

THE PAKISTAN LEGAL PRACTITIONERS AND BAR COUNCILS RULES, 1976

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PAKISTAN BAR COUNCIL

NOTIFICATION

Lahore, the 21st May, 1976

S.R.O. 476(I)/76.--In exercise of the powers conferred by Section 55 of the Legal Practitioners and Bar Councils Act of 1973 (XXXV of 1973) and other enabling provisions in this behalf, the Pakistan Bar Council hereby makes and notifies the following Rules:

¹THE PAKISTAN LEGAL PRACTITIONERS AND BAR COUNCILS RULES, 1976

CHAPTER I

PRELIMINARY

1. (i) These Rules may be called the Pakistan Legal Practitioners and Bar Councils Rules, 1976.
- (ii) They shall come into force at once.
2. In these Rules unless there is anything repugnant in the subject or context:
 - (a) "Act" means The Legal Practitioners and Bar Councils Act, 1973 (Act XXXV of 1973).
 - (b) "Chairman" means-
 - (i) in relation to the affairs of the Pakistan Bar Council, the Chairman of the Pakistan Bar Council.
 - ²[(ii) in relation to affairs of a Provincial Bar Council and the Islamabad Bar Council, the Chairman of the Provincial Bar Council concerned and the Islamabad Bar Council.]
 - ³[(c) "Division" means and includes a former Division as existed on or before 31.12.1999].

1. These Rules were framed and adopted by the Pakistan Bar Council as per its Resolution dated 10th April, 1976 and Notification published in the Gazette of Pakistan, Extra, (Part II), May 22, 1976.

2. Substituted *vide* Notification of the Pakistan Bar Council dated 16-11-2015.

3. Previously it was Clause "(bb)" added *vide* Notification of the Pakistan Bar Council dated 29-04-2004, and Clause "(bb)" was Subsequently renumbered as "(c)" *vide* Notification of the Pakistan Bar Council dated 16-11-2015

- ⁴[(d) "ICT" means Islamabad Capital Territory.]
- ⁵[(e) ⁶["Member" in relation to a Bar Council does not include the Chairman thereof].
- ⁷[(f) ⁸["Secretary"] means a person appointed as ⁹[Secretary] of the Pakistan Bar Council and includes any other person to whom all or any of the functions of the ¹⁰[Secretary] are for the time being entrusted by the Bar Council or the Chairman.
- ¹¹[(g) "Section" means a Section of the Act.

CHAPTER II - ELECTIONS

PART-I DEFINITIONS

3. In this Chapter unless there is anything repugnant in the subject or context:

- ¹²[(a) "candidate" means:--
- (i) in relation to election of the Pakistan Bar Council, an advocate whose name appears in the Roll of Advocates of the Supreme Court maintained by the Pakistan Bar Council and practicing generally in a Province from which he seeks election and is qualified to be elected as Member of the Pakistan Bar Council under Section 11A of the Act and does not suffer from any disqualifications under Section 11B of the Act;
- ¹³[(ii) In relation to election of the Provincial Bar Council, an Advocate whose name appears in the Roll of group of districts maintained by a Provincial Bar Council from the District from wherein he is practicing generally and in relation to election of Islamabad Bar Council an Advocate whose name appears in the Roll of Advocates maintained by that Council.] ^{13a}[and
- (iii) includes a prospective candidate.}

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4. Inserted *vide* Notification of the Pakistan Bar Council dated 16-11-2015.
5. Previous Clauses (c), (d) and (e) were renumbered as clauses (e), (f) and (g) *vide* Notification of the Pakistan Bar Council dated 16-11-2015.
6. The original clause (c) of Rule 2 as it then was reads as under: -
 "(c) "Member" means a Member of the Pakistan Bar Council".
 It was substituted by the present text, with effect from 20.3.1979, as per Notification published in the Gazette of Pakistan, Extra (Part II) March 24, 1979.
7. See footnote No. 5
8. Substituted *vide* Notification published in the Gazette of Pakistan, Extra, (Part II), August 22, 1984.
9. See foot note No. 7.
10. See foot note No. 7.
11. See footnote No. 5
12. With effect from 1.7.1983, the original clause (a) of Rule 3 was re-numbered as (aa) and the present Clause (a) was added through Notification published in the Gazette of Pakistan, Extra (Part II), June 6, 1983.
13. Substituted *vide* Notification of the Pakistan Bar Council dated 16-11-2015.
- 13a. inserted *vide* Notification of the Pakistan Bar Council dated 08-09-2025.

Explanation.--If any question arises whether an Advocate is or is not, for the purpose of this sub-rule, practicing generally in a Province or District ¹⁴[or in ICT], for the purpose of election of Pakistan Bar Council it shall be referred to the Attorney-General for Pakistan and for the purpose of election of the Provincial Bar Council ¹⁵[and Islamabad Bar Council] it shall be referred to the Advocate-General concerned, whose decision thereon shall be final}.

- ¹⁶[(aa) "continuing candidate" means any candidate who is neither elected nor excluded from the poll at any given time].
- ¹⁷[(b) "elected member" means member duly elected to the Pakistan Bar Council, a Provincial Bar Council or the Islamabad Bar Council, as the case may be.]
- (c) "Election Tribunal" means:-
- (i) in relation to elections to a Provincial Bar Council ¹⁸[or Islamabad Bar Council] and its Vice-Chairman, a Judge of the High Court nominated by the Chief Justice of the High Court concerned; and
 - (ii) in relation to the elections to the Pakistan Bar Council and its Vice-Chairman, a Judge of the Supreme Court nominated by the Chief Justice of Pakistan.
- (d) "exhausted paper" means a ballot paper on which no further preference is recorded for a continuing candidate; provided that a ballot paper shall also be deemed to have become exhausted whenever:-
- (a) the names of two or more candidates whether continuing or not, are marked with the same figure and are cast in order of preference; or
 - (b) the name of a candidate next in order of preference whether continuing or not is marked:--
 - (i) by a figure not following consecutively after some other figure on the ballot paper; or
 - (ii) by two or more figures.
- (e) "first preference" means the figure "1" set opposite the name of a candidate; "second preference" means the figure ¹⁹"2" set opposite the name of a candidate; "third preference" means the figure ²⁰"3" set opposite the name of a candidate and so on;

14. Inserted *vide* Notification of the Pakistan Bar Council dated 16-11-2015

15. Inserted *vide* Notification of the Pakistan Bar Council dated 16-11-2015

16. See foot note No. 10.

17. Substituted *vide* Notification of the Pakistan Bar Council dated 16-11-2015

18. Inserted *vide* Notification of the Pakistan Bar Council dated 16-11-2015.

19. Figure "2" was substituted by the figure "٢" *vide* Notification of Pakistan Bar Council dated 27-10-2005.

20. Figure "3" was substituted by the figure *vide* Notification of PBC dated 17-10-2005.

- (f) "member" means a member of a Provincial Bar Council ²¹[or Islamabad Bar Council,] ²²[but shall not include its chairman].
- (g) "original vote", in relation to any candidate, means a vote derived from a ballot paper on which a first preference is recorded for such candidate.
- ^{22a}[(ga) "prospective candidate" means a person who canvasses with the intention to participate in any elections under this Chapter for a particular seat in a particular area and seeks support of voters in any manner".]
- (h) "published" with its grammatical variation includes exhibitions at a place accessible to the public.
- ²³[(i) "Returning Officer" means--
 - (i) in relation to election to a Provincial Bar Council and the Islamabad Bar Council, the Advocate-General of the Province concerned and ICT or in his absence the Additional Advocate General in order of seniority, and where there is no Additional Advocate-General an Assistant Advocate-General in order of seniority;
 - (ii) in relation to election to the Pakistan Bar Council, the Attorney-General for Pakistan or in his absence an Additional Attorney-General in order of seniority and where there is no Additional Attorney-General a Deputy Attorney-General in order of seniority].
- (j) "surplus" means a number by which the value of the votes original and transferred of any candidate exceed the quota;
- (k) "transferred vote", in relation to any candidate, means a vote the value or the part of the value of which is credited to such candidate and which is derived from a ballot paper on which a second or a subsequent preference is recorded for such candidate;
- (l) "un-exhausted ballot paper" means a ballot paper on which a further preference is recorded for a continuing candidate; and
- (m) "voter" means—
 - ²⁴[(i) in relation to a Provincial Bar Council, an Advocate whose name for the time being appears on the Roll of group of districts of the Provincial Bar Council and in relation to election to Islamabad Bar Council an Advocate whose name for the time being appears in the roll of Advocates of Islamabad Bar Council and to whom an identity card has been issued by

21. Inserted *vide* Notification of the Pakistan Bar Council dated 16-11-2015.

22. The words "but shall not include its Chairman" were added, with effect from 24.3.1979, as per Notification published in the Gazette of Pakistan, Extra (Part II), March 24, 1979.

22a inserted *vide* Notification of the Pakistan Bar Council dated 08-09-2025.

23. Substituted *vide* Notification of the Pakistan Bar Council dated 16-11-2015.

24. Substituted *vide* Notification of the Pakistan Bar Council dated 16-11-2015.

a Provincial Bar Council or the Islamabad Bar Council, as the case may be, and who is not in arrears of dues of the Bar Council for a period exceeding six months.]

- (ii) in relation to election to the Pakistan Bar Council, a member ²⁵[of a Provincial Bar Council] ²⁶[and the Islamabad Bar Council].

PART - II

ELECTION TO PROVINCIAL BAR COUNCILS

²⁷[4. (1) Each Provincial Bar Council shall publish ²⁸[...] Rolls of Advocates ²⁹[of group of districts as per the schedule under Section 5(2)(b) of the Act] district-wise on the ^{29a}{15th day of September} of the year in which the elections of a Bar Council are to be held, which will constitute as Voters Lists for the elections to the Provincial Bar Council.

^{29a}{(1A) Where a Bar Council has carried out the process of digitation of its voters by any means, including through Q-Sahoolat, to the satisfaction of the Returning Officer, the elections may be conducted on the basis of such digitized voter list:

Provided that the digitized voter list may be updated till the announcement of election schedule.

(1B) Where a Bar Council has not prepared a digitized voter list, the elections shall be conducted on the basis of the roll of advocates maintained by the relevant Bar Council.}

(2) The Returning Officer of a Provincial Bar Council, after ascertaining the number of Advocates practicing generally in a district and entered on the Roll [of group of districts] from the district on the ^{29a}{15th day of September}, as published under sub-rule 4(1), shall notify:

- (a) the number of Members to be elected from each district under clauses (a) & (b) of sub-section (2) of Section 5; and
- (b) the names of the districts which shall for the purpose of election, be joined with one or more adjoining districts under clause (b) of sub-section (2) of Section 5.

³⁰[(3) Likewise the Islamabad Bar Council shall also publish a roll of its Advocates on the ^{29a}{15th day of September} of the year in which the election of the said Bar Council are to be held which will constitute as voters list for the election of the said Bar Council].

5. (1) The Returning Officer shall publish a programme of the election of Members of the Provincial Bar Council ³¹[and the Islamabad Bar Council] in the official Gazette specifying:-

25. Added, vide Notification published in the Gazette of Pakistan, Extra (Part II), March 24, 1979.

26. Added *vide* Notification of the Pakistan Bar Council dated 16-11-2015

27. Substituted as per Notification published in the Gazette of Pakistan, Extra (Part-II), June, 6, 1983.

28. The word "Divisional" was deleted *vide* Notification of Pakistan Bar Council dated 17.10.2005.

29. Inserted *vide* Notification of Pakistan Bar Council dated 17.10.2005.

29a inserted *vide* Notification of the Pakistan Bar Council dated 08-09-2025.

30. Added *vide* Notification of the Pakistan Bar Council dated 16-11-2015

31. Inserted *vide* Notification of the Pakistan Bar Council dated 16-11-2015

- (a) the date for receipt of proposals for election;
- (b) the date, not being a date later than seven days of the date on which proposals for election are to be delivered at the office of the Returning Officer for the scrutiny of such proposals;
- (c) the date on which list of the contesting candidates shall be published;
- (d) the date by which a candidate may withdraw his proposal;
- (e) the date on which the final list of the candidates shall be published;
- (f) the date on which the voting shall take place;
- (g) the date on which the result of election shall be declared; and
- (h) the date by which objections to the validity of election of a member shall be filed:

Provided that there shall be an interval of at least fourteen days between the date for scrutiny and the date on which voting shall take place and the date on which the result of election is declared and the date for filing objections to the election.

(2) The place of the office of the Returning Officer shall also be specified in the notification and the location of the office shall not be changed during the course of election except for compelling reasons and notice of such change shall be published in at least one leading English and one leading vernacular daily of the province ³²[or ICT, as the case may be,] not later than four days before the change takes place.

(3) Copies of the programme shall be sent to the Chief Justice of the High Court for information and to the Presidents of all the Bar Associations for being pasted at the notice boards of their offices.

³³[6. (1) At any time before 2 p.m. on a date specified by the Returning Officer any Advocate practicing generally in a district ^{33a}[who is practicing in such district continuously for five preceding years] and entered on the ³⁴[roll of group of districts] ³⁵[or in ICT] ³⁶[who is qualified as voter] may by a letter addressed to the Returning Officer propose another such Advocate ³⁷[qualified as a candidate] for election as a Member of the Provincial Bar Council ³⁸[from that district] ³⁹[and of the Islamabad Bar Council from ICT] by delivering at the office of the Returning Officer nomination paper signed by him and accompanied by a statement by the

32. Inserted *vide* Notification of the Pakistan Bar Council dated 16-11-2015

33. The originally framed Rule 6 was re-numbered as 6 (1) and present sub-rule (2) was added, with effect from 1.7.1983, through Notification published in the Gazette of Pakistan, Extra (Part II), June 6, 1983.

33a. Added *vide* Notification of the Pakistan Bar Council dated 08-09-2025

34. Substituted for the word "divisional" as per Notification of Pakistan Bar Council dated 17-10-2005.

35. Inserted *vide* Notification of the Pakistan Bar Council dated 16-11-2015

36. Inserted with effect from 1.7.1983, *vide* Notification published in the Gazette of Pakistan, Extra (Part II), June 6, 1983.

37. Inserted, *ibid*.

38. Inserted, *ibid*.

39. Inserted *vide* Notification of the Pakistan Bar Council dated 16-11-2015

Advocate whose name is proposed that he is willing to serve as Member if elected. A proposal shall relate only to one candidate and shall be invalid if it relates to more than one. The Returning Officer or any other person specifically authorized by him in this behalf shall note on each proposal as soon as it is received, its number as well as the time and the date on which it is received.

⁴⁰[(2) The proposal shall contain number of the identity card issued by the Provincial Bar Council ⁴¹[or the Islamabad Bar Council] to such candidate and his proposer accompanied by a declaration from the candidate that he does not suffer from any of the disqualifications prescribed in the Act and Rules.]

^{40a}[(3) The candidate shall file with the nomination paper certified copies of judgments of thirty decided cases independently conducted by him in the Supreme Court of Pakistan, Federal Shariat Court, High Courts, Civil and Criminal Courts subordinate to High Courts and Tribunals functioning under the law-

(a) in civil cases, copies of vakalatnama, plaint, written reply, judgment along with decree sheets, showing name of the Advocate of a party as lead Counsel;

(b) in civil appeals or revisions, copies of vakalatnama, memo of appeal, judgment along with copy of decree sheets showing name of the Advocate of a party as lead Counsel;

(c) in criminal cases, copies of vakalatnama, judgment of Trial Court or final judgment of the High Court, showing name of the Advocate of a party as lead Counsel;

(d) in criminal appeals or revisions, copies of vakalatnama, memo of Appeal along with judgment of the appellate Court showing name of the Advocate of a party as lead Counsel; and

(e) copies should be signed by respective District & Sessions Judge or by his authorized Senior Civil Judge, Criminal, Civil or Family Divisions. In case of judgments of Tribunal that should be countersigned by the Registrar of concerned Tribunal and judgments of High Court should be counter signed by the Additional Registrar of the High Court;

Explanation.- In order to establish that a case was independently conducted by the candidate, he shall furnish copy of vakalatnama, pleadings including written statement and final order or judgment showing his name as a lead counsel of a party to the proceedings.

⁴²[Provided that no voter shall sign more proposals than the number of the members to be elected to the Provincial Bar Council ⁴³[or the Islamabad bar Council]. In case he does so, his proposals received earlier in time up to the number of the members to be elected, shall only be valid.]

7. (1) The Returning Officer shall within two days of the last date fixed for delivery of proposals, cause to be put up a list of the proposals on a notice board at his office containing particulars of the candidates.

(2) Every candidate or a voter shall have the right to inspect the proposals before the scrutiny.

8. (1) On the day fixed for scrutiny the Returning Officer shall after hearing such objections which will be made to any proposal by any candidate or a voter and after making such summary enquiry as he thinks fit, accept or reject the proposal.

^{43a}[(2) If a candidate has been dismissed or removed from service of the Government or any public statutory corporation, or has furnished false information or suppressed any fact from the Bar

40. See foot note No. 31.

41a Inserted *vide* Notification of the Pakistan Bar Council dated 08-09-2025

41. Inserted *vide* Notification of the Pakistan Bar Council dated 16-11-2015

42. Substituted as per Notification published in the Gazette of Pakistan, Extra (Part II), March 24, 1979.

43. Inserted *vide* Notification of the Pakistan Bar Council dated 16-11-2015

43a Inserted *vide* Notification of the Pakistan Bar Council dated 08-09-2025

Council or attracted the provisions of section 11B of the Act or violated the Code of Conduct or any reasonable objection is received against him, the Returning Officer, if satisfied as to the genuineness of the complaint or objection, may seek verification from the record of the Bar Council or the department concerned.

(3) The Returning Officer/Advocate-General shall have the power to examine the validity or invalidity of nomination papers of candidates at its own with regard to qualifications or disqualifications under these rules.]

