

ANNEXURE C

STAKEHOLDER DECLARATION FOR ADOPTION OF SOCIAL MEDIA CONDUCT PRINCIPLES

Derivation note. This declaration is an institutional adoption of existing professional duties under Chapter II, Part VI of the Bar Council of India Rules. It is intended to assist education, reporting, counselling and proportionate referral, and not to create a parallel disciplinary forum outside the Advocates Act, 1961.

Who shall fill this annexure

The authorised representative of the concerned State Bar Council, Bar Association, law firm, chamber, Centre of Legal Education, legal aid body or legal institution.

Stage at which this annexure shall be executed

At the time of adoption and circulation of this circular and whenever called for by the Bar Council of India, State Bar Council or competent authority.

We, _____, being a State Bar Council/Bar Association/law firm/chamber/Centre of Legal Education/legal institution, hereby adopt the social media conduct principles issued by the Bar Council of India and undertake to promote responsible digital conduct in the legal profession.

We shall circulate the circular, conduct orientation or sensitisation sessions, discourage misuse of Court premises, robes, chambers, client material and professional identity, and encourage approved public legal awareness content which is accurate, dignified, non-promotional and non-sensational.

We shall designate a Social Media Ethics Nodal Officer or monitoring group, as feasible, to receive concerns, preserve basic evidence, counsel first time violators, request voluntary deletion where appropriate, and refer serious or repeated violations to the competent authority.

We shall not use this declaration as a tool for personal rivalry, censorship of lawful criticism or moral policing. The focus shall remain on Court dignity, confidentiality, privacy, prevention of solicitation, prevention of AI/deepfake misuse and preservation of professional ethics.

Signature and seal

Name and designation

Date