

<sup>1</sup>[(4) Where the local limits of the jurisdiction of any District Court, <sup>2</sup>[Court of a Senior Civil Judge] or <sup>3</sup>[Court of Civil Judge] is varied by a notification issued under sub-section (1) or sub-section (2), the High Court may make such orders as at it may consider necessary for the transfer of suits, applications appeals and other proceedings pending in any such Court.]

**14. Jurisdiction of District Court.**—(1) The District Court shall be deemed to be the Principal Civil Court of original jurisdiction within the local limits of its jurisdiction.

(2) Subject to the provisions of the Code of Civil Procedure, 1908 (Central Act 5 of 1908), the jurisdiction of a District Court shall extend to all original suits and proceedings of a civil nature.

**15. Control of subordinate Courts by District Court.**—The District Court shall, subject to the general control of the High Court, have control over all other Civil Courts within the local limits of its jurisdiction.

**16. Jurisdiction of <sup>4</sup>[Senior Civil Judge].**—The jurisdiction of the <sup>5</sup>[Court of a Senior Civil Judge] shall extend to all original suits and proceedings of a civil nature.

**17. Jurisdiction of <sup>6</sup>[Civil Judge].**—The jurisdiction of a <sup>7</sup>[Court of Civil Judge] shall extend to all original suits and proceedings of a civil nature, not otherwise excluded from the

1. Sub-section (4) inserted by Act No. 13 of 1980.
2. Substituted for the words "Court of a Civil Judge (Senior Division)" by Act No. 21 of 2009, w.e.f. 28-08-2009.
3. Substituted for the words "Court of Civil Judge (Junior Division)" by Act No. 21 of 2009, w.e.f. 28-08-2009.
4. Substituted for the words "Civil Judge (Senior Division)" by Act No. 21 of 2009, w.e.f. 28-08-2009.
5. Substituted for the words "Court of a Civil Judge (Senior Division)" by Act No. 21 of 2009, w.e.f. 28-08-2009.
6. Substituted for the word "Civil Judge (Junior Division)" by Act No. 21 of 2009, w.e.f. 28-08-2009.
7. Substituted for the words "Court of Civil Judge (Junior Division)" by Act No. 21 of 2009, w.e.f. 28-08-2009.

<sup>1</sup>[Civil Judge's] jurisdiction, of which the amount or value of the subject-matter does not exceed <sup>2</sup>[fifteen lakh rupees.]

**18. Appeals from District Courts.**—Appeals from the decrees and orders passed by a District Court in original suits and proceedings of a civil nature shall, when such appeals are allowed by law, lie to the High Court.

<sup>3</sup>[**19. Appeals from Senior Civil Judge.**—Appeals from the decrees and orders passed by a Senior Civil Judge in original suits and proceedings of a civil nature, shall, when such appeals are allowed by law, lie to the District Court.]

**PRIOR TO AMENDMENT**

**19. Appeals from <sup>4</sup>[Senior Civil Judge].**—Appeals from the decrees and orders passed by a <sup>5</sup>[Senior Civil Judge] in original suits and proceedings of a civil nature, shall, when such appeals are allowed by law, lie. —

(1) to the District Court, when the amount or value of the subject-matter of the original suit or proceeding <sup>6</sup>[does not exceed <sup>7</sup>[ten lakh rupees]];

(2) to the High Court, in other cases.

**Comments**

The amendment to Section 19 of the Karnataka Civil Courts Act, 1964, maintains that the value of the subject matter in the original proceeding, not the value in dispute on appeal, determines the appellate forum. Despite the learned Government Advocate's argument citing Sections 48 and 49 of the Court Fees Act, which calculates the appeal's value including solatium and interest, the court found these sections irrelevant to determining the appellate forum. Therefore, the appeal lies with the District Court, as the value of the subject matter in the original proceeding before the Civil Judge was Rs. 54,000/-. The records of the appeal are to be transmitted to the District Court, Uttar Kannada District. Copies of this order are to be

1. Substituted for the word "Civil Judge's (Junior Division)" by Act No. 21 of 2009, w.e.f. 28-08-2009.
2. Substituted for the words "five lakh rupees" by Act No. 33 of 2024, w.p.e.f. 19-06-2024. Prior substituted for the words "fifty thousand rupees" by Act No. 26 of 2007, w.r.e.f. 28-08-2007.
3. Section 19 substituted by Act No. 33 of 2024, w.p.e.f. 19-06-2024.
4. Substituted for the words "Civil Judge (Senior Division)" by Act No. 21 of 2009, w.e.f. 28-08-2009.
5. Substituted for the words "Civil Judge (Senior Division)" by Act No. 21 of 2009, w.e.f. 28-08-2009.
6. Substituted for the words "is less than one lakh rupees" by Act No. 26 of 2007, w.e.f. 28-08-2007.
7. Substituted for the words "twenty thousand rupees" by Act No. 13 of 1989, w.e.f. 17-04-1989.