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MADHYA PRADESH CIVIL COURTS ACT, 1958 (Received the assent of the President on the 1 7th  
July, 1958; assent first published in the "Madhya Pradesh Gazette" on the 1st August, ] 958) An Act to  
consolidate aad amend the law relating to Civil Courts in Madhya Pmdesh. Be it enacted by the Madhya  
Pradesh Legislature in the Ninth Year of the Republic of India as follows CHAPTER 1 Preli minary (1)  
This Act may be called the Madhya Pradesh Civil Courts Act, '958. (2) It extends to the of Madhya  
Pradesh. (3) It shall come into force on such date\* as the State Government may by notification, in the  
Official Gazette, specify in this behalf. 3. [2. In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires;- "cadre of  
Higher Judicial Service" means the cadre of District Judges and shall include the District Judge, Additional  
Judge to the Court of District Judge and Additional District Judge; (b) ' 'cadre of Lower Judicial Service"  
means the cadre of Civil Judges consisndg of Civii Judge Class I and Civil Judge Class 11; supernumerary  
cadre of Additional District Judges" means a cadre of Additional District Judges who have not been  
absorbed in the cadre of Higher Judicial Sa•cive; (d) "value" with reference to a stüt or original  
proceedings means the amount value of the subject matter Of such suit or original proceedings.]9 For  
Statement of Objects and Reasons (in English) see "Madhya Pradesh Gazette," dated 2 let March 1958,  
pages 7\*75 and (in Eindi) 83. For proceedings in see Madhya Pradesh Vidhan Sabha 1958, Volume 1",  
pages 2362-to 2380, 2917 and 3283 to 3308. 1" January 1959, see. law Depatüicnt Notifieation No 4814-  
7375-XXI-B dated the 22nd December 1958, published in "the Madhya Pradegeh Gazette," dated the 26th  
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District Judge; (1) (2) the Cotlth of IIIC Additional District Judge; the Court of Che [Civil Judge Class ; 12  
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or create of the C.O.Dk't, districts. new civil (2) Upon the altera cion of the. lirnits or the nunnber of civil districts creation o!' civil districts uncler sub- \_scclion (I), the Court shall make such consequential i i I-nay deenz fit in respect of the transfer of suits, appeals and proceedings from the courts of exsistiltg districts to Dfher courts acquiring territorial jurisdiction as a result of such altrration or creation, as also for a \_mv other m-atLcc thereto. j5 shall establish— 5. The State Governlne.!7t (a) the Court of Judge [Or eacY1 Civil and Additional District Judge, (b) so many Qtourt [C,'ivi] Judges 112 ant-I [ (":ivil Jude-e Class 1113 for eacll civil district. as mav think fit, (l) Su!2iect to thre provisions of any .•aw I he time bein2 in force. G. 61 (a) Court nr the Chass 1118 shall have jurisdiction to hear and determine any suit or original procceding of a value not exceeding Rs. 10.000; hy M.P. Act 17 of 1082, S, .1-. Subs. by S. 2, ibid, far A 'Civil . Judge ilClass , idr ' 'C:ivil Judge (Class I Ins. by S. 4, ibid

