

Part VII - Appearance of Executants and Witnesses

Use summons, commissions and exemption routes while preserving service, identity and testimony evidence.

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Dedicated Finin2min Summary - Chapter in 2 Minutes

- Section 36: Procedure where appearance of executant or witness is desired - convert into a State-source, deadline and evidence control.
- Section 37: Officer or Court to issue and cause service of summons - convert into a State-source, deadline and evidence control.
- Section 38: Persons exempt from appearance at registration-office - convert into a State-source, deadline and evidence control.
- Section 39: Law as to summonses, commissions and witnesses - convert into a State-source, deadline and evidence control.
- Use summons, commissions and exemption routes while preserving service, identity and testimony evidence.
- Verify current State amendments, section 69 Rules, fees, portal and office jurisdiction.

Current statutory text / controlled source map

Section 36 - Procedure where appearance of executant or witness is desired.

Section 37 - Officer or Court to issue and cause service of summons.

Section 38 - Persons exempt from appearance at registration-office.

Section 39 - Law as to summonses, commissions and witnesses.

Section-by-section provision map

Provision	Subject / status	Finin2min decode, implementation and evidence
Section 36	Procedure where appearance of executant or witness is desired <i>Operative subject to current Central and State law</i>	Section 36 governs procedure where appearance of executant or witness is desired. Identify actor, trigger, document, property, time, office, authority, evidence, State rule and legal consequence before acting. Implementation: Create a transaction-date checklist linking the Central section, current State amendment/rule, office notification, portal workflow, form, fee, stamp, identity evidence and remedy clock. Preserve the exact source version used. Evidence: Official Act and State source; executed instrument; title/property description; stamp/fee proof; identity/authority; appointment/presentation receipt; endorsements/certificate; certified copies; notices and remedy chronology.
Section 37	Officer or Court to issue and cause service of summons <i>Operative subject to current Central and State law</i>	Section 37 governs officer or court to issue and cause service of summons. Identify actor, trigger, document, property, time, office, authority, evidence, State rule and legal consequence before acting. Implementation: Create a transaction-date checklist linking the Central section, current State amendment/rule, office notification, portal workflow, form, fee, stamp, identity evidence and remedy clock. Preserve the exact source version used. Evidence: Official Act and State source; executed instrument; title/property description; stamp/fee proof; identity/authority; appointment/presentation receipt; endorsements/certificate; certified copies; notices and remedy chronology.
Section 38	Persons exempt from appearance at registration-office <i>Operative subject to current Central and State law</i>	Section 38 governs persons exempt from appearance at registration-office. Identify actor, trigger, document, property, time, office, authority, evidence, State rule and legal consequence before acting. Implementation: Create a transaction-date checklist linking the Central section, current State amendment/rule, office notification, portal workflow, form, fee, stamp, identity evidence and remedy clock. Preserve the exact source version used. Evidence: Official Act and State source; executed instrument; title/property description; stamp/fee proof; identity/authority; appointment/presentation receipt; endorsements/certificate; certified copies; notices and remedy chronology.
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Finin2min implementation explanation

Classify the document and operative rights. Build the Central and State source pack. Verify title, authority, stamp, property description, time, office, presenter, identity and execution. Reconcile the final registered record and preserve remedies.

Practical examples and calculations

Scenario: A property instrument is commercially agreed before document classification, State rules, stamp, authority, office jurisdiction and presentation mechanics are complete. Registration must be treated as a controlled legal closing, not a clerical step.

Control	Method	Evidence
Transaction value	Reconcile consideration, debt, non-cash value, guideline value and taxes.	Agreement, valuation and ledger
Registration clock	Map execution, presentation, appearance, completion and remedy dates.	Chronology and receipts
Exposure	Quantify title/stamp/fee defects, delay, litigation, interest and cure cost.	Risk register and legal model

Practical transaction application

Classify document; capture State sources; verify title/authority/stamp; compute time, fee and office; present and register; reconcile final record and remedies.

Authority, consent and execution controls

Confirm parties, entity authority, approvals, power of attorney, execution date, witnesses, attestation, identity and admission.

Stamp duty and registration alerts

Apply current State instrument classification, market value, duty, fee, concessions, adjudication, impounding and prohibited-document controls.

Evidence and document-retention checklist

Retain source pack, title/property, authority, final instrument, stamp/fee, identity, portal/office receipts, endorsement, certificate, registered copy and remedy chronology.

Performance, delivery and payment controls

Use closing conditions, escrow/retention, originals handover and post-registration filings; compare executed, uploaded and registered versions.

Breach, loss, mitigation and remedy framework

Separate refusal, title, stamp, fraud, execution and data issues; select appeal/application/suit, specific relief, injunction, damages or criminal response.

Limitation and forum controls

Compute presentation, delay, Registrar, section 77 and substantive relief clocks; select civil, commercial, RERA, revenue, writ or ADR route.

Arbitration and mediation interface

ADR may resolve contract issues but cannot replace statutory registration functions or adjudicate all title/public-record questions.

Company, partnership, GST and tax overlays

Apply entity authority, charges, TPA, RERA, Stamp, TDS, capital gains, valuation, GST, FEMA and insolvency.

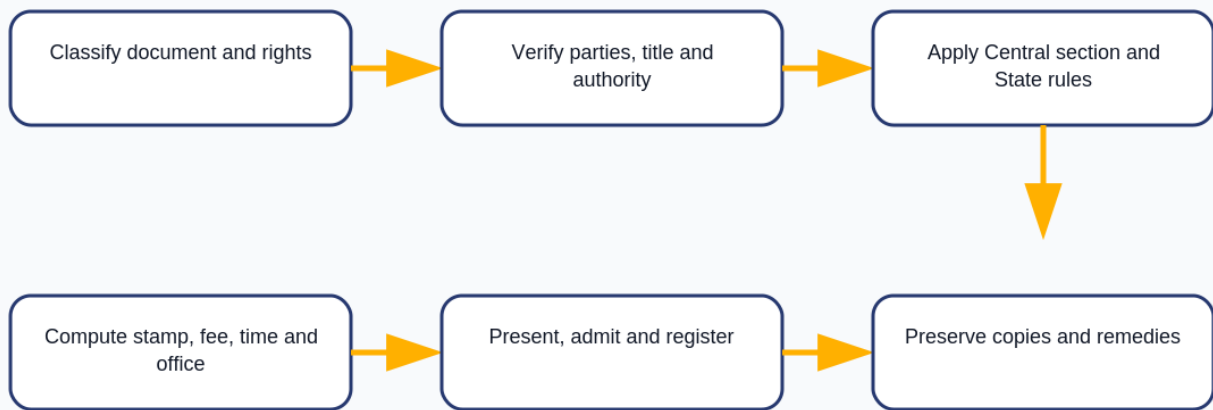
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Registration is not title insurance. State rules and portal controls are essential. Preserve the exact source and evidence pack.

Chapter-specific decision flowchart

Classify -> verify title/authority -> apply Central and State law -> compute stamp/time/office -> present/register -> preserve record/remedies.

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Finin2min registration decision flow - verify current State law, portal and office notification

Official source: <https://www.indiacode.nic.in/bitstream/123456789/2190/5/A1908-16.pdf>

Legal-use note: verify current Central and State law, rules, fee table, portal and office jurisdiction before reliance.