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To
The Secretary/ies
All State Bar Councils

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Sir/Madam,

The Bar Council of India hereby forwards, for your information and strict compliance, the letter dated 23.12.2025 issued by the High Powered Election Supervisory Committee, pursuant to the orders of the Hon'ble Supreme

Court dated 18.11.2025 passed in W.P.(C) No. 1319/2023, M. Varadhan v. Union of India & Another, relating to the procedure for filing complaints and grievances in connection with the ongoing election process of the State Bar Councils .

You are already aware that by the aforesaid order dated 18.11.2025, the Hon'ble Supreme Court constituted eleven High Powered Election Committees to supervise the election process of nineteen State Bar Councils and also constituted the High Powered Election Supervisory Committee to consider grievances arising out of decisions of the High Powered Election Committees.

In the meeting of the High Powered Election Supervisory Committee held on 22.12.2025, it was noted that complaints are being directly addressed to the Supervisory Committee without first approaching the concerned High Powered Election Committees. The letter dated 23.12.2025 clarifies that such direct complaints are not maintainable and reiterates that all complaints, at the first instance, must be filed before the respective High Powered Election Committees. The High Powered Election Supervisory Committee shall entertain only grievances arising from the decisions passed by such High Powered Election Committees.

The said letter further records that the Bar Council of India and all State Bar Councils are required to take proactive steps to create adequate awareness among all stakeholders, including members of the Bar, regarding the prescribed and mandatory procedure for filing complaints, strictly in terms of the directions of the Hon'ble Supreme Court.

It is also specifically reiterated that sec.supervisorycommittee@gmail.com is the official email id of the Secretariat of the High Powered Election Supervisory Committee and shall be used only for filing appeals against orders passed by the respective High Powered Election Committees. This email id is required to be widely circulated among all stakeholders to avoid any procedural confusion.

In this context, reference is also invited to the Bar Council of India letter bearing No. BCI:D: 9365/2025 dated 23.12.2025, already issued to all State Bar Councils, which, inter alia, clarified the framework of the High Powered Election Committees, the forum for binding directions, guidance and grievance redressal, and the necessity of routing all election related issues, grievances and procedural difficulties through the concerned High Powered Election Committees in the first instance . The present communication of the High Powered Election Supervisory Committee is consistent with and supplements the said BCI letter.

All State Bar Councils are, therefore, requested to immediately circulate the

enclosed letter dated 23.12.2025 of the High Powered Election Supervisory Committee to their Returning Officers, election teams, members of the Bar and all other stakeholders through all appropriate means, including official websites, circulars, notices and electronic communication, and to ensure strict adherence to the procedure laid down by the Hon'ble Supreme Court and the High Powered Election Committees.

This may be treated as urgent.

Principal Secretary
Bar Council of India

Encl: Copy of letter dated 23.12.2025 issued by the High Powered Election Supervisory Committee

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