**4. Subs.** by S. 5, ibid. Subs. by P. Act of 1979, S. 2 6. 37 of CmrD. Civil District'. &tablkhment of Civil Courts. Original jurisdiction of Civil THE MADHYA PRADESH CIVIL. COURTS ACT, 1958 38 (b) the Court of the [Civil Judgc Class IJI shall have jurisdic tion to hear and determine any suit or original proceeding oi a value. not exceed- ing Rs. 20,000;] and the Courl (if the Additionai (c) the Court of the District District Judge shall have jurisdiction to hear and deterrnint-y anv suit or original proceeding with out restriction as reearcis value. The local limits of The jurisdiction of the Cc,urts specified clf.uses (c) (2, afir\_1 (h) of sub-section (1) shall be such as the State Government n•ay: by nali- fication, dcfinc. 1(3) Nothing in clauses (a), (b) and of sub-section (1) shall aHi'.clL any suit or original proceedings instituted before 26th January. 1979.12 (P, The Court of the District Judge shall be Lhc PrincipaL Civil ( '\_ourt Civil of orig. of original jurisdiction in the civil district. inal jurigd.i±. [ (2) An Additional Judge to the Court of a District Judge, an Ad- ditiona] District Judge and an Additional Judge to the Court an Additional District Judge \*hafl discharge any of the functions Dfa District J Lädgc. including the functions of Principal C'ivil Gourt of original jurisdiction the District Judge may, by gaueral or special order. assign to him and in the discharge of such functions he shall exercise. the same powers as the District Judgc.ja Appointment Of Power to invest Certain Civil Courts with Sman C"use Court Jurisdiction. 418. (1) An Additional Judge. or Judges to the Courl of District Judge, Additional District Judge, [Civil Judge C 'Nass or [Civil Judge Class mav, whenever it appears necessary or expcd;cnt. be appointed to lhc Court District Judge or Additional District Judge or I Clivi( Class III or [Civil Judge Class IT] 5, as the case Inay be, tmd such Additional Jildge shall exercise the jurisdiction of thc. Courl to which he is appointed and the pov. ers oã the Judge thereof, subject to any general or special orders of the authority by ich he is appointed as to the Class Dr Value of the suit which he may try, determine. 12) An officer may be appointed an Additional . Judge c! one or more Courts and an Officer who is a Jucln•e one court may be appointed an Ad- cltional Judge of another Court or of other Courts.) 9. The T Tigh C;ourl may, by a notification. invest any civil court with the powers of a court of Snrall Causes lillder thc law for the tin!C being in force in any area relating tD the C,'nltrt: of Small C.ause.s. Such power Shal) be exercis- able ir cases arising within the limits of the Court's jurisdiction or in any specified area within such limits.] b (2) The value Of suits of small cause nature shall not exceed onc thousand rnpce.s in the case of the Gourt ofa Judge or an Additional District Judge. five hundred rupees in the case of the Court of a [Civil Judge Class 111 and hundred rupees in the case of the Court of a (Civil .Judgc 11J5 10. The High Court Inay, by general or special order, authorise anv Exercise of Jurisdic& of [Civil Judge Class to take cognizance of, and any District Judge to transfer District Court by Civil JudF in certain peoædi.ngs. 2. 3. 4. 5

**6. Sul\* , Subs.** Subs. Subs. Subs. Subs. by M.P. Act. 17 of 1982, S. 2. for 'Civil Judge by M. P. Act 5 of 1979, S. 2(2). by M. P. Act 7 ar 1980, S. 2. by S. 3, ibid. by S 2. ibid for' Civil Judge (c:iass 11)' . by M. P. Act 17 of 1982, S THE MADHYA PRADESH CIVIL COURTS ACT, 1958 to a [Civil Judge class I] f under his con trol, any proceeding or any class of proceedings, specified in such order, arising under— Parts I to VIII of the Indian Succession Act, 1925 (No. XXXIX or 1925); or (b) Part IX of the Indian Succession Act, 1925 (No. XXXIX of 1925) which cannot be disposed of by District Delegates; or (c) The Guardians and Wards Aci, 1890 (No. VIII of 1890); or (d) The Provincial Insolvency Act, 1920 (No, V of 1920). (2) Nohvithstanding anything contained in section 388 of the Indian Succession Act, 1925 (No. XXNX of 1925), the High Court may, by- general invest any Judge inferior in grade to the District Judge with or special order, power to exercise the functions of a District Judge under Part X of that Act. (3) 'The District Judge may withdraw any such proceed ing taken cognizance Of by, or trandérred to. a [Civil Judge Class I]' under his control, and may either dispose it of himself or transiér il 10 any other competent Court.

(4) Proceedings taken cognizance of or transferred to, a [Civil Judge Class under this section shall be disposed of by him, in accordance with the law and rules applicable to like proceedings in the Court of the District Judge. 1 k. The Court of the District Judge and the Court of the Additional District Judge shall have jurisdiction to hear and determine any original proceeding under the Indian Divorce Act, 1869 (No. 1 V of 1869) and shall be deemed to be the District Court under that Act for the Civil District. 12. [(1) Every Court shall be held at such place or places as the High Court may, by notification, direct or, in the absence of any such direction, at any place within the local limits of the jurisdiction of the Court. (2) Every Additional Judge of a court established under this Act shall sit at such place or places within the local limits of the jurisdiction of the court to which he is an Additional Judge, as the High Court may direct. (3) The District Judge and other Judges of the district, previous sanction of the High Court and after due notice to the parties, temporarily for taking up particular case class of cases at any other place within the district.] 39 Jurisdiction under the Indian Divorce Acts. Place of sitting of Civil Courts. 2

