

IN THE HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA AT BENGALURU
PRESENTATION FORM

Writ Petition. No. of 2026

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**IN THE HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA AT BENGALURU
(ORIGINAL WRIT JURISDICTION)
Writ Petition. No. of 2026**

Between:

Sandeep Bhavan Pamarati

..Petitioner

And

The Karnataka State Bar Council and Anr

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LIST OF EVENTS /SYNOPSIS

Date	Description of the Events
17-Mar-2022	Provisionally enrolled as an advocate on the rolls of Bar Council of AP with enrollment number: AP/646/2022
16-Oct-2024	Obtained APHCAA Membership Card
09-Sep-2025	Filed an Application to BC-AP for NOC for Transfer of Enrolment, paid Rs.2,000/- towards processing fee
10-Sep-2025	Obtained NOC from BC-AP, along with my particulars on record in FORM-B-1
30-Sep-2025	Sent an Application to BCI for Transfer of my enrolment to Karnataka State Bar Council with Tracking No. EN492266524IN
04-Oct-2025	My Application is delivered to BCI
26-Nov-2025	Acknowledgement from BCI received at my residential address
12-Jun-2026	Copy of the Order issued by BCI in Transfer Application No. 1260/2025
30-Jul-2026	Hence this writ petition

BRIEF FACTS

The Petitioner is aggrieved by the illegal demand of the Karnataka State Bar Council for a fees of Rs.7500/- (*which has a split of Rs.2000/- going into the pocket of BCI, Rs.2000/- going into the pocket of KSBC and the balance of Rs.3500/- going into payment towards a mandatory Welfare Scheme*) to process my Transfer of Enrolment from Bar Council of Andhra Pradesh to Karnataka State Bar Council, in strict compliance of the decisions of Hon'ble Supreme Court of India and Hon'ble High Courts and in compliance with Section 18(1) of Advocates Act 1961.

PLACE: Bengaluru
DATE: 30-Jul-2026

Advocate for the Petitioner

Writ Petition. No. _____ of 2026

Sandeep Bhavan Pamarati, aged 44 years,
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AND

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..Respondent/s

MEMORANDUM OF WRIT PETITION UNDER

The address for service on the above-named Petitioner is Adv Suprajaa Rajan, No.8a, 8th Main, 4th Cross, Papaiah Garden, BSK 3rd Stage, Bangalore, Karnataka PIN - 560085.

The Petitioner above-name submits as hereunder.

1. In the present Writ petition, the petitioner is seeking a Writ of Mandamus from this Hon'ble Court against the Respondents, by holding/declaring that,

a. the Respondents does not have legal competence or statutory authority to levy & collect any fees in the name of ‘fees for Transfer of Enrolment’ as defined u/s 18(1) of Advocates Act 1961, other than those which is specified in Section 24 of Advocates Act 1961 and in clear violation of the **Rule-1, Chapter-III, Part-V of the Bar Council of India Rules** formulated u/s **Section 18(1) and 49 (1) (b) of the**

Advocates Act 1961, without necessary amendments to Statute by the Hon'ble Parliament,

b. the **Rules 1(d), 4(a) and 4(b) of Part-VIII of the Bar Council of India Rules** formulated u/s **49 (1) (b) of the Advocates Act 1961**, as violative of **Section 18(1) of the Advocates Act 1961**, without necessary amendments to Statute by the Hon'ble Parliament.

2. The Petitioner is a practicing advocate on the rolls of the Bar Council of Andhra Pradesh with enrollment number AP/646/2022 and in the middle of transferring his enrollment to the rolls of Karnataka State Bar Council.
3. The Petitioner submits that the Karnataka State Bar Council demanded his to pay a fees of Rs.7500/- to process his Transfer of enrollment due to which the petitioner is aggrieved.

STATEMENT OF THE FACTS

4. The Petitioner submits that he has annexed a copy of his AP Bar Council ID Card herewith as **ANNEXURE-A**. Also annexed a copy of his Membership card issued by AP High Court Advocates Association as **ANNEXURE-B**.
5. The Petitioner submits that, for reasons stated in his application to Bar Council of Andhra Pradesh (hereinafter 'BC-AP'), he has sought a 'No Objection Certificate' (hereinafter 'NOC') so that he can move an application before Bar Council of India (hereinafter 'BCI') for transfer of his enrolment from the BC-AP to Karnataka State Bar Council (hereinafter 'KSBC'). Annexed a Copy of an Application filed to BC-AP for NOC for Transfer of Enrolment as **ANNEXURE-C**.
6. The Petitioner submits that BC-AP demanded him to pay a fees of Rs.2000.00/- in the nature of processing fees to issue a NOC to him, which was dutifully

paid by him in the name of Bar Council of Andhra Pradesh vide **D.D.No. 631280**, dt: 09-Sep-2022. A copy of the D.D. is annexed herewith as **ANNEXURE-C**.

