



Date: 11-Jul-2026

REPRESENTATION

To,
The Secretary,
Karnataka State Bar Council,
Adjacent To High Court Building
Dr Ambedkar Veedhi, Bengaluru,
Karnataka 560001

Subject: Stop charging illegal fees being charged for Transferring
my enrolment from AP Bar Council to Karnataka State Bar Council
– Regd.

Respected Sir/Madam,

I am Advocate Sandeep Bhavan Pamarati. My enrolment number with Bar Council of AP is AP/646/2022.

I opted to transfer out of AP Bar Council and join with Karnataka State Bar Council (KSBC), for personal reasons and the Bar Council of India has approved my Transfer Application No. 1260 of 2025 vide its Order dt: 16-May-2026. I also received the endorsement from Bar Council of AP just this past week.

I approached Karnataka State Bar Council on 09-Jul-2026 to enroll with KSBC, as a transferred advocate but I am informed by a staff member in the Enrollment Section that I have to make a payment of Rs.7500/- for this entire process among other necessary documents and photographs.

Very recently, I came to know that neither State Bar Councils nor the Bar Council of India has statutory power emanating from Advocates Act 1961 to impose

any fees for Transfer of Enrollment from one State Bar Council to Another, as mandated u/s 18(1) of Advocates Act 1961.

The judgment I stumbled upon is the following one:

Devendra Nath Tripathi v. Union of India, 2025 SCC OnLine Bom 3015, decided on 21-08-2025

<https://www.scconline.com/blog/post/2025/09/01/bom-hc-transfer-fee-charged-by-bar-council-maharashtra-andgoa-illegal/>

<https://www.verdictum.in/court-updates/high-courts/bombay-high-court/devendra-nath-tripathi-v-union-of-india-orsadvocates-act-transfer-of-enrollment-bar-council-of-india-bar-council-of-maharashtra-bar-council-of-go-1589661>

Transfer fee charged by Maharashtra & Goa Bar Council violative of S. 18 Advocates Act: Bombay High Court

"The fee was charged from the petitioner in accordance with the Resolution of 2010 whereby the State Bar Council was authorized to collect enrollment fee but the realization of such fee for transfer of enrollment was not permissible under Section 18(1) of the 1961 Act."

Reading through this judgment, I realized that the fees of amount Rs.7500/- informed to me for processing my Enrollment transfer application by your Office of KSBC is illegal.

I also came to know about the following judgment from High Court of Madhya Pradesh, which perfectly matches to my situation. **Rohit Pathak Vs BCI and Ors on 07 Oct 2025**. I am annexing a copy of it, for your reference. Here is the Operative Portion of the 2-page Judgement.

"Learned counsel for the respondent 2/State Bar Council submits that the transfer application of the petitioner has been accepted and the name of the petitioner has been entered in the roll of the State Bar Council without charging any fee. He submits that in view of specific provision of Section 18(1) of the Advocates Act, 1961, which inter alia provides that the Bar Council of India shall direct that the name of such a person shall, without payment of any fee, be removed from the roll of first mentioned State Bar Council and entered in the roll of other State Bar Council, No fee shall be charged by the State Bar Council in case of

such transfer application are received after due approval from the Bar Council of India.”

I don't even know if there are any internal Resolutions passed (albeit they being perverse/illegal since they go against the prohibition imposed in Sec 18(1) of Advocates Act 1961) under which you have exercised such a non-existent power. I hope that you should know that your internal Resolutions do not overrule the express prohibition imposed by Parliament in the bare Act.

I reproduced it below for your convenience.

Section 18. Transfer of name from one State roll to another.—

(1) Notwithstanding anything contained in section 17, any person whose name is entered as an advocate on the roll of any State Bar Council may make an application in the prescribed form to the Bar Council of India for the transfer of his name from the roll of that State Bar Council to the roll of any other State Bar Council and, on receipt of any such application the Bar Council of India shall direct that the name of such person shall, ***without the payment of any fee***, be removed from the roll of the first mentioned State Bar Council and entered in the roll of the other State Bar Council and the State Bar Councils concerned shall comply with such direction:

Now that I realized that your office, despite being Statutory body, has been charging illegal fees to all the advocates who are transferring into Karnataka, I request you to immediately stop charging such fees immediately.

On your failure, I would pursue a Writ Petition before the Hon'ble High Court of Karnataka, as a Party-in-person, seeking a permanent mandamus against your years long practice of charging illegal fees under this category. I am sending this representation through Speed Post, to comply with the Hon'ble High Court requirements of notice to proposed Respondents.

I am relying on the following judgments of Apex Court and various High Courts.

1. Gaurav Kumar v. Union of India [2024 INSC 558]
2. Devendra Nath Tripathi v. Union of India, [2025 SCC OnLine Bom 3015] decided on 21-08-2025
3. Aditya Kumar Kandu Vs Bar Council of India and Ors on 27 May 2026 (disposed Writ Petition(s)(Civil) No(s).682/2026);
- 3a. Pending case, Aditya Kumar Kandu Vs Bar Council of India and Anr, W.P.(C) 1854/2025 before Delhi High Court (where Respondent/Bar Council of India already spent 1.5 years without filing any Reply/Counter)
4. Rohit Pathak Vs BCI and Ors (WRIT PETITION No. 35160 of 2025) decided on 07 Oct 2025 by Madhya Pradesh High Court at Jabalpur.

I do believe that being Statutory bodies, both State Bar Council of AP and the Bar Council of Karnataka will uphold the law and stop this malpractice forthwith, that too against their own member-advocate. I am disheartened to see my wouldbe parent organization Bar Council of Karnataka would stoop to charging illegal fees and I am unable to digest this fact. This conduct of yours is akin to the Snake eating its' own eggs. Reprehensible to the core !!

Enclosure: A copy of my email Representation dt: 24-Jun-2026, sent to the email IDs of both Bar Councils i.e., secapbc@gmail.com, transferbci@gmail.com.

Your Sincerely,

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