ABSTRACT

MINOR'S SUIT FOR PARTITION OF HINDU JOINT FAMILY PROPERTY

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In the general purview, 18 years of age is taken to be the legal age on the attainment of which the person is capable of transacting on his own. A minor is considered to be a child. A person ordinarily ceases to be a child on his attaining the age of majority. In most cases, a minor i.e. a person who has not attained the age of 18 years (or 21 years under the Indian Majority Act if appointed with a legal guardian), is not given the capacity. Partition means to divide into parts or separate. Under Hindu law, it generally means a division or splitting up of a joint property into smaller, separate and independent units with conferment of separate status on the undivided corpaceners. A minor is also a coparcener. Therefore, the minor can also ask for the partition of the family. But there can be direct partition only when it is beneficial to the interest of the minor.

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