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SCHEDULE

PROFESSIONALISM AMONG WOMEN LAWYERS: A COMPARATIVE STUDY OF FEMALE LAWYERS PRACTICING AT HIGH COURT AND DISTRICT COURTS

Supervisor: Researcher:

1. Age
2. Unmarried/married
3. Nativity
4. Education
5. Type of Family
6. Caste
7. Religion
8. Approximate Income
   a) Own
   b) Total Family Income

II OCCUPATION INFORMATION

1) a) Your idea about choosing this profession:
   i) First Option
   ii) Second Option
   iii) Last Option
   
   b) What prompted you to take this profession?
   i) Personal interest
   ii) Parents’ influence
   iii) Husband’s influence
   iv) Friends’ influence
   v) Any other

2) What was the reason for which you started practicing
   i) Because you have obtained a law degree
   ii) To become economically independent
   iii) To gain status and prestige
   iv) To assist family members
3) Is there any member of your family in same profession? Yes/No
   a) If yes, what type of support given by the family members in same profession
      i) Employ you as a junior
      ii) Help you in preparing and arguing cases
      iii) Allow you to use office and library
      iv) Gives you cases

4) Mention the practice you indulge in: (Tick all applicable)
   i) Private
   ii) Government
   iii) Member of firms / Corporation.

5) What type of cases you generally deal with? (Tick all applicable)
   i) Civil
   ii) Criminal
   iii) Revenue
   iv) Service matter
   v) Constitutional

6) When did you start practicing law?
   i) Before marriage
   ii) After marriage
   a) If unmarried, will you continue with this profession after marriage? 
      Continue/Discontinue/Unsure

7) What type of service did you provide to the clients? (Tick all applicable)
   i) Advisory
   ii) Dealing in filing of cases
   iii) Arguing cases on behalf of clients
   iv) Acting as an Arbitrator
   v) All of the above

8) How do you procure your clientele?
   i) Through touts
   ii) Connections with some organizations
   iii) Routine manner
   iii) Friends / relatives
9) How do you choose your clientele
   i) Based on specialization
   ii) Based on Fee they offer
   iii) Recommended by friends and relatives
   iv) Any other

10. How do you fix your fee charges?
   i) According to the capacity of the client
   ii) According to the stake involved in the case
   iii) Both the capacity and stake

11. If a client fails to pay the fee settled, you will
   i) Seek adjournment of his case
   ii) Refuse to appear on his behalf
   iii) Would appear irrespective of non payment of fees

III PROFESSIONALISM AND WORK SETTING

Abbreviations: S.A.- Strongly agree, A.- Agree,

What do you think about the following statements: SA/A/UnD/DA/SDA

1. i) A lawyer’s conversance with latest Law cases
   ii) Requirement of expertise
   iii) Requirement of long hours to prepare the briefs
   iv) Proper training before starting practice
   v) Working not for monetary gains but for society
   vi) Putting one’s heart and soul into work without consideration of reward
vii) Rendering efficient services irrespective of fee charged
viii) Leading lawyers providing legal services to the rich and wealthy only
ix) Lawyers not being evaluated by clients
x) Lawyers having more legal knowledge than the client
xi) Reliance of client on the lawyer
xii) Clients putting their complete faith-in lawyer
xiii) Procurement of work by fair or foul means
xiv) Acting in the interest of the client
xv) Not seeking frequent adjournment to extract more money
xvi) Not caring for one's personal comforts while working on clients case.
xvii) Whether all members are aware of the objectives
xviii) Knowledge of the activities of Bar association
xix) Participation in such activities
xx) Importance of Bar association in their profession

2. Describe the nature of work at High Court and District Courts.

3. Do you find any difference in the general atmosphere of High Court and District Courts? Elaborate.

IV PROBLEMS AND SELF PERCEPTION

1. Did you face any problem while entering this profession. Yes/No
2. If yes, What type of difficulties you face
   a) Hostility of male colleagues
   b) Being labeled as unfeminine
c) Stiff competition is the matter of securing work as compared to male lawyers.
d) Working at odd hours in case of urgency

3. What is the attitude of male colleagues towards female lawyers?
   a) As superior
   b) As inferior
   c) As equal

4. What is the attitude of judges towards female lawyers?
   a) Negative
   b) Positive
   c) Neutral

5. What is the attitude of clients towards female lawyers?

6. Do you ever feel handicapped because of your sex? No/Sometimes/Yes.
7. While arguing your cases do you feel tense. No/Yes.
8. Female lawyers takes less fee as compared to male lawyer.
   Agree/disagree.
9. To what extent do you think you have been successful in this profession.
   Fully/partially/Not at all
10. If given a choice would you still prefer to continue with this profession?
    Yes/No/uncertain.