7. The Petitioner submits that BC-AP issued him a NOC on the very next day and a copy of same, along with his particulars on record of BC-AP in FORM-B-1 is annexed herewith as **ANNEXURE-D**.
8. The Petitioner submits that, he sent an application to BCI seeking Transfer of his enrolment from BC-AP to KSBC with **Tracking No. EN492266524IN**. Annexed a copy of same along with a copy of Tracking report of the application delivered to BCI on 04-Oct-2025 from India Post website as **ANNEXUREs-E and F**.
9. It is pertinent to note here that this Application form, which is conceived under **Rule-1, Chapter-III, Part-V of the Bar Council of India Rules** formulated u/s **Section 18(1) and 49 (1) (b) of the Advocates Act 1961**, clearly states on page-2, as follows in the footer notes.

*“(iii) A Sum of 5000/- (5000/- **process fee for Transfer**) in the name of "Bar Council of India", payable at New Delhi towards transfer application under the rules of the BCI in Part VIII. The amount may be paid to he BCI way of Demand Draft or in cash.”*

10. The Petitioner submits that that **PART VIII of the BCI Rules deals with the Fee leviable under Section 49(1)(h) of the Advocates Act** and the following rules are in contravention of no fees to be charged as per **Section 18(1) of the Advocates Act** and as such they require interference by this Hon’ble High Court. As is evident, even these BCI rules are also violated by BC-AP and BCI, as available on BCI website.

“1. A State Council may levy fees, not exceeding the limits prescribed hereunder in any of the following matters.

(d) Certificate required to be produced with the transfer application under Section 18 of the Act ... **Rs. 100.00**

4. (a) Application for transfer from one State Bar Council to another State Bar Council ... **Rs. 750.00**

(b) Preparation charges of File and other papers reg: transfer of name by transferror and transferee Bar Councils ... **Rs. 750.00”**

11. The Petitioner submits that the said **Rule-1, Chapter-III, Part-V of the Bar Council of India Rules** is as given below and interestingly there is no mention of charging any fees. Only two prerequisites are as highlighted below unrelated to any fees.

*“1. Any person whose name is entered on any State Roll may make an application to the Council for transfer under Section 18 of the Act in Form ‘C’ in this Chapter. **The application shall be accompanied by (i) a certified copy of the entry in the State Roll relating to the applicant and (ii) a certificate from the State Council stating that his certificate of enrolment has not been recalled, that the applicant is entitled to practise on the date of his application, that there are no disciplinary proceedings pending against the applicant and that it has no objection to the transfer being ordered.***

On receipt of an application for transfer, the Secretary shall enquire from the State Council concerned whether they have any objections to the transfer being granted, and he shall thereafter place the papers for disposal before the Council or a Committee constituted for the purpose. If the Committee consider that the application shall be refused, the matter should be referred to the Council for orders.”

(Emphasis supplied)

12. The Petitioner submits that the said the **Section 18(1) of Advocates Act 1961** as given below, but interestingly there is mention is no payment of any fees.

“8. 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:***

Provided that where any such application for transfer is made by a person against whom any disciplinary proceeding is pending or where for any other reason it appears to the Bar Council of India that the application for transfer has not been made bona fide and that the transfer should not be made, the Bar Council of India may, after giving the person making the application an opportunity of making a representation in this behalf, reject the application.”

(Emphasis supplied)

13. The Petitioner submits that, the inference from the above two paras is that, without any legal authority and in clear violation of the **Rule-1, Chapter-III, Part-V of the Bar Council of India Rules** formulated u/s **Section 18(1) and 49 (1) (b) of the Advocates Act 1961**, the BC-AP is charging a random amount of Rs.2,000/- and the BCI is charging a random amount of Rs.5,000/-, unilaterally, per Transfer application. It is interesting to note that there are no resolutions mentioned/quoted anywhere in the said application form for Transfer of enrolment and even if quoted, they do not have any force of law since they went against **Section 18(1) of the Advocates Act 1961**.
14. The Petitioner submits that, the BCI has sent an acknowledgment to him vide their letter dt: 26-Nov-2025 which is annexed as **ANNEXURE-G** for the kind consideration of this Hon'ble High Court. The Transfer Application of the Petitioner is numbered as **Transfer Application No. 1260/2025**. Going by the previous para, BCI has charged a total amount of **Rs.5,000/- * 1260 = Rs.63,00,000/-** (Rupees Sixty-Three Lakhs), **in just 1 year**, that too calculating only up to his Transfer application number, in clear violation of the **Rule-1, Chapter-III, Part-V of the Bar Council of India Rules** formulated u/s **Section 18(1) and 49 (1) (b) of the Advocates Act 1961**. This illegal loot of BCI, in collusion with BC-AP, ought to end, only with the intervention of this Hon'ble High Court.

