

CHAPTER V Vakalatnama

1. Execution and filing of Vakalatnama—An advocate on his filing a Vakalatnama duly executed by a party shall be entitled to act as well as to plead for the party in the matter and to conduct and prosecute all proceedings that may be taken in respect of such matter or any application connected with the same or any decree or order passed therein including proceedings in taxation and applications for review, execution and appeal in the High Court and to take all such other steps as he may be specifically authorised by the power of attorney.

2. Certificate of fee—Every Advocate shall before the commencement of the final arguments in the suit or matter file a certificate showing the amount of fee paid with date of payment or agreed to be paid to him.

3. Endorsement in Vakalatnama—No Vakalatnama shall be accepted unless it contains the following under the signature of the Advocate:—

- (i) An endorsement in token of its acceptance with the date of acceptance; and
- (ii) The address for service of the Advocate.

4. Notice of determination of authority of Advocate—A party desiring to obtain an order for determination of the authority of his Advocate who has filed a Vakalatnama on his behalf in a suit or matter shall do so by application after first giving notice thereof to the Advocate, and the fact of such notice having been served shall be stated in the affidavit in support of such application.

5. Notice of discharge to a client—An Advocate in a suit or matter desiring to obtain an order for his discharge, shall first give notice of his intended application for discharge to his client and the fact of such notice having been served shall be stated in the application:

Provided that an Advocate may be discharged by consent of the Advocate and the party by a letter addressed to the Registrar and signed by the Advocate and the party.