

“Act of violence or crime against Advocates: With special reference to the Advocate’s Protection Bill, 2021”

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“Act of violence or crime against Advocates: With special reference to the Advocate’s Protection Bill,2021” is studied in this article with reference to the amount of violence that lawyers have to address while addressing a case or battling a case for a client. This article also aims at understanding the reasons as to why lawyers and advocates are subjected such kinds of violence or crime. This work recognizes the ‘Advocate’s Protection Bill’ with adherence to relevant case laws as may deem fit during the examination of the Bill.

The history of law has always spoken about the merits and workings on an advocate. Advocates like Nani Palkhivala to Ashwini Upadhyay to M.C. Mehta have indulged in the act of advocacy so much so that it has fixed a realistic vision about the scope and bars on legal ethics. The duties and responsibilities that an advocate has towards its clients is bound by the ethical values that it implements while he/she works. The value of each piece of assistance that an advocate contributes towards the client’s demands, codifies law for its protection so that he/she can perform its legal duties without any dispute. In law every individual related to who works under the supervision of law has been granted some protection so that the work allotted to them can be conducted without any interference. Therefore, this article has also identified laws with regard to the Judges Protection Act, 1985 which provides protection to the judges but what about the lawyers? The advocates? The main holders and preachers of law...shouldn’t they have any proper codified statute which will protect the lawyers from any violence. There has been several instances where an advocate and his family has been subjected to violence by the goons and most of the cases remained unheard. The intensity of the violence isn’t the concern, **the question that why would the lawyers remain subdued when it comes to protection.**

Advocacy is the only profession where the lawyer is addressed as a ‘learned’ individual. The active case of “Gattu Vaman Rao vs The State Of A.P., Rep. By Its P.P., on 4 June, 2020” had a greater impact behind the upbringing of the ‘Advocate Protection Bill, 2021’. The Bill was released on July 2, 2021 and it aimed at providing protection to the advocates and removal of restrictions on their abilities to perform their duties.

Advocating is crucial to safeguard the rights and well-being of individual, communities, and the environment. This article adds value to such a skill and proposes that this bill must be established to protect the people diligently involved in this profession from exploitation, discriminations, and harm caused by powerful entities such as corporation or governments. The Advocates Protection Bill,2021 is a crucial component of promoting social justice, equality, and sustainability. It requires collective action, political engagement and a commitment immediately.;

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