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To

The Hon'ble Chief Justice of India and Hon'ble Companion Judges,
Supreme Court of India

Subject:- Representation from Women Advocates

Respected Lordships,

We are taking the liberty of writing this representation to your lordships in the hope and aspiration that your lordships will appreciate our cause with sensitivity, empathy and gender positive approach. Under the guardianship of Hon'ble the Chief Justice of India, this Hon'ble court has taken significant, lasting and meaningful strides to ensure equal representation of women in the administration of Justice. We urge you to please consider our request in that perspective.

The world of our times has been extremely unfortunate to witness the largest pandemic ever befallen on mankind. It not only impeded but completely stalled the normal regular functioning of life as we all understood it. While the collective response of our country to the pandemic has been robust, industrious and resilient, we are extremely proud of the stellar response of our judicial institutions, led by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India. Not only did we rediscover a new normal but also rose to the occasion to ensure that wheels of justice do not stop for the citizens. End-to-end digital solutions became the catalyst and the enabler.

Responding to the requests of the Bar, physical hearings have resumed with revised SOPs. While we wholeheartedly welcome the resumption of physical hearings, it is our requests that the option of hybrid/virtual hearings should also be continued for members of the Bar and Parties-in-person who wish to avail of the same.

Your lordships will appreciate that the sudden digital revolution in the courts proved to be a blessing in disguise for a large cross-section of regular Bar, especially women lawyers, young lawyers and elderly lawyers. Digitally equipped courts became more equal for women lawyers, more-so, for women with care-giving responsibilities in the family, pregnant women and mothers having children of tender age as also those who have to tend to elderly parents. Not only could they avoid the risk of exposing themselves and their babies to the risk of the pandemic but also managed to continue their active practice from the safety of their homes. Women

lawyers have always struggled to balance their role as principal caregivers in the family, with the demands of the profession. Many of us did not have the wherewithal or the support system to carry on with both set of, often mutually competing responsibilities and therefore, just gave up on one front. However, digital hearings allowed us to juggle our responsibilities without forsaking or abandoning either.

The tremendous gains that have been made by making the justice delivery mechanism digital and the huge amount of funds that have been infused in response to the covid 19 pandemic should not be lost and demolished. It is important to take forward the gains that have been made during the pandemic so that as life slowly returns back to normal, the extremely empowering digital platforms, continue to be an option for the members of the bar and citizens of the country, to continue to have true and meaningful access to justice as guaranteed under our constitution.

Though our voices may sound like voices of a minuscule minority in our glorious institutions of Justice Delivery, maybe not loud or large enough to count, but it is important and imperative that our voices are heard, considered and acted upon, not in the spirit of a concession or favoritism, but in the spirit of ensuring equal dignity and empowerment. We believe that our collective response today will determine our tomorrow, and whether this minuscule minority remains so or becomes equal stakeholder of the justice delivery mechanism, both as women citizens vying for justice and as also women lawyers walking shoulder to shoulder with their male counterparts in the magnificent corridors of our courts.

Though this representation was conceived by women lawyers with young children, however, believing strongly in our cause and having undertaken this journey themselves, many of our seniors have graciously volunteered to partake in our request to your lordships.

We remain grateful to Your Lordship for hearing and considering our voice and earnest request.

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