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I, Mathews J. Nedumpara, Advocate, s/o Joseph Nedumpara, aged 66 years, do solemnly state and affirm as follows:

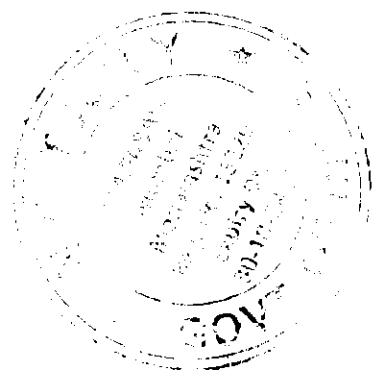
1. I have instituted the above petition under Article 32 of the constitution along with 19 other lawyers and citizens, for a declaration that Sections 16 and 23(5) of the Advocates Act, which permits the classification of lawyers into two classes and confers special privileges and right of pre- audience on those the court designates as seniors, are violative of Articles 14, 19 and 21 of the Constitution, cutting the concepts of equality, equity, fairness and justice at its very roots.
2. The sheet anchor of our grievance is that the legal profession in



India was absolutely feudal in nature and was dominated by the elite class, if not by a few families, and what was imperative was to contemplate a law or executive action or practice to enable the less privileged section of lawyers, particularly those from rural areas/who had their education in the vernacular languages and those without godfathers, to enable them to compete with those who are privileged.

3. However, never did a thought or discussion along those lines ever occur. Instead, the Advocates Act which was intended to eliminate the different classes of lawyers like vakil, pleaders, attorneys, Mukhtars, and instead have one class of lawyers, unwittingly happened to incorporate Section 16 which is ex facie discriminatory. Strangely, the very Section states that "there shall be two classes of advocates" as though the very purpose of the Section is to facilitate discrimination.

4. The Petitioner no. 1 who had entered the portals of the Munsiff Court, Pala, Kerala in the year 1979 as a plaintiff party-in-person and conducted his case as party-in-person up to this Hon'ble Court and later practiced as a lawyer for over 4 decades, has witnessed all throughout, in different parts of the country including the Supreme Court, open and manifest discrimination of lawyers and litigants, the favoritism and preferential treatment to the selected few on the one side and the rude and hostile treatment to others on the other. About this there can be no dispute at all. The very terminology "face value" is proof thereof. It is not confined to our country alone. Professor Harold Laski even lamented that there is



only one law that is face law. It is in this backdrop that the instant affiant and other petitioners have come to institute the above writ petition, in the unstinted faith that this Court will do justice and Section 16 and 23(5), which is a grave injustice, will be declared unconstitutional.

5. However, when the above matter came for admission on 2.1.2025, this Court was pleased to observe that “we find that very scurrilous and unfounded allegations have been made against the institution.” In the course of the hearing, this Court was pleased to draw attention to Paragraph 24 of the writ petition, particularly, that “It is difficult, if not impossible, to find a judge sitting or retired, of the High Court or Supreme Court, who has his offspring, brother, sister or nephew who has crossed the age of forty remaining to be a plebeian lawyer. The judge would have all his kith and Kin anointed as seniors or judges.”
6. This Hon’ble Court took umbrage at the said averments and wanted the Petitioners to reflect upon the same. In deference of the suggestion from the Court as above, I sought time to consult the co-petitioners as to whether the said averment ought to be amended.
7. The instant affiant, had averred as quoted above based on what he has witnessed. I have found that those in power, almost without exception, have used their position and connections to favour their progeny and near relations. The senior lawyers and judges have proven to be no exception to that rule. I drafted the petition, and



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shared the same with the public at large. I did not find any disagreement, and, on the contrary it was endorsed by many. The objection came from this Hon'ble Court and none else. We therefore, started collating data. No official records are available. The Law Minister stated so in answer to an unstarred question raised in Parliament in the year 2020.

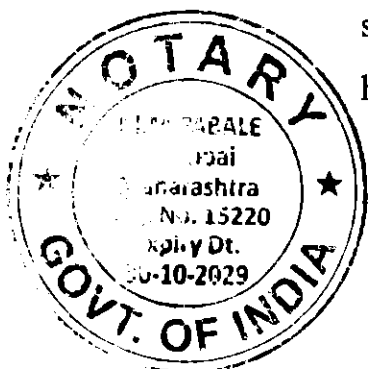
9. To collate the data concerning kinship and progeny in the matter of designation of lawyers and appointment of judges is no mean task. Information has to be gathered primarily from informal sources. The Petitioners have collected the data concerning the retired and sitting judges of the Supreme Court, including the Chief Justices of the Supreme Court. There is an adage in Malayalam that says "to check if the rice is cooked, you need not check every single grain, just a few will tell you"
10. The progeny/kinship chart of the judges of the Supreme Court establishes that what the Petitioners have averred in Paragraph 24 as quoted above is absolutely true. The Petitioners could not, so far, find even a single case where the son/daughter of a retired or sitting judge who has crossed the age of 45 remains to be a plebeian lawyer. It may certainly be possible that there are exceptions. However, the fact remains that by and large most have used their office or connections to get their son, daughter, nephew, relatives or juniors anointed as judges or senior advocates. The only exception that has, so far, come to the notice of the Petitioners - and it is truly no exception at all- is the daughter of Justice P N Bhagwati, former Chief Justice of India, the Managing Partner of



India's largest law firm, who simply could not have been designated as she is not a lawyer appearing in courts. A copy of the chart detailing the kinship of the judges of the Supreme Court, sitting and retired, is produced as **Annexure A**.

