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## The Issue of Gender Stereotyping within the Indian Judicial System: with Reference to Study on Women Advocates and Judges

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Abstract: Women's pursuit of justice is hindered by patriarchal, cultural, and caste traditions. The notion of "compromise" is prevalent in Courts, even in situations involving rape. Despite the widespread existence of well-structured substantive and procedural elements within the legal system, the constitutional commitment to gender equality remains elusive for women. In India, the pursuit of justice for women is hindered by various intersectional issues, including tradition, caste, religion, and culture. Indeed, the criminal justice administration is afflicted by gender bias. This study utilizes significant legal cases as evidence to illustrate the inherent prejudices displayed by judicial systems in cases involving sexual assault and rape. The study will additionally utilize feminist concepts to emphasize the necessity for the legal system to comprehend the profound historical and socio-political circumstances from which gender-related concerns stem. The report finishes by providing recommendations on how courts can eliminate gender bias. In order to achieve gender justice, the law must serve as a catalyst for transformation. It is imperative for lawyers and judges to exercise caution and refrain from being swayed by personal biases and prejudices, while simultaneously demonstrating societal sensitivity when dealing with instances involving crimes against women.

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