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BAR COUNCIL OF DELHI
(Statutory Body Constituted under the Advocates Act, 1961)
2/6, Siri Fort Institutional Area, Khel Gaon Marg, New Delhi-110 049

Ref. No. : **5638/SC-BCD/2025**

Dated : **27.12.2025**

**The Presidents/Secretaries
All the Bar Associations,
Delhi/New Delhi.**

Ref : Bar Council of Delhi Elections – 2026

**Sub : Intimation regarding Election Schedule,
Model Code of Conduct etc.**

Dear Sirs,

The Schedule of Election, Model Code of Conduct, format of Undertaking etc. with respect to ensuing **Bar Council of Delhi Elections - 2026** is displayed herewith for your perusal and information, please.

Thanking you,

Yours sincerely,


Col. Arun Sharma (Retd.)
Secretary



AFFIDAVIT/UNDERTAKING
TO BE FURNISHED BY THE ASPIRING CONTESTANT/CANDIDATE
BEFORE THE RETURNING OFFICER/ELECTION COMMITTEE
BAR COUNCIL OF DELHI

IN THE MATTER OF:

**PARTICIPATION AS A CONTESTANT IN THE ENSUING ELECTIONS TO THE
BAR COUNCIL OF DELHI (2026)**

AFFIDAVIT/UNDERTAKING

I, _____, S/o / D/o / W/o _____,
aged about _____ years, Resident of _____,
having Enrollment No. _____ dated _____ on the State
Roll of the Bar Council of Delhi, do hereby solemnly affirm and declare as
under:

1. That I am a practicing Advocate and a contesting candidate for the BCD Elections for the post of Member BCD.
2. That I am a regular practitioner, not a convict, and I do not have any criminal case of a serious nature (punishable with a punishment of 7 years or more) pending against me prior to 9 months of the election.
3. That I have not been punished by any Disciplinary Committee of the BCD or BCI in the 9 months preceding the election, nor am I currently suspended or debarred.
4. That I am qualified to be a member of the Delhi Bar Council and also to be a voter in the Bar Council of Delhi Elections to be held in February 2026. I also confirm that I suffer from no disqualification for being a member of Bar Council of Delhi and also being a voter for Bar Council of Delhi Elections to be held in February, 2026, as provided for in Chapter-I of Bar Council of India Rules (for Qualification/Disqualification and produce for election and code of conduct for elections of S.B.C/B.C.I.) 2023 issued vide Bar Council of India Notification no. F. No. BCI:D:3429/2023 dated 23.06.2023.


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5. That I shall fully comply with the **Code of Conduct** prescribed by the Bar Council of India for elections to State Bar Councils and also Code of Conduct notified by the Election Committee, including but not limited to avoiding acts of or any form of malpractice, bribery, extravagant campaigning, personal attacks, defamatory statements, hate speech, threats, false allegations against judges, the Bar Council, institutions, or other candidates, and any other act that may bring disrepute to the legal profession.
6. That I hold valid certificates and degrees recognized by the State Government and am not working in any other job, including as a handwriting expert or professional witness.
7. That I have carefully read and understood the Model Code of Conduct (Annexure-A) attached to this Undertaking, which has been formulated based on the Advocates Act, 1961, BCI Rules, and directions from the Hon'ble High Court of Delhi.
8. I hereby accept and adopt the said Code of Conduct in its entirety and also undertake to ensure that my supporters, agents, and campaign team strictly adhere to it.
9. That I, hereby undertake, in my own interest and that of the dignity of the institution to which I belong, not to indulge in any form of crude display of money or muscle power. I specifically undertake that:
- I shall not throw or host any parties, either personally or through any of my supporters/proxies.
 - No liquor shall be served or distributed by me or on my behalf.
 - No dinners or lunches shall be organized on any pretext or by any name (including any ostensible "Party"/ "BHANDARA", or "IFTAR" or "BIRTHDAY or any other nomenclature).
 - There shall be no distribution of gifts or souvenirs.
10. I acknowledge that any violation of the attached Code of Conduct (Annexure-A) or this Undertaking shall constitute "misconduct" and


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"corrupt practice," being willful wrongdoing or breach of established standards and the same would not only render my candidature liable to be nullified and cancelled, but would also entail consequential disciplinary proceedings against me and other concerned persons acting on my behalf.

11. I specifically accept that if I am found in violation, the consequences may include the cancellation of my candidature, the elimination of my name from the ballot, and the distribution of my votes amongst remaining candidates.
12. I undertake that the decision of the Election Committee regarding such violations shall be final and binding upon me.