11. The purpose of the chart is to establish the undeniable fact that the Indian judiciary and legal profession is dominated and monopolised by a few families. Such monopolisation, by necessary implication, means the denial of equal opportunities to thousands of lawyers who are equally, if not more deserving. It is very much in the public domain that a single chamber alone has produced 4 Supreme Court Judges. The same is true for many High Courts. The crying need of the hour is for such monopoly and elitism to be brought to an end and for the doors of the legal profession and higher judiciary to be opened to all who are meritorious and deserving. The first thing to be done in that direction is to abolish the discriminatory system of dividing lawyers into two classes which absolutely serves no useful purpose and results in extreme mischief and injustice. It perpetuates discrimination, entrenching systemic inequality within the legal profession.

12. The above chart speaks volumes. So too, the charts concerning the various High Courts, particularly, that of Bombay, Delhi, Calcutta, Punjab & Haryana and Madras which are under preparation. It is said blood is thicker than water. Family ties often prove to be stronger than considerations of propriety and probity. To err is human, but to live in error is diabolical – 'errare humanum est,



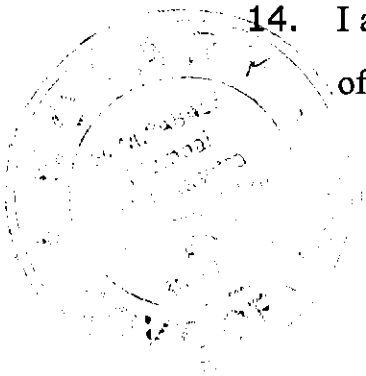
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perseverare autem diabolicum'. The earlier judgements of this Court reported in **2017 9 SCC 766** (Indira Jaising v.s Supreme Court of India) and Writ Petition (Civil) no. 78 of 2019 (Mathews J Nedumpara & Ors v.s Supreme Court of India & Ors), instead of undoing the great and manifest injustice has endorsed it. It so happened because Petitioner no. 1 and others who have been campaigning for reforms for over 2 decades were not given a due hearing. While the Petitioners who were seeking abolition of the designation system were not given a due hearing, Ms. Jaising alone was practically heard, though she could not have even instituted a petition at all, for she was not even a "person aggrieved", and could not have claimed to represent anyone who out of their poverty, illiteracy or like reasons could not represent themselves.

13. This is manifest from the judgment of 2017 where at paragraph 65 this Court unfortunately came to observe thus:

"Ms. Indira Jaising, who has spearheaded the entire exercise before the Court, at no stage, pressed for declaration of Section 16 of the Act or the provisions of the Supreme Court Rules, 2013 as unconstitutional. Her endeavour, particularly in the rejoinder arguments, has been to make the exercise of designation more objective, fair and transparent so as to give full effect to consideration of merit and ability, standing at the bar, and specialised knowledge or exposure in any field of law."

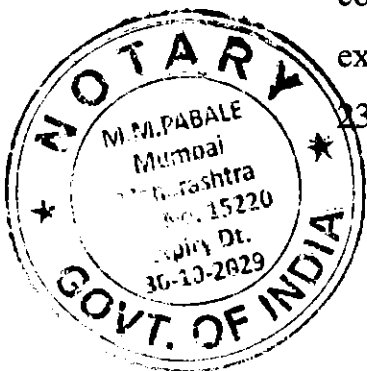
14. I am afraid to say that Ms. Jaising, whom we hold in the greatest of esteem, was a busybody, for she was not a person aggrieved.



None of her rights were infringed. She was already a beneficiary of the system. She had no right to be heard, but she alone was actually heard. The National Lawyers' Campaign for Judicial Transparency and Reforms and others., who were parties to the said case, the real victims of the unjust system were not effectively heard by the bench in 2017. That led to the said discriminatory Section being held to be constitutional and this Court persuaded by the plea of Ms. Jaising who had no right to be heard, framed guidelines, trenching into the forbidden domain of legislation. The National Lawyers' Campaign, a petitioner therein, had opposed judicial legislation by pointing out that 'Judicis est jus dicere, non dare', namely, the province of the judge is to declare the law, not make it.

15. The court ought to have declared either that the impugned sections unconstitutional and void or held it valid. The court had no power to frame guidelines, nay to legislate in its endeavor to hold it intra vires.

16. Sections 16 and 23(5) are real and grave risks for the just and fair administration of justice. So long as the practice of judges appointing themselves and designating lawyers as senior advocates remain, there can be no true just and fair administration of justice. The few families of lawyers and judges who have taken over, if not hijacked, the judgeship and the legal fraternity, will continue to rule the roost, subjugating even the Parliament and the executive in the name of judicial review unless Section 16 and 23(5) of the Advocates Act is declared to be unconstitutional.



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17. The Petitioners have unstinted faith in this Hon'ble Court. The reservation that this Hon'ble Court expressed will certainly be removed once this Court has gone through the charts annexed above. The Petitioners remain in the faith that the instant petition will be allowed and justice will be done.

