



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
BENCH AT AURANGABAD

925 APPLN. FOR LEAVE TO APPEAL BY PVT. PARTY NO. 177 OF 2024

SUNIL BHIKA CHAUDHARI
VERSUS
VIKAS DEVRAM SONAWANE

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Advocate for Appellant : Mr. Prafullasing H. Patil
Advocate for Respondent : Mr. Vishnu B. Madan
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CORAM : ABHAY S. WAGHWASE, J.
DATED : 20 JANUARY 2026

PER COURT :-

1. Learned counsel for the applicant points out that, the instant application has been preferred seeking leave to file appeal against the order of acquittal from offence under Section 138 of the Negotiable Instruments Act. He prays that, now, in view of the decision of the Hon'ble Supreme Court in *Celestium Financial v. Ganasekaran Etc.* [(2025) SCC OnLine SC 1320], he would contest the appeal before learned District and Sessions Court and hence urges that the application be transferred to the District Court.

2. In view of the above, the following order is passed :

ORDER

I. The present proceedings be transferred to the concerned District and Sessions Court. Learned Registrar (Judicial) of this Court to take further necessary action for transferring this matter to the concerned District and Sessions Court, immediately.

II. The learned Sessions Court to whom this matter will be assigned, after registering it, shall issue notice to the concerned parties, and thereafter, proceed further with the matter in accordance with law.

III. The concerned Sessions Court shall treat this matter as appeal under proviso to Section 372 of the Code of Criminal Procedure as per the observations of the Hon'ble Supreme Court in the case of *Celestium Financial* (supra).

[ABHAY S. WAGHWASE, J.]

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