**3. Subs by M.P. Act 17 of 1982, S. 2 for 'Civil Judge (Class I) Renumbered by S. 7, ibid. Ills. ibid, 40 Appellate Jurisdiction, THE MADHYA PRADESH CIVIL COURTS ACT, 1958 CHAPTER 111 APPELLATE JURISDICTION 13. (1) Save as otherwise provided by any law for the time being in force, appeals from decrees or orders of Courts exercising original Jurisdiction shall lie as follows . (a) from a decree or order of the Court of the [Civil Judge Class I] or of the Civil Judge (Class II) to the Court of the District (b) from a decree or order of the Court of the District Judge or Additional District Judge to the High Court. [Explanation.—The court or the Civil Judge or the court of the District Judge shall include, onal Judge to that court.] 8 Notwithstanding the fact that suit or proceeding was instituted or commenced prior 26th January, 1979 and appeal against any decree or order passed in suit or proceeding shall lie as provided in sub-section (3) Nothing in section 111. shall apply to any appeal instituted before 26th January, 1979] 1 . Subs by Nir P. Act 17 of '82. S. 2 "Civil Judge (Class Subs. by S. 2, ibid, f: Jr 'Civil Judge (Class I k : S. a, ibid, 3. by M. P. Act 01' 1979, S. 3, THE MADHYA PRADESH CIVIL COURTS ACT, 1958 CHAPTER IV ADMINISTRATIVE CONTROL [14. Subject to the general superintendence and control of the High Court, the District Judge shall superintend and control all other civil courts established including all Additional Judges appointed to such courts under this Act in the local area within his jurisdiction, and in the discharge of such functions it shall be his duty to— (a) inspect or cause to be the proceedings of the courts, judges and offices under his control (b) give such administrative directions with respect to any matters as he may think fit; and (c) call for such reports and returns from the subordinate courts and Judges in the district as may be prescribed by the High Court or as he may require for administrative purposes.] 1 (1) (2) Notwithstanding anything contained in the Code of Civil Procedure, 1908 (V of 1908), or the law relating to Courts of Small Causes, for the time being in force in any area, or in any other provisions contained in this Act, the District Judge may, by order in writing, direct that any civil business cognizable by his court or by other civil courts established under 5, in his civil district, shall be distributed amongst himself and Additional Judges, any, of his court, as also amongst other courts under his control and amongst Additional Judges of such other court's 'interse' in such manner as he deems fit: Provided that, except in so far as it may affect the exclusive jurisdiction of a Court of Small Causes, or of a court invested with the jurisdiction of a Court of Small Causes, a direction given under this section shall not empower any court to exercise powers or deal with business beyond the limits of its pecuniary and notified territorial jurisdiction.] 3 (2) Any judicial act in any suit, appeal or proceeding, instituted in a Court of competent jurisdiction. Shall not be invalid only reason of the, fact that such institution was not in accordance with the order of distribution of business referred to in sub-section (1). (3) Whenever it appears to any Court, as is referred to in sub-section (2) that institution of any suit, appeal or proceeding, pending before it, was not in conformity with the order of distribution of business made under sub-section (1), it shall submit the record of such suit, appeal or proceeding, as the case may be, to the District Judge for appropriate orders. and the District Judge in relation thereto may pass orders either transferring the concerned record to proper court as per order of distribution of business or otherwise to any other Court of competent jurisdiction. In distribution of civil business under sub-section (1), the District Judge shall be guided by such principles as the High Court may, by rules, prescribe. 16. (1) No Judge of a Court under this Act shall hear or determine any suit, appeal or other proceeding to which he is a party or in which he is directly or indirectly interested. [ (2) If any such suit, appeal or other proceeding comes before any civil court in the district or before an Additional Judge to such court, the Judge shall**

refer the case alongwith the ycccn-d thereof and his report regarding the attending circumstances to the District Judge, who may either dispose of such casc himself or subject to the limits of pecuniary• jurisdiction. make it over or transfer it to another court or Additional judge to any of the courts in the district, as the case may be, for disposal. (3) If any such suit, appeal or other proceeding comes before the District Judge himself, he may either make over such case to any Additional Judge of his court, or transmit the record alongwith his comments on the attending circumstances to the High Court: for appropriate orders.)' 41 Superintendence and control over Civil &urts and the Judges in the district. Power to distribute business. Judges nol to try cases in which they are persosally intereted. 3. 4. subs. by M. P. Act 17 of 1982, S

