

High Court - Common High, High Court Seat, Judges

Appointment and Oaths

Appointment of Judges in the High Courts

Qualifications

There are certain qualifications which have to be fulfilled in order to appoint a person as a judge in the High Courts. The qualifications regarding the appointment are provided in Article 217. According to the Article, The person appointed must be a citizen of India;

- The person appointed should have held a judicial office in the territory of India for at least ten years;
- The person appointed should have been an advocate in the High Court for at least ten years.

Article 219 of Constitution of India "Oath or affirmation by Judges of High Courts"

- Every person appointed to be a Judge of a High Court shall, before he enters upon his office, make and subscribe before the Governor of the State, or some person appointed in that behalf by him, an oath or affirmation according to the form set out for the purpose in the Third Schedule.

High Court - Act 1861, Article 214, Jurisdiction of High Court, Facts of High Court

High Court Jurisdiction

The High Court is the highest court of appeal in every state having the power to interpret the Constitution. The High Court is considered to be the protector of the Fundamental Rights of the citizens, along with the supervisory and consultative roles. At present, a High Court enjoys the following jurisdictions:

- Original Jurisdiction: Under Article 225, every High Court has original jurisdiction in revenue matters as well as those related to admiralty, contempt of court, probate, marriages. In such cases the applicant can directly approach the High Court and does not require to raise any appeal.
- Appellate Jurisdiction: It is for the cases where the applicant has raised a complaint challenging the judgement given by a subordinate court of that territory. This power is divided into two categories-
 1. Civil Jurisdiction-This includes the orders and judgement from the district, civil and subordinate courts.
 2. Criminal Jurisdiction- This includes the orders and judgements from the session and the additional sessions court.