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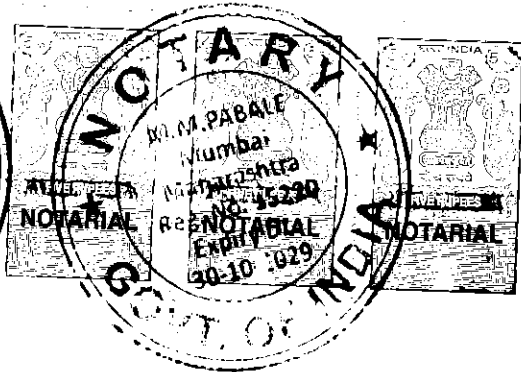
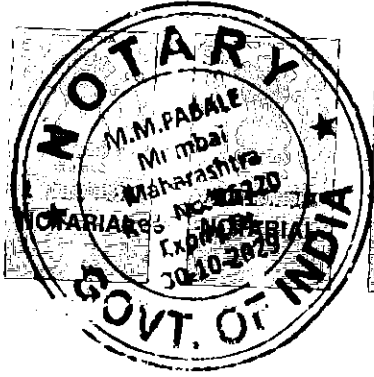
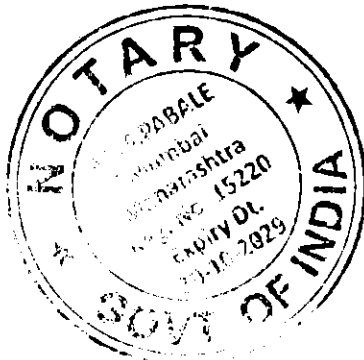
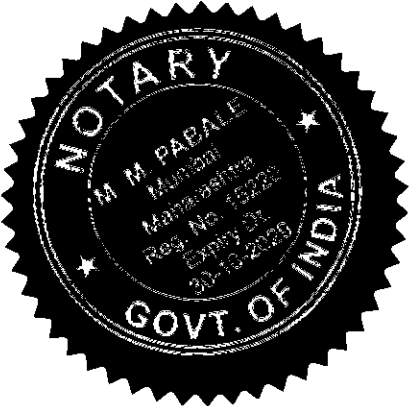
I, the deponent above named do hereby verify the contents of this Affidavit to be true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. I state that no part of this Affidavit is false and nothing material has been omitted there from.

Verified at Mumbai on this the 6th day of February, 2025

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**CHARTDETAILINGTHEKINSHIP/PROGENYOFTHEJUDGESOFTHE
SUPREME COURT OF INDIA SINCE ITS INCEPTION**

Sr. No.	NameoftheJudge	Name of Kin/Relative	Relation	Year
1	CJIHarilalJ.Kania	CJIM.H.Kania	Son(firstinstance of father and son beingCJI)	1950
2	CJIPatanjaliSastri	Noverifiedinformation		1951
3	CJI Mehr Chand Mahajan	Noverifiedinformation		1954
4	CJI Bijan Kumar Mukherjea	Amiya Kumar Mookerji, Judge Calcutta HC	Son	1954
5	CJISudhiRanjanDas	Ashoke Sen, Senior Advocate &UnionMinister	Son-in-law	1956
6	JusticeFazlAli	Justice Khan Bahadur Sir Sayyid Fazal Ali, Judge&Governor of Assam	Father	1947
7	Justice Chandrasekhara Aiyar	EminentAdvocate	Father	1950
8	JusticeVivianBose	SirBipinKrishna Bose, Eminent Advocate	Grandfather	1951

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		Justice Bose's uncle was a judge in the Nagpurjudicial commissioner's court	Uncle	
9	Justice Ghulam Hasan	Noverifiedinformation		
10	Justice Natwarlal H. Bhagwati	CJIP.N. Bhagwati	Son (both father andsonjudgesof the SC)	1973
11	Justice B. JagannadhaDas	Noverifiedinformation		
12	CJIBhuvaneshwar Prasad Sinha	Justice Rameshwar Prasad Sinha	Son	1959
		Justice Bishweshwar PrasadSinghSC	Grandson	
13	Justice T. L. VenkataramaAiyar	Noverifiedinformation		1954
14	Justice Syed Jaffer Imam	SyedAliImam,PrimeMinisterof Hyderabad		1955
15	Justice P. Govinda Menon	Noverifiedinformation		
16	JusticeS.K.Das	Noverifiedinformation		
17	CJIP.B. Gajendragadkar	Justice Raghavendra Jahagirdar.	Son-in-law	1901
18	CJI Amal Kumar Sarkar	Satish Ranjan Das, Advocate-General of West Bengal	Brother	1957

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19	Justice J.L.Kapur	Noverified information		1957
20	CJI Koka Subba Rao	M.Venkata Ratnam Naidu, Eminent Lawyer	Grandfather	1958
21	CJI Kailas Nath Wanchoo	Noverified information		1958
22	CJI Mohammad Hidayatullah	Senior. Adv. Arshad Hidayatullah	Son	1958
23	CJI Jayantilal Chhotalal Shah	Noverified information		1959
24	Justice K.C. Das Gupta	Noverified information		1959
25	Justice N. Rajagopala Ayyangar	Noverified information		1960
26	Justice Raghubar Dayal	Noverified information		1960
27	Justice J.R. Mudholkar	Rao Bahadur Raghunath Narasinha Mudholkar, Eminent Lawyer and President of the Indian National Congress	Father	1960
28	CJI S.M.Sikri	Noverified information		1964
29	Justice R.S. Bachawat	Ranjan Bachawat	Verify Son	1964

