RE: PLACEMENT OF STUDENTS IN COURTS - 2014/2015 (APRIL BATCH) ACADEMIC SESSION EXTERNSHIP PROGRAMME

As part of our practical training programme for the 2014/2015 (April Batch) School year, students have been placed in the Law Courts. The externship will commence on July 14, and end on August 22, 2014.

The goals of the externship programme are to:

1. Develop the Externs' lawyering skills;
2. Make the Extern understand various aspects of the legal system as well as the legal profession;
3. Inculcate in the Externs a sense of professional responsibility and Values; and
4. Develop the Externs' ability to reflect on and learn from their experience

In the light of this, I humbly request that the student(s), whose names appear on the attached list, be placed in the courts within Your Lordship's jurisdiction.

Under the programme, students are expected to observe daily court proceedings, report on each day's activities and write a reflective note on one activity relating to legal knowledge, skills or values.

For the Court placement, the Principal Field Supervisors are the Hon. Judges and Magistrates in the Court to which students are posted. The Principal Field Supervisors are however permitted to appoint Assistant Field Supervisors, who may include Registrars, Research Assistants, and other Court officials, engaged in the
supervision of Externs. The supervisor is expected to review and sign each student's log book on daily or weekly basis.

I have informed the students that the absence of a Judge from Court on a particular day would not be an excuse for not observing Court proceedings and recording and reflecting on the day's activities. I therefore seek Your Lordship's assistance in those circumstances, to get the students posted to other Courts temporarily.

I wish to note that the attainment of the experimental learning objectives by the students, significantly depend on Judges or their appointed students supervisors' strict application of the rules on attendance and interactive meetings. This is the forum where students are given feedbacks and may be availed the opportunity to role-play counsel before Judges.

I thank Your Lordship for your usual cooperation and convey my best wishes always.

Yours Sincerely,

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