THE EXTINCT LAWYER

The 2027 Edition

How Indian Advocates Are Being Quietly Replaced — And the Exact System the Survivors Are Using

A Field Manual for Law Students, Advocates and Every Legal Professional in India

Written for lawyers, not for engineers. No technical background required — Chapter 0 gives you everything you need in twenty minutes.

⚠ READ THIS PAGE BEFORE YOU READ ANYTHING ELSE

THERE IS A SENTENCE in a Supreme Court judgment from July 2026 that should have emptied every chamber in India into a panic, and almost nobody in your profession has read it.

Here is what happened.

A tribunal decided a matter. It relied on six judgments. Three of those judgments **did not exist** — not overruled, not misreported, *never written, never argued, never handed down by any court in the Republic of India*. The other three were real cases with paragraphs inserted into them that nobody on earth had ever written.

The order went up on appeal. A second tier of specialised adjudication read it, considered it, and affirmed it.

Then it reached the Supreme Court, and somebody finally checked.

WHAT THIS BOOK COSTS YOU IF YOU PUT IT DOWN

LET ME BE UNSENTIMENTAL about the arithmetic, because you are a professional and you deal in consequences.

If you never open an AI tool: you will lose clients to the firm that returns an opinion in thirty-six hours while you quote ten working days. Not because they are better lawyers. Because they finish first, and the client cannot tell the difference until it is too late to matter.

If you open one and use it carelessly: you join a list that now runs to ten documented incidents in Indian courts, ₹50,000 in costs in Bombay, a ₹27.91 crore assessment order quashed, a High Court inquiry ordered against a sitting judge, and a Supreme Court standard that calls it misconduct.

If you read this book: roughly twenty-two hours back on a single matter, a verification habit that takes nine minutes and cannot be taken from you, and a practice that is still standing in 2030.

Three doors. You are choosing one this week whether or not you decide to.

THE ELEVEN-MINUTE VERSION

If you read only one page of this book, read this one. Every line below is a door into a chapter.

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1. The grounded research answer — the safest prompt in this book

Use when: you have already downloaded judgments and want them analysed without any risk of invention.

> *"You are a legal researcher assisting an Indian advocate. Below is the full text of [N] judgments which I have personally downloaded from Indian Kanoon.*
>
> *Answer the question that follows using ONLY the text below. Do not supplement from your own knowledge. If the answer is not contained in this material, say so in one sentence and stop — do not offer a general answer instead.*
>
> *QUESTION: [state the precise question of law]*
>
> *For every proposition you state, give (a) the case name exactly as it appears below, and (b) the paragraph number, and (c) a direct quotation of not more than three lines.*
>
> *Then give me three lists:*
>
> *(i) propositions fully supported by the text below;*
>
> *(ii) propositions only partly supported, and what is missing;*
>
> *(iii) aspects of my question these judgments do not address at all.*
>
> *[PASTE JUDGMENTS]"*

CHAPTER 15

The Seven-Step Shield: Ten Minutes That Stand Between You and a Disciplinary Committee

THIS IS THE MOST important chapter in the book.

Not the most interesting. The most important. If you skip everything else and photocopy one page, photocopy this one.

Why a protocol beats good intentions

Every lawyer in India intends to verify. Intentions do not survive 2 a.m., a 10:30 mention, and a client on the phone.

What survives is a **protocol**: a fixed sequence, done the same way every time, that does not require judgment about whether this particular citation needs checking. Because the moment you start deciding which citations to check, you will check the unfamiliar ones and skip the famous ones — and *Raj Narain v. Indira Nehru Gandhi* is famous.

Fixed sequence. Every citation. Every time.

THE SEVEN-STEP PROTOCOL

STEP 1 — Indian Kanoon (60 seconds)

Search the case name on **indiankanoon.org**.

APPENDIX D

The Thirty-Day Bootcamp

Twenty minutes a day. Tick them off.

WEEK 1 — FOUNDATION

Day	Task	Time
1	Bookmark indiankanoon.org and indiacode.nic.in on every device	5 min
2	Read *Pooja Ramesh Singh v. J&K Bank*, 2026 INSC 668, in full	25 min
3	Print the seven-step protocol. Put it where you draft	10 min
4	Verify the last five citations you filed	20 min
5	Read the Kerala High Court AI Policy (19 July 2025)	20 min
6	Read the Supreme Court draft AI regulations (3 June 2026)	25 min
7	Write down the four tools you will master this year	10 min

WEEK 2 — FIRST TOOL

Day	Task	Time
8	Open NotebookLM and a free workspace tier. Upload three documents from a live matter	20 min
9	Ask it five questions. Click every source link	20 min
10	Run the five-pass reading method on one judgment	20 min
11	Build one chronology using the Chapter 13 prompt	25 min
12	Verify every date in that chronology against source	25 min
13	OCR one full matter file and run structured intake on it	25 min
14	The format test: generate your most-filed document, print it, compare	10 min

WEEK 3 — CRAFT