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30	Justice P. SatyanarayanaRaju	Noverifiedinformation		1965
31	Justice V. Ramaswami	Noverifiedinformation		1965
32	JusticeVashishtha Bhargava	Noverifiedinformation		1966
33	JusticeG.K.Mitter	Noverifiedinformation		1966
34	Justice C. A. Vaidyialingam	Justice C.V. Anantakrishna Iyer, Madras Highcourt.	Son	1966
35	JusticeJ.M.Shelat	Justice Nanoobhai Shelat, Gujarat HC	Father	1966
36	JusticeK.S.Hegde	Justice N. SantoshHegde, SC	Son(bothfather and son being judgesoftheSC)	1967
37	JusticeA.N.Grover	Noverifiedinformation		1968
38	CJIA.N.Ray	Justice, Ajoy Nath Ray	Father	1973
39	JusticeI.D.Dua	Noverifiedinformation		1969
40	Justice P. JaganmohanReddy	Noverifiedinformation		1969
41	JusticeHans Raj Khanna	CJI Sanjeev Khanna	Nephew	1971
		JusticeDR Khanna	Father	

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42	CJI Mirza Hameedullah Beg	CJ Mirza Samiullah Beg, CJ of Hyderabad and the Governor of Nagpur	Father	1977
43	Justice K.K. Mathew	Justice K.M. Joseph	Son (both father and son judges of the SC)	1971
44	Justice Subimal Chandra Roy	No verified information		1971
45	Justice D.G. Palekar	No verified information		1971
46	CJI Yeshwant Vishnu Chandrachud	CJIDY Chandrachud	Son	1972
47	Justice S.N. Dwivedi	Rakesh Dwivedi, Senior Advocate	Son	1972
48	Justice A. K. Mukherjea	No verified information		1972
49	Justice A. Alagiriswami	No verified information		1972
50	CJI P.N. Bhagwati	Justice Natwarlal H. Bhagwati, SC Judge	Father (both father and son judges of the SC)	1973
51	Justice Parbati Kumar Goswami	No verified information		1973
52	Justice V. R. Krishna Iyer	Ramalyer, Eminent Lawyer	Father	1973
53	Justice R.S. Sarkaria	No verified information		1973
54	Justice N.L. Untwalia	No verified information		1974

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55	Justice Alak Chandra Gupta	NoVerifiedInformation		1974
56	JusticeSyedMurtaza Fazl Ali	KhanBahadur Sir SayyidFazalAli, Judge &Governorof Assam	Father	1947
57	JusticeP.N.Shingal	NoVerifiedInformation		1975
58	JusticeJaswant Singh	NoVerifiedInformation		1976
59	JusticeP.S.Kailasam	Nalini Chidambaram, SeniorAdvocate P.Chidhabaram, SeniorAdvocate	Daughter Soninlaw	1977
60	JusticeD.A. Desai	Noverifiedinformation		
61	Justice V. D. Tulzapurkar	ViragTulzapurkar, Senior Advocate Virendra Tulzapurkar, SeniorAdvocate	Son Son	1977
62	CJI Raghunandan Swarup Pathak	Gopal Swarup Pathak, Former VicePresidentof India and Eminent Lawyer	Father	1989
63	JusticeA.D.Koshal	Noverifiedinformation		1978
64	Justice O. Chinnappa Reddy	O. Souri Reddy, Eminent Lawyer	Father	1978

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65	Justice Ananda Prakash Sen	Belongstoafamilyoflawyers		1980
66	CJI Engalaguppe Seetharamiah Venkataramiah	Justice B V Nagarathna	Daughter(inlineto be CJI of India)	1989
67	JusticeBaharulIslam	Noverifiedinformation		1980
68	Justice A. Varadarajan	Noverifiedinformation		1980
69	JusticeAmarendra Nath Sen	Vaikuntanath Sen, President ofthe BengalCongress	Father	1981
70	JusticeRanganathB. Misra	Godavarish Mishra Orisa's Education Minister Ajay Kumar Misra, Senior Advocete, SC. AshwaniKumar Misra, Senior Advocate, Allahabad High Court, Justice Dipak Mishra, CJI	Father Son Son Nephew(twoCJIs from the same family)	1990

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71	Justice V. Balakrishna Eradi	NoVerifiedInformation		1981
72	CJISabyasachi Mukherjee	Rai Bahadur Bejoy Bihari Mukharji, the first Indian DirectorGeneral ofLandRecords, Bengal Presidency	Father	1989
		Prasanta Mukherjee,CJof Calcutta High Court	Brother	
73	JusticeManharlal Pranlal Thakkar	NoVerifiedInformation		1983
74	Justice Dinshah PiroshaMadon	NoVerifiedInformation		1983
75	Justice Vazhakkulangerayil Khalid	NoVerifiedInformation		1984
76	JusticeGoverdhan Lal Oza	Shri Jamnalalji Oza, social workerofUjjain.	Father	1985
77	JusticeB.C.Ray	NoVerifiedInformation		1985
78	CJI Kamal Narain Singh	JusticeDevendra Pratap Singh, Allahabad High Court	Son	1991
79	JusticeS.Natarajan	P. T. Rajan,FirstMini sterof Madras Presidency	Father-in-law	1986

