

ANNEXURE A

FINAL STANDALONE SWORN AFFIDAVIT AT THE STAGE OF ENROLMENT

Derivation note. This affidavit records awareness of duties already traceable to the Preamble to Chapter II, Part VI, Rules 1, 2, 4, 5, 7, 17, 24, 36 and 37 of the Bar Council of India Rules. It is declaratory, educative and evidentiary. It shall not by itself operate as an additional ground to refuse, defer or deny enrolment, Sanad or licence to practise beyond the Advocates Act, 1961 and validly notified Rules.

Who shall fill this annexure

Every candidate seeking enrolment as an Advocate with the concerned State Bar Council.

Stage at which this annexure shall be executed

At the time of the enrolment process, as a standalone declaration for record, awareness and future professional responsibility, without creating any additional substantive eligibility condition beyond the Advocates Act, 1961 and the rules validly framed thereunder.

I, _____, son/daughter/spouse of _____, aged about _____ years, resident of _____, presently seeking enrolment as an Advocate with the Bar Council of _____, do hereby solemnly affirm and state as follows:

1. That I have read and understood the Bar Council of India Circular/Circular regarding maintenance of dignity, restraint and professional ethics in the use of social media by Advocates, law students and interns, including the provisions relating to reels, short videos, Court premises, Court proceedings, chambers, judicial hearings, live-streamed proceedings, professional work, AI generated content, deepfake videos, voice cloned audio and synthetic digital content.
2. That I undertake to maintain dignity, restraint, confidentiality and professional responsibility in all digital and social media conduct connected with Courts, Judges, counsel, litigants, witnesses, victims, clients, chambers, Court proceedings, professional work and the legal profession.
3. That I shall not create, upload, publish, circulate, forward, repost, monetise or use any reel, short video, edited clip, meme, dramatic presentation, promotional post, AI generated image, deepfake video, voice cloned audio, face swapped visual, synthetic avatar, manipulated screenshot or synthetic content depicting or purporting to depict any Judge, Court, Tribunal, counsel, litigant, witness, victim, client, Court officer, Court proceeding, chamber discussion or professional interaction in a false, misleading, mocking, sensational, scandalising, defamatory, privacy invasive, confidential or professionally improper manner.
4. That I shall not record, photograph, publish or circulate any Court proceeding, virtual hearing, client conference, chamber discussion, case file, cause list, pleading, draft, research note, case strategy, settlement discussion, mediation material or professional communication except

where expressly permitted by law, Court rules and professional ethics.

5. That I shall not use robes, bands, Court premises, Court corridors, chamber settings, senior chambers, law firm spaces, client files, Court signage or the identity of being an Advocate for indirect advertising, solicitation, sensationalisation, glamourisation, follower seeking, personal branding or content inconsistent with the dignity of the profession.
6. That I understand that ordinary personal freedom of expression is not prohibited, but that such freedom cannot be used to lower the dignity of Courts, breach confidentiality, misuse professional identity, solicit work, invade privacy, mislead the public or prejudice the administration of justice.
7. That I understand that breach of this undertaking may be considered in accordance with the Advocates Act, 1961, the Bar Council of India Rules, Court rules, applicable law and principles of natural justice.

Verification

Verified at _____ on this _____ day of _____, 20____ that the contents of this affidavit are true and correct to my knowledge and belief and nothing material has been concealed therefrom.

Deponent