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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. : **BCD/Elect-2026/254**

Dated : **14.02.2026**

NEW IMPORTANT INSTRUCTIONS FOR VOTERS

AS PER BAR COUNCIL OF INDIA LETTER NO.BCI:D:1025/2026 DATED 11.02.2026, THE NEW INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE GUIDANCE OF VOTERS ARE AS UNDER :

1. The number of members to be elected is 23 including 5 women candidates
2. The voting is by the single transferable preference vote
3. The mark should be so placed as to indicate clearly and beyond doubt to which candidate he/she is giving his/her vote. If the mark is so placed as to make it doubtful to which candidate the vote has been given, the vote will be invalid.
4. **Method of Voting :**

As per Bar Council of India Letter dated 11.02.2026 bearing reference No. BCI:D:1025/2026

A voter in giving his/her vote, may mark his/her preference such as "ONE/one/One", or numerals such as "1, 2, 3", or by using a combination of words and numerals, or by using mixed case and mixed styles on the same ballot paper.

- 5.1 There is no restriction on number of preferences.
- 5.2 There is no provision of giving separate preferences for Female contestants
- 5.3 Kindly don't give two separate 1 / One or any other preferences in duplicate for Male and Female candidates. This would lead to vote being declared invalid
- 5.4 A voter shall not sign the voting paper nor place any mark thereon by which he/she can be identified.

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6. **Voting papers when invalid :**

As per Para 9 of Bar Council of India Letter dated 11.02.2026 bearing reference No. BCI:D:1025/2026

A voting paper shall be invalid on which –

- (a) the first preference is marked against more than one candidate; or
- (b) the first preference is not clearly ascertainable; or
- (c) the marking makes the voter's intention uncertain; or
- (d) the ballot bears any identifying mark; or
- (e) defect violating secrecy; or
- (f) making the voter's intention doubtful.

7. **Voter voting in person :**

A voter voting in person shall put the voting paper after voting, into the ballot box.

8. **There is no provision for postal ballot.**


Col. Anun Sharma (Retd.)
Secretary