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80	Justice M.M. Dutt	Eminent Lawyer	Father	1986
81	CJI Lalit Mohan Sharma	Lal Narayan Sinha, Attorney General	Uncle	1987
82	CJI Madhukar Hiralal Kania	CJI Hiralal J. Kania & Bhanumati	Father (both father and son being CJI)	1947
83	CJIM.N. Venkatachaliah	No Verified Information		1987
84	Justice K. Jagannatha Shetty	No Verified Information		1987
85	Justice S. Ranganathan	No Verified Information		1987
86	CJI A.M. Ahmadi	Huzefa Ahmadi, Senior Advocate	Son	1994
87	Justice S. Ratnavel Pandian	Justice Ratnavel Pandian Subbiah, Madras High Court	Son	1988
88	Justice Kuldeep Singh	Paramjeet Singh Patwalia, Senior Advocate Deepinder Singh Patwalia, Senior Advocate	Son Son (both sons designated)	1988
89	Justice Narayan Dutta Ojha	No Verified Information		1988
90	Justice K.N. Saikia	No Verified Information		1988
91	Justice T.K. Thommen	No Verified Information		1988
92	CJI Verma J.S.	No Verified Information		1989

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93	CJI Madan Mohan Punchhi	NandLal Punchhi, Eminent Lawyer	Father	1998
94	JusticeFathimaBeevi	Justice Kemal Pasha	Nephew	1989
95	JusticeV.Ramaswami	K Veeraswami, Chief Justice of theMadrashHigh Court	Father-in-law	1965
96	JusticeNarendra Mohan Kasliwal	NoVerifiedInformation		1989
97	JusticeP.B.Sawant	Vishwajeet Sawant,Senior Advocate	Son	1989
98	Justice K. Ramaswamy	NoVerifiedInformation		1989
99	Justice K. JayachandraReddy	NoVerifiedInformation		1990
100	JusticeR.M.Sahai	Justice Vijay Manohar Sahai, Acting CJ, Gujarat HighCourt	Son	1990
101	JusticeS.C.Agrawal	C.L. Agrawal, EminentLawyer	Father	1990
102	CJI Adarsh Sein Anand	MunishaGandhi, Senior Advocate	Daughter	1998

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103	JusticeYogeshwar Dayal	L.BhagwatDayal, Barrister	Father	1991
104	JusticeR.C.Patnaik	NoVerifiedInformation		1991
105	Justice Shanmughasundaram Mohan	NoVerifiedInformation		1991
106	Justice B. P. Jeevan Reddy	NoVerifiedInformation		1991
107	JusticeGanendra Narayan Ray	NoVerifiedInformation		1991
108	CJISamPiroj Bharucha	NoVerifiedInformation		1992
109	Justice N. Venkatachala	M.V. Seshachala, SeniorAdvocate	Son	1992
110	Justice Harjit Singh Bedi, Judge of SC	Justice Jasjit Singh Bedi, Judge,Punjab andHaryana High Court	Son	1992
111	JusticeB.L.Hansaria	Vijay Hansaria, SeniorAdvocate	Son	1993
112	JusticeFaizanuddin	NoVerifiedInformation		1993

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113	Justice M.K. Mukherjee	No Verified Information		1993
114	Justice K. S. Paripoornan	Krishnaswami Ayyangar, Eminent lawyer	Father	1994
115	Justice S.C. Sen	No Verified Information		
116	Justice Sujata Manohar	Justice K.T. Desai, CJ of Gujarat HC	Father	1994
117	Justice S.B. Majmudar	P.B. Majmudar, Judge, High Court N.G. Nandi, Judge, High Court Eminent lawyer	Brother Brother (three brothers elevated as judges) Father	1994
118	CJI Gopal Ballav Pattanaik	No Verified Information		
119	Justice S. Saghir Ahmad	Mr. Syed Mohammed Husain, Eminent Lawyer	Father	1995
120	Justice K. Venkataswami	No Verified Information		1995
121	Justice G.T. Nanavati	Maulik Nanavati, Senior Advocate.	Son	1995

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		(Father, Grandfather and uncles were all prominent lawyers)		
122	Justice Sudhakar Panditrao Kurdukar	No Verified Information		1996
123	Justice K.T. Thomas	Justice Bechu Kurian Thomas, Judge, High Court	Son	1996
124	CJIV.N.Khare	Bishambar Nath Khare, Senior Advocate <u>-to be checked</u>	Son	2002
125	CJIS.Rajendra Babu	No Verified Information		2004
126	Justice M. Jagannatha Rao	Justice M.S. Ramachandra Rao CJ Mamidanna Satya Ratna Sri Ramachandra Rao Justice M. Krishna Rao, Judge, High Court	Father Son Uncle	1997
127	Justice Madhavachari Srinivasan	No Verified Information		1997
128	Justice D.P. Wadhwa	Darpan Wadhwa, Senior Advocate	Son	1997

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129	JusticeAjayPrakash Misra	KanhaiyaLalMisra, Advocate General	Father	1997
130	Justice Syed Shah MohammedQuadri	NoVerifiedInformation		1997
131	CJIR.C.Lahoti	Justice K.K. Lahoti, JudgeHC	Brother	2004
132	Justice Umesh Chandra Banerjee	Nalin Chandra Banerjee, Eminentlawyer	Father	1998
133	JusticeD.P. Mohapatra	JusticeSouri Prasad Mohapatra, OrissaHigh Court	Father	1998
134	JusticeM.B.Shah	NoVerifiedInformation		1998
135	JusticeN. Santosh Hegde, SC	JusticeK.S. Hegde, SC	Father(bothfather and son judges of theSC)	1999
136	JusticeSailendu Nath Phukan	NoVerifiedInformation		1999
137	JusticeRamPrakash Sethi	Sunil R P Sethi, SeniorAdvocate	Son	1999
138	CJI Yogesh Kumar Sabharwal	NoVerifiedInformation		2000
139	CJIK.G. Balakrishnan	Justice C.T Ravikumar, Judge SC	CJIK.G. Balakrishnan Wife'sbrother-in-law	2007
140	JusticeShivrajPatil	BasavaPrabhu Patil, Senior Advocate	Son	2000