9. A candidate may withdraw his candidature before the expiry of the third day after scrutiny of the proposals by the Returning Officer.

10. ⁴⁴[(1) If the number of valid proposals from the district or the ICT does not exceed the number of the members to be elected from that district or the ICT as the case may be, the Returning Officer shall declare the proposed candidates to be elected.]

(2) If after the withdrawal day the number of valid proposals from a district [or the ICT] exceeds the number of members to be elected from that district ⁴⁵[or the ICT] a list of contesting candidates and the seats for which the election is to take place, shall be pasted on the notice board of the Returning Officer within two days of the date of withdrawal.

⁴⁶[...]

⁴⁷[10A. Code of Conduct.- (1) No candidate or his supporter shall canvass for votes through-

- (a) advertisement;
- (b) banners;
- (c) pla-cards;
- (d) Stickers;
- (e) panaflex;
- (f) hoardings;
- (g) calendars;
- (h) dairies;
- (i) key-chains; and
- (j) posters etc.”

(2) The candidate or his supporter may, however, solicit support through personal contact and by issuing letters and visiting cards of the maximum size of 3x5 inches on which he may also display his photograph along with necessary information.

(3) No candidate or his supporter shall use or show any kind of weapon throughout the during election process or on the day of election.

(4) No candidate or his supporter shall canvass for votes by approaching a voter, directly or indirectly, at his residence.

(5) No candidate or his supporter, directly or indirectly, give meal, lunch, dinner, breakfast and hi-tea, to voters in connection with election campaign.

10-B. (1) The Retuning Officer/Advocate-General may take action on his own or on any complaint filed with respect to the violation of the Code of Conduct or any provisions of the Act and these rules during the whole election process or campaign by a candidate or his supporters.

44. Substituted *vide* Notification of the Pakistan Bar Council dated 16-11-2015

45. Inserted *vide* Notification of the Pakistan Bar Council dated 16-11-2015

46. Deleted, with *vide* Notification published in the Gazette of Pakistan, Extra (Part II), March 24, 1979.

47. Substituted *vide* Notification of the Pakistan Bar Council dated 08-09-2025.

(2) Where such complaint is found to be false, frivolous and vexatious, the complaint shall be dismissed forthwith while imposing cost.

(3) The Returning Officer/Advocate-General or any law officer authorized by him, as the case may be, may adopt a summary inquiry procedure as deemed appropriate for the expeditious disposal not later than seven days of the receipt of such complaints or cases.

(4) No candidate shall be disqualified for violation of the Code of Conduct or any provisions of the Act and rules unless a show cause notice has been issued and a reasonable opportunity of hearing has been afforded to him.

(5) Any aggrieved person may file an appeal against the order of the Returning Officer/Advocate-General or any law officer authorized by him, as the case may be, within three working days of the order before the Attorney-General who shall decide the appeal within seven working days and the decision of the Attorney-General thereon shall be final.

(6) Any violation of the code of Conduct shall be deemed to be a cause of disqualification as duly mentioned in section 5B of the Act.]

10-C. ^{48a}[(1) For the conduct of elections in each Province and the Islamabad Capital Territory, the Returning Officer/Advocate-General shall prescribe the manner in which complaints or cases regarding violations of the code of Conduct shall be decided.

(2) In cases of pre-poll violations, the publication of the final list of candidates shall remain subject to the final decision of the competent authority on pending complaints.

(3) All prohibitions and restrictions under rule 10A shall also be applicable on the polling day in case of polling day violations, the declaration of results shall remain subject to the final decision of the competent authority.]

11. The Returning Officer shall notify the polling stations and the areas to be served by each polling station.

12. Each contesting candidate may before the commencement of the polls appoint not more than one agent for each polling station.

13. (1) The Returning Officer shall publish, at least 30 days before the polling, a list of voters showing at which polling station a particular voter shall cast his vote:

Provided that the Returning Officer shall have the power to add to the list till the polling is held:

Provided further that no person shall be entitled to vote if he ceases to be an advocate before the poll.

(2) All voters shall cast their votes at the polling stations indicated in the list except voters appointed as polling agents who shall be entitled to cast their votes at the polling stations for which they have been appointed as polling agents. A candidate may cast his vote at any polling station.

14. ⁴⁸[The ballot paper shall be in such form as may be specified by the Returning Officer in accordance with directions and guidelines issued by Pakistan Bar Council from time to time].

48. Substituted *vide* Notification of the Pakistan Bar Council dated 29-10-2020

48a inserted *vide* Notification of the Pakistan Bar Council dated 08-09-2025.

⁴⁹[15. The Returning Officer shall, for the purpose of conducting the election, appoint such number of Presiding Officers, ⁵⁰[preferably of] the rank of Additional District and Sessions Judge, as he may consider necessary, for his assistance]

16. The Returning Officer shall provide the polling Officer with a list of voters of the area for which he has been appointed the polling officer.

17. (1) The ⁵¹[Presiding Officer] shall conduct the poll in accordance with the provisions of these Rules and shall exercise all necessary powers for maintaining order at the polling station and shall report to the Returning Officer any fact or incident which in his opinion effect the conduct or fairness of the poll.

(2) It shall be the duty of a Presiding Officer to do all such acts and things as may be necessary for effectively conducting the polls in accordance with the provisions of these Rules.

18. (i) The ballot box shall be such as may be provided by the Returning Officer;

(ii) The ⁵²[Presiding Officer] shall ensure before the commencement of the poll that each box is empty and is properly sealed in the balloting position and is placed before him prior to the receiving of the ballot papers.

19. The ⁵³[Presiding Officer] shall, subject to such instructions as the Returning Officer may give, regulate the entry of persons to the polling station and exclude therefrom all persons except:

- (a) any person on duty in connection with the election.
- (b) contesting candidates and one polling agent of each contesting candidate.

⁵⁴[(c) No canvassing shall be allowed inside the polling station)]

20. (i) There shall be displayed outside the place of the poll a list of the contesting candidates;

(ii) To enable the voters to mark their ballot papers in secret the ⁵⁵[Presiding Officer] shall set up polling booths screened from observation where voters shall record their votes;

(iii) The Returning Officer shall provide sufficient number of ballot boxes, copies of the list of voters, ballot papers, stamps for making official mark, writing material for indicating preferences ⁵⁶[on] the ballot papers and such other articles as may be necessary for facilitating the casting of votes.

21. ⁵⁷[In an election of:-

- (i) a Provincial Bar Council each voter shall have as many votes as the number of members to be elected from that group of districts to that Bar Council; &
- (ii) the Islamabad Bar Council each voter shall have as many votes as the number of members to be elected from ICT to that Bar Council.]

49. Substituted by Notification dated 25, June, 2020 of Pakistan Bar Council

50. Substituted vide Notification dated 19, August, 2020 of Pakistan Bar Council

51. Substituted by Notification dated 25, June, 2020 of Pakistan Bar Council

52. Substituted vide Notification dated 19, August, 2020 of Pakistan Bar Council

53. Substituted by Notification dated 25, June, 2020 of Pakistan Bar Council

54. Added, vide Notification published in the Gazette of Pakistan, Extra (Part II), March 24, 1979.

55. Substituted by Notification dated 25, June, 2020 of Pakistan Bar Council

56. Substituted for the word "of", *ibid*.

57. Substituted vide Notification of the Pakistan Bar Council dated 16-11-2015

22. ⁵⁸[(1) The ballot paper for the election to a Member of a Provincial Bar Council [or the Islamabad Bar Council] shall be issued to the voter by the ⁵⁹[Presiding Officer] only against the production of an identity card issued to him by such Provincial Bar Council ⁶⁰[or the Islamabad Bar Council]. ⁶¹[The Returning Officer by a general Order may also direct production of CNIC of the voter in addition to the Identity Card issued to him/her by the Bar Council or the Bar Association concerned.]

(2) A voter, on receiving the ballot paper, shall forthwith:--

(a) proceed to the polling booth;

⁶²[(b) record his/her vote on the ballot paper as required by the Returning Officer as per his written instructions displayed in the Polling Station/ Polling Booth.];

(c) fold the ballot paper so as to conceal his vote,

⁶³[(cc) each ballot paper shall be counter signed and stamped by the Presiding/ Polling Officer at its back]; and

(d) insert the ballot paper into the ballot box.

(3) No voter shall be allowed to enter the voting booth when another voter is inside it].

23. Voting shall take place generally under the directions, control and supervision of the Returning Officer at such hours as the Returning Officer may direct on the date or dates already fixed for voting in the programme, but the Returning Officer may for sufficient reasons direct that the voting may continue after the date or dates fixed. Directions given by the Returning Officer shall be put on the notice board of his office and a copy thereof shall be sent to the Presidents of all the Bar Associations for being pasted at the notice boards of the Bar Associations.

24. (1) Voting shall be by secret ballot.

(2) A voter who has inadvertently spoiled his ballot paper so that it cannot be used may, after satisfying the ⁶⁴[Presiding Officer] about the fact of inadvertence, return the ballot paper to the Presiding Officer who shall issue another ballot paper after cancelling the spoiled ballot paper which shall be placed in a packet labelled "spoiled ballot papers" noting the fact of cancellation on the counterfoil also.

(3) If any ballot paper which has been issued to a voter has not been inserted by him into the ballot box, but is found to be anywhere else it shall be cancelled and counted for as "spoiled ballot paper".

25. (1) At the close of the polling, the ⁶⁵[Presiding Officer] shall count in the presence of the candidates or their agents the votes cast for the various candidates and shall forward the ballot papers and the result of counting in a sealed cover to the Returning Officer.

(2) The Returning Officer shall after giving notice to the contesting candidates as to the date, time and place for the counting of votes, open the sealed packets received from the Presiding Officer, in the presence of such of the contesting candidates or their agents as may be present. He shall then proceed to count the ballot papers received from the various polling stations.

58. Re-numbered *vide* Notification published in the Gazette of Pakistan, Extra (Part II), June 6, 1983.

59. Substituted by Notification dated 25, June, 2020 of Pakistan Bar Council

60. Inserted *vide* Notification of the Pakistan Bar Council dated 16-11-2015

61. Added *vide* Notification of the Pakistan Bar Council dated 21-11-2020

62. Substituted *vide* Notification of the Pakistan Bar Council dated 21-11-2020

63. Inserted *vide* Notification of the Pakistan Bar Council dated 21-11-2020

64. Substituted by Notification dated 25, June, 2020 of Pakistan Bar Council

65. Substituted by Notification dated 25, June, 2020 of Pakistan Bar Council

⁶⁶[(3) The Returning Officer shall reject a ballot paper if it is marked in violation of instructions issued by him under the Rules.]

26. The Returning Officer shall prepare a report of the votes received by each candidate and the votes held to be invalid and shall declare the result. In case of equality of votes the decision shall be taken by drawing of lots. The ballot papers as well as report shall be preserved in a sealed box for the term of the members elected.

⁶⁷[Omitted]

27. All candidates as well as their agents shall be entitled to be present at the counting.

28. A list of candidates declared elected shall be prepared and signed by the Returning Officer and ⁶⁸[...] shall cause the list to be published in the official gazette ⁶⁹[of the Province] ⁷⁰[and the ICT as the case may be]. Copies of the list shall also be sent to the Presidents of all the Bar Associations to be affixed on their notice boards.

[28A. (1) The Attorney-General or Advocate-General may, by an order in writing, delegate any of his powers and authorize the performance

of any of his functions under these rules respectively to Additional Attorney-General or Additional Advocate-General, as he may deem fit and proper, subject to such conditions, if any, as may be specified in the order, for carrying out the purposes of these rules.

(2) The Advocate-General may constitute a team of law officers to assist him in any of his functions under these rules; and

(3) The Advocate-General/Returning Officer may appoint any law officer, i.e. Additional Advocate-General or Assistant Advocate-General to assist him in respect of election in all district headquarters in compliance of the election Rules.]

⁷¹[PART-II-A & Rule 28-A]

(Omitted)

PART-III

ELECTION OF THE MEMBERS OF THE PAKISTAN BAR COUNCIL

29. A list of the candidates declared elected by each Provincial Bar Council ⁷²[and Islamabad Bar Council] shall be prepared and signed by the Chairman of each Provincial Bar Council ⁷³[and

66. Substituted *vide* Notification of the Pakistan Bar Council dated 21-11-2020

67. Deleted, *vide* Notification published in the Gazette of Pakistan, Extra (Part II), March 24, 1979:

68. Deleted *vide* Notification published in the Gazette of Pakistan, Extra (Part II), June 6, 1983.

69. Added, *vide* Notification published in the Gazette of Pakistan, Extra, (Part-II), March 24, 1979.

70. Added / Inserted *vide* Notification of the Pakistan Bar Council dated 16-11-2015

70a inserted *vide* Notification of the Pakistan Bar Council dated 08-09-2025.

71. Omitted *vide* Notification of the Pakistan Bar Council dated 16-11-2015

72. Inserted *vide* Notification of the Pakistan Bar Council dated 16-11-2015

73. Added / Inserted *vide* Notification of the Pakistan Bar Council dated 16-11-2015

Islamabad Bar Council] and it shall be sent to the Chairman of the Pakistan Bar Council who shall cause the list to be published in the official Gazette of the Government of Pakistan. It shall be electoral roll for the election to the Pakistan Bar Council ⁷⁴[for each Province ⁷⁵[and ICT] as provided under sub-section (1A) of Section 11 of the Act].

30. (1) After the publication of the list under Rule 29 the Returning Officer shall publish a programme of the election of the members of the Pakistan Bar Council in the official gazette, specifying:-

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- (a) the date, not being a date later than fifteen days of the notification under Rule 29, by which proposals for election are to be delivered at the office of the Returning Officer;
- (b) the date for the scrutiny of such proposals;
- (c) the date for the publication of the list of candidates;
- (d) the date by which the candidate may withdraw his nomination paper;
- (e) the date by which the final list of candidates shall be published;
- (f) the date on which the voting shall take place;
- (g) the date on which the result of election shall be declared; and
- (h) the date by which objections to the validity of election of a member shall be filed:

Provided that there shall be an interval of at least seven days between the date by which proposals are to be delivered and the date for their scrutiny, an interval of at least ten days between the date for scrutiny and the date on which voting shall take place, and an interval of at least seven days between the date on which the result of the election is declared and the date for filing objections to the election.

(2) The place of the office of the Returning Officer shall also be specified in the notification and the location of the office shall not be changed during the course of election except for compelling reasons and notice of such change be published in at least one leading daily of each province not later than four days before the change takes place.

(3) Copies of the programme shall be sent to the Chief Justice of Pakistan for information and to all the voters.

31. ⁷⁶[(1) Every candidate for election as a Member of the Pakistan Bar Council shall be an Advocate of the Supreme Court, generally practicing in a Province [or the ICT] from where he seeks such election, possessing the qualifications as laid down in Section 11A and does not suffer from any disqualification as enumerated in Section 11B.

74. Inserted / Added *vide* Notification of the PBC dated 17-10-2005.

75. Added / Inserted *vide* Notification of the Pakistan Bar Council dated 16-11-2015

76. Substituted as per Notification published in the Gazette of Pakistan, Extra (Part II), June 6, 1983:-

⁷⁷[(2) Any Member of a Provincial Bar Council and the Islamabad Bar Council may propose by a letter, the name of a candidate from his Province and the ICT, as the case may be, for membership of the Pakistan Bar Council for a seat reserved for such Province and ICT. The proposal shall contain the consent of the proposed candidate which shall be delivered to the Returning Officer at any time before 02:00 p.m. on the date fixed in the programme for delivering the proposals.]

(3) The letter of proposal shall be supported by documentary proof that the candidate is practicing generally in the Province ⁷⁸[or the ICT] from where he seeks election and possesses the qualifications as provided in Section 11A and shall be accompanied by a declaration by such candidate that he does not suffer from any disqualification as laid down in the Act and the Rules. The letter of proposal may relate to one candidate and shall be invalid if it relates to more than one. The Returning Officer or any other person specifically authorized by him in this behalf shall note on each proposal as soon as it is received, its number and the time and the date on which it is received.

⁷⁹[(4) Every candidate for election shall pay a ⁸⁰[non-refundable] nomination fee of Rs. ⁸¹[50,000/-] alongwith the letter of proposal through Pay Order/Bank Draft in favour of the Pakistan Bar Council].

⁸²**[31A.** No contesting candidate shall canvass for votes through advertisement, banners, pla-cards and posters. He may, however, solicit support through personal contacts by issuing post cards, letters and hand bills].

32. At the election of the Members of the Pakistan Bar Council, each voter shall have a single transferable vote ⁸³[within the same Province] ⁸⁴[or the ICT as the case may be].

⁸⁵[Provided, however, preferences shall be restricted to the number of seats reserved for a Province] ⁸⁶[or the ICT].

33. The Returning Officer shall, within two days of the last date fixed for delivery of proposals, cause to be put up a list of the proposals on a notice board at his office containing particulars of the candidates.

77. Substituted *vide* Notification of the Pakistan Bar Council dated 16-11-2015

78. Inserted *vide* Notification of the Pakistan Bar Council dated 16-11-2015

79. Added *vide* Notification published in Gazette of Pakistan, Extra (Part II), July 7, 1998.

80. Inserted *vide* Notification of Pakistan Bar Council dated 17-10-2005.

81. Substituted *for figure "10000"* *vide* Notification of the Pakistan Bar Council dated 16-11-2015

82. Added *vide* Notification published in the Gazette of Pakistan, Extra (Part II), March 24, 1979.

83. Added by Notification of Pakistan Bar Council dated 17-10-2005.

84. Inserted *vide* Notification of the Pakistan Bar Council dated 16-11-2015

85. Substituted by Notification of Pakistan Bar Council dated 17-10-2005

86. Inserted *vide* Notification of Pakistan Bar Council dated 17-10-2005.

34. On the date fixed for scrutiny, the Returning Officer shall, after hearing any objection which may be made to any proposal by a candidate or any voter, and after making such summary inquiry as he may think fit, accept or reject the proposal.

