

Profile details

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Educational/Professional Memberships

B.A., M.A., LL.M.

Current Position

- Retired Judge, High Court of Bombay | Senior Counsel, Supreme Court of India | Arbitrator | Mediator | Chairperson, Yuvak Biradari Bharat Niti Council | Co Opt Member of Bar Council of Maharashtra and Goa

Professional Experience

- Commenced practice directly at the High Court of Bombay Bench at Aurangabad.
- On 12th August 1990, joined the chamber of Advocate Shri Satyanarayan Loya at Aurangabad and worked with him until 1996; subsequently practiced at Aurangabad Bench High Court of Bombay and the Principle seat of Bombay High Court at Mumbai.
- Practiced principally on the criminal side, and appeared as Special Counsel for the Airport

Authority of India Ltd., Cement Corporation of India, and Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Ltd.

- Elevated as Additional Judge of the Bombay High Court on 23rd January, 2012; retired on 13th June, 2022.
- Disposed of 18,694 criminal and civil cases over her tenure, including 65 Second Appeals disposed of within 8 weeks despite the pandemic period.
- Disposed of 8 death-penalty cases within 3 months, matters that had been pending for 8 years.
- Appointed Administrator of the Sanjeevani Trust, Parbhani, by the Supreme Court of India.
- Appointed Administrator of Venus Petrochemicals Pvt. Ltd. by the Supreme Court of India.
- Empanelled as an Arbitrator and Mediator by the Hon'ble High Court of Bombay.
- Member, Maharashtra Legal Services Authority.
- Designated as Senior Counsel by the Supreme Court of India.
- Chairperson, Yuvak Biradari Bharat Niti Council.
- Co Opt Member of Bar Council of Maharashtra and Goa
- Judicial Advisor in the Academic Council of Pravin Gandhi Law College
- Responsible for several legally significant interpretations of criminal and civil law and procedure.

NOTABLE CASES & JUDICIAL CONTRIBUTIONS

Over the course of her tenure on the Bombay High Court bench, Justice Jadhav presided over and delivered orders in several widely reported matters, including:

- Right to Appeal (2012): Together with Justice Abhay Oka, established that accused persons do not have an inherent right to appeal against judicial orders, and may do so only where such a right is expressly granted by statute.

- Female-Led Benches for Rape Acquittals (2013): Directed, along with Justice Vijaya Tahilramani, the constitution of female-led benches to hear appeals against acquittals in rape cases.
- Sheena Bora Murder Case (2016): Passed orders examining procedural delays in the investigation and trial.
- Govind Pansare Murder Case (2016): Heard appeals concerning the investigation, permitting further inquiry into possible links with related cases.
- Sanjay Dutt Early Release Matter (2017): Called upon the State Government to justify the early release of the accused in connection with the 1993 Bombay bombings case.
- Adarsh Housing Society Scam (2017): Along with Justice Ranjit More, examined the sanction granted for prosecution of a former Chief Minister of Maharashtra in connection with the matter.
- Payal Tadv Case (2019): Directed prosecutorial authorities to address delays in investigation concerning the abetment of suicide of a medical resident.
- Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989 (2019): Developed a reformative approach to sentencing under the Act in appropriate cases.
- **Manjula Shetye Custodial Death Matter — Bombay High Court (2017)**
Division Bench comprising Justice R. M. Sawant and Justice Sadhana S. Jadhav - Justice Sadhana S. Jadhav, as part of the Division Bench of the Bombay High Court, presided over proceedings concerning the custodial death of Manjula Shetye at Byculla Women's Prison. The Bench subjected the investigation to close judicial scrutiny, questioned the authorities' initial characterisation of the death as accidental despite evidence of multiple external injuries, and emphasised the need for a credible and independent investigation into custodial deaths. The proceedings underscored the State's heightened responsibility to protect persons in custody and the importance of preserving medical, CCTV and other evidentiary material. The Bench also addressed compliance with the statutory framework governing magisterial inquiries into custodial deaths. *The matter demonstrates Justice Jadhav's judicial engagement with custodial violence, prisoners' rights, Article 21, State accountability, independent investigation and protection of persons in State custody.*

