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Supreme Court Rules Out Special Path for Promotee Judges, Lays Down New Seniority Map

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In a judgment that redraws the internal architecture of the higher judiciary, the Supreme Court has shut the door firmly on the idea of carving out a privileged lane for Regular Promotee judges (RPs) to ascend to the Higher Judicial Service (HJS). The message was crisp and unadorned: experience at the lower rungs is valuable, but it cannot — on its own — be the basis for demanding a separate...

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