35. A candidate may withdraw his candidature before the expiry of the third day after scrutiny of the proposals by the Returning Officer.

36. The Returning Officer shall, on the date next following the withdrawal day, draw up a list of contesting candidates ⁸⁷[from ICT and different Provinces] in alphabetical order and publish it at some conspicuous place in his office and furnish a copy thereof to each of the contesting candidates.

⁸⁸**[36A.** (1) Where after scrutiny and withdrawal of letter of proposal, the number of validly nominated candidates or, as the case may be, the contesting candidates from a Province ⁸⁹[or ICT] is less than or equal to the number of seats to be filled for that Province ⁹⁰[or ICT] the Returning Officer shall by notification in the official Gazette, declare such candidate or candidates to be elected un-opposed.

(2) When the number of candidates declared elected under sub-section (1) is less than the number of seats to be filled, fresh proceedings shall be commenced in accordance with the provisions of these Rules, as if for a new election, to fill the seat or, as the case may be, seats remaining vacant].

37. Polling stations shall be established at such places and shall serve such areas as may be determined by the Returning Officer.

38. Each contesting candidate may, before the commencement of the poll, appoint not more than one agent for each polling station.

39. (1) The Returning Officer shall publish a list of voters showing at which polling station a particular voter shall cast his vote at least seven days before the poll:

Provided that no voter shall be entitled to vote if he ceases to be a voter before the poll.

(2) ⁹¹[Deleted]

40. (1) The ballot papers shall be in such form as may be specified by the Returning Officer and the names of the contesting candidates shall be written on it in ⁹²[English].

(2) The names of contesting candidates shall be arranged on the ballot paper in the same order as shown on the list of contesting candidates prepared under Rule 36.

41. The Returning Officer shall, for the purpose of conducting the election, appoint such number of Polling Officers to assist the Returning Officer as he may consider necessary.

87. Substituted by Notification of Pakistan Bar Council dated 17-10-2005

88. Added *vide* Notification published in the Gazette of Pakistan, Extra (Part II), October 6, 1991.

89. Inserted *vide* Notification of the Pakistan Bar Council dated 16-11-2015

90. Inserted *vide* Notification of the Pakistan Bar Council dated 16-11-2015

91. Deleted *vide* Notification of Pakistan Bar Council dated 06-10-1991

92. Substituted for the word "Urdu" *vide* Notification of Pakistan Bar Council dated 17-10-2005.

42. (1) A Polling Officer shall conduct the poll in accordance with the provisions of these Rules and shall exercise all necessary powers for maintaining order at the polling station and shall report to the Returning Officer any fact or incident which may, in his opinion, affect the conduct or fairness of the poll

(2) It shall be the duty of a Polling Officer to do all such acts and things as may be necessary for effectively conducting the poll in accordance with the provisions of these rules.

(3) No canvassing shall be allowed inside the polling station.

43. The Returning Officer shall provide the Polling Officer with a list of voters of the area for which he has been appointed the Polling Officer.

44. (i) The ballot boxes shall be such as may be provided by the Returning Officer.

(ii) The Polling Officer shall ensure before the commencement of the poll that each box is empty and is properly sealed in the balloting position and placed before him prior to the receiving of ballot papers.

45. The Polling Officer shall, subject to such instructions as ⁹³[the] Returning Officer may give, regulate the entry of members to the polling station and exclude therefrom all persons except:

(a) any person on duty in connection with the election; and

(b) the contesting candidates ⁹⁴[or] one polling agent of each contesting candidate.

46. (1) There shall be displayed outside the place of the poll, a list of contesting candidates.

(2) To enable the voters to mark their ballot papers in secret, the Polling Officer shall set up polling booth screened from observation where voters shall record their votes.

(3) The Returning Officer shall provide sufficient number of ballot boxes, copies of the list of voters, ballot papers, stamps for making the official mark, writing material for indicating preferences on the ballot papers and such other articles as may be necessary for facilitating the casting of votes.

47. (1) A voter, on receiving the ballot paper, shall forthwith--

(a) proceed to the voting booth;

(b) record his vote in accordance with Rule 48;

(c) fold the ballot paper so as to conceal his vote; and

(d) insert the ballot paper into the ballot box.

93. Inserted, *ibid.*

94. Substituted for the word "and", *ibid.*

- (2) No voter shall be allowed to enter the voting booth when another voter is inside it.

48. In giving his vote a voter--

- (a) shall place on his ballot paper the figure 1 beside the name of the candidate for whom he wishes to vote in the first instance; and
- (b) may, in addition, place on his ballot paper the figures ⁹⁵[2, 3, 4] and so on in the order of his preference besides the names of the other candidates.

Explanation.--The figures referred to in these rules may be marked against different names in ⁹⁶[English] and shall not be marked in words.

49. A voter who has inadvertently spoiled his ballot paper so that it cannot be used may, after satisfying the Polling Officer about the fact of inadvertence, return the ballot paper to the Polling Officer, who shall issue another ballot paper after cancelling the spoiled paper which shall be placed in a packet labeled "spoiled ballot papers" noting the fact of cancellation on the counterfoil also.

50. If any ballot paper issued to a voter has not been inserted by him into the ballot box but is found anywhere else, it shall be cancelled and counted for as "spoiled ballot paper".

51. (1) After the close of the poll, the Polling Officer shall, in the presence of such of the contesting candidates and their polling agents as may be present, open the ballot boxes.

(2) The Polling Officer shall--

- (a) count the ballot papers taken out of the ballot boxes and record their number in a statement;
- (b) scrutinize the ballot papers taken out of the ballot boxes;
- (c) separate the ballot papers which he deems valid from those which he rejects under sub-rule (3) endorsing on each ballot paper so rejected the word "rejected" and the grounds of rejection and record their number in a statement;
- (d) put the valid and invalid ballot papers in separate packets and put his seal on them;
- (e) obtain on each statement and packet the signature of such of the contesting candidates or their agents as may desire to sign it; and
- (f) prepare a ballot paper account showing--
 - (i) the number of ballot papers entrusted to him;

95. Substituted for the figures and signs "٢", "٣" and "٤" through Notification of the Pakistan Bar Council dated 17.10.2005.

96. Substituted for the word "Urdu" ibid.

- (ii) the number of ballot papers taken out of the ballot box and counted;
- (iii) the number of issued ballot papers; and
- (iv) the number of invalid ballot papers.

(3) A ballot paper shall be invalid--

- (a) on which figure "1" is not marked; or
- (b) on which figure "1" is set opposite the name of more than one candidates, or is so placed so as to render it doubtful as to which candidate it is intended to apply; or
- (c) on which figure "1" and some other figure are set opposite the name of the same candidate; or
- (d) on which there is a mark or writing or to which some object is attached by which the voter can be identified; or
- (e) which is unmarked or void on the ground of uncertainty; or
- (f) which does not bear official mark or initial of the Polling Officer.

(4) The Polling Officer shall, immediately after the close of proceedings under sub-rule (2) cause the statements, packets and account prepared by him to be sent to the Returning Officer together with such other records as the Returning Officer may direct.

52. (1) The Returning Officer shall after giving notice to the contesting candidates as to the day, time and place, for the counting of votes, open the sealed packets received from the Polling Officers in the presence of such of the contesting candidates or their agents as may be present ⁹⁷{and shall count and credit the votes province-wise, ⁹⁸[and the ICT] in the manner hereinafter provided}.

(2) The Returning Officer shall--

- (a) arrange the ballot papers in parcels according to the first preference recorded for each candidate;
- (b) count and record the number of ballot papers in each parcel and check the total number thereof; and
- (c) credit to each candidate the value of the ballot papers on which preference for him has been recorded.

97. Inserted *vide* Notification of the Pakistan Bar Council dated 17-10-2005.

98. Inserted *vide* Notification of the Pakistan Bar Council dated 16-11-2015

53. Every ballot paper shall be deemed to be of the value of 100 and the quota sufficient to secure the return of a candidate at the election ⁹⁹[from each Province] ¹⁰⁰[and ICT] shall be determined as follows:--

- (a) add the value credited to all the candidates under paragraph (c), sub-rule (2) of Rule 52;
- (b) divide the total by the number which exceeds total number of seats to be filled in by 1; and
- (c) add 1 to the quotient ignoring the remainder, if any, and the resultant number is the quota.

54. (I) For the purpose of counting of votes, the Returning Officer shall disregard all fractions and ignore all preferences recorded for candidates already elected or excluded from the poll.

(2) A candidate shall be deemed to have been elected if at the end of any count or at the transfer of any parcel or sub-paragraph of an excluded candidate, the value of ballot papers credited to a candidate is equal to or greater than the quota, and no further ballot paper shall be transferred to him.

55. (1) If at the end of any count the value of the ballot papers credited to a candidate is greater than the quota, the surplus shall be transferred in accordance with provisions of this rule to the continuing candidates, according to the preferences indicated on the ballot papers of that candidate.

(2) If more than one candidates have a surplus, the largest surplus shall be dealt with first and the other in order of magnitude:

Provided that every surplus arising on the first count shall be dealt with before arising on the second count and so on.

(3) If more than one candidates have an equal surplus arising within the same count, the surplus of the candidate credited with the greatest value at the earliest count at which the value credited to these candidates were unequal, shall be dealt with first and where the value credited to such candidate were equal at all counts, the Returning Officer shall determine by lot which surplus will be dealt with first.

(4) If the surplus of any candidate to be transferred arises from original votes only, the Returning Officer shall examine all the papers in the parcel of that elected candidate, sort out unexhausted papers into sub-paragraphs according to the next available preference recorded therein and shall make a separate sub-paragraph of the exhausted ballot papers.

99. Inserted *vide* Notification of the Pakistan Bar Council dated 17-10-2005.

100. Inserted *vide* Notification of the Pakistan Bar Council dated 16-11-2015

(5) If the value credited to an elected candidate where surplus is to be transferred arises from original and transferred votes, or from transferred votes only, the Returning Officer shall examine the ballot papers contained in the sub-parcel last transferred by the elected candidate.

(6) If the total value of the unexhausted papers is equal to or less than the surplus, the Returning Officer shall transfer each sub-parcel of unexhausted papers to the contesting candidates indicated therein as the voter's next preference, each paper being transferred at the value at which it was received by the candidate whose surplus is being transferred, when the total value of the unexhausted papers is less than the surplus, the exhausted papers shall be set aside at a value which is equal to the differences between the surplus and the total value of the unexhausted papers.

(7) If the total value of the unexhausted papers is greater than the surplus, the Returning Officer shall transfer each paper in each sub-parcel of unexhausted papers to the continuing candidate indicating therein as the voter's next preference and the value at which such papers shall be transferred shall be ascertained by dividing the surplus by the total number of unexhausted papers (fractional remainders being disregarded) except that the consequential loss of the value shall be noted on the result sheet.

(8) The papers transferred to each candidate shall be added in the form of a sub-parcel to the papers already belonging to such candidate.

(9) All papers in the parcel or sub-parcel of an elected candidate not transferred under this rule shall be set apart as finally dealt with.

56. If at the end of any count, no candidate has a surplus and one or more seats remain unfilled, the Returning Officer shall exclude from the count the candidate credited with the lowest value; shall sort the unexhausted papers into sub-parcels according to the next available preferences recorded thereon and shall transfer each sub-parcel to the contesting candidates for whom the next preference is recorded.

57. (1) The parcel containing original votes of excluded candidate shall be transferred first, the transfer value of each paper being 100.

(2) Exhausted papers shall be set aside. The sub-parcels containing transferred votes shall then be transferred in the order in which and at the value at which the excluded candidate obtained them.

(3) Each of such transfer shall be deemed to be a separate transfer.

(4) When a candidate has been excluded and as a result of transfer of his votes another candidate has been elected with a surplus, in such a case his surplus votes shall be transferred before another exclusion is considered.

(5) In the transfer of each parcel or sub-parcel a separate sub-parcel shall be made of the exhausted papers which shall be set aside at the value at which the excluded candidate obtained them.

58. (1) If at the end of any count as a result of transfer of papers, the number of continuing candidates is equal to the number of vacancies to be filled, no further transfer shall be made.

(2) When the number of continuing candidates is equal to the number of vacancies remaining unfilled, the continuing candidates shall thereupon be deemed to be elected.

(3) When at the end of any count, only one vacancy remains unfilled and the value credited to someone continuing candidate exceeds the total of the values credited to the other continuing candidates together with any other surplus not transferred; that candidate shall thereupon be deemed to have been elected and no further transfer shall be made.

(4) When at the end of any count, only one vacancy remains unfilled and there are only two continuing candidates and each of them has the same value of votes at all counts and no surplus remains capable of transfer, the Returning Officer shall decide by lot which of whom shall be excluded; and after excluding him in the manner aforesaid, declare the other candidate to be elected.

59. (1) If at any time it becomes necessary to exclude a candidate and two or more candidates have the same value of votes and are the lowest on the poll regard shall be had to the original votes of each candidates and the candidate for whom fewest original votes are recorded shall be excluded and if the value of their original votes are equal the candidate with the smallest value at the earlier count at which these candidates had unequal values shall be excluded.

(2) If two or more candidates are lowest on the poll and each has the same value of votes at all counts, the Returning Officer shall decide by lot which candidate shall be excluded.

¹⁰¹{**59-A.** During the course of counting the candidate excluded first shall be placed at the last number among the candidates from that province ¹⁰²[and the ICT]. In the same manner, the next candidate excluded from that province ¹⁰³[and the ICT] shall be placed at the number above the last and so on}.

60. (1) Any candidate, or in his absence, his agent may, at any time during the counting of votes either before the commencement or after the completion of any transfer of votes, whether surplus or otherwise, request the Returning Officer to re-examine and recount the papers of all or any candidate, not being papers set aside at any previous transfer as finally dealt with and the Returning Officer shall forthwith re-examine and recount the same accordingly:

Provided that nothing in this sub-rule shall make it obligatory on the Returning Officer to recount the same votes more than once.

(2) The Returning Officer may, in his discretion, recount the votes either once or more than once in any case in which he is not satisfied as to accuracy of any previous count.

101. Substituted *vide* Notification of Pakistan Bar Council dated 17.10.2005.

102. Inserted *vide* Notification of the Pakistan Bar Council dated 16-11-2015

103. Inserted *vide* Notification of the Pakistan Bar Council dated 16-11-2015

¹⁰⁴[60A: The list of candidates declared elected from different provinces and the ICT shall be prepared and signed by the Returning Officer who shall cause the said list to be published in the Official Gazette of Pakistan. Copies of the list shall also be sent to the Supreme Court of Pakistan, High Courts, the Provincial Bar Councils, the Islamabad Bar Council, Supreme Court Bar Association, High Court Bar Associations and District Bar Associations for their information/affixing on Notice Boards.]

¹⁰⁵[60-B. [Deleted].

¹⁰⁶[PART-III A ... Deleted]

PART-IV

ELECTION TRIBUNALS

61. An objection to the election under paragraph (h) of sub-rule (1) of Rule 5 or under paragraph (h) of sub-rule (1) of Rule 30, may be filed by any candidate at the election or by

104. Substituted *vide* Notification of the Pakistan Bar Council dated 16-11-2015

105. Deleted *vide* Notification of Pakistan Bar Council dated 17.10.2005.

106. Part-III A, as mentioned below, was added *vide* Notification published in the Gazette of Pakistan, Extra (Part II), June 6, 1983, which subsequently was deleted under Notification published in the Gazette of Pakistan Extra (Part II), December 31, 1989.

CO-OPTION OF TWO PERSONS AS MEMBERS OF THE PAKISTAN BAR COUNCIL AND FILLING OF CASUAL VACANCIES

- 60B. (i) At the first meeting of the Pakistan Bar Council immediately after the election of the Vice-Chairman, any member or members, present in the meeting may propose, in writing, the names of Advocates qualified to be co-opted under Section 11(1A) of the Act.
- (ii) Such proposal shall be accompanied by a declaration from such candidate that he is willing to serve as Member, if co-opted, and that he does not suffer from any disqualification as laid in Section 11B of the Act.
- (iii) If there are more than two proposals to co-opt two Members of the Pakistan Bar Council under Section 11(1A) of the Act, the decision shall be taken by majority of the members present in the meeting.
- (iv) After co-option, the Chairman of the Pakistan Bar Council shall cause the names of such co-opted persons to be notified in the official Gazette of Pakistan as Members of the Pakistan Bar Council.
- 60C. (i) To fill in the casual vacancy, any Member present in the meeting, of the Pakistan Bar Council may propose, in writing, the name of an Advocate practicing generally in the Province to which the vacancy relates and is qualified to be the Member of the Pakistan Bar Council under Section 11A of the Act.
- (ii) Such proposal shall be supported by documentary proof of his qualifications as a candidate of the Membership of the Pakistan Bar Council as enumerated in Section 11A of the Act and shall also be accompanied by a declaration from such Advocate that he does not suffer from any of the disqualifications as laid down in the Act and the Rules.
- (iii) If there are more proposals for co-option than the number of vacancies to be filled in, the decision shall be taken by majority of members present in the meeting of the Pakistan Bar Council.
- (iv) After the co-option of person to fill in the vacancy the Chairman of the Pakistan Bar Council shall cause name of such co-opted Member to be notified in the official Gazette of Pakistan as Member of the Pakistan Bar Council.

60D. If the vacancy falls vacant in the category of Members co-opted under Section 11(1A) of the Act the vacancy shall be filled in the manner prescribed under Rule 60B and in case of other vacancies the same shall be filled in the manner prescribed in Rule 60C.]

any five voters to contest the validity of the election of a candidate, by letter signed and delivered to the Chairman of the Bar Council who shall refer such objection to the Election Tribunal concerned for disposal within fifteen days of the date fixed for filing objections. The objection shall be accompanied by a deposit of ¹⁰⁷[Rs. 20,000/-.]

