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BCD/Elect/2026/203 **09.02.2026**

ALL ESTEEMED MEMBERS OF THE BAR

SUBJECT : URGENT ADVISORY & WARNING TO VOTERS

Sir/Madam,

It has come to the notice of the Election Committee that a disturbing and unethical practice is being deployed to subvert the sanctity of the ongoing Bar Council of Delhi Elections 2026. Certain contesting candidates, in active collusion with external organizations (claiming international status), are distributing "Certificates of Distinguished Membership" and other such titles to voters. These certificates are being sent unsolicited, without any application or fee paid by you, and are timed specifically to coincide with election campaigning.

THE ELECTION COMMITTEE WISHES TO CLARIFY THE FOLLOWING:

The Learned Members of the Bar may please note and appreciate that a "Distinguished Membership" awarded without your request, merit assessment, or consent, strictly during an election cycle, is not a professional recognition. It is a bribe. It is a tangible "gift" and "inducement" disguised as a certificate, designed to purchase your vote and compromise your independence.

The distribution of such favours constitutes a "Corrupt Practice" under the Advocates Act and the Election Rules. Any candidate resorting to "Certificate Diplomacy" and/or any other similar methodologies devised to lure young voters is effectively admitting that they lack the merit to win on their own performance.

We have observed that these certificates contain your personal residential addresses and mobile numbers. Since you did not apply for this membership, your data has likely been shared by the candidate with external/foreign agencies without your consent. This is a serious breach of your privacy and a violation of Digital Personal Data norms.

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AN APPEAL TO THE YOUNG BAR The future of our legal fraternity rests on your shoulders. The Bar Council needs leaders of integrity, not those who trade in meaningless titles and unauthorized favors.

WE SEEK YOUR ASSISTANCE: We call upon all vigilant young voters to help us "bring to book" these unscrupulous elements.

If you have received such a certificate or "offer of membership" linked to a vote, please report it to the Election Committee immediately.

Do not let your vote be traded for a piece of paper.

Forward images/copies of such certificates and the covering letters/envelopes to the Election Committee via email or WhatsApp (as per details below). Your identity will be kept strictly CONFIDENTIAL.

Email for Complaints: bcdelections2026.com
WhatsApp Helpline: [8130591443]

Let us work together to ensure a free, fair, and dignified election.

By Order of the Election Committee, Bar Council of Delhi Election 2026

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