

Interns Juniors lamentations

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Read post over the month on LinkedIn, where members expressed agony over internships, junior ships, ill-treatment and berating colleagues and/or seniors, think it would be O. K. to share some thoughts:- A fresh law graduate wanted to learn some drafting from me, which I agreed, met at a hotel (**I never invite ladies at my residence**) and drafted on the spot four notices, pertaining to co-operative housing society, banking, municipal corporation and police, during my dictation, I visually observed (even though I was seated across the table) she wasn't writing what I was dictating, politely told her ("**Beta**", as affectionately addressed in Indian culture and Hindi literature) you have written wrong, she replied, *it means the same thing, I have written in my own words* I told her if you find it difficult to write fast, because of my speed in dictating, I shall slow down, if you have difficulty in my pronunciation I shall try to modulate my voice, to the best of my ability so that you may understand. We both smiled and she was about to leave, when I asked her what about the blanks which you have left? Her reply, *I'll check out the sections from the concerned Act. Two paramount questions arise for consideration, firstly, writing in one's own words, could distort the meaning of the contents, and legally disfigure the entire notice. Secondly; checking the sections from a law text book, could furnish one with an erroneous description, because every time one reads a particular section, it can give a different meaning, depending on the context in which it was used; besides one needs to check the latest case laws, particularly of the supreme court, also notifications, circulars, ordinances etc are to be read in conjunction,*

in order to arrive at the essence of the meaning of the subject at hand. I don't mean to be rude; but callow, young and fresh blood in the profession are in a great hurry for accolades and an avalanche of wealth, at the inception itself and want to fly, even though they don't know how to crawl. (Of course, I did not say that to her).