62. The letter shall state clearly the grounds upon which the validity of the election is challenged.

63. The objections to the validity of an election of a member shall be heard by the Election Tribunal concerned.

64. The election shall be set aside if the Tribunal finds that an irregularity which has materially affected the result of the election or an illegality has been committed.

65. No irregularity in any proceeding, not even a change of date, as stated in the programme, if such a change be due to unavoidable reasons, shall invalidate any proceedings, if it does not materially affect the result of the election.

66. If the election of any member ¹⁰⁸[...] is held void, the candidate who would have been elected if the candidate whose election is declared to be void was excluded altogether from consideration while ascertaining the persons to be elected, shall be declared to be elected.

¹⁰⁹**67.** If it is not possible to elect a person by the method provided for in Rule 66, such vacancy shall be filled in the manner prescribed in ¹¹⁰[Section 16].

PART-V

ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

68. At the first meeting of each Provincial Bar Council, ¹¹¹[the Islamabad Bar Council] and the Pakistan Bar Council there will be held elections to the office of Vice-Chairman for these Councils.

107. Substituted *for figure "100"* vide Notification of the Pakistan Bar Council dated 16-11-2015

108. The words "of Provincial Bar Council" were first added on 24.3.1979 vide Notification published in the Gazette of Pakistan, Extra (Part II), on 24.3.1979, but the same were deleted, with effect from 1.7.1983; as per Notification published in the Gazette of Pakistan, Extra (Part II), June 6, 1983.

109. Substituted for the following, with effect from 1.7.1983, vide Notification published in the Gazette of Pakistan, Extra (Part II), June 6, 1983:

"67. If it is not possible to elect a person by the method provided for in Rule 66, a fresh election shall be held, and the provisions of these rules shall apply mutatis mutandis provided that a programme shall be published by the Chairman in the official Gazette not less than ten days after the election is declared invalid".

110. Substituted vide Notification of the Pakistan Bar Council dated 16-11-2015

111. Inserted vide Notification of the Pakistan Bar Council dated 16-11-2015

¹¹²{69. For the purpose of election to the office of Vice-Chairman of a Provincial Bar Council, ¹¹³[and Islamabad Bar Council] the Advocate-General of the province, ¹¹⁴[the ICT] and in the case of election to the office of the Vice-Chairman of the Pakistan Bar Council the Attorney-General for Pakistan shall act as Returning Officer}.

70. Every member of the Bar Council shall be eligible for election as Vice-Chairman.

71. Any member present at the meeting may propose the name of any other member for election to the office of Vice-Chairman and after another member seconds the proposal the person whose name is so proposed and seconded shall become a candidate for the office of the Vice-Chairman and is hereinafter referred to as a candidate.

72. A candidate may withdraw his candidature before the Returning Officer declares him elected or, as the case may be, proceed to take the poll.

73. If there is only one candidate, that candidate shall be declared by the Returning Officer to have been duly elected as the Vice-Chairman, but if there be more candidates than one, the issue shall be decided by taking a poll.

74. Voting for the office of the Vice-Chairman shall be by secret ballot.

75. The Returning Officer shall provide a ballot box which shall be shown empty to the members and thereafter nailed or locked and placed in a separate compartment.

76. The Returning Officer shall issue to each member of the Bar Council a ballot paper.

77. After receiving the ballot paper the member shall proceed to the compartment where the ballot box is placed, mark a cross on the ballot paper against the name of the candidate for whom he intends to vote and thereafter drop the ballot paper in the ballot box.

78. When every member present and intending to cast his vote has done so, the Returning Officer shall open the ballot box in the presence of the members and count the votes cast in favour of each candidate.

79. Any doubt or dispute about marking of a ballot paper shall be decided by the Returning Officer after such summary inquiry on the spot as may be necessary.

80. A candidate obtaining the highest number of votes shall be declared by the Returning Officer to have been elected as Vice-Chairman.

81. If for the purpose of declaration of the result there is a tie between two or more candidates who have obtained an equal number of votes the result of the election shall be declared by the Returning Officer by drawing of lots.

112. Substituted for the following, with effect from 24.3.1979, as per Notification published in the Gazette of Pakistan, Extra (Part II), March 24, 1979:-

"69. For the purpose of election to the office of Vice-Chairman of a Provincial Bar Council the Advocate-General of the province, in the case of election to the office of the Vice-Chairman of the Provincial Bar Council for the provinces of Sindh and Baluchistan the senior of the Advocates General of those provinces and in the case of election to the office of Vice-Chairman of the Pakistan Bar Council the Attorney-General for Pakistan shall act as Returning Officer".

113. Inserted *vide* Notification of the Pakistan Bar Council dated 16-11-2015

114. Inserted *vide* Notification of the Pakistan Bar Council dated 16-11-2015

82. (1) No election of Vice-Chairman shall be called in question except by a petition presented to the Chairman of the Pakistan Bar Council or as the case may be, the Provincial Bar Council concerned within 30 days of the declaration of the result.

¹¹⁵[(2) The Chairman of the Pakistan Bar Council, the Provincial Bar Council concerned or the Islamabad Bar Council, as the case may be, shall refer the Petition to the Election Tribunal for disposal within 15 days of the receipt of the Petition.]

(3) Where the Election Tribunal holds an election to be void, a fresh election shall be held in the manner provided by these rules.

83. The Bar Councils (First Elections) Rules, 1973 are hereby repealed.

CHAPTER III

POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE CHAIRMAN AND VICE-CHAIRMAN OF BAR COUNCILS

84. Powers and duties of Chairman:

- (a) The Chairman of a Bar Council shall be responsible for ensuring due compliance with the provisions of the Act and the Rules.
- (b) He shall convene and preside over the meetings of a Bar Council.
- (c) He shall exercise the powers and perform the functions assigned to him by the Act, the Rules and a Bar Council from time to time.

85. Functions and duties of Vice-Chairman:

- (a) In the absence of a Chairman, the Vice-Chairman shall exercise the powers and the duties of a Chairman.
- (b) He shall be responsible for co-ordinating the functions of all the Committees of a Bar Council.
- (c) He shall exercise control over the employees of a Bar Council and shall be responsible for its smooth running.
- (d) He shall exercise control over the functionaries of a Bar Council.

115. Substituted *vide* Notification of the Pakistan Bar Council dated 16-11-2015

CHAPTER IV

COMMITTEES OF PAKISTAN BAR COUNCIL

86. (a) The Pakistan Bar Council shall constitute the following Committees and such other Committees as it may decide to do from time to time:--

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| (1) Executive Committee | | 7 Members |
| (2) Enrolment Committee | | 3 Members including a Judge of the Supreme Court of Pakistan. |
| (3) Disciplinary Committee | | 5 Members including a Judge of the Supreme Court of Pakistan. |
| (4) Legal Education Committee..... | | ¹¹⁶ [Such number of Members as may be determined from time to time]. |
| (5) Finance Committee | | -do- |
| (6) Law Reforms Committee | | -do- |
| (7) Rules Committee | | -do- |
| (8) Privileges Committee | | -do- |

(b) The Committees shall exercise such powers and perform such functions as assigned to them by the Act, the Rules ¹¹⁷[or] the Pakistan Bar Council.

¹¹⁸[Provided that no Committee shall undertake the business normally performed by another Committee].

(c) ¹¹⁹[deleted]

¹²⁰[86A. (i) The Minutes, proceedings, decisions and resolutions adopted by a Committee shall be laid before the Pakistan Bar Council in its next meeting following the meeting of such Committee.

116. The number of Members of each committee under clauses (a) (4) to (8), according to originally framed Rule 86, was prescribed as 6. But as per Notification published in the Gazette of Pakistan, Extra (Part II), July 25, 1987, the figure and word "6 Members" have been substituted by the words "Such number of Members as may be determined from time to time" with effect from 25.7.1987.

117. Substituted for the word "and" with effect from 24.3.1979 *vide* Notification published in the Gazette of Pakistan, Extra (Part II), March 24, 1979.

118. Added *vide* Notification published in the Gazette of Pakistan, Extra (Part II), July 15, 1998.

119. The originally framed clause (c) of Rule 86 reads as under:-

"(c) Honorary Secretary of the Pakistan Bar Council shall be ex-officio Member of all the Committees set up by the Pakistan Bar Council".

The words "Honorary Secretary" as appeared in the originally framed clause (c) were substituted by the words "Secretary General", with effect from 1.7.1983, as per Notification published in the Gazette of Pakistan, Extra (Part II), June 6, 1983.

Clause (c) was deleted, with effect from 22.8.1984, as per Notification published in the Gazette of Pakistan, Extra (Part II), August 22, 1984.

120. Added, with effect from 1.7.1983, *vide* Notification published in the Gazette of Pakistan, Extra (Part II), June 6, 1983.

(ii) Subject to the provisions of the Act, the Pakistan Bar Council may of its own motion or otherwise revise or issue directions to a Committee, to review any proceedings taken, order passed or any decision made by such Committee of the Pakistan Bar Council.

(iii) The Pakistan Bar Council may withdraw any matter or proceedings pending before a Committee and dispose of the same].

CHAPTER V

MEETINGS OF THE PAKISTAN BAR COUNCIL AND ITS COMMITTEES

87. (a) The first meeting of the Bar Council shall be held within a month of the declaration of the result of election of the Pakistan Bar Council.

(b) Ordinary meeting of a Bar Council may be convened by the Chairman or in case he is for some reason unable to act, by the Vice-Chairman.

(c) The Chairman and in his absence the Vice-Chairman shall convene a meeting of the Bar Council on the receipt of a requisition signed by not less than ten members of Bar Council, within a week of the requisition but in emergency it may be called within any shorter period so as to suit the emergency. In case the Chairman or the Vice-Chairman do not call on requisition a meeting, the same may be convened by the requisitionists and all expenses in this behalf shall be borne by the Bar Council and the proceedings conducted at the meeting shall be deemed to be the proceedings of the Pakistan Bar Council.

88. Meetings of a Committee of the Bar Council may be convened by the Chairman of the Committee.

89. Notice required for a meeting of the Bar Council shall be 8 days:

Provided that in case of emergency notice for a shorter period shall be sufficient. The agenda for the meeting shall be served 8 days before the meeting in case of the meeting of the Bar Council and 3 days in the case of the meeting of a Committee.

90. Notice for the meeting shall be served either personally or through registered post or by such other method as the Bar Council may determine.

91. ¹²¹[(1)] Necessary quorum for the meeting of the Pakistan Bar Council shall be 7 and for a meeting of the Committee, a number which is not less than 1/3rd of the total number of members of the Committee:

Provided that when a meeting is adjourned for want of quorum, the quorum for the adjourned meeting shall be 5 for Pakistan Bar Council and 1/3rd of the total number of the members of a Committee.

¹²²[Provided further, in case of an emergency, the Pakistan Bar Council or any of its Committee, on the initiation of three members in case of Pakistan Bar Council and two

121. Re-numbered as sub rule "(1)" *vide* Notification published in the Gazette of Pakistan, Extra (Part II), July 16, 1998.

122. Added, with effect from 8.3.1978, *vide* Notification published in the Gazette of Pakistan, Extra (Part II), March 19, 1978.

members in case of a Committee, may by circulation, pass a resolution by a majority of total number of members.

Provided also that the resolution so passed shall be placed before the next meeting of the Pakistan Bar Council or the Committee as the case may be, for confirmation].

¹²³[(2) The necessary quorum for the proceedings of a disciplinary Tribunal shall be the Chairman and one member of the Tribunal:

Provided that if the Chairman and the member of the Tribunal differ the case will then be referred for decision of the full Tribunal.]

92. A meeting of the Bar Council shall be presided over by the Chairman and in his absence by the Vice-Chairman and in the absence of both of them by the member voted to the Chair by the members present.

93. A meeting of the Committee shall be presided over by the Chairman of the Committee and in his absence by the member voted to the Chair by the members present.

94. Business shall be transacted at a meeting in accordance with the Agenda issued:

Provided that any other business may, with the permission of the Chairman of the meeting, be transacted if the majority of the members present who at the same time constitute a majority of the total number of the members of the Bar Council or the Committee as the case may be, agree.

95. The order in which the business is to be discussed in a meeting may be changed by the Chairman or the person presiding over the meeting.

96. Decisions at the meeting shall be by a majority vote. Voting shall be by show of hands. In case of equality of votes, the Chairman of the meeting shall be entitled to a second vote.

¹²⁴**97.** All proceedings of a meeting of the Bar Council shall be recorded by the Secretary under the directions of the Chairman of the meeting, or in case of a meeting of a Committee by the Chairman of the meeting, and such minutes shall be laid before the next meeting of the Council or the Committee, as the case may be, for approval and confirmation and after the confirmation the approved minutes shall be entered in the minutes book duly certified as approved by the Chairman of the Council or the Committee presiding over the meeting.]

^{124a}[(1) All acts, proceedings, deliberations and business of the Pakistan Bar Council and of any Committee, Tribunal, Sub-Committee or other body constituted by or under the authority of the Pakistan Bar Council shall be treated as confidential, classified and shall not be disclosed communicated. circulated, published or otherwise made available to any person except in accordance with express authority of Pakistan Bar Council and/or its Committees.

(2) No member of the Pakistan Bar Council officer, employee, consultant, adviser or any other person having access to confidential proceedings or records of the Council by virtue of

123. Added, *vide* Notification published in the Gazette of Pakistan, Extra (Part II), March, 1979

124. The present text was substituted, with effect from 29.12.1985, for the following originally framed Rule 97, as per Notification published in the Gazette of Pakistan, Extra (Part II), December 29, 1985:-

"97. All the proceedings of the meeting of the Bar Council as well as Committee shall be entered in a Minute Book to be maintained by the Secretary, and the record of the proceedings shall be prepared under the directions of the Chairman of the meeting and shall be signed by him as well as the Secretary. All Members of the Bar Council or the Committee, as the case may be, shall be entitled to an inspection of the Minute Book at all reasonable times."

his office or function shall disclose, reproduce, transmit, circulate or publish such information except herein before provided.

(3) The Confidentiality under this rule shall extend to electronic records, emails, electronic communications, audio or video recordings, digital files, photographs, copies and reproductions of any document or proceedings of the Council or its Committees.

98. Any matter determined by a resolution of the Bar Council shall not be re-opened within 3 months of the date of the resolution unless $\frac{2}{3}$ rd of the total number of the members make a requisition to that effect.

99. (a) The Chairman of every committee other than Enrolment Committee and the Disciplinary Committee shall be elected by the members of the Committee concerned:

¹²⁵[Provided that the Chairman of the Executive Committee shall be elected from amongst its members every year].

(b) The Chairman of the Enrolment Committee and the Disciplinary Committee shall respectively be a judge of the Supreme Court of Pakistan nominated by the Chief Justice of Pakistan.

¹²⁶**100.** The term of every committee ordinarily be the same as that of the Bar Council itself.

However, the Bar Council at any time by majority vote of its total members, may re-constitute its Committee(s).]

101. The Chairman of a Committee while convening a meeting shall determine the time and the place thereof and the ¹²⁷[Secretary] shall prepare and issue the Agenda to the members accordingly.

102. The business of a committee shall be transacted in a meeting of the committee. The decision shall be taken by a majority of the members present. However, where in the opinion of the Chairman of the Committee, it is expedient to transact business to obtain views of its members by circulation he may do so and take a decision accordingly. The decisions so taken shall be deemed to have the same force as if taken in a meeting of the Committee.

103. A Committee shall have power to decide upon its own procedure in matters not covered by the Rules.

104. Unless otherwise directed by the Pakistan Bar Council all Committees that are called upon to submit reports upon the matter referred to them shall submit report in the following manner:

- (a) A comprehensive and clear enunciation of the questions considered by the Committee shall be set out.
- (b) As far as practicable a specific issue will be dealt with separately according to the arguments for and against each proposal.

¹²⁵. Added *vide* Notification published in the Gazette of Pakistan, Extra (Part II), June 6, 1990.

¹²⁶ Substituted *vide* PBC Notification Dated 30-06-2017.

¹²⁷. See foot note No.7.

^{124a} Addition *vide* PBC Notification Dated 05-09-2026.

- (c) A detailed statement should be set out of the data upon which the Committee, have applied their mind and the conclusions arrived at as a result of such consideration and wherever opinion of the Bar Association or any other person has been elicited the substance of the opinion and the analysis thereof.
- (d) A specific draft resolution or draft resolutions setting forth the recommendations, the Committee desires the Pakistan Bar Council to adopt, shall be forwarded with reports.
- (e) The opinion of the Committee can be dissented from by any member of the committee and he may append a note of dissent which shall form part of the report.

CHAPTER VI

COMMON ROLL OF ADVOCATES

105. Preparation of the common roll of Advocates:

- ¹²⁸[(1) Each Provincial Bar Council shall prepare the Divisional and Provincial rolls of Advocates of the High Court and other Advocates giving their parentage, dates of birth and enrolment with full addresses and telephone numbers and forward the same to the Pakistan Bar Council within 3 months of the promulgation of these Rules and after every second month thereafter. The Islamabad Bar Council shall also prepare the rolls of Advocates of the High Court and other Advocates giving their full particulars as mentioned above, and forward the same to the Pakistan Bar Council as stated above.]
- (2) All additions, alterations and corrections made in the Roll maintained under sub-rule (1) by a Provincial Bar Council ¹²⁹[or Islamabad Bar Council] shall be communicated to the Pakistan Bar Council within a month of such addition, etc.
- (3) The Pakistan Bar Council shall prepare and maintain a common roll of the Advocates of the High Courts and a common roll of the other Advocates which shall comprise of the entries made in all the Provincial Rolls of the Advocates of the High Court and the other Advocates ¹³⁰[and such rolls so prepared by the Islamabad Bar Council.]

CHAPTER VII

ENROLMENT OF ADVOCATES OF THE SUPREME COURT

106. No person shall be entitled to appear, plead or act before the Supreme Court unless:--

- (1) he satisfies all the conditions laid down by Rules framed by the Supreme Court in respect of persons entitled to appear and plead before the Supreme Court.