15. The Petitioner submits that, BCI has issued an Order dt: **12-Jun-2026** in his Transfer Application No. 1260/2025 allowing his transfer from BC-AP to KSBC. A Copy of the said Order issued by BCI in Transfer Application No. 1260/2025 is annexed as **ANNEXURE-H** for the kind consideration of this Hon'ble High Court.
16. The Petitioner submits that, he has sent this above said Order to BC-AP and requested them to issue an endorsement in Form-D-1. The BC-AP has charged his again Rs.750 for issuing this endorsement. A Copy of the fees receipt charged by BC-AP for issuing an Endorsement in Form-D-1 and a Copy of the Endorsement in Form-D-1 are annexed as **ANNEXURE-I** for the kind consideration of this Hon'ble High Court.
17. The Petitioner submits that, in view of the above factual information, neither the BC-AP has any legal authority to charge me, a fees of Rs.2,000/- nor the BCI has any legal authority to charge me, a fees of Rs.5,000/- by BCI, in processing his Transfer of Enrolment application, basis the below cited Judgments, a copy of which can be shared across the bench during hearing. Similarly, KSBC also does not have any legal authority to charge the petitioner, a fees of Rs.7,500/-.
18. It is submitted that, if the BC-AP and KSBC are short of funds in conducting the functions entrusted to them, then their remedy lies in **Section 6(3) read with Section 46A of the Advocates Act 1961** (as amended from time to time), which read as follows.

“6. Functions of State Bar Councils.—

A State Bar Council may receive any grants, donations, gifts or benefactions for all or any of the purposes specified in sub-section (2) which shall be credited to the appropriate fund or funds constituted under that sub-section.”

“46A. Financial assistance to State Bar Council.—

*The Bar Council of India may, **if it is satisfied that any State Bar Council is in need of funds for the purpose of performing its functions under this Act, give such financial assistance as it deems fit to that Bar Council by way of grant or otherwise.***

(Emphasis supplied)

19. It is submitted that, from the averments in para-6 above, it is crystal clear that, **no State Bar Council or Bar Council of India is empowered to levy and collect any special fees under any name apart from the fees prescribed under Sec 24(1)(f) of Advocates Act 1961**, vide. High Court of Kerala decision '**The Bar Council of Kerala Vs T.Koshy**' decided on 12-Apr-2018 which was subsequently confirmed by Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in its decision '**The Bar Council of Kerala Vs Raju Y and Anr**' decided on 04-Jan-2019.

GROUND

20. The decision of KSBC to levy or charge the processing fee of Rs.7500/- which was not prescribed under the Section 18(1) of the statute (Advocates Act 1961) is therefore clearly ultra-vires to the provision of Section 18 (1) since it is in clear violation of the **Rule-1, Chapter-III, Part-V of the Bar Council of India Rules** formulated u/s **Section 18(1) and 49 (1) (b) of the Advocates Act 1961** and as such on this singular ground itself, the said act of KSBC and BCI in trying to collect illegal Transfer fees from me, ought to be held perverse, due to total lack of statutory authority. This violates the fundamental right of the many advocates like Petitioner, available under **Article 21 of the Constitution of India** who may not have approached this Hon'ble High Court yet.
21. The Petitioner submits that, he became aware of the following decisions by the Hon'ble Apex Court which also authoritatively decided that **no State Bar Council or Bar Council of India is empowered to levy and collect any special**

fees under any name apart from the fees prescribed under Sec 24(1)(f) of Advocates Act 1961.

