



KARNATAKA STATE BAR COUNCIL

(Statutory Body Constituted under the Advocate Act, 1961)

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CHAIRMAN

December 2025

To,

Shri H K Patil,
Hon'ble Law Minister,
Government of Karnataka,
Vidhana Soudha,
Bengaluru-560 001.

Respected Sir,

Sub: Enhancement of Welfare amount payable to the Advocates under the
Karnataka Advocates Welfare Fund Act 1983.

Ever since the enactment of the Act, the Karnataka State Bar Council has been committed to provide the financial assistance to the Advocates fraternity by paying the amounts to the learned Advocates in case of Retirement/Death/Medical assistance.

For the last 8 years, the amount payable under the Schedule of the Act remains at Rs.4.00 lakhs, 6.00 lakhs & 8.00 lakhs, in case of the completed years of practice of 15 years exceeding 15 years and not exceeding 35 years and above 35 years respectively.

Due to the monetary value being decreased during the last decade, the Advocates fraternity finds it extremely difficult to cope with the present financial contribution. The Karnataka State Bar Council has sufficient funds to meet the financial implication that may arise if the amounts specified in the Schedule are increased.

Under these circumstances and to meet the demand of the Advocates fraternity for the last several years, a Bill was prepared in the year 2019 called 'Karnataka Advocates Welfare Fund Amendment bill 2019' to increase the amounts in the schedule from Rs.4.00 lakhs to 6.00 lakhs, from 6.00 lakhs to 8.00 lakhs and from 8.00 lakhs to 10.00 lakhs. However, the Bill could not be given effect to'.

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Under these circumstances we humbly request your good self to take the initiative to amend the Schedule of the Act to provide financial assistance at the rate of Rs.6.00 lakhs, 8.00 lakhs and 10.00 lakhs instead of Rs.4.00 lakhs, 6.00 lakhs & 8.00 lakhs and also request to bring the amendment in the forthcoming legislative session at Belagavi.

Thanking you,

Yours sincerely,

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6.12.2025

To,

The Hon'ble Chief Minister,
Government of Karnataka,
Vidhana Soudha,
BENGALURU – 560 001.

Thrash Hon'ble Law Minister
Government of Karnataka
Respected Sir,

The Karnataka State Bar Council is a Body Corporate established under Section 3 of the Advocates Act, 1961. The functions of the same is prescribed under Section 6 of the Advocates' Act. It is worthwhile to mention some of the functions under Section 6 of the Act such as (a) Enrolment of the Advocates, (b) determination of cases against advocates for misconduct, (c) safeguard the rights, privileges and interests of the advocate, (d) promote the growth of Bar Association etc.

I earnestly like to bring to your kind notice the Karnataka State Bar Council has no independent building of its own even after establishment of 60 years. At the time of setting up of the Bar Council under the Act the total

number of advocates as on the roll in the entire Karnataka State was only around 800. I wish to bring to your kind notice that there are 1,10,000 Advocates on the Rolls of the Karnataka State Bar Council. On an average every year around 3000 - 3500 are getting enrolled as new Advocates. Generally, enrolment of Advocates is more during the months of August, September and October. During this period the enrolment will reach to the peak, about 500 Advocates every month. The enrolment is done once in a week and in order to accommodate Advocates and their parents and well-wishers who are also actively participating in the process of enrolment as a matter of pride and it is golden day for the new Advocates. For organizing such a programme or event and gathering of around 500 persons including VIPs which definitely needs proper and suitable accommodation at the vicinity of the High Court of Karnataka

To increase the proficiency of the Advocacy and also to bring professional ethics to help for the speedy justice, training is one of the very important and fundamental components. The training component is very essential and utmost important for laying a strong sustainable foundation for new entrants to this profession. In this regard, the Karnataka State Bar Council has constituted **Karnataka State Bar Council Law Academy** for the functioning of Sec. 6 (ee) of the Advocates Act, 1961. The main motto of the Academy is to educate and train the budding Advocates to become a fruitful Advocates in all fields of Law.



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The Council is also conducting the Law Workshops at all the Taluks and District Head Quarters of Karnataka State in which all young and Senior Advocates used to participate and refreshing their knowledge in the aforesaid Law Workshop. Explaining the motto of the Law Academy to your Excellency is nothing to carrying the gold to castle.

The Bar Council is also discharging its function as Quasi-Judicial Authority in dealing with errant Advocates against whom the complaints are filed by the parties from all over the State. The Council is receiving around 400 – 500 complaints every year under Sec. 35 of the Advocates Act, 1961, In order to look into these complaints suitable arrangements are to be made, to hear the case in quasi-judicial manner which needs proper sitting arrangements for the Sub Committees and requires the spacious building and adequate space for conducting these cases in quasi-judicial manner.

The Bar Council of India has introduced Certificate of Practice Rules. Under which each Advocate on the Rolls has to file COP application along with

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the marks card and 5 vakalaths filed of previous 5 years. This alone is occupying the 50% of the present space of the Bar Council.

There are 20 Committees functioning in the Bar Council. Though there are 20 Committees, since there is acute shortage of space, only 3 Committees are able to hold the meetings by utilizing the Chambers of Chairman, Vice Chairman and Bar Council of India Member.

Large number of Advocates across the State including the neighbouring States are visiting very frequently to the Council Office for submission and follow ups.

Humble requests were made since 2016 to allot a site / building. However the same could not be fruitfied. Under these circumstances, we request your goodself to kindly initiate the process of allotting suitable site / building to the Karnataka State Bar Council nearby or within the vicinity of the High Court of Karnataka.

Once again, we earnestly pray to allot suitable building / site for Karnataka State Bar Council at the earliest.

With respectful regards,

Yours faithfully,

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Chairman