**9. Subs.**by M. P. Act 5 1979, S

**4. Subs by M.P.** Act 17 of 1982, S

**10. Suk».**by S. 11, ibid. THE MADHYA PRADESH CIVIL. COURTS ACT, 1958 CHAPTER V MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS Temporary vacancy in Ehe office of the tiye District Judge. Delegator,,of powers of District [18. IJL the event death of a District Judge or his absence from civil district on leave or in the evcnt cf his being prevented from performing his duties by illness or- other cause, senior most judge, according to cadre seniority as per hierarchy of the cadres, shall assume charge cf the District Court, with- out interruption to his ordinary duties; and while so in cluargc, shall perform the duties of a District Judge with respect to the filing of suits and appeals, receiving pleadings, petitions. execution of processes, return of writs and the like; and shau firtner have power and jurisdiction to dispose of emergent inter- locutary matters of such nature, as the High Court may by rules prescribe and the Judge so incharge shall continue in such charge until the office of the District Judge has been resumed or assumed by an officer duly appointed thereto

**19. Any District Judge leaving the headquarters and procceding on duty to any place within his District, may delegar.e** to the senior most Additional Judge of his Court at the headquarter or where there is no Additional Judge, to a Civil Judge at the headquarters, the powers of performing such duties as may be emergent and of disposing of any emergent matters as may be specified under section 18 and such Judge shall be deemed to be a Judge in charge Of Judge. Con tinu ance officers. Vacations. Seal. of Power ro make rules. the court of the District Judge. ) 2 20. VWhere any person holding an offcc in the service of the State Govern- powers ot ment who has been invested with any powers under this Act throughout any local area is transferred or posted to any equal or higher office of the same nature within a like local area, he shall unless the High Court 0lhemvise directs or has directed, exercise the same powers in the local area to which he is so transferred or posted. 21. (1) Subject to the approval of the State Government the High Court shall prepare a list of days to be observed in each year as holidays in the Civil Court subordinate thereto. (2) The list shall be published in the Official Gazette. (3) A judicial act done by a court on a day specified in a list published under sub-section (2) shall not be invalid by reason only of its having been done on that day. [ (4) Fl'he District Judge may make such arrangements, as he may deem fit. for disposal or urgent civil matters durino• such vacation.]a 22. Every Civil Court shall use a seal of such form and dirnensions as the State Government may prescribe on all proccsses and orders issued, and on all decress passed, by it. (1) The High Court may, from time to time, make rules for carry- (23. ing out all or any of the purposes of this Act. (2) In particular and without prejudicc to the generality of the Tore going power, such rules may provide for all or any of the rollowing matters:— (a) supervision and inspection of all courts subordinate to it; (b) fees to be charged for processes issued by civil courts, or by any officer of any such court and the fee payable in any suit or proceeding in any such court by any party to such suit or proceeding in respect of the fees of the pleader of any other party to such suit or proceeding; (c) the manner in which proceedings of Civil Courts shall be kept and recorded, the manner in which paper books for the hearing of appeals may be prepared and the grant of copies; 1. Omitted by M. P. Act 5 of 1979, S. 5. 2. subs. by M. P. Act 17 of 1982, S. 12