- a. In ***Gaurav Kumar Vs Union of India and Ors*** decided in W.P.(C) No. 352/2023, on 30 Jul 2024 and reported as [2024 INSC 558], **with respect to the illegal enrolment fees.**

“109. In view of the above discussion, we conclude that:

- a. The SBCs cannot charge "enrolment fees" beyond the express legal stipulation under Section 24(1)(f) as it currently stands;**
b. Section 24(1)(f) specifically lays down the fiscal pre-conditions subject to which an advocate can be enrolled on State rolls. The SBCs and the BCI cannot demand payment of fees other than the stipulated enrolment fee and stamp duty, if any, as a pre-condition to enrolment;
c. The decision of the SBCs to charge fees and charges at the time of enrolment in excess of the legal stipulation under Section 24(1)(f) violates Article 14 and Article 19(1)(g) of the Constitution; and
d. This decision will have prospective effect. The SBCs are not required to refund the excess enrolment fees collected before the date of this judgment.”

(Emphasis supplied)

- b. In ***KLJA Kiran Babu Vs Karnataka State Bar Council*** decided in Diary No.16629/2025 in W.P.(C) No. 352/2023 on 04 Aug 2025, **with respect to collection of fees totaling ₹6,800 (for ID cards, certificates, welfare fund, training, etc.) by Karnataka State Bar Council, which was innocently called as optional.**

“7. We make it clear that there is nothing like optional. No State Bar Council(s) or Bar Council of India shall collect any fees of any amount as optional. They shall strictly collect fees in accordance with the directions issued by this Court in the main judgment.

...

9. If the Karnataka State Bar Council is collecting any amount in the name of optional, though it may not be mandatory, it must be stopped.”

(Emphasis supplied)

- c. In ***Devendra Nath Tripathi Vs Union of India and Ors*** decided by Hon’ble Bombay High Court in Writ Petition No. 1549 of 2017 on 25 Aug 2025, **with respect to charging fees towards processing of**

Transfer of Enrolment applications, which is exactly the issue being raised in the present writ petition.

“11. In this case we are only concerned with section 18(1) of the Act of 1961 which clearly mandates that transfer of enrollment form one State to the other is to be carried out on the direction of the BCI without payment of any fee. In the present case, the enrollment of the Petitioner has been transferred on his application but upon realizing the fee, as indicated here-in above. None has appeared on behalf of the BCI i.e. the Respondent No. 3 to clarify its stand in the matter.

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13. In the present case, it appears that the amount was charged from the Petitioner in accordance with the Resolution No. 112 of 2010 adopted by the Bar Council of Maharashtra and Goa in its meeting held on 26th September 2010, whereby the State Bar Council was authorized to collect enrollment fee as per the ‘Schedule of Rates’ provided therein. However, the fact remains that realization of such fee for transfer of enrollment was not permissible under section 18(1) of the Act of 1961. As such, by applying the ratio laid down in the decision of Gaurav Kumar (supra) to the facts of this case, the fee charged by the Respondent No. 1 for transfer of Petitioner’s enrollment cannot be held to be valid in the eyes of law. Therefore, the same is declared to be illegal on the ground of the same being in contravention of the mandate of section 18(1) of the Act of 1961.”

(Emphasis supplied)

- d. In **Rohit Pathak Vs BCI and Ors** decided by 2-Judge bench at Jabalpur of Hon’ble High Court of Madhya Pradesh in Writ Petition No. 35160 of 2025 on 07 Oct 2025, with respect to charging of fee by the State Bar Council in case of Transfer of Enrolment applications.

“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.”

(Emphasis supplied)

22. Finally, the Petitioner has approached the KSBC on **09-Jul-2026** seeking to permit him for Enrollment transfer and he was told by the Secretary, KSBC that even KSBC also charges a fee of Rs.7500/- for such action. The Petitioner was informed that the split of this amount is Rs.2000/- goes into the pocket of BCI, Rs.2000/- goes into the pocket of KSBC and the balance Rs.3500/- goes into payment towards a mandatory Welfare Scheme, whether he wants it or not.
23. The Petitioner immediately sent out a representation dt: **11-Jul-2026** vide India Post with Consignment Tracking Number: **EN537735595IN** since it is a prerequisite before initiating a Writ petition before a Constitutional Court, which was received by the KSBC on **14-Jul-2026**. The Petitioner is preparing to begin litigation before Hon'ble High Court of Andhra Pradesh too once the present petition is accepted. A copy of the representation along with Tracking sheet is annexed as **ANNEXURE-J** for the kind consideration of this Hon'ble Court.
24. This is a clear case of manifestly-arbitrary and colorable decision making on part of the KSBC and the BCI and this results in violation of the Rights of the Petitioner under **Article 14 and Article 19(1)(g) (Right to practice profession of the Constitution of India)**, wherein the KSBC and BCI have not shown any valid legal reasons to impose such fees for transfer of his enrolment.
25. The recent development in this illegal looting saga is that the BCI has issued a **Draft Proposal of amendments to the Advocates Act, 1961** dt: 18-Jul-2026

in which, an amendment was proposed to the impugned section 18, in the following words on Pg.18.