DEPONENT

VERIFICATION

I, the above-named Deponent, verify that the contents of this Undertaking are true and correct to the best of my knowledge. Nothing material has been concealed.

Verified at New Delhi on _____, 2026.

DEPONENT



[Signature]
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MODEL CODE OF CONDUCT
FOR "BAR COUNCIL OF DELHI ELECTIONS, 2026"

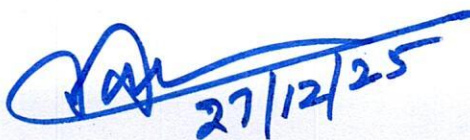
PREAMBLE & AUTHORITY

The following Model Code of Conduct is formulated for the upcoming Bar Council of Delhi Elections, 2026, to ensure a free, fair, and transparent electoral process to be followed by the Candidates, supporters and the Advocates participating in the elections.

This Code is established with the objective of upholding the nobility and dignity of the legal profession and shall come into effect immediately from the date of notification being published and remain in force until the conclusion of the counting process i.e. the election process.

This Code is formulated on the basis of :

- (i) The Advocates Act, 1961 and Bar Council of India Rules framed from time to time and applicable as on date.
- (ii) Bar Council of India Rules (Verification of Certificate and Place of Practice) Rules, 2015, and
- (iii) Bar Council of India Rules (for qualification/disqualification and produce for election and code of conduct for the elections of S.B.C/B.C.I.) 2023 as published vide Gazette Notification No. F. No. BCI:D:3429/2023 dated 23.06.2023
- (iv) Directions issued by the Hon'ble Delhi High Court in W.P.(C) No. 486/2018 titled Birender Sangwan Vs. District Judge, North West Delhi (Orders dated 31.01.2018 & 16.02.2018).
- (v) Deliberations & suggestions for conducting a free, fair and transparent elections for the betterment of the Legal Fraternity.
- (vi) The Election Committee reserves its right to issue further guidelines / prohibitions / permissions as required / mandated by the High-Powered Committee to ensure conduct of free & fair elections.


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1. GENERAL PROHIBITIONS & DIGNITY OF THE INSTITUTION

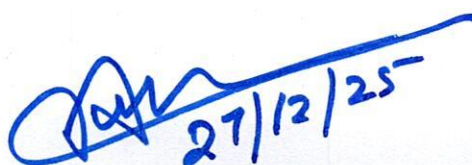
- 1.1 The ethos of this Code is to ensure that Advocates, who are officers of the Court and the bedrock of the legal system, adhere to an electoral process free from malpractice.
- 1.2 Candidates are advised in their own interest, and that of the dignity of the institution to which they belong, not to indulge in any form of crude display of money or muscle power.
- 1.3 Candidates shall not throw any parties, either personally or through any proxies. No liquor is to be served or distributed. No dinners or lunches shall be organized on any pretext or by any name, specifically including any ostensible "BHANDARA" or "IFTAR" or "BIRTHDAY" or any other nomenclature.
- 1.4 There shall be no distribution of gifts, souvenirs, or freebies of any nature, irrespective of their value.

2. ELIGIBILITY & DISQUALIFICATIONS

- 2.1 No person who is not an Advocate on the electoral rolls of the Bar Council of Delhi shall be permitted to take part in the election process in any capacity (supporter, election or counting agent, etc.).
- 2.2 A candidate must be a practicing Advocate, not a convict, and must not have any criminal case of a serious nature (punishable with imprisonment of 7 years or more) pending against them prior to 9 months of the election.
- 2.3 The candidate must not have been punished by any Disciplinary Committee of the BCD or BCI in the 9 months preceding the election, nor be currently suspended or debarred.
- 2.4 The candidate must hold valid certificates/degrees recognized by the State Government and must not be engaged in any other job or occupation, including working as a handwriting expert or professional witness.

3. CORRUPT PRACTICES & UNDUE INFLUENCE

- 3.1 All candidates are prohibited from indulging in or abetting activities considered "corrupt practices.", which would include but not be restricted to those enumerated herein.

