



## AFFIDAVIT

All of us have submitted an Anti-ragging affidavit or atleast an affidavit of caste, domicile during the course of our college admissions. But how many of us really understood the legal implication of signing this document called an “Affidavit”?

An affidavit is a written statement, voluntarily made under oath by an individual competent to testify (i.e. an adult of sound mind etc), asserting that the information therein is true. The document is signed by both, the person making the statement, called an affiant, and by a person who is legally authorized to administer an oath, such as a notary public or government officials.

An affidavit must contain:

1. A statement that the information contained in the affidavit is being sworn in for veracity
2. The information that is being sworn
3. The signature of the affiant
4. Verification of a notary public or other officer authorized to administer oaths.

While making an affidavit, it is mandatory to ensure that the facts are clearly and accurately represented. Signing an affidavit that contains misinformation may amount to perjury & attract criminal penalties. If the affidavit includes any statement that is the opinion or belief of the affiant, the fact that it is an opinion or belief must be stated clearly.

An affidavit is commonly required to verify financial transactions, in government forms, in court matters or in any general transaction that requires information sworn to be true.

Did you know an ‘Affidavit’ is different from an ‘Undertaking’?

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