid accordingly.
- (iv) If the Bar building has provision of more than three floors, then it must have provision of lift and Diesel Generator Set for power back-up.
- (v) The proposed Bar building must have provision for Advocates' Chambers, Library, Meeting Hall, separate toilets for ladies, gents, trans-genders and specially disabled persons on each floor, ramps for differently-abled, and a separate common room for lady advocates, if possible.
- (vi) Each chamber shall have a constructed area of 210 sq.ft. (*e.g. 14 ft x 15 ft.*) in all new Campuses and even in older Judgeships, where space is available. It should not be

allotted to less than four Advocates, as far as possible. No chamber shall be constructed with attached toilet.

- (vii) Common hall shall be constructed for the Advocates and in no case they would be allowed to construct either temporary or permanent structure like cubicles etc. In other words, there would be no partition of the common hall in any manner. Only tables and chairs provided therein would be used by the Advocates or their clerks only to meet the clients and not for any other purposes.
- (viii) In the existing Bar Buildings, if no land is available for lateral expansion, the Chambers may be constructed on 2nd or 3rd floor by erecting pillars, subject to technical viability.
- (ix) Construction should be subject to rules, regulations and by laws of the local body.
- (x) Chambers shall be constructed with necessary electricity equipments, like fan, light etc. which would be replaced by the Allottee on its own in case of their non-functioning. Provisions of the Air conditioner/heater/ blower shall be subject the approval of concerned District Judge. Furniture shall be arranged by the Allottee in the Chambers. Fire safety norms shall be followed.
- (xi) There must be provision of parking facility in the Bar Building, which may be constructed in the basement of the building.
- (xii) The name of building, if any, shall be finalized with the written approval of the High Court and shall not be ordinarily named after the person contributing the money/ fund.

(5) Funds for construction of Bar building - Following are the sources of fund for construction of Bar buildings including Advocates' Chambers, Library, Meeting hall, Sheds/halls for clerks & typists, canteen, convenience shops etc. :-

- (i) Funds provided by the State Government.
- (ii) Funds provided by the Advocates' Welfare Fund.
- (iii) Funds received from Local M.P./M.L.A. Fund.
- (iv) Fund generated by the Bar Association itself, either by contribution from its members or otherwise.

"notwithstanding the source of the fund for construction of the superstructure; no person shall have any right or claim over superstructure which shall rest exclusively with the Judgeship."

(6) Allotment of Advocates' Chambers –

- (i) The allotment of existing, proposed/under construction Lawyers' Chambers shall be done in accordance with the guidelines/orders/circulars framed by the High Court.
- (ii) Applications shall be invited from the Advocates for consideration of their eligibility for allotment of chambers.
- (iii) Eligibility shall be determined on the basis of their date of enrollment in the Bar Council of Uttarakhand/ respective Bar Association with other criteria as may be determined by the Allotment Committee.
- (iv) The Allotment Committee comprising of the District Judge as Chairman and two senior most Judicial Officers as members, be constituted for the purpose of

scrutiny of the application forms and allotment of Chambers to the Advocates.

