OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL DISTRICT & SESSIONS JUDGE, SOUTH DISTRICT, SAKET COURTS COMPLEX, NEW DELHI

Endst. No./Judl.I/F.19/South/Saket/2026/ 38757 - 38822 **Dated, New Delhi the** 8/9/26

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Circular vide no. 197/Rules/DHC dated 02.09.2026 received from the Hon'ble High Court of Delhi, New Delhi is forwarded **for information and necessary action/compliance to:-**

1. **All the Judicial Officers posted in South District Saket Courts Complex, New Delhi.**
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for Principal District & Sessions Judge, South,
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HIGH COURT OF DELHI : NEW DELHI

No. 197 /Rules/DHC

Dated : 02/9/2026

CIRCULAR

Copy of Notification No. 82/Rules/DHC dated 13.08.2026 as published in Delhi Gazette Extraordinary, Part II, Section I, No. 23 (NCTD No. 171) dated 13.08.2026 regarding amendment in Chapter 10 of Volume I of Delhi High Court Rules & Orders is hereby circulated for information.

(ARUN BHARDWAJ)
REGISTRAR GENERAL

Endst. No. 839 - 865 /Rules/DHC/2026

Dated: 02/9/2026

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1. The Principal District & Sessions Judge (HQ), Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi.
2. The Principal District & Sessions Judge, North-West District, Rohini Courts, Delhi.
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4. The Principal District & Sessions Judge, South-West District, Dwarka Courts, New Delhi.
5. The Principal District & Sessions Judge, North District, Rohini Courts, Delhi.
6. The Principal District & Sessions Judge, South-East District, Saket Courts, New Delhi.
7. The Principal District & Sessions Judge, East District, Karkardooma Courts, Delhi.
8. The Principal District & Sessions Judge,New Delhi District, Patiala House Courts,New Delhi.
9. The Principal District & Sessions Judge, Shahdara District, Karkardooma Courts, Delhi.
10. The Principal District & Sessions Judge, North-East District, Karkardooma Courts, Delhi.
11. The Principal District & Sessions Judge, West District, Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi
12. The Principal District & Sessions Judge-cum-Special Judge, CBI (PC Act), Rouse Avenue District Court Complex, New Delhi
13. The Principal Judge, Family Courts (HQ), Dwarka Courts Complex, Dwarka, New Delhi
14. The Principal Secretary (Law, Justice & LA), Govt. of N.C.T. of Delhi, Delhi Secretariat, I.P.Estate, New Delhi.
15. The Secretary, Bar Council of India, 21, Rouse Avenue Institutional Area, New Delhi – 110002.
16. The Secretary, Bar Council of Delhi, 2/6, Siri Fort Institutional Area, Khel Gaon Marg, New Delhi – 110049.
17. The President/Secretary, Delhi High Court Bar Association, Delhi High Court, New Delhi.
18. The President/Secretary, Bar Association, Tis Hazari Courts/Patiala House Courts/ Karkardooma Courts/ Rohini Courts/Dwarka Courts/Saket Court Complex/Rouse Avenue Court Complex
19. The Member Secretary, Delhi State Legal Service Authority, Rouse Avenue Courts Complex, New Delhi with the request to forward a copy of the Notification/Practice Directions/Circular to the Secretaries of all the eleven District Legal Services Authorities.
20. The Secretary, Delhi High Court Legal Services Committee.
21. The Chairman, District Court Website Committee, Tis Hazari, Delhi for uploading the Notification/Practice Directions/Circular on the website of Delhi District Court.
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23. All Registrars/OSDs/Joint Registrars (Judl) with the request to circular the same in their respective branches/office.
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25. Joint Director (IT) with the request to upload the Notification/Practice Directions/Circular on the Intranet of this Court.
26. Librarian, Delhi High Court.
27. Private Secretaries/Court Masters to Hon'ble Judges for kind perusal of Their Lordships.

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HIGH COURT OF DELHI: NEW DELHI

NOTIFICATION

No. 82/Rules/DHC Dated: 13.08.2026

In exercise of the powers conferred by Section 7 of the Delhi High Court Act, 1966 (Act 26 of 1966) read with Article 227 of the Constitution of India and all other powers enabling it in this behalf, the High Court of Delhi, with the prior approval of the Lt. Governor of the Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi, hereby makes the following amendment in Chapter 10 of Volume I of Delhi High Court Rules & Orders :-

AMENDMENT

THE FOLLOWING SHALL BE SUBSTITUTED FOR THE EXISTING PART B OF CHAPTER 10 OF VOLUME I OF DELHI HIGH COURT RULES & ORDERS :-

Part B
APPOINTMENT OF COMMISSIONERS

1. **Instructions for the guidance of Courts**—Instructions contained in this Chapter are administrative and are not to be regarded as binding the discretion of Civil Courts in making appointments of Commissioners.

