

What is Vakalatnama?

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About Vakalatnama

- It is a **legal document** in India that **authorizes an advocate to represent a party** in court proceedings.
- The term “Vakalatnama” is derived from two words: “Vakalat,” which means authority or power of attorney, and “Nama,” which means a document.
- When a person engages the services of a lawyer to represent them in a legal matter, they sign a Vakalatnama, which **formally appoints the lawyer to act on their behalf**.
- This document **outlines the scope of the lawyer’s authority, the specific case** or matter for which representation is sought, and other **relevant details**.
- It is also known as a **memo of appearance, Vakilat Patra, VP**.
- There is **no mention** of any particular definition of **Vakalatnama in the Civil Procedure Code, 1908**, or the **Power of Attorney Act, 1882**.
- The meaning of Vakalatnama is **defined in the Advocates Welfare Fund Act, 2001**, under which “Vakalatnama” includes a memorandum of appearance or any other document by which an advocate is

empowered to appear or plead before any court, tribunal, or other authority.

- The **holder of the vakalatnama** is **called a pleader, an advocate, counsel, vakil**, or an **attorney** who is authorized to accept the vakalatnama on behalf of his client or party of the litigation.
 - **Who can authorize a Vakalatnama?**
 - An **aggrieved person** can authorize a Vakalatnama.
 - **Anybody holding the Power of Attorney for the aggrieved person.**
 - **Anybody representing the aggrieved person** in business or trade in that jurisdiction.
 - A Vakalatnama can also be authorized by a **joint party in a case** in order to appoint either a set of advocates or the same advocate.
 - **A good Vakalatnama should contain the following:**
 - The date the Vakalatnama would be executed
 - The **name of the case/cases** in which the advocate is being appointed
 - The **name of the court/courts** in which the advocate is being appointed
 - The **name of the person authorizing** the Advocate/advocates
 - If the Vakalatnama is not executed by the issuer in person, then a written document should support the appointment of the advocate
 - The advocate's address so appointed
 - **Types of power granted** to the advocate
 - Signatures of the parties
 - Advocate's signature accepting the Vakalatnama
 - A vakalatnama **can be revoked** or withdrawn **by the client at any time**. However, it's important to follow the proper legal procedures for revocation, which may vary depending on the jurisdiction.
 - **No Vakalatnama is needed for performing other legal work** such as giving opinions, sending notices, drafting petitions, or other documents.
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Q1: What is the Advocates Welfare Fund Act, 2001?

The Advocates' Welfare Fund Act, 2001 is an Act to provide for the constitution of a Welfare Fund for the benefit of advocates and for matters connected therewith and incidental thereto. It came into being on 14 September, 2001 and extends to the whole of India except in those states which already have a state Welfare Fund Act functioning.

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