128. Substituted *vide* Notification of the Pakistan Bar Council dated 16-11-2015

129. Added/Inserted *vide* Notification of the Pakistan Bar Council dated 16-11-2015

130. Substituted *vide* Notification of the Pakistan Bar Council dated 16-11-2015

- (2) he has paid to the Bar Council, in case he is an Advocate of the Supreme Court, a fee of Rs. ¹³¹[50,000/-] and in case he is a senior Advocate of the Supreme Court a fee of Rs. 2000/-.

107. (1) (a) The application for enrolment as an Advocate of the Supreme Court shall be addressed to the Chairman of the Pakistan Bar Council.

- (b) It shall be made in form 'A' attached to these Rules.
- (c) It shall be accompanied by: --
- (i) a receipt of the enrolment fee;
 - (ii) a certificate from a Provincial Bar Council ¹³²[or the Islamabad Bar Council, as the case may be] to the effect that the applicant is an enrolled Advocate of the High Court concerned and his name is still borne on the Roll of Advocates maintained by that Bar Council; he is not in arrears of dues of that Council; and that he was not convicted for an offence of professional and other misconduct together with details of any case of professional or other misconduct if pending before such ¹³³[] Bar Council.
 - (iii) a certificate from the High Court concerned that he is a fit and proper person to appear and plead as an Advocate before the Supreme Court of Pakistan:

¹³⁴[Provided that in case the applicant submits his application after six months of grant of the fitness Certificate he will have to explain reasons of delay to the satisfaction of Enrolment Committee of the Pakistan Bar Council. If the Enrolment Committee is not satisfied with the explanation it may impose penalty ranging from ¹³⁵[Rs. 5000/- to Rs. 20,000/-] which the applicant shall pay in account of the Pakistan Bar Council.

If the delay exceeds one year the applicant will be required to get the fitness Certificate revalidated from the concerned High Court and also explain through an affidavit the reasons of delay stating also that during that period he did not join any other service, business or vocation and if so he shall submit details thereof with documentary evidence. The Enrolment Committee will grant enrolment if it is satisfied with the explanation so offered subject to payment of penalty by the applicant].

- (iv) an affidavit by the applicant that he is eligible and not disqualified to practice as an Advocate of the Supreme Court ¹³⁶[and that he was not convicted for an offence of professional or other misconduct and no such case is pending before any Bar Council].

131. Substituted *vide* Notification of the Pakistan Bar Council dated 09-10-2019

132. Inserted *vide* Notification of the Pakistan Bar Council dated 16-11-2015

133. The Word Provincial was deleted *vide* Notification of the Pakistan Bar Council dated 16-11-2015

134. Added *vide* Notification of the PBC dated 29.4.2004.

135. Substituted for figure 2000 and 8000 respectively *vide* Notification of the Pakistan Bar Council dated 16-11-2015

136. Added, *vide* Notification published in Gazette of Pakistan Extra, (Part II), March 24, 1979.

¹³⁷[(v) a certificate from the Bar Association of which he is a Member to the effect that he is not in arrears of subscription or any other dues of the Bar Association.

¹³⁸[(vi) A list of selected cases together with copies of final and detail Judgments in his 15 substantial cases, independently conducted by him in the High Court.]

(vii) Two passport size photographs of the applicant duly attested by the President/Secretary of the Bar Association of which he is a Member or by any Member of a Bar Council].

(2) An application for admission as a Senior Advocate of the Supreme Court shall be addressed to the Chairman in form 'B' appended to these Rules. It shall be accompanied by a receipt of Rs. ¹³⁹[2000/-] as enrolment fee and a certificate from the Pakistan Bar Council that he is enrolled as an Advocate of the Supreme Court of Pakistan.

108. (a) An application for enrolment shall be forwarded by the Chairman to the Enrolment Committee for decision.

(b) The Enrolment Committee shall consider the application and may call the applicant for interview.

(c) If the Enrolment Committee grants the application the applicant shall be enrolled as an Advocate of the Supreme Court and a certificate in form 'C' shall be issued to him. If he is enrolled as a Senior Advocate of Supreme Court the certificate in form 'D' shall be issued to him.

(d) If the enrolment committee rejects the application it will record its reasons for not granting the application and shall inform the applicant accordingly.

(e) Where the application is rejected by the Enrolment Committee an appeal shall lie to the Pakistan Bar Council and its decision shall be final.

¹⁴⁰[CHAPTER VIIA

ENROLMENT AND TRAINING OF ADVOCATES

108-A. Any person qualified under Section 26 to be admitted as an Advocate may make an application in Form 'A' prescribed by the Provincial Bar Council ¹⁴¹[or the Islamabad Bar Council as the case may be], for admission as an advocate to the ¹⁴²[concerned] Bar Council within whose jurisdiction he proposes to practice generally.

108-B. The application shall be accompanied by:--

137. Added *ibid*.

138. Substituted *vide* Notification of the Pakistan Bar Council dated 16-11-2015

139. Substituted *vide* Notification dated 6.6.1983.

140. New Chapter VIIA was added *vide* Notification published in the Gazette of Pakistan, Extra (Part-II), January 7, 1992.

141. Inserted *vide* Notification of the Pakistan Bar Council dated 16-11-2015

142. Substituted *vide* Notification of the Pakistan Bar Council dated 16-11-2015

- (a) satisfactory evidence of the applicant's date of birth;
- (b) satisfactory evidence of qualifications under Section 26;
- (c) two testimonials from Advocates of 10 years standing as to the character and conduct of the applicant;
- (d) an affidavit stating fully, truly and accurately if any criminal proceedings or proceedings for professional or other misconduct were instituted against him in any country and if so with what result;
- (e) receipts of payment of prescribed enrolment fees to the Pakistan and Provincial Bar Council;
- (f) an undertaking that he would become a member of a Bar Association within six months after his enrolment;
- (g) list of at least 10 cases in which he has assisted his senior, duly signed by the senior giving the nature of each case;
- (h) six attested copies of his passport size photograph;
- (i) an affidavit stating as to what the applicant was doing during the period of gap, if there was a considerable gap, in between his academic examinations and the application for enrolment;
- (j) a character and good conduct certificate from the employer if he had been in service anywhere;
- (k) a certificate of training from the senior in form 'B' prescribed by the Provincial Bar Council.
- ¹⁴³[(l) Certificate/Result Card issued by the National Testing Service (NTS) or any other authority duly notified by the Pakistan Bar Council, as to applicant's having passed the Assessment Test. The National Testing Service (NTS) shall hold the Assessment Test ¹⁴⁴[thrice] in a year.]

Explanation.--The date of birth recorded in the University or Board of Secondary Education from which the applicant secured his Matriculation Certificate shall be presumed to be correct but the Bar Council may for the reasons to be recorded determine otherwise.

¹⁴⁵[**108C.** (1) Every apprentice (except a person mentioned in Rule 108-I infra) shall, before being admitted as an Advocate, have to undergo a comprehensive training regularly for a continuous period of six months as a pupil in the chamber of an advocate, who has been entitled to practice as an Advocate for a period of not less than ten years:

¹⁴⁶{Provided that before commencing the pupillage and filing intimation to the Provincial Bar Council concerned ¹⁴⁷[or the Islamabad Bar Council] the applicant must undertake and pass an Assessment Test as mentioned in Rule 108B(l). The applicant may apply to the National Testing Service (NTS) or any other authority duly notified by the Pakistan Bar Council, to appear in the Assessment Test after passing the LL.B. examination and will be afforded [five] chances to qualify the Assessment Test.}

¹⁴⁸[Provided further that an apprentice would commence his apprenticeship with such Advocate after having passed his LL.B. final examination and Assessment Test of National Testing Service (NTS)

143. Added *vide* Notification of the Pakistan Bar Council dated 08-03-2013

144. Substituted *vide* Notification of the Pakistan Bar Council dated 28-08-2014

145. Substituted *vide* Notification published in the Gazette of Pakistan, Extra (Part II), July 15, 1998

146. Added *vide* Notification of the Pakistan Bar Council dated 08-03-2013

147. Inserted *vide* Notification of the Pakistan Bar Council dated 16-11-2015

147a. Substituted *vide* Notification of the Pakistan Bar Council dated 15-12-2021

148. Substituted *vide* Notification of the Pakistan Bar Council dated 28-08-2014

148a. inserted *vide* Notification of the Pakistan Bar Council dated 07-10-2025.

and shall furnish copies of his LL.B. degree or result card and the Certificate from the National Testing Service (NTS) as to his having passed the LL.B. final examination and the Assessment Test.]

^{148a}[(1A) Every person/apprentice who did not possess LL.B. degree but have obtained Graduate Diploma in Law (GDL) & LL.M. degree from Foreign University recognized by the Pakistan Bar Council and Pakistan Bar Council has issued equivalency for that diploma & degree to that of LL.B. degree, shall have to undergo a pupillage/training regularly for continuous eighteenth months instead of six months, with an Advocate having 10 years experience.

(1B) Every person/apprentice who possess 2 years LL.B. degree having 8/9 courses/subjects obtained from Foreign University through graduate entry route or by any other mode, is entitled for enrolment as an Advocate in Pakistan, but shall have to undergo a pupillage/training regularly for continuous eighteenth months instead of six months, with an Advocate having 10 years experience.]

(2) A pupil may take training with more than one advocate for a total period of six months which are substantially continuous. Intimation of joining each advocate shall be sent to the Secretary, Provincial Bar Council ¹⁴⁹[or Islamabad Bar Council] in accordance with this rule:

Provided that no advocate shall take more than three pupils at a time, that the advocate taking pupils was practicing at the Bar during the whole period of pupillage and that a written intimation of a person joining an advocate as pupil, signed by both of them, has been sent to the Secretary of Provincial Bar Council ¹⁵⁰[or Islamabad Bar Council] within one month after the commencement of pupillage. In case an advocate has more than three pupils at any particular time, only the first three in the order in which they were taken, shall be regarded as under training].

¹⁵¹[(3)] An advocate with whom a person received training in accordance with sub-rule (1) of Rule 108-C shall give a Certificate in Form 'B' prescribed by the Provincial Bar Council and shall specify of the certificate or as a separate annexure thereto at least ten cases in which he had the assistance of the pupil.

[(4)] An advocate who gives a false certificate in this behalf shall be guilty of professional misconduct.

[(5)] Every applicant applying for admission as an advocate shall have to pass a written examination in addition to a viva-voce examination, held quarterly under the directions and supervision of the Enrolment Committee of the Provincial Bar Council ¹⁵²[and the Islamabad Bar Council] in the following subjects:

- (i) Civil Procedure Code;
- (ii) Criminal Procedure Code;
- (iii) Qanoon-e-Shahadat;
- (iv) Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan;
- (v) Legal Practitioners and Bar Councils Act, 1973 and the rules framed thereunder; and
- (vi) Canons of Professional Conduct and Etiquettes.

The written examination shall be of 3 hours duration carrying 100 marks each paper with a pass percentage of 50%.

149. Inserted *vide* Notification of the Pakistan Bar Council dated 28-08-2014

150. Inserted *vide* Notification of the Pakistan Bar Council dated 16-11-2015

151. Re-Numbered, *vide* Notification published in the Gazette of Pakistan, Extra, (Part II), July 15, 1998

152. Inserted *vide* Notification of the Pakistan Bar Council dated 16-11-2015

154a. Added *vide* Notification of the Pakistan Bar Council dated 08-02-2025

Copies of the Constitution, bare Acts and Rules shall be made available to the applicant at the examination.

- ^{154a}[(6) (i) Every male student shall wear white shirt with gray coat & maroon tie and female student shall wear maroon dupatta/shawl/scarf and gray coat and every male apprentice/pupil shall wear white shirt with black coat and maroon tie and female apprentice/pupil shall wear black coat & maroon dupatta/shawl/scarf distinguished from the normal dress code of the lawyer as mentioned in the rules.
- (ii) All the undergraduate law students who attend the court premises and court proceedings in pursuance to their research work during law graduation shall follow the same dress code as prescribed in sub-rule (i) herein above.
- (iii) An apprentice/pupil as well as an undergraduate law student shall not participate and/or campaign for any candidate in the election of Bar Councils and Bar Associations.
- (iv) In case of a complaint for non-compliance of above sub-rules (i) and (iii) made to concerned Bar Council, its Executive Committee shall decide the complaint, after giving opportunity of hearing within 15 days and if the complaint is proved apprenticeship/pupilage shall be increased to twelve months.
- (v) In case of a complaint for violation of sub-rules (ii) and (iii) made to Principal/Head of Department of concerned Institution, he/she shall decide the complaint after giving opportunity of hearing within 15 days and if the complaint is proved apprenticeship/pupilage shall be increased to 18 months on receipt of decision from the Institution.
- (vi) In case of failure of Institution/Head of Department to decide the complaint, the Executive Committee of the concerned Bar Council shall take Suo Moto notice thereof and decide the complaint with consequences as mentioned in sub-rules (v) herein above.]

108-D. The Enrolment Committee may, before it passes an order granting the application or returning it to the Bar Council, make such summary enquiry as it thinks fit.

108-E. Where an Enrolment Committee or the Bar Council grants the application, a certificate for enrolment shall be issued to the applicant in Form "E" appended to these rules.

108-F. If the Bar Council rejects the application, the decision shall forthwith be communicated to the applicant.

108-G. The applicant whose application is rejected by the Bar Council shall be entitled to prefer an appeal within 30 days of the notice of rejection of his application to the Enrolment Committee of the Pakistan Bar Council provided that the Enrolment Committee may for sufficient cause extend the period for filing the appeal.

108-H. The Enrolment Committee of the Pakistan Bar Council may make or cause to be made such enquiry as it deems proper for the purpose of deciding the appeal. In case the appeal is accepted, the Provincial Bar Council ¹⁵³[or the Islamabad Bar Council, as the case may be,] shall issue an Enrolment Certificate in Form 'E' appended to these rules.

108-I. The following persons shall be exempt from training and examination provided in Rule 108-C supra:-

153. Inserted *vide* Notification of the Pakistan Bar Council dated 16-11-2015

- (1) applicant who have received an LL.M. degree from any university in Pakistan or a university recognised under Section 26(1)(c)(iii) of the Act, or a degree or diploma which is declared by the Pakistan Bar Council to be equivalent to that degree;
- (2) applicants who have for at least five years held a judicial office in Pakistan or who have for a like period held a post in the service of Pakistan the duties whereof entail interpretation or drafting of laws;
- (3) applicants who after having been called to the Bar in England have completed a full one year training with a senior counsel in England which training thereafter entitled them to appear independently in Courts in England.
- (4) applicants who after having been enrolled as practicing lawyers in any place not within Pakistan, have to the satisfaction of the Enrolment Committee of the Bar Council concerned, practiced there for full one year.

108-J. The Provincial Bar Council ¹⁵⁴[or the Islamabad Bar Council, as the case may be,] may refuse enrolment to a person otherwise qualified on the ground of his removal from the roll of Advocates or legal practitioners of any country or the pendency of criminal proceedings involving moral turpitude or proceedings for professional misconduct against him in any country.

108-K. All cases in which the degree on the basis of which application for enrolment has been submitted is a degree recognized under Section 26(1)(c)(iii) of the Act and all cases wherein proceedings have been taken against the applicant for enrolment in any country whether criminal proceedings or proceedings for professional misconduct, shall be placed before the Provincial Bar Council [or the Islamabad Bar Council as the case may be,] for appropriate action before they are sent to the Enrolment Committee. The Provincial Bar Council ¹⁵⁵[or the Islamabad Bar Council, as the case may be] may *inter alia*, allow the enrolment of the applicant subject to the passing of such examination as it may think proper to provide.

108-L. (1) No person shall practice as an Advocate unless he is a member of a Bar Association of the place at which he ordinarily practices, which association has been recognized under the rule next following.

(2) It will be sufficient compliance with the requirement of the preceding clause if within six months of being enrolled as an advocate a person applies for being admitted as a Member of a Bar Association in the district in which he intends to practice ordinarily and his application has not been dismissed.

(3) The certificate of enrolment of a person who has not applied for being admitted as member of a Bar Association within six months of his enrolment as provided above shall stand automatically suspended.

(4) Every advocate whose application for being admitted as a member of a Bar Association has been dismissed by the Bar Association shall have a right to appeal to the Provincial Bar Council ¹⁵⁶[or the Islamabad Bar Council as the case may be] and a further right of appeal to the Pakistan Bar Council. The appeal shall be filed within two months of the communication to him of the order appealed against. The appellate authority shall have jurisdiction to grant a stay of the operation of the order passed against the advocate and may for sufficient cause undone the delay in filing of the appeal.

(5) In case the name of an advocate is removed from the roll of members of a Bar Association he shall have the like remedies as he would have if his application for admission as a member of a Bar Association was dismissed and the appellate authorities shall have similar powers.

154. Inserted *vide* Notification of the Pakistan Bar Council dated 16-11-2015

155. Inserted *vide* Notification of the Pakistan Bar Council dated 16-11-2015

156. Inserted *vide* Notification of the Pakistan Bar Council dated 16-11-2015

108-M. (1) Any association of advocates ordinarily practicing at a particular place except the Association at the national level, may apply to the Provincial Bar Council ¹⁵⁶[or the Islamabad Bar Council as the case may be] for recognition as a Bar Association to which these rules apply. The application shall be filed by the President or Secretary of the Association.

(2) In case the Provincial Bar Council ¹⁵⁷[or the Islamabad Bar Council] refuses to recognize a Bar Association an appeal will lie against such refusal to the Pakistan Bar Council which shall be filed within a period of two months of the notice of such refusal subject to the power of the Pakistan Bar Council to condone the delay for sufficient cause. The Pakistan Bar Council may set aside the impugned order or pass any appropriate order and it shall also have authority to suspend the operation of order of refusal of the Provincial Bar Council or the Islamabad Bar Council to recognize the Bar Association during the pendency of the appeal.