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141	JusticeRumaPal	Samar Aditya Pal, Senior Advocate	Husband	2000
142	Justice Brijesh Kumar	NoVerifiedInformation		2000
143	JusticeDoraiswamy Raju	NoVerifiedInformation		2000
144	Justice Sam Nariman Variava	NoVerifiedInformation		2000
145	JusticeB.N.Agrawal	NoVerifiedInformation		2000
146	JusticeAshokBhan	Akshay Bhan, Senior Advocate	Son	2001
147	JusticeB.P.Singh	CJIBhuvneswar Prasad Sinha Justice Rameshwar PrasadSingh, Judge HC	GrandFather Father	2001
148	JusticeArijitPasayat	Rajdipa Behura, Senior Advocate	Daughter	2001
149	Justice P. VenkataramaReddi	NoVerifiedInformation		2001
150	Justice D. M. Dharmadhikari	Yashwant Dharmadhikari, SeniorAdvocate	Son	2002

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151	Justice A. R. Lakshmanan	A.R.L. Arunachalam, Senior Advocate A.R.L. Sundaresan, Senior Advocate & Advocate General	Son Son (both sons designated)	2002
152	Justice S.B. Sinha	Justice Bisheshwar Prasad Singh, Judge, HC Justice Rameshwar Prasad Sinha, Judge, HC	Son Son (both sons judges of HC)	2002
153	Chief Justice B N Kripal	Amar Nath Kirpal, Eminent Lawyer Saurabh Kirpal, Senior Advocate	Father Son	2002
154	Justice Arun Kumar	No Verified Information		2002
155	Justice B.N. Srikrishna	B. Narayanaswamy, Eminent Lawyer	Father	2002
156	Justice G.P. Mathur	No Verified Information		2002
157	Justice H.K. Sema	No Verified Information		2002
158	Justice P.K. Balasubramaniam	P.B. Krishnan, Senior Advocate	Son	2004
159	Justice P.P. Naolekar	Prabhakar R. Naolekar, Eminent Lawyer	Father	2004

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160	Justice Tarun Chatterjee	Justice Digambhar Chatterjee, Judge HC Justice Purshottam Chatterjee, Judge HC Anirudda Chatterjee, Senior Advocate	Great Grandfather Father Son	2004
161	Justice Ashok Kumar Mathur	No Verified Information		2004
162	Justice C.K. Thakker	No Verified Information		2004
163	Justice R.V. Raveendran	V. Raveendran, Senior Advocate	Son	2005
164	Justice Dalveer Bhandari	Mahaveer Chand Bhandari, Eminent Lawyer B. C. Bhandari, Eminent Lawyer Abhimanyu Bhandari, Senior Advocate	Father Grandfather Son	2005
165	CJI Altmas Kabir	Deep Chaim Kabir, Senior Advocate Justice Shukla Kabir Sinha, Judge HC	Son Sister	2005
166	Justice Lokeshwar Singh Panta	No Verified Information		2006

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167	Justice Markandey Katju	Justice Shiv Nath Katju, Allahabad High Court Justice Brahma Nath Katju, CJ of Allahabad High Court Arundhati Katju, Senior Advocate	Father Uncle Niece	2006
168	Justice D.K. Jain	No Verified Information		2006
169	CJI P. Sathasivam	No Verified Information		2007
170	Justice B. Sudharshan Reddy	Justice Vijayasen Reddy, Judge HC	Father	2007
171	Justice V.S. Sirpurkar	Shridhar Sirpurkar, Eminent lawyer B.K De, Eminent Lawyer Justice Rai Bahadur GB De, Judge Justice CV Sirpurkar, Madhya Pradesh High Court;	Father Father-in-law Grandfather-in-law Cousin	2007
172	Justice J.M. Panchal	No Verified Information		2007

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173	JusticeAftabAlam	NoVerifiedInformation		2007
174	JusticeG.S.Singhvi	NoVerifiedInformation		2007
175	Justice Mukundakam Sharma	Chinmoy Sharma, Senior Advocate	Son	2008
176	CJI Rajendra Mal Lodha	JusticeS.K.Mal Lodha, Judge HC	Father	2008
177	CJIH.L.Dattu	NoVerifiedInformation		2008
178	JusticeCyriacJoseph	NoVerifiedInformation		2008
179	JusticeAsokKumar Ganguly	NoVerifiedInformation		2008
180	Justice K.S. Radhakrishnan Panicker	Sivasankara Panicker,Senior Advocate & AG	Father	2009
181	CJIT.S.Thakur	Governor and JusticeDevi Das Thakur CJDhiraj Singh Thakur	Father Brother (Fatherandboth sonsCJI/CJ/judge)	2009
182	JusticeB.S.Chauhan	Anubhav,Senior Advocate	Son	2009
183	Justice Deepak Verma	R.P. Verma, EminentLawyer	Father	2009
184	JusticeSwatanter Kumar	NoVerifiedInformation		2009