- (v) Advocates desirous of getting chambers allotted to him/her, shall apply on prescribed form at Appendix 'A' & 'B'. All the pending applications and new applications shall be considered by the Allotment Committee. Where any vacancy arises in future, the same procedure shall be adopted by the Allotment Committee.
- (vi) As far as possible, there shall be four Advocates in one Chamber of approximately 210 sq.ft. constructed area. Out of them, the senior-most person (*having maximum length of practice amongst the allottees*) will be Chief Allottee and the remaining three advocates will be Co-allottee.
- (vii) Advocates having more than 20 years practice, shall be given preference in allotment of ground floor chambers.
- (viii) Application for allotment of Chamber shall be supported with requisite demand draft of security money as per categorization of Districts mentioned at Appendix 'C'. In future, if the districts are re-categorized by upgrading/downgrading them; security money shall be fixed accordingly.
- (ix) Security money shall be deposited in a separate Saving Bank Account having *Auto Sweep* facility, to be opened in nationalized Bank in the name of "*Allotment of Advocates' Chambers, (name of the concerned district)*" which shall be operated by the concerned District Judge. The transactions from the Saving Bank Account, so opened, will be subject to regular audit by the authority, as specified by the High Court.
- (x) In case of surrender of Advocate Chamber by the Allottee or vacation of Chamber on account of his death, insanity etc., on the application in this regard, the security money will be refunded to him or to his nominee, as the case may be, by the Allotment Committee.
- (xi) In case of an Advocate, whose application is rejected or deferred, he/she shall be entitled for refund of the aforesaid security money on an application moved by him/her.
- (xii) The Advocates who have been allotted permanent Chambers and are in possession thereof, would stand disqualified for the purpose of consideration for fresh allotment of new Chamber except where there is proposal for demolition of existing Chambers and in that case, preference shall be given to them.
- (xiii) In case of vacancy occurring due to death of any allottee, his/her son/daughter (*if an advocate*) shall be accommodated preferably in the same Chamber, if he/she gets place in the Chamber allotment list, as per the eligibility.
- (xiv) In case, Chamber allotted is not used by the Allottee for more than 02 years, his/her allotment shall be cancelled.
- (xv) The Advocates who are occupying spaces inside the Civil Court premises like tin shed, hut etc., would be considered for allotment of permanent Chamber only in case they provide undertaking to vacate the said tin shed, hut etc. before an allotment is made in their favour. Possession of the Chamber so allotted, shall be given only after vacation of said tin shed, hut etc.

- (xvi) The allottee Advocate shall display his/her nameplate only on the outer door of the chamber measuring not more than 18 inch x 8 inch. Display of nameplate/board at any other place in the Bar building or any other place in the Court Campus, shall disqualify the allottee Advocate and his/her allotment shall be forthwith cancelled by the Allotment Committee.
- (xvii) The criteria for allotment would be length of practice and on first come first get basis and good record regarding the conduct. An Advocate who has criminal antecedent or against whom criminal case/complaint is pending, his/her application would outrightly be rejected.
- (xviii) Advocate who has been allotted a chamber in any Court Complex or who has constructed or owns any chamber in any Court Complex of a particular place, having multiple forum of judicial redressal for example at Nainital, shall not be eligible for allotment of another chamber in that particular place.
- (xix) The Advocates to whom the Chamber is allotted shall ensure that there is no misuse of it by the Advocates or by any other person. The Allottee Advocates shall not be permitted to sublet or raise construction either on temporary or permanent basis. They shall also not be permitted to change the nature of the Chamber so allotted to them.
- (xx) During continuance of licence of allotment of the chamber, each licensee advocate shall pay licence fee of ₹ 250/- per month in advance by the 15th day of each month.
- (xxi) The chambers shall remain open from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. on the working days of the District Court. Any relaxation may be given by the District Judge on the application of the Bar Association and under intimation to the High Court.

(7) Cancellation of Allotment – The allotment of chamber to any allottee, either before occupation or after occupation, is liable to be cancelled on any of the following reasons and grounds:-

- (i) If the allottee fails to pay the license fee by the 15th day of any succeeding month.
- (ii) If the allottee commits any breach of the terms and conditions of allotment.
- (iii) If the allottee ceases to be a practising Advocate on account of any reason whatsoever.

(8) Maintenance of Bar building-

- (i) On the request of Bar Association(s), the District Judge with the permission of the Hon'ble Administrative Judge, may utilize any amount from the interest received from the saving Bank Account, opened in the name of "*Allotment of Advocates' Chambers, (name of the concerned district)*", for maintenance of Bar building.
- (ii) The Bar Association(s) will have to maintain the buildings and the surrounding area and pay local taxes (*of all kind*) and electricity bills by common meter & recurring expenses of D.G. Set including its fuel. Permission for installation of air conditioner/heater/ blower in the Chamber, shall be sought from the concerned District Judge and all the liability thereof shall be borne by Allottee(s) and in that case, separate electricity meter connection from electricity department shall be obtained by the Allottee.

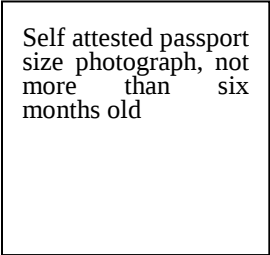
(iii) The allottee Advocates, their clerks and staff shall maintain cleanliness and hygiene in and around the area of the chamber in their occupation and in no case, spitting, littering would be accepted/ condoned. In case of any such situation, the Allotment Committee of the Judgeship would be at liberty to impose penalty upon the erring Advocate or his staff and the money so received would be deposited in the Saving Bank Account opened in the name of "*Allotment of Advocates Chambers, (name of the concerned district)*".