(3) The Provincial Bar Council ¹⁵⁸[or the Islamabad Bar Council as the case may be] shall decide an application for recognition of a Bar Association within four months of the submission of an application in this behalf and in case it fails to decide within this period the members of the Bar Association shall be regarded as members of a recognized Bar Association till the question of recognition of such Bar Association is decided by the Provincial Bar Council.

¹⁵⁹[(4) Omitted]

(5) Omitted]

¹⁶⁰**108-N.** (1) No person shall practice as an Advocate of the Supreme Court unless he is a member of the Supreme Court Bar Association.

(2) It shall be sufficient compliance with requirement of sub-rule (1) if within six months of having admitted as an Advocate of the Supreme Court he applies for being enrolled as a member of the Supreme Court Bar Association and in the case of a person who is already enrolled an Advocate of the Supreme Court he applies for being admitted as a member of the Supreme Court Bar Association within six months of coming into force of this Rule.

(3) The Certificate of enrolment as an Advocate of Supreme Court of an Advocate who has not applied for being enrolled as member of the Supreme Court Bar Association within the period prescribed under sub-rule (2) shall stand automatically suspended]:

¹⁶¹**108-NN.** ¹⁶²[(1) The Pakistan Bar Council will issue identity card to every practicing Advocate, Senior Advocate or an Advocate-on-Record of the Supreme Court whose name is borne on the Roll of Advocates maintained by it on an application to be made on the prescribed form. It shall be compulsory for every such Advocate to obtain ID Card from the Pakistan Bar Council failing which his name shall be liable to be struck off the Roll of Advocates of the Pakistan Bar Council.]

(2) Senior Advocate, Advocate-on-Record or an Advocate of the Supreme Court shall obtain his identity card from Pakistan Bar Council alongwith his enrolment.

157. Inserted *vide* Notification of the Pakistan Bar Council dated 16-11-2015

158. Inserted *vide* Notification of the Pakistan Bar Council dated 16-11-2015

159. Omitted *vide* Notification of the Pakistan Bar Council dated 16-11-2015

160. Added *vide* Notification published in the Gazette of Pakistan, Extra, (Part-II), July 29, 2000, after re-numbering existing rules 108-N, 108-O and 108P, as Rules 108-O, 108-P and 108-Q, respectively.

161. Added *vide* Notification of PBC dated 8.11.2008.

162. Substituted *vide* Notification of the Pakistan Bar Council dated 16-11-2015

However, already enrolled Senior Advocates, AOR's or Advocates of Supreme Court shall apply for obtaining the identity card within 90 days from the date of notification of this Rule.

(3) The I.D. card to be so issued under signatures of the Chairman, Executive Committee and Secretary of the Pakistan Bar Council shall contain following particulars of concerned Advocate:-

- (i) Name
- (ii) Father's/Husband's name
- (iii) Date of birth
- (iv) Date of enrolment as an Advocate of Supreme Court/AOR/Senior Advocate
- (v) Enrolment No
- (vi) Address
- (vii) Telephone No
- (viii) Photo of Advocate
- (ix) Dates of issue and validity

(4) The ID card fee of Rs. ¹⁶³[2,000/-] shall be paid by the concerned Advocate in collection account of the Pakistan Bar Council with an authorized branch of Habib Bank Limited.

(5) In case an Advocate discontinues his law practice on joining any other profession, business, vocation, service (Govt. or private) or for any other reason, he shall surrender his I.D card to the Pakistan Bar Council.

(6) In case an Advocate has misplaced or lost his original I.D. card he on making an application together with his affidavit in respect of misplacement or loss of his original I.D. card and after payment of Rs. ¹⁶⁴[1000/-] to the Pakistan Bar Council will be issued a duplicate of his I.D. card].

¹⁶⁵**108-O.** An Advocate having his name on the Roll of a Bar Council shall apply to the later that his certificate be suspended because he intends to join some other profession, business, service or vocation:

Provided that he may apply for restoration of his name on the roll of Advocates if he disassociates himself from such business, profession, service or vocation and provides an affidavit that he has not incurred any disqualification under the Legal Practitioners & Bar Councils Act, 1973 for enrolment as an Advocate during the period his certificate to practice remained suspended:

¹⁶³. Substituted for figure "1000" *vide* Notification of the Pakistan Bar Council dated 16-11-2015

¹⁶⁴. Substituted for figure "500" *vide* Notification of the Pakistan Bar Council dated 16-11-2015

¹⁶⁵. The following originally framed Rule 108N was substituted by the present text of rule 108-O *vide* Notification published in the Gazette of Pakistan, Extra, (Part II), July 15, 1998:

"108N. An Advocate having his name on the roll of a Bar Council may apply that his certificate be suspended because he intends to discontinue his practice in order to carry on business or to join some other profession, service or vocation and he may apply also for the termination of such suspension. An advocate may apply that his name be removed from the roll of Advocates".

Provided further that if he fails to seek such suspension within one month of such engagement or employment in such other profession or service he shall be guilty of professional misconduct under the Legal Practitioners & Bar Councils Act, 1973 and his name shall also be removed from the roll of Advocates.

108-P. All disputes relating to seniority shall be determined by the Enrolment Committee and in case the contestants are not entered in the roll in the correct order, amendment in the roll will be made giving effect to the decision of the Enrolment Committee by pasting correction slips in the roll. An appeal will lie against the order of the Enrolment Committee of Provincial Bar Council ¹⁶⁶[or the Islamabad Bar Council] to the Enrolment Committee of the Pakistan Bar Council and against the Enrolment Committee of Pakistan Bar Council to the Pakistan Bar Council within one month of the order subject to extension of time for sufficient cause by the Appellate Authority.

108-Q. All additions, alterations and corrections made in the Roll shall be communicated to the High Court within seven days of such additions, alterations and corrections etc.]

CHAPTER VIII

FORMS AND FEES ETC. FOR ENROLMENT AS ADVOCATES

109. (a). A certificate of enrolment shall be given to a person enrolled as an Advocate by a Provincial Bar Council ¹⁶⁷[or the Islamabad Bar Council] in form 'E' appended to these Rules.

(b) A certificate of enrolment shall be given to a person enrolled as an Advocate of the High Court by a Provincial Bar Council ¹⁶⁸[or the Islamabad Bar Council, as the case may be] in the form 'F' appended to these Rules.

¹⁶⁹[(c) The Provincial Bar Council ¹⁷⁰[or the Islamabad Bar Council, as the case may be,] shall issue an identity card to a person enrolled as an Advocate or as an Advocate of the High Court. Such identity card shall contain the name, parentage, date of birth, date of enrolment as an Advocate or as an Advocate of the High Court, number of the Roll of advocates and the address. A latest photograph of such Advocate shall also be affixed on the identity card].

110. ¹⁷¹[(a) The enrolment fee for an Advocate shall be Rs. ¹⁷²[15000/-]. One-third of the enrolment fee, in terms of Section 17 (2) of the Act, shall be deposited by the applicant for enrolment with the Pakistan Bar Council and two-third of the enrolment fee shall be deposited

166. Inserted *vide* Notification of the Pakistan Bar Council dated 16-11-2015

167. Inserted *vide* Notification of the Pakistan Bar Council dated 16-11-2015

168. Inserted *vide* Notification of the Pakistan Bar Council dated 16-11-2015

169. Added, with effect from 1.7.1983, *vide* Notification published in the Gazette of Pakistan, Extra (Part II), June 6, 1983.

170. Inserted *vide* Notification of the Pakistan Bar Council dated 16-11-2015

171. Substituted, *ibid*, for the following originally framed clause (a):

(a) The enrolment fee for an Advocate shall be Rs. 50/- which shall be deposited by the applicant with the Provincial Bar Council at the time of his making an application for enrolment".

172. Substituted by Notifications Dated 07-12-2020

by the applicant with the Provincial Bar Council, [or the Islamabad Bar Council, as the case may be] at the time of making his application for enrolment].

(b) The Annual fee payable by an Advocate to the Provincial Bar Council [or the Islamabad Bar Council] on whose roll his name is entered shall be Rs. ¹⁷³[500/-].

¹⁷⁴[(c) Fee for enrolment as an Advocate of the High Court shall be Rs. ¹⁷⁵[24000/-]. One-third of this enrolment fee, in terms of Section 17(2) of the Act, shall be deposited by the applicant with the Pakistan Bar Council and two third of the same shall be deposited by the applicant with the Provincial Bar Council [or the Islamabad Bar Council, as the case may be] at the time of making his application for enrolment].

¹⁷⁶[(cc) Except for the enrolment fees fixed as herein above under clauses (a) and (c), a Provincial and/or the Islamabad Bar Council shall not charge any amount of fee, on any nomenclature whatsoever, from an applicant for enrolment as an Advocate of lower Courts and that of the High Court during the process of his/her enrolment as an advocate and/or Advocate of High Court, right from the submission of his/her letter of intimation regarding commencement of six months training and/or submission of his/her application for enrolment as an Advocate of High Court, till he/she is granted enrolment as an Advocate and/or as an Advocate of the High Court, as the case may be.]

(d) A fee of Rs. ¹⁷⁷[50,000/-] for enrolment as an Advocate of the Supreme Court shall be paid to the Pakistan Bar Council.

(e) A fee of Rs. 2000/- for enrolment as a Senior Advocate of the Supreme Court of Pakistan shall be paid to the Pakistan Bar Council.

(f) If any applicant wants to pay the fee referred to above in installments, he may make an application in this behalf to the Enrolment Committee of the respective Bar Council who shall decide it and its decision shall be final.

- (g) (i) The applicant shall deposit the one-third share of the Pakistan Bar Council under Rule 110(a) or 110(c) in the account of the Pakistan Bar Council and the balance two-third in the account of the Provincial Bar Council concerned [or the Islamabad Bar Council] directly.
- (ii) The applicant shall send one copy of the deposit receipt of the aforesaid one-third share to the Pakistan Bar Council and another copy of this receipt will be attached with his application for enrolment to the Provincial Bar Council [or the Islamabad Bar Council, as the case may be.] together

173. Substituted by Notifications Dated 07-12-2020

174. Substituted, with effect from 1.7.1983, for the following originally framed clause (c), as per Notification published in the Gazette of Pakistan, Extra (Part II) June 6, 1983: -

"(c) Fee for Enrolment of an Advocate of the High Court shall be Rs. 850/- which shall be deposited by the applicant with the Provincial Bar Council".

175. Substituted by PBC Notification dated 07-12-2020

176. Inserted for the figure and sign "3000/-" vide PBC Notification dated 07-12-2020

177. The originally provided figure "250" was successively substituted by the figures "1200", "2000", "4000", "10,000", "16000", "25000" and 50000 vide Notifications dated 1.7.1983, 4.7.1989, 22.8.1993, 15.7.1998, 17.4.2008, 14-10-2013 and 09-10-2019, respectively.

with the receipt showing the payment of two-third share of the Provincial Bar Council [or the Islamabad Bar Council].

- (iii) No enrolment shall be granted unless the applicant deposits the enrolment fee in the manner prescribed heretofore.

111. (a). The annual fee referred to in Rule 110(b) above shall be paid by 31st of December each year.

¹⁷⁸[(b) If an Advocate fails to pay the instalment of the fee or annual fee payable by him by the prescribed date, he shall be liable to pay a further fee of Rs. 5/- for each month of delay or part thereof subject to a maximum of Rs. 30/- for the late payment].

CHAPTER IX

APPEALS AGAINST ENROLMENT

112. (a) An appeal against the order of a Provincial Bar Council ¹⁷⁹[or the Islamabad Bar Council] refusing enrolment of a person, shall be filed before the Enrolment Committee of the Pakistan Bar Council within one month of the date when the order is communicated to the applicant. The Enrolment Committee shall have the power to extend the time for sufficient cause.

(b) Every such appeal shall be accompanied by a deposit receipt of Rs. ¹⁸⁰[5000/-] deposited by the applicant with the Pakistan Bar Council.

(c) If the appeal is not dismissed in limini notice of the admission of the appeal and of the date fixed for its hearing shall be served on the Advocate General of the Province [or ICT] in which the application for enrolment is filed.

(d) For the admission of the appeal it shall not be necessary to call a meeting of the Committee and it will be sufficient if the memo of appeal is circulated amongst the members.

(e) If the appeal is admitted, the appellant shall deposit ¹⁸¹[another] sum of Rs. ¹⁸²[2000/-] in the funds of the Pakistan Bar Council and notice of appeal shall not be served until this amount is deposited.

(f) If within one month of the notice of admission of the appeal the appellant does not deposit the amount referred to in clause (e) above the appeal shall stand dismissed.

178. The original sub-rule (b) of Rule 111 reads as under:

"(b) If an Advocate fails to pay the instalment of the fee or annual fee payable by him by the prescribed date, he shall be liable to pay a further fee of Re. 1/- per day for the late payment".

It was substituted by the present text, with effect from 12.10.1976, as per Notification published in the Gazette of Pakistan, Extra (Part II), October 12, 1976.

179. Inserted *vide* Notification of the Pakistan Bar Council dated 16-11-2015

180. Substituted *vide* Notification of the Pakistan Bar Council dated 16-11-2015

181. Substituted *vide* Notification of the Pakistan Bar Council dated 16-11-2015

182. Substituted *vide* Notification of the Pakistan Bar Council dated 16-11-2015

(g) The Committee may for sufficient cause set aside an order of dismissal passed under this rule but the Committee may refuse to set aside the order if the appellant has been guilty of laches in making an application for setting aside the order.

113. The Enrolment Committee shall decide the appeal after hearing the appellant, the Advocate General or his representative representing the respective Provincial Bar Council [or the Islamabad Bar Council, as the case may be,] and after examining the record of the case and recording such evidence as it may deem necessary.

114. All disputes relating to seniority shall be determined by the Enrolment Committee and in case the contestants are not entered in the roll in the correct order, amendment to the roll will be made giving effect to the decision of the Enrolment Committee by pasting correction slips in the Rolls. An appeal shall lie against the order of the Enrolment Committee to the Pakistan Bar Council within one month of the order subject to the extension of time for sufficient cause by the Bar Council.

115. All additions, alterations and corrections made in the Roll shall be communicated to the High Court within one month of the additions, etc.

116. The Roll prepared under the Act and all additions, alterations and corrections made therein shall be notified as under Rule 4(1).

CHAPTER X

DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS

117. (1) A complaint against an Advocate of the Supreme Court of Pakistan shall be addressed to the Chairman of the Pakistan Bar Council and shall contain clearly the charge or charges against such Advocate and shall be accompanied by all documents or copies of documents that are available to the complainant and in case where the complaint is not by Court or a Public Officer acting in his official capacity shall also be supported by an Affidavit as to the facts alleged therein:

Provided that the Bar Council may dispense with the filing of an Affidavit.

(2) The complaint if it is not by a Court shall also be accompanied by a receipt of Rs. ¹⁸³[5000/-] only deposited with the Pakistan Bar Council.

118. ¹⁸⁴[(a) The complaint so received shall be referred to Disciplinary Committee of the Bar Council which may summarily reject the complaint or may call upon the Advocate concerned to reply to the allegations made against him.]

(b) After the perusal of the complaint and the reply, the Disciplinary Committee shall make such enquiries as it thinks fit.

(c) After hearing the complainant and the Advocate concerned, the Disciplinary Committee shall make its report to the Tribunal set up by the Bar Council in this behalf.

^{183.} Substituted *vide* Notification of the Pakistan Bar Council dated 31-10-2023

^{184.} Substituted *vide* Notification of the Pakistan Bar Council dated 16-11-2015

(d) When a case is referred to the Tribunal all the relevant documents shall be forwarded to the Chairman of the Tribunal.

(e) Before the Tribunal the proceedings against an Advocate shall be conducted by the Advocate General of the Province concerned [or ICT] or by an Advocate appearing on his behalf. The parties shall also appear in person and be entitled to engage a counsel, but the Advocate General shall have a prior right to conduct the proceedings against the Advocate subject to any directions by the Tribunal.

119. On receipt of a reference from the Disciplinary Committee, the Chairman of the Tribunal shall fix a date for the hearing of the case not earlier than 21 days from such receipt and notice of the date fixed shall be served on the Advocate concerned as well as the Advocate-General alongwith copies of the record that has been forwarded to the Tribunal so as to reach the Advocate as well as Advocate-General not less than 15 days before the date fixed. Notices of the date shall also be served on the complainant in the case the complaint is not by a Court or by a public officer acting in his official capacity. Notices of the date should also be put up on the Notice Board of the Pakistan Bar Council.

120. The Advocate concerned shall be entitled to file a reply to the allegations against him whether or not he has already filed a reply before the Disciplinary Committee. He shall deliver such reply alongwith two copies to the ¹⁸⁵[Secretary] at least 7 days before the date of the hearing fixed by the Tribunal, and the ¹⁸⁶[Secretary] shall deliver the copies to the Advocate General and the complainant at least two days before such date of hearing.

121. The Tribunal shall determine the matter before it on oral evidence and on documents in accordance with the provisions of the Evidence Act and the Tribunal shall follow generally and to the extent practicable, the procedure provided for suits in the C.P.C. but the Tribunal shall also have the power to call for or permit Affidavits and to decide the whole case or any matter on Affidavits and documents proved by Affidavits provided that the party affected by an Affidavit shall have the right to cross-examine the deponent with reference to the statement in the Affidavit.

122. An Advocate concerned shall be a competent witness on his own behalf and shall be liable if he appears as a witness to be cross-examined but he shall not be compelled to appear as a witness but the Tribunal may examine him if it so desires.

123. The ¹⁸⁷[Secretary] of the Bar Council shall be *ex-officio* Secretary of a Tribunal and shall be responsible for service of notice issued by the Tribunal and for compliance with the Rules in this Chapter.