*“16. In section 18 of the principal Act, in sub-section (1), for the words **"without the payment of any fee"**, the words **"upon payment of such transfer fee, as may be prescribed"** shall be substituted.”*

26. The Petitioner submits that, the above act is part of a clever attempt by the BCI to hide their years long looting of transferring advocates in the name of Transfer fee and ratify their illegal acts. It is easy to put together things once we match the date of my representation to BCI and issue of this Draft proposal. The said document is available on the official website of BCI at this location: www.barcouncilofindia.org/info/req-for-su-ch2hbe. This malice of charging illegal fees by Statutory bodies like BCI, BC-AP and KSBC is a direct violation of the mandate given by the Parliament and the above Draft proposal is a sneaky attempt to right their wrongs through Parliament again. A copy of the same is annexed as **ANNEXURE-K** for the kind consideration of this Hon’ble High Court.

27. Finally, therefore it is submitted that, the Petitioner’s oral request to KSBC and BCI, to process his Transfer of Enrolment, in compliance with decisions of Hon’ble Supreme Court of India and Hon’ble High Courts and in compliance with Section 18(1) of Advocates Act 1961 is valid and deserves to be allowed.

28. In the circumstances stated above, the Petitioner does not have any other efficacious alternative remedy elsewhere in the State of Karnataka, except to seek the redressal before this Hon’ble Court seeking the indulgence of this Hon’ble Court to exercise the extraordinary original jurisdiction vested in this Hon’ble Court, by virtue of Article 226 of the Constitution of India, to do

substantial justice to me. The Petitioner has exhausted all the remedies available at his disposal by now.

29. The Petitioner submits that he has not filed any writ petition, suit or other proceedings for the relief or reliefs sought herein before this Hon'ble Court.

GROUND IN SUPPORT OF INTERIM PRAYER

30. The Petitioner submits that the current malpractice of KSBC and BCI has been ongoing unchallenged since many years and considering no one challenged this illegal looting of the fees till date, indicates that KSBC has virtually silenced every other advocate who transferred into Karnataka from other State Bar Councils, like me. Unless this Hon'ble Court intervenes as a interim measure, the KSBC is going to continue to charge fees on it's behalf as well as BCI. If the advocates seeking transfer of enrollment are to be protected from this illegal loot, it is necessary to direct the respondents to cease and desist from collecting the fees from the advocates seeking Transfer of their Enrolment to any other State Bar Council or vice-versa, pending disposal of this main writ petition.

31. The Petitioner submits that Respondent No.1 may be directed to immediately process the Petitioner's transfer of enrolment onto the rolls of the Karnataka State Bar Council in compliance with the Bar Council of India's Order dated 12-Jun-2026 without demanding any transfer or welfare fees.

PRAYERS

It is therefore humbly prayed that this Hon'ble Court may be pleased to,

- a) hold/declare that Respondents does not have legal competence or statutory authority to levy & collect any fees in the name of 'fees for Transfer of Enrolment' as defined u/s 18(1) of Advocates Act 1961, other than those which is specified in Section 24 of Advocates Act 1961 and in clear violation of the **Rule-1, Chapter-III, Part-V of the Bar Council of India Rules** formulated u/s **Section 18(1) and 49 (1) (b) of the Advocates Act 1961**, without necessary amendments to Statute by the Hon'ble Parliament,
- b) hold/declare that **Rules 1(d), 4(a) and 4(b) of Part-VIII of the Bar Council of India Rules** formulated u/s **49 (1) (b) of the Advocates Act 1961**, as violative of **Section 18(1) of the Advocates Act 1961**, without necessary amendments to Statute by the Hon'ble Parliament, and
- c) to pass such other orders as this Hon'ble Court may deem fit just and proper in the circumstances of the case, in the interest of justice and equity.

INTERIM PRAYER

It is prayed that this Hon'ble Court may be pleased to grant an interim relief directing the Respondents to cease and desist from collecting the fees from the advocates seeking Transfer of their Enrolment to any other State Bar Council or vice-versa, pending disposal of this main writ petition and also direct the Respondent No.1 to immediately process the Petitioner's transfer of enrolment onto the rolls of the Karnataka State Bar Council in compliance with the Bar Council of India's Order dated 12-Jun-2026 without demanding any transfer or welfare fees.

