

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF INDIA
CIVIL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

CIVIL APPEAL NO. 5200 OF 2023

PHOOLA RAM JAAT

APPELLANT(S)

VERSUS

SANWAR SINGH

RESPONDENT(S)

O R D E R

1. Heard learned counsel appearing for the appellant.
2. The Disciplinary Committee of the Bar Council of India (for short, "*the Bar Council*") has barred the appellant from practicing law for a period of one year.
3. Admittedly, the appellant was representing the complainant, his brother and mother in a civil suit. Thereafter, the appellant represented his mother in a civil suit filed by her against the complainant in respect of the same land. The appellant's mother claimed on the basis of the agreement for sale executed by the complainant and his family members. After perusing the records, the Bar Council found that the appellant had appeared as Advocate in both the proceedings. This is one professional misconduct established against him.
4. The second allegation is of a very serious nature. The Disciplinary Committee of the Bar Council found that the appellant was having a business of running taxi service. The Disciplinary Committee also found that there is striking similarity in the first name of the registered owner of the vehicle used for business and the appellant. Moreover, the name of the father of the appellant

and the registered owner is the same and more importantly, the vehicle was registered at the address of the appellant.

5. The findings of the Disciplinary Committee of the Bar Council are based on documentary evidence. Therefore, we find no error in the action taken by the Disciplinary Committee when for the aforesaid misconduct, the appellant was directed not to practice law for a period of one year.

6. Hence, the appeal is dismissed.

7. Pending applications stand disposed of accordingly.

.....J.
(ABHAY S.OKA)

.....J.
(PANKAJ MITHAL)

NEW DELHI;
August 25, 2023.

S U P R E M E C O U R T O F I N D I A
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(FOR ADMISSION and IA No.163850/2023-FOR STAY and
IA No.163851/2023-EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.)

Date : 25-08-2023 This appeal was called on for hearing today.

CORAM :

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ABHAY S. OKA
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE PANKAJ MITHAL

For Appellant(s) Dr. Sushil Balwada, AOR
Mr. Kaushal Yadav, Adv.
Mr. Nandlal Kumar Mishra, Adv.
Mr. Arjun Raghuvanshi, Adv.
Dr. Ajay Kumar, Adv.

For Respondent(s)

UPON hearing the counsel the Court made the following
O R D E R

The appeal is dismissed in terms of the signed order.

Pending applications also stand disposed of accordingly.

(ASHISH KONDLE)
COURT MASTER (SH)

(AVGV RAMU)
COURT MASTER (NSH)

[THE SIGNED ORDER IS PLACED ON THE FILE]