2. **Constitution of Panel of Commissioners.**— (1) (i) The Principal District and Sessions Judge in consultation with two senior Judges of the District ("Commissioners Committee"), shall, having consideration for the requirement of the district, constitute a panel of Commissioners ("Commissioners Panel") for execution of Commissions issued by courts in the said district.

(ii) For this purpose, the Commissioners Committee may invite applications or adopt other procedures for empanelment of Commissioners. A minimum experience of one year as an advocate is an eligibility condition precedent for inclusion in the Commissioners Panel and preference may be given to lady, younger and needy members of the bar.

(iii) The notice inviting applications shall be uploaded on the official website of the Delhi High Court; the official websites of all District Courts; the official websites of Delhi High Court Bar Association and of Bar Associations of all Judicial District Courts of Delhi; and notice boards of above Bar Associations.

(iv) The Commissioners Committee may also invite applications from persons having other relevant professional expertise in accounting, architecture, fine arts, engineering, information technology, medicine, valuation, and other professional domains.

(2) The High Court may, in its discretion, add or delete names from the Commissioners Panel or pass any administrative directions in relation to the Commissioners Committee or the Commissioners Panel.

(3) The Commissioners Panel shall remain in effect for a period of two calendar years from the date of its issue. A list of the names on the Commissioners Panel which shall also specify

the period of professional experience of the person so empanelled and the area of expertise, if any, shall be circulated to all courts in the district.

(4) The panel will be made available to all the Courts, for consideration while appointing Commissioners, if they consider it appropriate to appoint a person from the panel. However, the appointment of Commissioners, being a judicial function, the Court of the Principal District & Sessions Judge and other courts in the district may appoint such person as they consider appropriate for the purposes of the proposed commission.

(5) The Commissioner shall furnish the report of Commission together with all relevant documents/ material in accordance with the order issuing the Commission.

(6) Where a complaint is received by the Delhi High Court, the office of the Principal District and Sessions Judge, or any other court against a person on the Commissioners Panel, the same shall be forwarded to the Commissioners Committee.

(7) The Commissioners Committee shall conduct such inquiry as may be necessary and thereupon pass such orders including removal of the name of the Commissioner from the Commissioners Panel.

(8) Notwithstanding the above, the Delhi High Court may remove the name of any Commissioner from the Commissioners Panel of any district.

3. **Official Receivers to be appointed to the panel *ex-officio*—**Official Receivers, should be appointed *ex-officio* to the panel on the understanding that the appointment is until further or until the end of the period of appointment as Official Receiver, whichever may be earlier.

4. **Measure to prevent delay in the return of Commissions—**In order to ensure punctuality of the return of the Commissions, only a part of the fee should be paid in advance and the balance should be paid when the Commission is returned by the Commissioner within the period fixed by the Court.

5. Court Readers or other Ministerial Officers should never be appointed to make local investigations, such as finding out the market value of the property, etc. Such Commissions should be issued wherever possible to retired Revenue Officers or professional men, such as engineers, contractors, auctioneers and accountants. Legal Practitioners are not excluded from appointment as local investigation commissioners, but the best man for the particular commission in question should be appointed Revenue Officers in service such as Tehsildars and Naib-Tehsildars should not, as a rule, be appointed when retired officers suitable for the work are available. The wishes of the parties in regard to the appointment of a particular individual as Commissioner for local investigations should be taken into consideration while making such appointments.

6. **Selection of Commissioner to examine accounts—**Commissioners to examine accounts should be selected from persons competent in the particular form of accounts.

7. **Selection of Commissioners—**Great care should be exercised by the Courts in selecting

persons for appointment as Commissioners for the purpose of making local inquiries; and District Judges should exercise strict supervision over the action of subordinate Courts in this respect. The habitual employment of the same person should not be encouraged. The issue of Commissions to petition-writers, and persons who hang about the Courts should not be permitted.

NOTE: THIS AMENDMENT SHALL COME INTO FORCE FROM THE DATE OF ITS PUBLICATION IN THE GAZETTE.

BY ORDER OF THE COURT
Sd/-
(ARUN BHARDWAJ)
REGISTRAR GENERAL

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