**3. Suba.**by S. 13, ibid. THE MADHYA PRADESH CIVIL COURTS ACT, 1958 (d) matters relating to officers of courts; (e) persons who shall be permitted to act as petition writers in the courts subordinate thereto, grant of licences to such persons, conduct of business by them and the scale of fees 10 be charged by them, the authority by which breaches of rules shall be investi- gated and the penalties which may be imposed on them; (f) prescribing the principles for guidance of a District Judge for distribution of civil

business amongst courts in his civil district; (g) emergent matters which a Judge incharge of District Court under section 18 shall have a power and jurisdiction to dispose of.] 24. The Central Provinces and Berar Courts Act, 1917 (No. I of 1917), the Madhya Bharat Civil Courts Act, Samvat, 2009 (No. 43 of 1949), the Bhopal and Vindhya Pradesh (Courts) Act, 1950 (No. XLI of 1950) and the Rajasthan Civil Courts Ordinance, 1950 (No. VII of 1950), in so far as it is applicable to Sirronj region, are hereby repealed : Provided that the repeal of the enactments aforesaid shall not affect — (a) the previous operation or (b) any penalty, forfeiture or punishment incurred in respect of any offence committed against any enactment so repealed; or (G) any investigation, legal proceeding or remedy in respect of any such punishment; and any such investigation, legal proceeding or remedy may be instituted, continued or enforced, and any such penalty, forfeiture or punishment may be imposed as if this Act had not been passed; provided further that all appointments, rules and orders made, jurisdiction and powers conferred under any of the repealed enactments or purporting expressly or impliedly to have been so made or conferred, shall be deemed to have been respectively made and conferred under the corresponding provisions of this Act. 43 Repeals and Savings. Transitional provisions 2. 3

**25. Subs, Subs.** Subs. As from the date of the commencement of this Act (1) (2) (3) all existing Courts of District Judges and Additional District Judges shall respectively be deemed to be the Courts of District Judges and Additional District Judges established under this Act; all existing Courts of Munsiffs in the Vindhya Pradesh, Bhopal and Sironj regions and of Civil Judges of the Second Class in the Madhya Bharat region shall be deemed to be the Courts of [Civil Judges Class II] established under this Act; all existing Courts of Civil Judges of the First Class in the Madhya Bharat and Sir0Kj regions and of Subordinate Judges in the Bhopal region shall be deemed to be the Courts of [Civil Judges established under this Act; the existing Courts of Civil Judges in the Mahakoshal region shall be deemed to be the Court of [Civil Judge Class II] established under this Act except such of these Courts as may be specified by the State Government by a notification to be the Courts of [Civil Judge Class I. 19 Explanation— In this section 'existing Court' means a Court established under any of the enactments repealed by section 24 and functioning immediately before the commencement of this Act. by M. P. Act 17 of 1982, S. 14. v.v S. 2, ibid. by S. 2, ibid, for "Civil Judge (Class I THE MADHYA PRADESH CIVIL COURTS ACT, 1958 Construction of reference. Pending suits and proceeding\*. Removal of difficulty. Amendment of laws Courts of Small Cause

**26. In every enactment passed before the commencement of this Act—**(i) any reference to a "Subordinate Judge" shall be deemed to be a reference to the Court of the [Civil Judge Class II] and any reference to a Munsif shall be deemed to be a reference to the Court of the [Civil Judge Class II] established or deemed to be established under this Act; and (ii) any reference to a Civil Judge where no class is specified shall in relation to the Mahakoshal region be deemed to be a reference to the Court of [Civil Judge Class II] established or deemed to be established under this Act

**27. Every suit or other proceedings pending before any of the existing Courts immediately before the commencement of this Act shall on such commencement stand transferred to the Court having jurisdiction under the provisions of this Act and if there are more than one Court having such jurisdiction, to the Court which the District Judge may specify in that behalf in accordance with the provisions of this Act, and the Court to which the proceeding so stand transferred shall proceed to try, hear and determine the matter as if it had been pending in that Court.**[27-A. If any difficulty arises in giving effect to the provisions of the Madhya Pradesh Civil Courts (Amendment) Act, 1982, the High Court may, from time to time, issue such orders and directions not inconsistent with the provisions of the aforesaid Amendment Act, or transfer such cases from one court to the other as it may deem fit.] 3  
28. The Acts and Ordinance specified in column (i) of the Schedule shall be amended in the manner and to the extent specified in column (2) thereof. 2