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- 3.2 Any act done directly by the candidate, or by any supporter/proxy, which can be construed as enticement, allurement, pressure tactics, or bribery is strictly prohibited. "Enticing" explicitly includes offering food or liquor. "Bribing" will include offering any kind of gift or distributing freebies, however small priced the same may be and would further be bound by Rule 34 (6) of the Rules of Bar Council of Delhi, framed under the provision of the Advocates Act, 1961.
- 3.3 All acts of malpractices, using hate speech or anti-national or anti-institutional speech, using offensive or defamatory words or threatening words against any Judge, Bar Council or any candidate or making false or vague or bald allegations with an intent to damage the reputation or image of any candidate or Member shall be treated to be serious misconduct and corrupt practice.
- 3.4 No Advocate holding any office/former office in a Bar Association, Bar Council, or political party shall utilize their official title or capacity in any campaign material or social media post. Violation of this rule shall result in disqualification and potential removal from the rolls of the Bar Council of Delhi.

4. DIGITAL CONDUCT & MISINFORMATION

- 4.1 No candidate shall use any platform (including social media) to disseminate information that is patently false, untrue, or misleading.
- 4.2 Candidates shall not circulate synthetically created or AI-manipulated media (deepfakes) intended to deceive voters or damage the reputation of any fellow contestant.
- 4.3 The use of bulk messaging services (SMS, WhatsApp Business API, etc.) for campaigning is strictly prohibited during the silent period and day of polling.
- 4.4 The use of mass media (print, electronic, digital) for partisan publicity disguised as news is prohibited.
- 4.5 The candidates shall keep a regular tab on all their social media handles to ensure compliance in this regard.

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5. PHYSICAL CAMPAIGNING, MEETINGS & VENUES

5.1 Candidates may, if they so desire, campaign via a Vision Document approved by the Election Committee. Candidates may post their Vision Document on their own social media accounts, and then provide the link to Bar Council of Delhi, which could then share the link on its website.

5.2 Promotional cards must not exceed the size of 4" x 6". Unsolicited distribution of cards or any propaganda material and/or affixation thereof on the building/walls within the Court premises is strictly prohibited.

5.3 The promotional cards/vision document or any other kind of informational material as permitted under the Rules/MCC/FAQs issued by the Election Committee should have details of Enrollment number and date of enrollment with the BCD.

5.4 MEETING RESTRICTIONS:

(i) Meetings are not permitted in 'star' category hotels, clubs, or banquets.

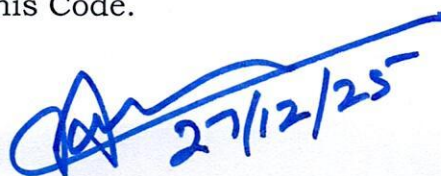
(ii) All gatherings must strictly conclude by 7:30 PM.

(iii) Refreshments are limited strictly to tea/coffee and a maximum of four snacks (High Tea only).

(iv) No hosting of Dinner/ Lunch/ Bhandara or Iftar or Birthday or any other nomenclature by the candidates or those supporting them either for prospective voters or supporters of candidates, is permitted.

5.5 No affixation/placement of hoardings, canvassing boards/pasting of propaganda related material/content is allowed at public places such as walls, metro pillars/bus stands, electricity poles, including paid/private sites within Delhi/NCR including the court premises.

5.6 All such banners, hoardings, and posters including those on any of the paid/private sites within Delhi/NCR must be removed within 24 hours of the notification of this Code.

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6. FINANCIAL REGULATIONS

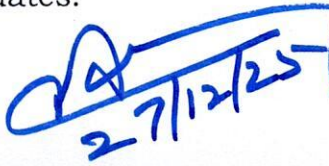
- 6.1 The maximum election expenditure per candidate is capped at Rs.10,00,000/- (Rupees Ten Lakhs Only).
- 6.2 Each candidate shall submit self-attested audited accounts to the Election Committee within one week of the declaration of results. These accounts shall be published on the BCD website.

7. SOCIAL MEDIA & MESSAGING REGULATIONS:

- 7.1 Candidates are required to submit all social media handles, messaging app details, and mobile numbers to the Election Committee. These platforms will be recognized as the official channels for electioneering.
- 7.2 Candidates are accountable for all information and content shared on these channels. This ensures transparency and fair play in electioneering.
- 7.3 The Election Committee retains the authority to examine content shared on these handles to prevent violations of the Model Code of Conduct (MCC).

8. STRENGTHENING DEMOCRACY THROUGH TRANSPARENCY & LEVEL PLAYING FIELD.

- 8.1 The Election Committee (EC) of the Bar Council of Delhi is steadfast in its resolve to conduct the ensuing elections in a manner that is not only free and fair but also transparent and equitable.
- 8.2 A core tenet of a fair election is the creation of a "Level Playing Field," ensuring that every aspiring candidate, regardless of their financial resources or seniority, has an equal opportunity to present their candidature to the electorate.
- 8.3 With a view to provide equitable digital outreach, the EC has decided to open the official digital infrastructure of the Bar Council of Delhi (including its official website and verified social media handles) to all validly nominated candidates.