124. The procedure laid down in this chapter for the Tribunal shall apply, so far as may be, to the proceedings before the Disciplinary Committee of Pakistan Bar Council when under Section 46 of the Act it withdraws a case from the Provincial Bar Council ¹⁸⁸[or the Islamabad Bar Council] or any conciliation committee or any inquiry committee or when an appeal is heard by the Disciplinary Committee under Section 47 of the Act.

185. See foot note No. 7.

186. See foot note No. 7.

187. See Foot note No 7

188. Inserted *vide* Notification of the Pakistan Bar Council dated 16-11-2015

125. The Pakistan Bar Council may suo moto start disciplinary proceedings against an Advocate and in such a case the provisions of this Chapter will apply *mutatis mutandis*.

126. The Tribunal after a case is referred to it shall have the power to suspend the Advocate concerned pending enquiry against him and to vary or rescind such order.

¹⁸⁹[**127. Appeals against order of the Tribunal passed under Section 43 of the Act.-**

(1) The appeal against the order of a Tribunal provided for under Section 47 shall be filed with the Secretary of the Pakistan Bar Council either personally or through an authorized agent or through registered post acknowledgement due within 60 days from the date on which the order is communicated to the person concerned as provided for in Section 47.

(2) sub-rules (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f) and (g) of Rule 112 and Rule 113 shall apply *mutatis mutandis* to the hearing and disposal of the appeal under this Rule as far as applicable and the reference to the Enrolment Committee in the said Rules shall be read as reference to the Disciplinary Committee].

CHAPTER XI

FINANCE

128. (1) The Chairman shall be responsible for realizing all moneys due to the Bar Council and for the management, administration and utilization of the funds of the Council.

(2) All accounts relating to the funds of the Council shall be subject to the supervision and periodical check by the Chairman of the Finance Committee.

129. (a) Every Provincial Bar Council ¹⁹⁰[and Islamabad Bar Council] shall contribute ¹⁹¹[33 1/3]% or such share as is prescribed under the law for the time being in force, of the enrolment fee realized by it from the Advocates enrolled by it, to the Pakistan Bar Council.

(b) The moneys credited to the fund of the Council shall be kept in such bank or banks and the account shall be operated by the Chairman ¹⁹²[or Vice-Chairman] with the ¹⁹³[Secretary] of the Bar Council or such other person as the Bar Council may authorize.

(c) The Bar Council may invest any portion of the fund of the Council in such manner as it may think proper.

(d) The Bar Council may constitute a separate fund for any special purpose which shall be administered and regulated in such a manner as the Bar Council may specify.

189. Substituted for the following originally framed Rule, *vide* Notification published in the Gazette of Pakistan, Extra (Part II), January 1, 1992:

"127-An appeal shall lie against an order of the Tribunal under this rule to the Pakistan Bar Council within one month from the date of the order or within such extended period as on sufficient cause being shown, it may permit".

190. Inserted *vide* Notification of the Pakistan Bar Council dated 16-11-2015

191. With effect from 24.3.1979, the figures and signs "20%" were substituted by the figures and signs "33 1/3%" *vide* Notification published in the Gazette of Pakistan, Extra (Part II), March 24, 1979.

192. The word "jointly" was Substituted by the words "or Vice-Chairman", with effect from 8.3.1978, through Notification published in the Gazette of Pakistan, Extra (Part II), March 19, 1978.

193. See foot note No. 7.

130. The moneys credited to the fund of the Bar Council from time to time shall be applied in the following order:

Firstly, in the payment of the salaries and allowances to the members of the staff of the Council;

Secondly, in the fulfilment of any obligation and in the discharge of any duty imposed on the Council under the Act or these Rules; and

Thirdly, meeting the expenditure declared by the Council to be an appropriate charge on the fund.

131. (a) A Cash Book shall be maintained by the Bar Council in form 'G' appended to these Rules.

(b) The receipt of all cash and cheques received for credit to the fund of the Bar Council shall be entered on the receipt side of the Cash Book as soon as the receipt is issued. The disbursement of all moneys from the fund of the Bar Council shall be entered on the expenditure side of the Cash Book as soon as the disbursement is made.

(c) At the end of each day the total of the amount received and spent during the day shall be worked out and the balance struck.

(d) The amount remitted to the bank each day shall be shown in the appropriate column of the Cash Book, indicating the number and the date of the deposit voucher with which the amount is thus remitted.

(e) All entries in the Cash Book shall be checked by the ¹⁹⁴[Secretary] item by item with reference to the receipt and expenditure vouchers and in token of check the Cash Book shall be signed by the ¹⁹⁵[Secretary] daily.

(f) At the end of each month the balance shall be struck and the closing balance verified with reference to the bank Pass Book.

(g) The total of various columns in the Cash Book shall be carried forward into the next month account.

132. (a) At the end of every six months a statement of the accounts giving full details of income and expenditure shall be compiled and laid before the Pakistan Bar Council by the Finance Committee.

(b) At the end of each financial year an annual account in form 'H' appended to these Rules shall be compiled by the Finance Committee.

(c) The Annual accounts so compiled shall be audited by a Chartered Accountant within the meaning of the Chartered Accountants Ordinance, 1961 appointed by the Bar Council on the remuneration as may be fixed by the Bar Council.

(d) The Auditor appointed under sub-rule (c) shall examine the annual accounts together with the receipts and payment vouchers relating thereto and shall at all reasonable

194. See foot note No. 7.

195. See foot note No. 7.

times have access to the books, accounts and other documents of the Bar Council and may with reference to such accounts examine any officer or employee of the Council.

(e) The Auditors shall report to the Bar Council upon the annual accounts and in his report he shall state whether in his opinion the annual account is full and fair account containing all necessary particulars and properly drawn up so as to expedite a true and correct view of the finances of the Bar Council.

(f) The Annual Accounts, balance sheet and Auditor's report shall be laid before the Bar Council for approval not later than 3 months of the close of a financial year.

(g) The Finance Committee, shall furnish to each member of the Bar Council at least 8 days before the date of the meeting of the Council a copy of the Audited Annual Account, balance sheet and the report of the Auditor.

133. (a) The Finance Committee shall prepare an Annual Budget containing the statement of estimated receipts and expenditure of the Bar Council for the next financial year.

(b) The Budget Statement along with report of the Finance Committee shall be presented to the Bar Council not later than 15th of June each year so that it may be passed before the start of the next financial year.

(c) During any financial year if it is found that the amount authorized to be expended for a particular purpose from the current financial year is insufficient or that a need has arisen for new expenditure which has not been included in the annual Budget Statement for that year, the Bar Council shall have power to authorize expenditure through a supplementary budget.

CHAPTER XII

CANONS OF PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT AND ETIQUETTE OF ADVOCATES

A – Conduct with regard to other Advocates:

134. (1) It is the duty of every Advocate to uphold at all times the dignity and high standing of his profession, as well as his own dignity and high standing as a member thereof.

(2) ^{197a}[An advocate shall not use social media network or short-form video sharing applications like TikTok, Snack Video, Twitter, Snapchat, Instagram, Facebook, YouTube for uploading his/her videos in advocates' uniform or otherwise that may create negative impression of advocates or lower the status of the Pakistan Bar Council/Provincial Bar Council(s)/Islamabad Bar Council in the estimation of public/people at large and the legal fraternity.]

135. An advocate shall not solicit professional employment by advertisement or by any other means. This clause shall not be construed as prohibiting the publication or use of ordinary professional cards, name plates or conventional listing in directories, so long as the information contained therein is limited to professional and academic qualifications, and public offices currently held, and does not contain any matter which savours of personal advertisement.

136. An advocate shall not employ any other person to solicit or obtain professional employment nor remunerate another person for soliciting or obtaining professional employment for him; nor shall he share with an unlicensed person any compensation arising out of or incidental to professional employment, nor shall he aid or abet an unlicensed person to practice law or to receive compensation

therefor; nor shall he knowingly accept professional employment offered to him as a result of or as incidental to the activities of an unlicensed person.

137. An advocate shall not communicate about a subject of controversy with a party represented by an advocate in the absence and without the consent of such advocate.

138. An advocate shall not, in the absence of the opposing counsel, communicate with or argue before a judge or judicial officer except in open Court and upon the merits of a contested matter pending before such judge or judicial officer; nor shall he, without furnishing

197a. added *vide* Notification of the Pakistan Bar Council dated 28-10-2024

the opposing advocate with a copy thereof, address a written communication to a judge or judicial officer concerning the merits of a contested matter pending before such judge or judicial officer. The rule shall not apply to *ex parte* matters or in respect of matters not *sub-judice* before the judge or judicial officer concerned.

139. A client's proffer of assistance of additional advocates should not be regarded as evidence of want of confidence but the matter should be left to the determination of the client. An advocate should decline association as a colleague unless the dues of the advocate first retained are paid.

140. Clients, not advocates, are the litigants. Whatever may be the ill-feeling existing between clients, it should not be allowed to influence advocates in their conduct and demeanour towards each other or toward the parties in the case. All personal clashes between advocates should be scrupulously avoided. In the trial of a cause it is indecent to allude to the personal history or the personal peculiarities and idiosyncrasies of advocates appearing on the other side. Personal colloquies between advocates which cause delay and promote unseemly wrangling should be carefully avoided.

141. No division of fees with any person for legal services is proper except with another advocate based upon the principle of division of work as expressed in the agreement between the advocates.

142. Subject to the precedence of the Attorney-General and the Advocate-General, as established by constitutional usage and practice, it is the duty of advocate to maintain and uphold the order of precedence in accordance with the roll of advocates maintained by the Bar Council.

143. Junior and younger members should always be respectful to senior and elder members. The latter are expected to be not only courteous but also helpful to their junior and younger brethren at the Bar.

144. Where more than one advocate is engaged on any side it is the right of the senior member to lead the case and the junior members should assist him, unless the senior so wants.

B - Conduct with regard to Clients:

145. An Advocate shall not acquire an interest adverse to a client in the property or interest involved in the case.

146. An Advocate shall not accept employment adverse to a client or former client, relating to a matter in reference to which he has obtained confidential information by reason of or in the course of his employment by such client or former client provided that an advocate, who has not been formally engaged by a person and accepted a retainer nor received any fees for such engagement is not precluded from accepting employment adverse to the interest of such person.

147. An advocate shall not accept professional employment without first disclosing his relation, if any, with the adverse party, and his interest, if any, in the subject matter of such employment.

148. An advocate shall not represent conflicting interests.

149. An advocate shall not himself or in *benami* purchase any property at a probate, foreclosure or judicial sale in an auction or proceeding in which such advocate appears for a party, nor shall he accept the whole or part of the property, in respect of which he had been engaged to conduct the case, in lieu of his remuneration, or as a reward or bounty.

150. An advocate shall not commingle the property of client with his own, and shall promptly report to the client the receipt by him of any money or other property belonging to such client.

151. An advocate shall not advise the commencement of prosecution or defence of case, unless he has been consulted in reference thereto, except when his relation to a party or to the subject matter is such as to make proper for him to do so.

152. An advocate in his professional capacity shall not advise the violation of any law. This rule shall not apply to advice given in good faith, that a law is invalid.

153. It is the right of an advocate to undertake the defence of a person accused of crime, regardless of his personal opinion, as distinguished from knowledge as to the guilt of the accused; otherwise innocent persons and victims merely of suspicious circumstances might be denied proper defence. Having undertaken such defence, an advocate is bound by all fair and honourable means, to present every defence that the law of the land permits, to the end that no person may be deprived of life or liberty, except by the process of law.

154. In fixing fees, advocates should avoid charges which over-estimate their advice and services as well as those which undervalue them. A client's ability to pay cannot justify charge in excess of the value of the service, though his property may justify a lesser charge, or even none at all. The reasonable requests of a brother advocate, should also receive special and kind consideration. In respect of widows and orphans of an advocate, all advocates shall assist them free of charge.

In determining the amount of fee it is proper to consider; (i) the time and labour required, the novelty and difficulty of the questions involved and the skill requisite properly to conduct the case; (ii) whether the acceptance of employment in a particular case will preclude

the Advocate's appearance for others in cases likely to arise out of the transaction, about which there is a reasonable expectation that otherwise he would be employed, or will involve the loss of their business while employed in a particular case; (iii) the customary charges of the Bar for similar service; (iv) the amount involved in the controversy and the benefits resulting to the client from the service; (v) the contingency of the certainty of the compensation, and (vi) the character of the employment, whether casual or for an established and constant client. Of these considerations, none in itself is the controlling factor. These are mere guidelines in ascertaining the real value of the service.

In fixing fees it should never be forgotten that the profession is a branch of the administration of justice and not a mere money making trade.

155. Controversies with clients concerning compensation are to be avoided by the advocate so far as shall be compatible with his self-respect and with his right to receive reasonable recompense for his services. Any law suits with clients should be resorted to only to prevent injustice, imposition or fraud.

156. Nothing operates, more certainly to create or foster popular prejudice against advocates as a class, and to deprive the profession of that full measures of public esteem and confidence which belongs to the proper discharge of its duties than does the false claim, often set up by the unscrupulous in defence or questionable transactions, that it is the duty of the advocate to do whatever may enable him to succeed in winning his client's cause.

It is improper for an advocate to assert in argument his personal belief in the client's innocence or in the justice of his cause. His professional duty is strictly limited to making submissions at the Bar consistently with the interest of his client.

An advocate owes entire devotion to the interests of the client, warm zeal in the maintenance and defence of his rights and the exertion of his utmost learning and ability to the end that nothing be taken or be withheld from him save by rules of law legally applied. No fear of judicial disfavour or public unpopularity should restrain him from the full discharge of his duty. In the judicial forum the client is entitled to the benefit of any and every remedy and defence that is authorized by the law of the land, and he may expect his advocate to assert every such remedy or defence. But it is steadfastly to be borne in mind that the great trust of the advocate is to be discharged within and not without the bounds of the law. The office of an advocate does not permit, much less does it demand of him for any client, the violation of any law or any manner of fraud or chicanery. In doing his professional duty to his client he must obey the voice of his own conscience and not that of his client.

157. When an advocate is a witness for his client except as to merely formal matters, such as the attestation or custody of an instrument and the like, he should leave the trial of the case to other advocates. Except when essential to the ends of justice, an advocate should avoid testifying in Court on behalf of his client.

158. In incidental matters, not effecting the merits of the cause in a trial, nor working substantial prejudice to the rights of the client, such as forcing the opposite advocate to trial when he is under affliction or bereavement, forcing the trial on a particular day to the injury of the opposite advocate when no harm will result from a trial at a different time, agreeing to an extension of time for filing written statements, cross interrogatories and the like, the advocate must be allowed to judge himself. In such matters no client has a right to demand that his advocate shall be ungenerous or that he does any thing therein repugnant to his own sense of honour and propriety.

C - Duty to the Court:

159. It is the duty of an advocate to maintain towards the Court a respectful attitude, not for the sake of the temporary incumbent of the judicial office, but for the maintenance of its supreme importance. Judges, not being wholly free to defend themselves, are peculiarly entitled to receive the support of the Bar against unjust criticism and clamor. At the same time whenever there is proper ground for complaint against a judicial officer, it is the right and duty of an advocate to ventilate such grievances and seek redress thereof legally and to protect the complainant and person affected.

160. An advocate shall not advise a person, whose testimony could establish or tend to establish a material fact, to avoid service of process, or conceal himself or otherwise to make his testimony unavailable.

161. An advocate shall not intentionally misquote to a judge, judicial officer or jury the testimony of a witness, the argument of the opposing advocate or the contents of a document; nor shall he intentionally misquote to a judge or judicial officer the language of a book, statute or decision; nor shall he, with knowledge of its invalidity and without disclosing such knowledge, cite as authority a decision that has been over-ruled or a statute that has been repealed or declared unconstitutional.

162. Marked attention and unusual hospitality on the part of an advocate to a judge or judicial officer not called for by the personal relations of the parties, subject both the judge and the advocate to misconstructions of motive and should be avoided. An advocate should not communicate or argue privately with the judge as to the merits of a pending cause and he deserves rebuke and denunciation for any advice or attempt to gain from a judge special consideration or favour. A self-respecting independence in the discharge of professional duty, without denial or diminution of the courtesy and respect due to the judge's station, is the only proper foundation for cordial, personal and official relations between the Bench and the Bar.

163. The primary duty of an advocate engaged in public prosecution is not to convict, but to see that justice is done. The suppression of facts or the concealing of witnesses capable of establishing the innocence of the accused is highly reprehensible.

164. Publications in newspaper by an advocate as to pending or anticipated litigation may interfere with a fair trial in the courts and otherwise prejudice the due administration of justice. Generally they are to be condemned. If the extreme circumstances of a particular case justify a statement or reference to the facts should not reach the public, it is unprofessional to make them anonymously. An ex-parte reference to the facts should not go beyond quotation from the records and papers on file in the Court but even in extreme cases it is better to avoid any ex-parte statement.

165. It is the duty of advocates to endeavour to prevent political considerations from outweighing judicial fitness in the appointment and selection of judges. They should protest earnestly and actively against the appointment or selection of persons who are unsuitable for the Bench and thus should strive to have elevated thereto only those willing to forego other employments, whether of a business, political or other character, which may embarrass their free and fair consideration of the questions before them for the decision. The aspiration of advocates for judicial positions should be governed by an impartial estimate of their ability to add honour to the office and not by a desire for the distinction the position may bring to themselves.

166. It is the duty of advocates to appear in Court when a matter is called and if it is so possible to make satisfactory alternative arrangements.

167. An advocate should in general refrain from volunteering his legal opinion or addressing any arguments in cases in which such advocate is not engaged unless called upon to do so in open Court by a judge or judicial officer. In advancing any such opinion he must do so with a sense of responsibility and impartiality without any regard to the interest of any party.

D - Conduct with regard to the public generally:

168. An advocate shall not accept employment to prosecute or defend a case out of spite or for the purpose of harassing anyone or delaying any matter; nor shall he take or prosecute an appeal wilfully motivated to harass any one or delay any matter.