- **Shakti Mills Gang-Rape Case — State of Maharashtra v. Vijay Mohan Jadhav & Ors., Bombay High Court (2021):** Justice Sadhana S. Jadhav authored the landmark judgment of the Bombay High Court in the Shakti Mills gang-rape case, delivered by a Division Bench comprising Justice Sadhana S. Jadhav and Justice Prithviraj K. Chavan. The Bench upheld the convictions of the accused for the brutal gang-rape of a photojournalist and, while exercising its jurisdiction in the death confirmation proceedings, declined to confirm the death sentences imposed upon three repeat offenders. The Court commuted the death penalty to **rigorous imprisonment for the remainder of their natural lives, without entitlement to remission, parole or furlough**, holding that although the offences were barbaric and heinous and warranted no sympathy or leniency, the irrevocable nature of capital punishment required the Court to apply the constitutional and statutory safeguards governing the death penalty. The judgment extensively considered **Section 376E IPC, the doctrine of proportionality in sentencing, the “rarest of rare” principle, aggravating and mitigating circumstances, possibility of reformation and rehabilitation, and the constitutional value of human dignity**. The Court observed that imprisonment for life would allow the convicts to undergo repentance and mental suffering for the remainder of their lives, whereas death would bring that process to an end. The judgment is significant for its contribution to Indian jurisprudence on **capital punishment, sentencing in cases of sexual violence, repeat sexual offenders, victims’ rights, women’s dignity and the constitutional limitations on the death penalty**.
- **Leonard Xavier Valdaris & Ors. v. Officer-in-Charge, Wadala Railway Police Station & Ors., Bombay High Court (2019):** Justice Sadhana S. Jadhav authored the judgment in proceedings concerning the **custodial death of Agnello @ Richie at Wadala Police Station and allegations of custodial sexual abuse and torture**. The Court subjected the investigation into the custodial death to close judicial scrutiny and examined the obligations of police authorities in cases involving persons in custody. Relying upon constitutional safeguards and the principles laid down by the Supreme Court in **D.K. Basu v. State of West Bengal** and **Arnesh Kumar v. State of Bihar**, the judgment emphasised accountability of police officers, protection of persons in custody, proper investigation of

custodial violence and adherence to statutory safeguards governing custodial deaths. The Court's intervention reflects the judiciary's role in ensuring **police accountability, protection of Article 21 rights, prevention of custodial torture and deaths, and an independent and effective investigation into allegations against law-enforcement authorities.**

Areas of Expertise

Criminal Law, Constitutional Law, Political Science

Arbitration Experience as Arbitrator

Experience as Arbitrator (total No of Arbitrations.) 38

International arbitrations – Number of total arbitrations : N.A.

Domestic Arbitrations – Number of total arbitrations

No. of Appointments as Sole Arbitrator: 36

No. of Appointments as Presiding Arbitrator: 1

No. of Hearings Conducted: Since 2023 – present

No. of Hearing Days: (approx.)

No. of Awards Issued: 1

Any other information - Brief description of experience as arbitrator

Arbitration Experience as Advocate

Experience as Advocate in conducting arbitration (total No.) N.A.

Brief description of experience as advocate

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Other Experience

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- Senior Counsel, Supreme Court of India.
- Arbitrator & Mediator, empanelled with the High Court of Bombay.
- Member, Maharashtra Legal Services Authority.
- Administrator, Sanjeevani Trust, Parbhani (appointed by the Supreme Court of India).
- Chairperson, Yuvak Biradari Bharat Niti Council.

Publications

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Languages known

English, Hindi, Marathi

Declarations

I am willing to act as an **Emergency Arbitrator**.

I confirm that **I have not been found guilty by any Court or disciplinary tribunal of misconduct.**

I confirm that **I am familiar with and will adhere to the ILSCA Institutional Arbitration Rules, 2020 and the ILSCA Code of Ethics.**

I consent to **ILSCA using any personal information provided in this application for processing my application, background checks, future appointments and listing my curriculum vitae on the ILSCA website.**

Should my profile be accepted by the **ILSCA Advisory Body**, I consent to the **sharing of my personal information with third parties when requested in connection with my appointment as an Arbitrator.**

I confirm that **the information provided in this pro forma is correct.**

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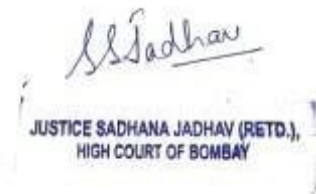
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HIGH COURT OF BOMBAY

Name: Justice Sadhana Sanjay Jadhav, Retired Judge High Court of Bombay

Date: 14.09.2026