

OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT JUDGE, BALASORE

No. 680(18) / Dtd. 28.01.23 /

From

Sri Ranjan Kumar Pradhan,  
Registrar Civil Courts, Balasore

To

The Presidents & Secretaries of all the Bar Associations of the  
Judgeship of Balasore.

Sub:-

Request to circulate the Scheme and application format for  
"Lawyer of the year-2022 Award " amongst the Bar Members.

Sir,

In enclosing herewith the Scheme for "Lawyer of the year -  
2022" Award High Court of Orissa, Cuttack , I am directed to request you to  
circulate the scheme for the award along with the application form(Form-I)  
and Certificate by the Referee Lawyer(Form-II) for the award, amongst the  
Bar members.

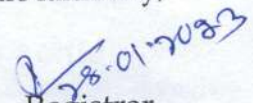
The scheme for the award, application form (Form-I) and  
Certificate by Referee Lawyer(Form-II) can also be obtained from the website  
of District Judge, Balasore.

Last date for receipt of complete applications from member  
Advocates- 15.03.2023.

Announcement of Awards-22.04.2023.

Presentation of Award at Cuttack-28.04.2023

Yours faithfully,

  
Registrar,  
Civil Courts, Balasore



**SCHEME FOR 'LAWYER OF THE YEAR- 2022' AWARD  
HIGH COURT OF ORISSA, CUTTACK**

**Whereas**, the High Court of Orissa with a view to encouraging young lawyers practicing in the District Courts including the outlying stations of the districts, has instituted an Award namely '*Lawyer of the year*' Award;

**And whereas**, a Draft Scheme approved by the High Court for the said Award was circulated among all the Bar Associations of the Districts through the concerned District Judges seeking their views and comments;

**And whereas**, upon consideration of such views and comments, received from the Bar Associations and the District Judges, the High Court of Orissa, in order to regulate the procedure of submission of applications, the manner of recommendation for such Award and selection of the best Lawyer from amongst the candidates, had notified '*Promising Lawyer of the Year Award Scheme*'.

**And whereas**, the High Court of Orissa has partially revised the said scheme and do hereby notify the following revised scheme.

1. The Scheme shall be called, "***Lawyer of the Year-2022 Award Scheme***" and it shall come into force from the date of its notification.

**2. Features of the Award:**

- i. The Award shall be an annual Award and shall be in the form of a collection of books worth ₹ 10, 000/-, along with a certificate and a memento.
- ii. The work of a Lawyer for the entire calendar year from 1<sup>st</sup> January to 31<sup>st</sup> December shall be evaluated by the Jury. For instance, for the year 2023, the work of the Lawyer for the period 1<sup>st</sup> January, 2022 to 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2022 shall be evaluated.

- iii. The Award shall ordinarily be presented on “**Lawyer’s Day**” every year.
- iv. In a given year, only one Lawyer per District including the outlying stations, shall be chosen by the Jury for the Award.
- v. The High Court shall announce every year the schedule and dates of inviting applications, last date of receipt of the applications, date of receiving the recommendations of the Jury and the date of announcement of the Award.

### **3. Eligibility:**

- i. The Lawyer must be an enrolled member of Odisha State Bar Council and a member of the local Bar Association.
- ii. The Lawyer must be a practicing lawyer either in a District Court or in any outlying station of that district.
- iii. The age of the Lawyer must not be less than 30 years and more than 40 years. In an exceptional case, a Lawyer below 30 years, but not below 28 years, may be considered but adequate justification shall be furnished by the Jury, in writing, in support of such recommendation. The age of the Lawyer shall be determined as on 1<sup>st</sup> day of January of the year, for which the Award is given. For instance, for the year 2022 the age shall be determined as on 1<sup>st</sup> January, 2022.
- iv. The Lawyer, who has won the Award in a particular year, shall not be eligible for being considered for the Award in the succeeding years.
- v. The Lawyer must not be related in the first degree to any sitting Judge of the High Court or any Judicial Officer in that district. A declaration to this effect shall be furnished by the Lawyer, along with the application in **Form-I**, annexed to the Scheme.
- vi. The Lawyer shall furnish certificates from two local lawyers of not less than 10 years of experience to be known as referees. The certificates of the referees for the Award should be in separate letters, certifying in three short paragraphs in **Form-II**, annexed to the Scheme the conduct, court etiquette, general reputation and integrity of the lawyer. The referee shall not be a current office bearer of the local Bar Association or related in the first degree to the Lawyer.

vii. A referee shall not give a certificate for more than 3 applicants.

#### 4. Jury:

The Jury in every District shall comprise of:

(i) The District Judge

(ii) The Chief Judicial Magistrate

(iii) Three senior members of the Bars from the entire District including the outlying stations having experience of 20 years or more, to be nominated by the District Judge concerned. Preferably, one such senior member of the Bar shall be a woman, wherever available.

(iv) If an applicant Lawyer is related in the first degree to a member of the Jury or has been his/her associate lawyer at any point of time, the said Jury member shall not participate in selection process for that applicant Lawyer.