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185	Justice Ananga Kumar Patnaik	No Verified Information		2009
186	Justice S.S. Nijjar	Pritpal Singh Nijjar, Senior Advocate	Son	2009
187	Justice Anil R. Dave	A.L. Dave, Senior Advocate	Son	2010
188	Justice Gyan Sudha Mishra, SC	Justice Satish Chandra Mishra, Judge HC Shilesh Chadra Mishra, Senior Advocate	Father Brother	2010
189	Justice S.H. Kapadia	Harsh Kapadia, Senior Advocate	Son	2010
190	Justice Hemant L. Gokhale	H. R. Gokhale, Union Law Minister	Nephew	2010
191	Justice Chandramauli Kumar Prasad	Ardhendumauli Kumar Prasad, Senior Advocate, SC	Son	2010
192	CJI Jagdish Singh Khehar	Karanveer Singh Khehar, Senior Advocate	Son	2011
193	Justice S. J. Mukhopadhyaya	Sarojendu Mukherjee, Eminent Lawyer	Father	2011
194	Justice Jasti Chamleshwar	Justice Jasthi Naga Bhushan, Judge HC	Son	2011

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195	CJIDipakMishra	CJI Ranganath Misra	Uncle (bothuncleand nephew CJs)	2011
196	JusticeRanjanaDesai	ShamraoSamant, Eminent Lawyer	Father	2011
197	CJIRanjan Gogoi	KesabChandra Gogoi, Chief Minister of Assam Both maternal Grandparents werelegislators	Father	2012
198	JusticeM.Y. Eqbal	Judge Ranchi Lower Court	Brother	2012
199	JusticeVikramajit Sen	NoVerifiedInformation		2012
200	Justice Fakkir MohamedIbrahim Kalifulla	JusticeMFakir Mohamed	Father	2012
201	JusticeVenkate Gopala Gowda	NoVerifiedInformation		2012
202	JusticeMadanLokur	JusticeB.N Lokur	Father	2012

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203	CJI SharadArvindBobde	Arvind Shrinivas Bobde,Advocate- General of Maharashtra Vinod Arvind Bobde,Senior Advocate, SC	Father Brother	2013
204	Justice Arjan Kumar Sikri	Ravi Sikri, Senior Advocate	Brother	2013
205	Justice Shiva Kirti Singh	JusticeShambu Prasad Singh, Judge HC	Father	2013
206	Justice Pinaki ChandraGhose,SC	Justice Sambhu Chandra Ghose, Judge HC	Father	2013
207	JusticeChokkalingam Nagappan	NoVerifiedInformation		2013
208	Justice Kurian Joseph	NoVerifiedInformation		2013
209	CJIN.V.Ramana	NoVerifiedInformation		2014
210	Justice Arun Mishra, SC	Justice H. G Mishra,Judge HC Justice Vishal Mishra, Judge HC	Father Brother	2014
211	JusticeRohintonFali Nariman	Fali S. Nariman, SeniorAdvocate	Father	2014
212	CJIU.U.Lalit	Justice U.R. Lalit, Judge HC	Father	2014
213	Justice Adarsh Kumar Goel	Nikhil Goel, SeniorAdvocate	Son	2014

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214	Justice Prafulla Chandra Pant	NoVerifiedInformation		2014
215	JusticeRajeshKumar Agrawal	Raja Ram Agarwal, Senior Advocate	Father	2014
216	Justice Abhay ManoharSapre	NoVerifiedInformation		2014
217	JusticeR. Banumathi	NoVerifiedInformation		2014
218	JusticeAmitavaRoy	AnadiBhushan Roy, Senior Advocate	Father	2015
219	CJIDYChandrachud	CJIYV Chandrachud	Father (bothfatherand son CJI)	2016
220	Justice A.M. Khanwilkar	Balasaheb Pawar, Memberof Parliament	Father-in-law	2016
221	Justice L. Nageswara Rao	NoverifiedInformation		2016
222	Justice Ashok Bhushan	Chandraprasad Srivastav EminentLawyer	Father	2016
223	JusticeNavinSinha	Babu Baldev Sahay, Advocate General	Grandfather	2017
224	Justice Sanjay Kishan Kaul	NeerajKishan Kaul, Judge HC/Senior Advocate	Brother	2017
225	JusticeDeepakGupta	M.R. Gupta, Eminent Lawyer	Father	2017

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226	Justice Mohan Shantanagoudar	NoVerifiedinformation		2017
227	JusticeSyedAbdul Nazeer	NoVerifiedinformation		2017
228	Justice R. Subhash Reddy	A.B.A.Reddy Eminent Advocate	Father	2018
		Justice R. Subhash Reddy, SC	Brother-in-Law	
229	JusticeK.M.Joseph	Justice K.K. Mathew,SC	Father (bothfatherand son SC judges)	2018
230	Justice Hemant Gupta	Justice Vir Gupta, CJ Rajesh Garg, HaryanaAddl., AG	Father Brother-in-law	2018
231	JusticeInduMalhotra	Om Prakash Malhotra, Senior Advocate	Father	2018
232	JusticeAjayRastogi	HarishChandra Rastogi, EminentLawyer	Father	2018
233	JusticeIndira Banerjee	Somnath Chatterjee, FormerSpeaker ofLokSabha	Senior	2018
234	JusticeVineetSaran	NoVerifiedInformation		2018

