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Islamabad, 13<sup>th</sup> March, 2023

## C I R C U L A R

It has been observed by this Court, while hearing Civil Petition No.715 of 2020 on 17.02.2023 that, "The learned Mr. Aftab Alam Yasir, representing the said respondents, states that he had submitted an application in the office of this Court seeking permission that he may also be permitted to argue the case as co-counsel, but his application was not entertained by the office .....The office was correct in maintaining that two counsel cannot simultaneously argue on behalf of the same party.....".


2. Relevant provision of Supreme Court Rules, 1980 containing in Rule 11 of its Order XVII is reproduced as under:-

"At the hearing of a petition, not more than one counsel shall be allowed to be heard on one side."

3. Accordingly, all the Advocates-on Record (AORs) and Advocate Supreme Court (ASC) of this Court are required to strictly comply with the above reproduced Court Order as well as relevant Rule of the Supreme Court Rules, 1980 and in future followings may be ensured:-

- a. That while hearing of a petition before this Court only one counsel may appear from one side;
- b. That all petitions are filed before this Court by mentioning name of only one counsel for the petitioner,
- c. That while filing Caveats, Letters of Authority and Applications for change of counsel in petitions, name of only one counsel is mentioned to represent party concerned,
- d. That applications for placing name of an additional counsel in a petition will not be entertained by the Office.

4. This issues with the approval of Chief Justice of Pakistan.

  
( ZULFIQAR AHMAD )  
Assistant Registrar  
For Registrar

To:

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17. Director IT (IT Directorate) Islamabad is required to upload it on official website of Supreme Court of Pakistan.
18. Notice Board for information of AORs and ASCs at Principal Seat, Islamabad as well as Branch Registries at Lahore, Karachi, Peshawar and Quetta.