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ALL CONTESTING CANDIDATES,
SUPPORTERS AND MEMBERS OF THE BAR.

SUBJECT : FINAL WARNING

Dear All,

The Election Committee (EC) of the Bar Council of Delhi has, until this hour, functioned with the expectation that the members of this noble profession would uphold its dignity without the need for coercive measures. To this end, the EC has spent hundreds of man-hours scrutinizing more than a hundred written apologies from candidates, supporters, and third-party organizers who admitted to violating the Model Code of Conduct (MCC). While these apologies were initially accepted in the interest of professional grace, it has become evident that some individuals are misinterpreting leniency as a license for defiance. The "long rope" extended by the EC has reached its end. Henceforth, the EC will no longer accept apologies or "undertakings of regret" as a resolution for violations. Any breach of the MCC or the BCI Election Rules 2023 will now trigger immediate, non-negotiable legal and professional consequences. The EC is fully aware of the "ingenious" methods being deployed to evade oversight, including:

• Off-Site Parties: Events organized in the NCR (outside Delhi) or at private farmhouses.

• Disguised Gatherings: Parties hosted under the guise of "get-togethers," "consultations," or "office openings".

• Outside Interference: Seeking the help of non-advocates or political figures to create a "power-wielding perception".

• Misuse of Media: Utilizing past videos/photographs to misrepresent current support or violate ballot secrecy through digital tracking (QR codes).

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ALL CONCERNED MAY NOTE AND BE ADVISED that:

• The EC is now contemplating to mobilize Joint Flying Squads in coordination with the Delhi Police and the Excise Department.

• Information regarding such events will be shared in real-time across advocate groups, and the matter will be handed over to statutory agencies for action under the Delhi Excise Act and the BNS for bribery and enticement.

• Effective immediately, any candidate found involved in—or benefiting from—a violation, whether directly or through a third party, shall face:

- Deletion of the name from the Ballot Paper and cancellation of the right to vote.

- Formal referral for the suspension of the License to Practice under Section 35 of the Advocates Act, 1961.

- For electoral malpractice, public defacement, and violation of excise policies.

The EC's role is to ensure a fair and dignified election, not to monitor private festivities. However, if candidates choose to turn this election into a display of "money and muscle power," the EC will meet that defiance with the full force of the law.

BY ORDER RETURNING OFFICER AND THE ELECTION COMMITTEE, ELECTION 2026 BAR COUNCIL OF DELHI.

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