

SUPREME COURT OF INDIA

Admn.General Branch

F.No.201/LCA/2022/SC/AG

Dated : 01st November, 2022

CIRCULAR

In compliance of the orders of Hon'ble the Chief Justice of India dated 20.10.2022 upon the recommendations made by the Chambers Allotment Committee of Hon'ble Judges, it is hereby notified for information that in the interest of justice of all those member advocates who were in the panel list, say, of 2001 & 2004 either in the category of Non-AOR or in the category of AOR, on being designated as a Senior Advocate would retain their year of allotment 2001 & 2004, however, to be placed at the bottom of the panel of that year pertaining to the category of Advocates-on-Record or Senior Advocates, since no application is necessary in the new category as decided by the Supreme Court in the Judgment and Order dated 25.10.2018 passed in Writ Petition (Civil) No.745 of 2018 entitled "Gopal Jha Vs. the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India" holding inter-alia that inter-seniority between the two Senior Advocates would be decided on the basis of the date of membership of SCBA if the Senior Advocate designated on the same day. The principle will equally apply where a Non-AOR becomes an AOR. However, no seniority in any list shall be affected, and this arrangement will not disturb, in any manner, the allotments which have already been made in respect of any of the categories of the Advocates in the past.

It is further notified that any advocate(s)/applicant(s) from panels of 2001 & 2004 whose name were not considered for allotment of chamber as their categories got changed, and who never made any representation in this regard, has been given a chance to claim his/her right, in writing, within 15 days from publication of this Circular.

Sd/-

(Mahesh T. Patankar)
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