**3. Subs, by M.** Subs. by S. by S. P. of 1982, S. 2, "Civil II". 2, ibid, for "Civil Judge (Class II)". 15, ibid. THE MADHYA PRADESH CIVIL COURTS ACT, 1958 Name of Act or Ordinance Provincial Small Cause Court Act, 1887 (IX of 1887). The Madhya Bharat Small Cause Court Act, Samvat, 2006 (46 of 1949). The Rajasthan Small Cause Courts Ordinance, 1950 (VII of 1950). SCHEDULE (See section 28) Amendment sub-section (3) of section 15, for words "State Government", the words "High Court" be substituted. Alter sub-section (2) of section 12, the following shall be added, namely : sub-section '(3)

Subject to as the High Court may, by order in writing, direct that all suits of a civil nature of which value does not exceed one thousand rupees shall be cognizable by a Court of Small Causes mentioned in the order." In sub-section "Government" be substituted; (3) section 3, for the words the word "High Court" / 38 RI. Q. 30-05-2001." 304 ] VAR, 12 2016— 21, 1938 12 2016 vr./ 16. — 09-08-201 607 608 qÉq. 2. 2016 28 in 2016) 2016 1958 (75. 19 1958) (1) 2016 1958 "25,000 Ftü" "50,000 FQ" FTü" 12 2016 7725M 213/21-aÄTF./i3. q./16.— 348 (3) 12-08-2016 2016 CHHATTISGARH ACT (No. 28 of 2016) 608 (1) THE CHHATTISGARH CIVIL COURTS (AMENDMENT) ACT, 2016 An Act further to amend the Chhattisgarh Civil Courts Act, 1958 (No. 19 of 1958). Be it enacted by the Chhattisgarh Legislature in the Sixty- seventh Year of the Republic of India, as follows :- Short title and commencement. Amendment Of Section 6. 2. (1) This Act may be called the Chhattisgarh Civil Courts (Amendment) Act, 2016. It shall come into force from the date of its publication in the Official Gazette. (2) In sub-section (I ) of Section 6 of the Chhattisgarh Civil Courts Act, 1958 (No. 19 of 1958),- (i) In clause (a), for the word and figure "Rupees 25,000", "Rupees shall be substituted; and [n clause (b), for the word and figure "Rupees 50,000", "Rupees shall be substituted. - 2016. the word and figure the word and figure / 38 Q. 30-05-2001. 160] 3 2024— 14, 1946 fr-fä 3 2024 m. 3460/ \$. — 27—03—2024 q-\$T e, 319 320 3 2024 3 2024) BiüÄ) 2024 1958 (F. 19 1958) 2024 I 1958 (F. t) 2 25 26 3 2024 3, qTRT 2 F) 4. 18 3 2024 320 (1) 18 F. 3460/8. 32/21—31/ AF /ÜTT./24. — 348 (3) 320 (2) 3 öüa 2024 CHHATTISGARH ACT (No. 3 of 2024) THE CHHATTISGARH CIVIL COURTS (AMENDMENT) ACT, 2024 An Act further to amend the Chhattisgarh Civil Courts Act, 1958 (No. 19 of 1958). Be it enacted by the Chhattisgarh Legislature in the Seventy- fifth Year of the Republic of India, as follows:- Short title and commencement. Amendment of the Principal Act. (2) 2. This Act may be called the Chhattisgarh Civil Courts (Amendment) Act? 2024. It shall come into force from the date of its publication in the Official Gazette. In the Chhattisgarh Civil Courts 1958 (No. 19 of 1958), Act, (hereinafter referred to as the Principal Act), except clause (a) of Section 2, Section 25 and 26,- (1) for the words "District Judge", wherever they occur, the words "Principal District Judge" shall be substituted; 3. 3 2024 (2) for the words "Additional District Judge", wherever they occur, the words "District Judge" shall be substituted; (3) for the words "Civil Judge Class-I", wherever they occur, the words "Civil Judge Senior Division" shall be substituted; and (4) for the words "Civil Judge Class-11", wherever they occur, the words "Civil Judge, Junior Division" shall be substituted. For clause (a) of Section 2 of the Principal Act, the following shall be substituted, namely:- "(a)"cadre of higher judicial service" means the cadre of District Judges and shall include the Principal District Judge, District Judge (Super Time Scale), District Judge (Selection Grade) and District Judge (Entry Level) ; " 320 (3) Amendment of Section 2. 320 (4) Amendment of Section 18. 4. 3 2024 In Section 18 of the Principal Act, for the words "District Court", the words "Principal District Court" shall be substituted. - 2024.