



Synopsis of the Programme titled

Courtcraft: Effective Representation before Judicial Authorities

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The rationale and functions of any Direct Taxes Administration encompass the quasi-judicial and upon crossing such territory, the squarely judicial. Consequently, quality in statutory construction, interpretation, discrimination and drafting is an indubitable necessity, as are the needs for attributes and skills such as oral debating powered by the force of legal logic, reasoned analysis, conventional wisdom and language skills, personal likeability, presence of mind, dress code/sense and etiquette, judicious energy and judicial discipline. These intakes are not natural components of an induction training programme but part of reusable templates and learning abstractions arising and acquired through experience.



Also, the collective fortunes of the Department are the sum of the several micro-fortunes (or setbacks) that beset the various Courtroom discussions underway each day between Departmental officers and their representatives on one side and the taxpayerforce on the other. It is everyone's case that the Department needs to consistently enhance the winnability of its cases as well as set in motion programmes and put in places systems and processes that change the win-loss ratio in its favour. This Course is in continuation of earlier efforts in this direction and therefore an attempt to force the pace of these.