(9) The Rules framed above shall be strictly adhered to in all the Judgeships/Civil Courts under the administration of the High Court, both in cases of existing and new Chambers of the advocates.

(10) **Savings –** Nothing in these rules shall affect the powers of the Hon'ble the Chief Justice of the High Court from issuing any order/guidelines with respect to the matters incidental or ancillary to these rules.

(11) **Rescission:** The previous Rules "Rules/ Guidelines regarding allotment of Lawyers' Chambers in the Civil Court premises and all related issues" shall stand rescinded.

PROFORMA FOR APPLICATION FORM FOR THE ALLOTMENT OF ADVOCATE
CHAMBER AT DISTRICT COURT/OUTLYING COURT



- 1. Name of the Applicant (in capital letters):.....
- 2. Gender (M/F):.....
- 3. Father's/ Husband's Name:.....
- 4. Permanent Address of the Applicant:.....
- 5. Local Address of the Applicant:.....
- 6. Date of Birth:.....
- 7. Phone Number:(Mobile).....
- 8. Email ID:.....
- 9. Date/Registration number in Bar Council:.....
- 10. Date/Registration number in Bar Association:.....
- 11. Name of nominee (who will receive the security amount in case of death, insanity).....
- 12. Length of Practice in District Court/ Outlying Court, as per date of enrollment with the Bar Association, up to.....
- 13. Whether the applicant was allotted any Chamber in the District Court/ Outlying Court previously? If yes, details thereof.....
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- 14. Whether any criminal case is pending or he/ she has been convicted, if yes details thereof:.....

Details of Demand Draft:

Drawn in favour of the District Judge,.....payable
at.....Demand Draft No.
.....of Rs....., in words
(.....) as required.
Issuing DateDrawn on Bank and Branch.....
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I undertake that the information given above is true. In case any of the information is found to be false or misleading the applicant shall lose his right to allotment and even after allotment, the 'Committee' shall have absolute right to cancel the allotment.

Date:

Signature of Applicant

Place:

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Receipt

(TO BE FILLED BY APPLICANT)

Received Application from.....
 Bar Council Registration No.....
 Bar Association Registration No.....
 Draft No.....of Rs....., in words (.....)
 Issuing Date:.....Drawn on Bank and Branch.....

Date:

Received by:

Name:.....

Signature:

PROFORMA OF AFFIDAVIT

I,.....S/o,D/o,W/o.....aged.....and residing at.....
.....
Registration No.in District Bar Association/ Outlying Court Bar
Association,.....do hereby solemnly affirm & sincerely state on oath as
follows:

- 1. that following are the details of Criminal Case(s) against me, *(give details of the status of the case (s) at the time of making the application)*.
- 2. that guidelines as may be modified from time to time shall be binding on me and I undertake to abide by them and the terms of Allotment.
- 3. that I am not having any Chamber in premises of Civil/ Collectorate(s) or any other Courts/ Tribunal(s) within the limits of District.
- 4. that if any of the guidelines and terms of allotment are violated or any of the information furnished by me is found to be false or any of my act affects my eligibility, my allotment may be cancelled.

Verification

The abovementioned facts are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information & belief and nothing has been concealed by me.

(Sign of Deponent)

Solemnly affirmed at.....
Deponent signed before me on this.....day of.....

Seal of the Notary and signed his/her name in my presence.

Categorization of judgeship for the purpose of Deposition of Security Money

Category 'A' (Security amount ₹ 20,000/-) –

District Dehradun, Haridwar and Udham Singh Nagar.

Category 'B' (Security amount ₹ 15,000/-) –

District Almora, Nainital, Pauri Garhwal and Tehri Garhwal.

Category 'C' (Security amount ₹ 10,000/-) –

District Bageshwar, Chamoli, Champawat, Pithoragarh, Rudraprayag and Uttarkashi.

By order of the Court

Sd/-

**(Yogesh Kumar Gupta)
Registrar General**

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Dated: August 21, 2026

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