IN THE SUPREME COURT OF PAKISTAN

(Original Jurisdiction)

Present:

Mr. Justice Jawwad S. Khawaja Mr. Justice Iqbal Hameedur Rahman

Mr. Justice Mushir Alam

Crl. Misc. Application No.86 of 2014

(Report of Secretary, Punjab Bar Council, Lahore)

IN

Criminal Petition No.240 of 2012

(Salamat Ali Chamma Vs. The State and another)

On Court's Notice:

17th March, 2014.

For Punjab Bar Council: Mr. Khalid Umar, Assistant Secretary/Law Officer

For Malik Haider Zaman Adv: Mian Israr-ul-Haq, ASC with

Malik Haider Zaman Advocate.

Date of hearing: 17.3.2014.

ORDER

Jawwad S. Khawaja, J. This order follows from our previous order dated 26.2.2014. Today Malik Haider Zaman Advocate has appeared alongwith Mian Israr-ul-Haq, ASC. Mian Israr-ul-Haq states *inter alia*, that the respondent would like to submit an unconditional apology and for this purpose has already apologized to the Presiding Officer of the learned trial Court and to the Judicial Officer who is her husband. However, he also added that Malik Haider Zaman Advocate was unwell on 21.7.2012 when his alleged misbehaviour with the Court was noted in the order sheet of that Court.

- 2. We have clarified to Mian Israr-ul-Haq, ASC and Malik Haider Zaman Advocate that the later should not feel pressured or obliged to tender an apology because his legal right to due process will be ensured even if he decides to put up a defence instead of submitting an apology. Mian Israr-ul-Haq ASC acknowledged that our legal system could not function if due respect was not shown to presiding officers of Trial and Appellate Courts.
- 3. Nevertheless Malik Haider Zaman Advocate is allowed two weeks within which he may file his concise statement and/or apology as he may chose. Relist thereafter.

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Islamabad, the	Judge