

CENTRE FOR ADVANCED STUDIES IN CRIMINAL LAW (CASCL)
Online Lecture on 'Fundamentals of Criminal Law Practice – An Overview'- 21.08.2021

REPORT

The Centre for Advanced Studies in Criminal Law (CASCL), RGNUL conducted an online lecture on the topic '**Fundamentals of Criminal Law Practice – An Overview**' Shri Kapil Sankhla, Senior Advocate Supreme Court of India New Delhi was the speaker for the session. Shri Kapil Sankhla is the Founder and Managing Partner of Sankhla & Associates. He is a leading Supreme Court advocate in Corporate and Criminal laws litigation field and has an experience of more than 20 years in the field of Law.

The Session commenced with Shri. Kapil Sankhla emphasizing on the usage of Bare Acts wherein he quoted that 'Bare Acts are the Jewelleries of a Lawyer.' Mr. Sankhla focussed on the flaws in criminal justice system. He discussed criminal Procedure Code, Indian Penal Code and Indian Evidence Act. While elaborating on four stages of offence, he alluded to State of Maharashtra v. Mohd. Yakub, Lalita Kumar v. State of UP, SPCBI v. Tapan Kumar. Mr Sankhla also discussed zero FIR and the rights of the accused. The Practical Aspects of working of Indian Penal Code, Code of Criminal Procedure and Indian Evidence Act were taken up by Mr. Sankhla. He alluded to Lalita Kumari, Arunesh Shukla, Mohd. Yakub while discussing important judgements in the field of Criminal Law.

Mr. Kapil Sankhla, deliberated on the need to bring reforms in the criminal system of India. He elaborated on certain flaws in the criminal justice system of the country. He also discussed the Criminal Procedure Code, Indian Penal Code, Indian Evidence Act. Mr. Sankhla said that Bare acts are important texts. He discussed 4 stages of commission of offence. He also emphasized upon four parts of criminal prosecution. He remarked, "justice delayed is justice denied". He discussed S. 482 and also how the FIR is quashed by the court. After discussing victim-centric issues, he focussed on the accused centric approach, Inculpatory and Exculpatory statements.

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