(v) The recommendation of the Jury must be unanimous.

(vi) The Jury in a district shall recommend to the High Court, one among those who qualify best in that particular District, including the outlying stations, for the Award. For the purpose of qualifying, a candidate shall have to secure minimum 50 points. The Jury can also gather inputs from a variety of sources for finalizing its decision. Each Jury member shall submit the evaluation in **Form-III**, annexed to the Scheme.

#### 5. Selection Criteria:

In order to qualify for the Award, the following parameters shall be considered by the Jury:

(i) The number of cases handled by the Lawyer independently during the year;

(ii) Number of such cases e-filed by the Lawyer during the year.

(iii) The number of judgments/final orders in contested cases, during the year, handled independently by the Lawyer;

(iv) The Lawyer should have conducted at least one trial in a civil or in a criminal case entirely by himself/herself, during the year by appearing for any party i.e., Plaintiff, Defendant, Accused or for the Prosecution or even for the Complainant/ Victim.

- (v) A trial shall be considered complete only when the final judgment/order is pronounced.
- (vi) The information in clauses (i) to (v) above shall be provided by the lawyer in **Annexure-A to Form-I**, annexed to the Scheme and shall be accompanied by self-attested documents which shall be verified by the Office of the District Judge. If any information provided in any of the Forms annexed to this Scheme is found to be false or incorrect, at any point of time, it shall disqualify the Lawyer for the Award.
- (vii) The conduct, Court etiquette, general reputation and integrity of the Lawyer.
6. It is possible that in a particular calendar year (1<sup>st</sup> January to 31<sup>st</sup> December) no Lawyer from a particular District fulfils the above parameters. The Award is not to be given for the sake of being given. It must be given only to a Lawyer who truly satisfies all the above requirements.
7. A Committee of Judges of the High Court constituted by the Chief Justice shall examine the recommendations of the Jury in each District whereupon the matter shall be placed before the Chief Justice with the views of the Committee. The announcement of the Award will be made by the Chief Justice, whose decision shall be final.

**BY ORDER OF THE HIGH COURT**

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**CO-ORDINATOR, ARBITRATION CENTRE**

**FORM-I**  
[Clause 3(v) of the Scheme]

**APPLICATION FORM FOR THE  
'LAWYER OF THE YEAR-2022' AWARD**

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1. Award for the year: \_\_\_\_\_
2. Name of the Lawyer Applicant:  
(in capital letters) \_\_\_\_\_
3. Gender: \_\_\_\_\_ Male/Female/Third gender
4. Odisha State Bar Council enrolment No. with date:  
(Copy of the enrolment certificate shall be enclosed) \_\_\_\_\_
5. Local Bar Association membership No. \_\_\_\_\_
6. Ordinary place of practice: \_\_\_\_\_
7. Date of birth:  
(Date)/(Month)/(Year)  
(authenticated document shall be enclosed) \_\_\_\_\_
8. Address for correspondence: \_\_\_\_\_

9. Telephone/mobile number: \_\_\_\_\_

10. e-mail ID (if any): \_\_\_\_\_

11. (a) Number of cases handled independently  
by the applicant Lawyer during the year. \_\_\_\_\_

(b) Number of cases e-filed by the applicant  
Lawyer during the year \_\_\_\_\_

(c) Number of judgments/final orders in contested cases,  
during the year, handled independently  
by the applicant Lawyer. \_\_\_\_\_

(d) Number of trials (Civil/Criminal) conducted by the  
applicant Lawyer by himself/herself during the year. \_\_\_\_\_

(The Case numbers and Court's name be indicated  
in a separate format as at **Annexure-A** of this application)  
{Self-attested proof in support of the information supplied in (a), (b), (c) & (d) be enclosed}

**DECLARATION**

I, Mr/Miss/Mrs. \_\_\_\_\_ son/daughter/wife of  
Shri \_\_\_\_\_ do hereby declare that the information furnished above  
are true to the best of my knowledge. I do further declare that I am not related in the first degree to any  
sitting Judge of the High Court or any Judicial officer in that district. Given on this the \_\_\_ day  
of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_.

Date:  
Place :

**Signature of the Applicant**



**FORM-II**  
[Clause 3(vi) of the Scheme]

**CERTIFICATE BY THE REFEREE LAWYER REGARDING THE COURT  
ETIQUETTE, GENERAL REPUTATION AND INTEGRITY OF THE  
APPLICANT LAWYER**

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I, Mr./Miss/Mrs. \_\_\_\_\_ do hereby certify that:

Three short paragraphs on the  
Court etiquette, general reputation  
and integrity of the applicant lawyer.

**DECLARATION**

I, Mr/Miss/Mrs. \_\_\_\_\_ son/daughter/wife  
of \_\_\_\_\_ and a member of \_\_\_\_\_ Bar  
Association, do hereby declare that I am not a current office bearer of the local  
Bar Association or related in the first degree to the applicant Lawyer.

**Signature of the Referee Lawyer**