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- 8.4 Therefore, the EC mandates that every candidate must articulate their agenda/Manifesto clearly so that this information can be made available on the BCD portal/social media handles to facilitate that voters have an authentic source to compare profiles and manifestos, and make an informed and objective choice to elect their representatives, free from the noise of social media campaigns.
- 8.5 To operationalize this initiative, it would be mandatory for all aspirants to submit specific material in the prescribed format and alongwith a **Vision Document**, with a view to foster a sense of purpose, accountability and objectivity. The candidate concerned shall ensure compliance.
- 8.6 The candidate shall also furnish, in the prescribed format, an undertaking/license/authorization to publish/share the information/vision document on the BCD portal and social media handles.

9. POLLING DAY REGULATIONS

- 9.1 No canvassing is permitted 36 hours before the commencement of polling. No propaganda or canvassing in any manner or form is permitted on the days of election.
- 9.2 Except the voters, no one without a valid Identity Card/letter of authority issued by the Election Committee shall enter the Designated Polling Area on the Polling Days and also the earmarked sitting area outside the counting station till the conclusion of counting and declaration of results.
- 9.3 Hiring vehicles to ferry voters to or from the polling venue is strictly prohibited.
- 9.4 No eatables are allowed on polling day; only drinking water may be served.
- 9.5 Use of loudspeakers/Megaphones/Sound enhancing acoustic devices and/or vehicles causing noise nuisance within or outside Court premises/polling station during the campaign period or the day of the election/voting shall remain strictly prohibited.
- 9.6 The use of mobile phones, cameras of any kind, and scanners is strictly prohibited within the polling booth and the polling hall by any candidate, supporter, or voter.


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9.7 The candidate and their supporters shall not carry or possess any Firearms or other weapons during the campaign period or on the days of polling.

10. ENFORCEMENT:

10.1 Any violation of this Code of Conduct, including but not limited to the use of muscle power, hosting feasts (Bhandara/Iftar/Birthday), or financial malpractices, constitutes misconduct.

10.2 Such violations will attract the immediate elimination of the Candidate.

10.3 In the event of elimination, votes already received by such a candidate shall be distributed amongst the remaining candidates.

10.4 The decision of the Election Committee regarding such violations shall be final and binding.

I, _____ the contestant/candidate, hereby accept and acknowledge that I have received a copy of these MODEL CODE OF CONDUCT FOR "BAR COUNCIL OF DELHI ELECTIONS, 2026". I declare that I have gone through the contents thereof and undertake to abide by the same

Date : _____

**NAME & SIGNATURE OF THE
CONTESTING CANDIDATE**


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ANNEXURE - B

**CANDIDATE DIGITAL PROFILE & VISION DOCUMENT
(TO BE SUBMITTED ALONGWITH NOMINATION FORM)**

**Photograph: Recent,
clear, colored
passport size (High
Resolution).**

***Note: This same
photo must be used
for all campaign
material.
(2R SIZE : 2.5 x 3.5
INCHES)***

MANDATORY PROFILE DATA

Age & Date of Birth: (As per Matriculation Certificate)

Educational Qualifications: (Degrees/Year of Passing/University)

Professional Standing: (Years of Practice/Seniority)

Specialization: (e.g., Criminal, Civil, Corporate, etc.)

Professional Achievements: (Brief highlights, not exceeding 100 words)

IMPORTANT INSTRUCTIONS FOR VISION DOCUMENT:

(In addition to one page of Profile data in the above format, the candidate must also submit a Vision Document highlighting their manifesto/agenda, as a pdf document that may either be legibly handwritten or be Typed. The language to be used shall be English or Hindi. The vision document should not exceed 2 A4 Pages.)


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**UNDERTAKING/ LICENSE/ AUTHORIZATION TO PUBLISH/SHARE
THE INFORMATION/ VISION DOCUMENT ON THE BCD PORTAL
AND SOCIAL MEDIA HANDLES.**

I, the undersigned, hereby declare that the particulars furnished above and the contents of the attached Vision Document are true to the best of my knowledge.

1. I authorize the Election Committee/Bar Council of Delhi to publish this profile and Vision Document on their official website and social media channels.
2. I understand that this Vision Document will be treated as my official manifesto, and I shall strictly adhere to the social media & Messaging Regulations regarding its circulation.
3. I accept that any false information provided herein may invite action under the Model Code of Conduct.

Date:

Signature of Candidate


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