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By
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Advocate

NATURE OF APPLICATION
(Under Art. 226 of Constitution of India)

This Hon'ble Court may be pleased to,

- a)** hold/declare that Respondents does not have legal competence or statutory authority to levy & collect any fees in the name of 'fees for Transfer of Enrolment' as defined u/s 18(1) of Advocates Act 1961, other than those which is specified in Section 24 of Advocates Act 1961, and in clear violation of the **Rule-1, Chapter-III, Part-V of the Bar Council of India Rules** formulated u/s **Section 18(1) and 49 (1) (b) of the Advocates Act 1961** without necessary amendments to Statute by the Hon'ble Parliament, and
- c)** to pass such other orders as this Hon'ble Court may deem fit just and proper in the circumstances of the case, in the interest of justice and equity.

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AFFIDAVIT VERIFYING WRIT PETITION

I, Sandeep Bhavan Pamarati, aged 44 years, Occ: Advocate (Enrolment No. AP/646/2022), S/o P Veerabhadra Rao, D.No. 11-968, Aravinda Nagar, Anantapur, Anantapuramu District, A.P. PIN: 515001, have temporarily come down to Bengaluru today, do hereby solemnly and sincerely affirm and state as follows:

1. I submit that I am the Writ Petitioner herein and as such I am well acquainted with the facts of the case.
2. I submit that the Statements made in Paragraphs 1 to 31 including the legal submissions made therein are within my knowledge.
3. I further submit that as required under writ rules, necessary court fee is paid herewith.
4. I submit that the above contents are typed under my instructions and same are read over and explained to me in vernacular language.
5. I submit that the documents produced at ANNEXURE-A to ANNEXURE-K are true copies of their respective originals.

Hence verified at Bengaluru on this the day of 30-Jul-2026

PLACE: Bengaluru

Deponent

DATE: 30-Jul-2026

Identified by me,

Advocate for the Petitioner

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA AT BENGALURU
(ORIGINAL WRIT JURISDICTION)**

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Sandeep Bhavan Pamarati

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AND

1. The Karnataka State Bar Council, Rep by its Secretary,
Old KGID Building, High Court Complex,
Dr. Ambedkar Veedhi, Bengaluru – 560001.

2. The Bar Council of India, Rep by its Secretary,
21, Rouse Avenue, Institutional Area,
New Delhi Pin Code – 110002

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**APPLICATION UNDER ARTICLE 226 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF
INDIA R/W SECTION 151 OF CPC – FOR DIRECTION**

For the reasons stated in the accompanying affidavit, it is hereby humbly prayed that this Hon'ble Court may be pleased to grant an **interim relief** directing the Respondents to cease and desist from collecting the fees from the advocates seeking Transfer of their Enrolment to any other State Bar Council, pending disposal of main writ petition, and also direct the Respondent No.1 to immediately process the Petitioner's transfer of enrolment onto the rolls of the Karnataka State Bar Council in compliance with the Bar Council of India's Order dated 12-Jun-2026 without demanding any transfer or welfare fees, in the interest of justice and equity.

PLACE: Bengaluru
DATE: 30-Jul-2026

Advocate for the Petitioner

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1. I submit that I am the Writ Petitioner herein and as such I am well acquainted with the facts of the case.
2. I submit that the Statements made in accompanying application in paragraphs 1 and 2, are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, belief and information and I believe them to be true.
3. I further submit that as required under writ rules, necessary court fee is paid herewith.
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PLACE: Bengaluru
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DIRECTION PETITION

NATURE OF APPLICATION
(UNDER SEC. 151 C.P.C.)

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PRESENTED ON: 30-Jul-2026

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**APPLICATION UNDER ARTICLE 226 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF
INDIA R/W SECTION 151 OF CPC – FOR DISPENSEWITH**

For the reasons stated in the accompanying affidavit, it is hereby humbly prayed that this Hon'ble Court may be pleased to **Dispensewith** filing of Originals of the Annexures filed along with the main Writ Petition, except for the original Order copy issued by the Respondent No.2 and the Office copy of the representation issued to the Respondent No.1, in the interest of justice and equity.

PLACE: Bengaluru
DATE: 30-Jul-2026

Advocate for the Petitioner

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No.2 and the Office copy of the
representation issued to the Respondent
No.1, in the interest of justice and equity.

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