

## Advocate-on-Record (AoR)

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The Supreme Court has recently made a historic decision by designating 11 women lawyers as senior advocates.



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### **About Advocate-on-Record (AoR):**

- AoRs are specialised lawyers authorised exclusively to file cases before the Supreme Court and serve as a vital link between **litigants and the apex court**.
- To become an AoR, a lawyer must undergo training with a court-approved AoR for at **least a year**, have a minimum of four years of practice, and pass an examination set by the Supreme Court covering Practice and Procedure, Drafting, Professional Ethics, and Leading Cases.
- They are required to maintain an office within a **16-kilometre** radius of the Supreme Court in Delhi and employ a **registered clerk** within one month of registration.
- The role of AoRs is underscored by **Section 30 of the Advocates Act** and **Article 145 of the Constitution**, ensuring their exclusive **right to practice in the Supreme Court**.
- The designation of senior advocates is a privilege that comes with the condition that they **cannot solicit clients directly** and are usually briefed by other lawyers, including AoRs.