

SUPREME COURT OF INDIA

F. No. 29/Judl./2025

Date: 29.12.2025

C I R C U L A R

In order to facilitate effective Court Management and equitable distribution of Court working hours and to ensure speedy and proper administration of justice, as directed by Hon'ble the Chief Justice of India and all the Hon'ble Judges, there shall be a *Standard Operating Procedure* for adhering to timelines for submission of oral arguments in all cases, with immediate effect:

- 1) Senior Advocates, Arguing counsel and/or Advocate-on-record, shall submit the *timelines for making oral arguments* in all *post-notice and Regular Hearing matters*, at least a day prior to the commencement of the hearing of the case.

The same shall be submitted to the Hon'ble Court through the online portal for submitting Appearance Slips already provided to the Advocate-on-record.

- 2) Arguing counsel and/or Senior Advocates, through their Advocate-on-record or Nodal Counsel/s nominated by Hon'ble Court, if any, shall file a brief Note / written submission not exceeding five (5) pages, after serving its copy on the other side, at least three (3) days prior to the date of hearing, in order to ensure compliance of such timeline; and,
- 3) All counsel shall strictly adhere to the timelines fixed and conclude their oral arguments.

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