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235	JusticeMukeshShah	NoVerifiedInformation		2018
236	JusticeDinesh Maheshwari	RameshChandra Maheshwari, Senior Advocate	Father	2019
237	Justice Krishna Murari	G.N. Verma,Senior Advocate R.N. Verma,Senior Advocate	Uncle Son	2019
238	CJISanjeevKhanna	JusticeD.R. Khanna JusticeH.R. Khanna	Father Uncle	2019
239	JusticeB.R.Gavai	R.S. Gavai, FormerMPand Governor	Father	2019
240	JusticeAniruddha Bose	Somnath Bose, EminentLawyer A	Father	2019
241	JusticeAjikuttira Bopanna	A.N. Somaiah, Former MLC	Father	2019
242	JusticeShripathiBhat	NoVerifiedInformation		2019
243	Justice V. Ramasubramanian	K.S. Sarvabhauman T.R. Mani, EminentLawyer	Senior	2019
244	JusticeHrishikesh Roy	J.P. Bhattacharjee, Senior Advocate	Senior	2019
245	JusticeC.T. Ravikumar	CJK.G Balakrishnan	Sisterinlaws husband	2021

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246	Justice Hima Kohli	Justice Y.K. Sabharwal, Former CJI	Senior	2021
247	Justice M.M. Sundaresh	Muthusamy, Senior Advocate	Father	2021
248	Justice A.S. Oka	V.P. Tipnis, Judge HC	Senior	2021
249	Justice B.V. Nagarathna	CJIE.S. Venkataramiah,	Father (father CJI and daughter to be CJI)	2021
250	Justice P.S. Narasimha	Justice Kodanda Ramayya, Judge HC	Father	2021
251	Justice Bela M. Trivedi	Trivedi, District Judge	Father	2021
252	Justice Vikram Nath	Fourth Generation Lawyer		2021
253	Justice Sudhanshu Dhulia	Justice K.C. Dhulia, Judge HC	Father	2022
254	Justice J.B. Pardiwala	Third Generation Lawyer		2022
255	Justice Ujjal Bhuyan	Suchandra Nath Bhuyan, Advocate General	Father	2023
256	Justice PV Sanjay Kumar	Ramachandra Reddy, Advocate General	Father	2023
257	Justice Prashant Kumar Mishra	Padmesh Mishra, Addl. AG	Son	2023
258	Justice Manmohan	Jagmohan Malhotra, Governor/ Minister	Father	2024

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259	Justice Deepankar Dutta	Justice Salilkumar Dutta Justice Amitava Roy SC	Father Brotherinlaw	2022
260	Justice K V. Vishwanathan	Senior Advocate C. S. Vaidhyanathan AG/Senior Advocate K.K. Venugopal	Senior Senior of Senior advocate C. S. Vaidyanathan	2023
261	Justice M. M. Sundresh	V . K . Muthusamy Senior advocate at madara high court	father	2021
261	Justice Sanjay Karol	Sarthak Karol Advocate Panel Member of Government of India.	Son	2023
263	Justice Surya kant	No Verified Information		2019

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264	Justice Jitendra kumar Maheshwari	NoVerifiedInformation		2021
265	Justice Pankaj Mittal	Justice Narendranath Mittal (judge of Ahallabad high court)	Father	2023
266	Justice Puligoru venkata sanjay kumar	NoVerifiedInformation		2023
267	Justice Ahsanuddin amanullah	NoVerifiedInformation		2023
268	Justice Manoj Misra	NoVerifiedInformation		2023

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269	Justice Rajesh Bindal	NoVerifiedInformation		2023
270	Justice Aravind kumar	NoVerifiedInformation		2023
271	Justice Sarasa venkatanarayan bhatti	NoVerifiedInformation		2023
272	Justice Satish Chandra sharma	NoVerifiedInformation		2023
273	Justice Augustine George Maish	NoVerifiedInformation		2023

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274	Justice Sandeep mehta	NoVerifiedInformation		2023
275	Justice R mahdevan	NoVerifiedInformation		2024
276	Justice Krishnan vinod chandran	NoVerifiedInformation		2025
277	Justice Prasanna Balachandra varale	Balachandra Varale judge Bombay High Court	Father	2024
278	Justice Nongmeikapam Kotiswar singh	Ibotonbi singh Former judge of Guwahati High court	father	2024

FOOTNOTE:

The preparation of the chart has been no mean task, for no official data is available. The data has been collected from members of the bar across the country who volunteered information. The chart is not complete. It may also contain certain inaccuracies. However, for all practical purposes the chart does paint a complete picture of the nepotism and favoritism in the appointment of judges and the designation of lawyers as senior advocates. The data above would undoubtedly show that there can hardly be a case where the judges of the Supreme Court/High Courts who have not used office to anoint their sons/daughters/nephews or other near relatives or juniors as a Senior Advocate or as a Judge. The chart is a near progeny list which is in great contrast with the scenario in the rest of the world. In England, a father and a son, or a grandson being elevated to the bench is a rare scenario. Here, it is the norm. This great aberration needs to be remedied and the surest and simplest means is to do away with the unjust and wholly discriminatory system of designation of lawyers. There shall not be two classes of lawyers, but only one class where all lawyers are treated equally, and with dignity and respect. I once again appeal to one and all to contribute whatever information you have to make this chart as accurate and complete as possible. I also request you to circulate it to create awareness among the common people. Judicial reform is the crying need of the hour.

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