169. An advocate should always treat adverse witnesses and parties with fairness and due consideration, and he should never minister to the malevolence of prejudices of a client in the trial or conduct of a cause. The client cannot be made the keeper of the advocate's conscience in professional matters. He has no right to demand that his advocate shall abuse the opposite party or indulge in offensive arguments. Improper speech is not excusable on the ground that it is what the client would say if speaking in his own behalf.

170. An advocate must decline to conduct a civil cause or to make a defence when convinced that it is intended merely to harass or to injure the opposite party or to work any oppression or wrong. But otherwise it is his right, and having accepted a retainer, it becomes his duty to insist upon the judgment of the Court as to the legal merits of his client's claim. His appearance in Court should be deemed equivalent to an assertion on his honour that in his opinion his client's case is one proper for judicial determination.

171. No advocate is obliged to act either as adviser or advocate for every person who may wish to become his client. He has the right to decline professional employment. Every advocate upon his own responsibility must decide what business he will accept as an advocate, what cause he will bring into Court for plaintiffs, and what cases he will contest in Court for the defendants.

172. No client, corporate or individual, however powerful, nor any cause civil or political, however important, is entitled to receive, nor should any advocate render, any service or advice involving disloyalty to the law whose ministers advocates are, or disrespect the judicial office, which they are bound to uphold, or corruption of any person or persons exercising a public office or private trust, nor indulge in deception or betrayal of the public. When rendering any such improper service or advice the advocate invites and merits stern and just condemnation. Correspondingly, he advances the honour of his profession and the best interest of his client when he renders service or gives advice tending to impress upon the client and his undertaking exact compliance with the strictest principles of moral law. He must also observe and advise his client to observe the statute law; though until a statute shall have been finally construed and interpreted by competent adjudication, he is free and indeed is entitled to advise as to its validity and as to what he conscientiously believes to be its just meaning and extent. But above all, an advocate will find his highest honour in a deserved reputation for fidelity to private trust and to public duty as an honest man and or a patriotic and loyal citizen.

173. An advocate shall not communicate with, nor appear before a public officer, board, committee or body, in his professional capacity, without first disclosing that he is an advocate representing interests that may be affected by the action of such officer, board, committee or body.

174. An advocate should not accept employment as an advocate in any matter upon the merits of which he has previously acted in a judicial capacity.

An advocate having once held public office or having been in the public employment, should not, after his retirement accept employment in connection with any matter which he has investigated or dealt with while in such office, nor employment except in support thereof.

¹⁹⁶[**174-A.** No Advocate will use his previous designation or post such as "Retired Justice", "Ex Judge", "Retired General", "Ex Attorney-General", "Ex Advocate-General" or use any ex-designation, post or calling in any manner whatsoever, as prefix or suffix, either on letter-heads, name plates, sign boards, visiting cards or in any form during the period of his practice as an Advocate at any time.]

¹⁹⁷[**174-B.** No Advocate shall display outside his office or anywhere else his name on the name plate or Board of the size of more than 1½' x 2'.]

¹⁹⁸[**175. (1)** An Advocate shall not join or carry on any other profession, business, service or vocation or shall not be an active partner or a salaried official or servant in or be subject to the terms and conditions of service of the Government, semi-Government or autonomous body or any other organization or institution, public or private.

(2) Any violation of sub-rule (1) by an Advocate shall entail consequences as provided in Rule 108-O.]

¹⁹⁹[**175-A.** Non observance or violation of the canons of professional conduct and etiquette mentioned in this chapter by an advocate shall be deemed to be professional misconduct making him liable for disciplinary action.]

²⁰⁰[**175-B.** Non observance or defiance of decisions/instructions of the Pakistan Bar Council by any Bar Council or Bar Association or any Member of the Bar/Advocate shall be deemed to be a gross professional misconduct.]

²⁰¹[CHAPTER XII - A

BAR ASSOCIATIONS

175-C. (1) Only the following Bar Associations of lawyers shall function in Pakistan:--

- (i) at national level there shall only be the Supreme Court Bar Association which will function in accordance with Rules framed by the Pakistan Bar Council.
- (ii) In each Province ²⁰²[and in ICT] there may be High Court Bar Associations at principal seat and at the places of Benches of the respective High Courts.
- (iii) In each District there may be a District Bar Association.
- (iv) In each Tehsil and/or sub-division there may be a Tehsil or Sub-divisional Bar Association.

(2) No other Bar body of lawyers shall be recognized except for the above Bar Associations.

196. Added *vide* Notification published in the Gazette of Pakistan, Extra, (Part-II), December 31, 1989.

197. Added *vide* Notification published in Gazette of Pakistan Extra (Part-II), January 7, 1992.

198. substituted, *vide* Notification dated 15.7.1998

199. Added, *vide* Notification dated 24.3.1979

166. Added, *vide* Notification dated 18.2.2009.

201. Chapter XII-A, Added, *vide* Notification dated 18.2.2009.

202. Inserted *vide* Notification of the Pakistan Bar Council dated 16-11-2015

(3) The Provincial Bar Councils ²⁰³[and Islamabad Bar Council] shall make Rules regarding recognition/de-recognition and functioning of Bar Associations at High Court, District and sub-divisional/Tehsil level.

175-D. The Pakistan Bar Council being controlling and supervisory body shall frame rules for recognition/de-recognition and functioning of the Supreme Court Bar Association.

175-E. No Bar Association or group of Bar Associations, any bar body or forum shall be authorized to give strike or protest call to members of legal fraternity at national level without prior approval of the Pakistan Bar Council.

175-F. The Pakistan Bar Council may remove any office bearer of Provincial Bar Council ²⁰⁴[the Islamabad Bar Council] or of any Bar Association for commission of professional misconduct.]

²⁰⁵**175-G. Election dates of Bar Associations:-**For the purpose of creating uniformity in holding of elections to different Bar Associations and in order to avoid exercise of dual right of vote by an Advocate, the elections to the District/Tehsil/Taluka Bar Associations in different provinces will be held on one and the same day. Likewise the election of different High Court Bar Associations throughout the Province ²⁰⁶[or the ICT] shall also be held on the same day as under:-

- (a) ²⁰⁷**[Punjab/ICT:]**
The election to the District/Tehsil Bar Associations in the Province of Punjab ²⁰⁸[and in ICT] shall be held on 2nd Saturday of January each year whereas the election of each of the High Court Bar Association in Punjab [and ICT] shall be held on last Saturday of February each year.
- (b) **Sindh:**
The election to the District/Taluka Bar Associations in the Province of Sindh shall be held on 2nd Saturday of December each year whereas the elections of each of the High Court Bar Associations throughout the Province shall be held on last Saturday of November each year.
- (c) **Khyber Pakhtunkhwa:**
The election to the District/Tehsil Bar Associations in the Province of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa shall be held on last Saturday of March each year whereas the election of each of the High Court Bar Association in that Province shall be held on last Saturday of April each year.
- (d) **Baluchistan:**
The election to the District/Tehsil Bar Associations in Baluchistan shall be held on last Saturday of ^{210a}[October] each year whereas the election of each of the High Court Bar Association throughout the Province shall be held on last Saturday of ^{211a} [November] each year.

175-H. Code of conduct for contesting Election of Bar Association: -

- ²⁰⁹[(a). No prospective and/or contesting candidate or his/her supporter/s shall canvass for votes through advertisement, banners, pla-cards, stickers, panaflex, hoardings, calendars, dairies, key-chains and posters etc. He/She may, however, solicit support through personal contact and by issuing letters and visiting cards of the maximum size of 3x5 inches on which he/she may also display his/her photograph. No prospective and/or contesting candidate or his/her supporter/s shall use or show of any kind of weapon during election campaign or on the day of election.”

203. Inserted *vide* Notification of the Pakistan Bar Council dated 16-11-2015

204. Substituted/ Inserted *vide* Notification of the Pakistan Bar Council dated 16-11-2015

205. Rules 175-G to 175-K were added *vide* Notification of the Pakistan Bar Council dated 02-05-2013

206. Substituted/ Inserted *vide* Notification of the Pakistan Bar Council dated 16-11-2015

207. Substituted/ Inserted *vide* Notification of the Pakistan Bar Council dated 16-11-2015

208. Substituted/ Inserted *vide* Notification of the Pakistan Bar Council dated 16-11-2015

210a. Substituted *vide* Notification of the Pakistan Bar Council dated 23-12-2021

209. Substituted by Notification dated 25, June, 2020 of Pakistan Bar Council

Provided that no prospective and/or contesting candidate or his/her supporter/s shall canvass for votes by approaching a voter, directly or indirectly, at his/her residence.

- (b) No meal/lunch/dinner/breakfast/hi-tea by a contesting candidate or his/her supporter/s will be given to voters directly or indirectly in connection with election campaign;]
- (c) It shall be the pre-requisite that contesting candidate for an office of Bar Association is purely a professional practicing Advocate and is member of the Bar Association concerned for not less than three years having active length of practice as under:-

²¹⁰ Post	Length of Practice
President	i) 8 years in case of Tehsil / Taluka Bar Association; ii) 10 years in case of District Bar Association, & iii) 15 years in case of High Court Bar Association.
Vice-President	i) 6 years in case of Tehsil/Taluka Bar Association; ii) 8 years in case of District Bar Association; & iii) 12 years in case of High Court Bar Association.
Secretary	i) 5 years in case of Tehsil/Taluka Bar Association; ii) 7 years in case of District Bar Association; & iii) 10 years in case of High Court Bar Association
Other offices i.e.	}
Finance Secretary/	}
Library Secretary/Members,	}
Executive Committee	}
	3 years]

Explanation: -

²¹¹[(i) To meet the requirement of being a professional Advocate it shall be mandatory that each candidate other than an Advocate of Supreme Court of Pakistan, to file attested copies of Vakalatnama/power of attorney and order sheets showing his/her appearance in cases independently conducted during the preceding three (03) years as per the following schedule:-

<u>Office</u>	<u>Bar Association</u>	<u>Number of cases for each year relating to preceding 03 years</u>
President	.. High Court Bar Association	.. 15 cases for each year
	.. District Bar Association	.. 10 cases for each year
	.. Tehsil / Taluka Bar Association	.. 07 cases for each year
Vice- President	.. High Court Bar Association	.. 10 cases for each year
&	.. District Bar Association	.. 07 cases for each year
Secretary	.. Tehsil / Taluka Bar Association	.. 03 cases for each year
Other offices	}	
i.e. Joint Secretary,	}	
Finance Secretary,	}	
Library Secretary,	}	
Members	}	
Executive Committee	}	
	Any Bar Association	.. 02 cases for each year]

210. Substituted vide Notification of the Pakistan Bar Council dated 16-11-2015

211. Substituted vide Notification dated 28-10-2024 of Pakistan Bar Council

- (ii) The length of practice as mentioned above means practice as an Advocate of Subordinate Courts for contesting election against an office of the District/Tehsil/Taluka Bar Association and practice as an Advocate of the High Court for contesting election for an office of the High Court Bar Association.]

²¹²[(d) Any violation of clause (a), (b) and/or (c) above, shall be treated as “misconduct” disqualifying/disentitling the prospective and/or contesting candidate to contest election for a seat of the Bar Association concerned.]

²¹³**[175-I Nomination of the Election Board:**

(1) The President of the concerned Bar Association shall nominate within three months of his election, the Chairman and four members of the Election Board, two of whom would be the immediate former Presidents of the concerned Bar Association, duly qualified as per requirements of sub-rule (2), and the Board so nominated shall look after and deal with all matters necessary for and ancillary to, for ensuring holding of fair, free and transparent election of the Bar Association concerned;

(2) The qualifications for the Chairman and Members of the Election Board, for holding election of a Bar Association, shall be as under: -

(a) For the election of District and the Tehsil/Taluka Bar Association, the Chairman shall have the standing as an Advocate of the lower Courts for 15 years whereas the Members for 7 years; and

(b) For the election of the High Court Bar Association the Chairman shall have the standing as an Advocate of the High Court for 15 years whereas the Members for 10 years.

(3) The Election Board shall ensure that requirements of Rule 175-H, are implemented by all concerned, in letter and spirit, and in case a candidate or his/her supporter/s is/are found delinquent and violating requirements of the said Rule, it may file a reference to the respective Bar Council for action against him/them in accordance with the Rules.

²¹⁴[(4) Notwithstanding anything contained in sub-rule 3, the Executive Committee of the Pakistan Bar Council may take action suo moto against the candidate(s) or supporter(s) or both, who violates clause (a), (b) or (c) of Rule 175-H of the Pakistan Legal Practitioners and Bar Councils Rules, 1976 and after providing an opportunity of hearing to the delinquent advocates (candidates or supporters), the Executive Committee shall pass appropriate orders within 5 days of taking cognizance of the matter in issue and shall either allow or disqualify the candidate to contest the election and may also direct the concerned Bar Councils and Bar Associations to exclude the names of the delinquent advocates (candidates or supporters) from the lists of eligible voters for a term which may extend to five (05) years and may refer the matter to the concerned Disciplinary Committee for proceedings under section 41 of the Legal Practitioners and Bar Councils Act, 1973.]

175-J. Preparation of list of eligible voters:- (1) The President/Secretary of a Bar Association shall prepare a list of eligible voters at least two months before the date of election and display it on the Notice Board of the Bar Association and shall also notify it to Members of the Association inviting objections, if any. The list will be given final shape viz-a-viz dues for the purpose of election of Bar Association ²¹⁵[.] Provincial Bar Council concerned ²¹⁶[and the Islamabad Bar Council,] and sent to concerned Provincial Bar Council [or the Islamabad Bar Council, as the case may be,] for authentication, at least thirty days before the date of election. The Provincial Bar Council ²¹⁷[or the Islamabad Bar

212. Added by Notification Dated 25, June, 2020 of Pakistan Bar Council

213. Added by Notification Dated 25, June, 2020 of Pakistan Bar Council

214. Substituted vide Notification dated 28-10-2024 of Pakistan Bar Council

215. Substituted for the word and vide Notification of the Pakistan Bar Council dated 16-11-2015

216. Insert vide Notification of the Pakistan Bar Council dated 16-11-2015

217. Insert vide Notification of the Pakistan Bar Council dated 16-11-2015

Council, as the case may be,] shall notify the list at the earliest but not later than twenty days before the date of election.

^{219a}[(2) The Provincial Bar Councils or Bar Associations shall have no authority to grant extension in time specified in sub-rule (1).]

175-K. Right of vote:-

²¹⁸[(a) No member of a Bar Association shall have a right of vote in election unless he/she has completed at least six months of his being member of the Bar Association concerned. However, in case of transfer of name of a voter/member from one Bar Association to another, the transferee member/voter will be eligible to cast his/her vote in election of the Bar Association [and Bar Council] to which he/she gets his/her name transferred, only after expiry of two years of such transfer.]

^{220a}[(aa) (i). While preparing final list of eligible voters under rule 175-J of the Pakistan Legal Practitioners and Bar Councils Rules, 1976, the President and Secretary of each Bar Association shall hear and decide the objections within two (02) days, if any, regarding inclusion/exclusion of name/names of an advocate/advocates in the list of eligible voters who has have joined other profession, business, vocation, service (government or private) or for any other reasons has/have discontinued his/their law practice.

^{220c}[(a1) In case of transfer of place of practice of voter membership within the same District for the purpose of Rule 6 his/her period of membership of Provincial Bar Councils shall also be counted/considered as valid and in case of transfer of place of practice as voter membership from one District to another District, the period of membership of previous Bar Association shall not be counted.]

(ii). If eligibility of an advocate of the High Court or subordinate courts, is challenged on any ground specified in the preceding clause, the concerned Bar Association or the Provincial Bar Council shall not exclude his name from list of eligible voters, if he furnishes attested copies of Vakalatnama/power of attorney and order sheets showing his/her appearance in cases including bail applications independently conducted during the preceding year as per the following schedule:-

SCHEDULE

S.No.	Province	Number of cases independently conducted in the preceding year
1	Punjab & Sindh	Five (5) cases
2	Khyber Pakhtunkhwa & Balochistan	Two (2) Cases]

(b) Before poll of the vote, the voter shall have to produce his identity card issued by the concerned Provincial Bar Council, [Islamabad Bar Council] or the Bar Association.]

^{220b}**175-L. Electronic voting and Biometric verification.**

(1) The Provincial Bar Councils/Islamabad Bar Council shall use electronic voting and biometric verification system in future elections from 2024 in addition to the existing manual procedures for voter verification, casting and counting of votes for ensuring fair and transparent elections of the Provincial Bar Councils and Bar Associations.

^{219a}. Added vide Notification dated 28-10-2024 of Pakistan Bar Council

²¹⁸. Substituted vide Notification dated 19, August, 2020 of Pakistan Bar Council

^{220a}. Added vide Notification dated 28-10-2024 of Pakistan Bar Council

^{220b}. Added vide Notification dated 28-10-2024 of Pakistan Bar Council

^{220c} inserted vide Notification of the Pakistan Bar Council dated 08-09-2025.

(2) The Chairman and members of the Election Board, before allowing a voter to cast his/her vote shall record on the counterfoil of the ballot paper the number of the voter on the voter list, identity number of the advocate, stamp it with the official mark, sign it and obtain on it the signature of the voter.

(3) A ballot paper shall not be issued to a voter who fails or refuses to produce his identity card issued by the Bar Council and if needed, the original National Identity Card issued by the National Database and Registration Authority.

175-M. Election observers.—(1) The Pakistan Bar Council, the Provincial Bar Councils/Islamabad Bar Council, at its own motion or upon an application made in this behalf, may nominate an elected Member of the Bar Council to observe the process of conduct of election, counting of votes and consolidation of results.]

CHAPTER XIII

MISCELLANEOUS

²¹⁹[**176.** Members of the Pakistan Bar Council when on duty shall be entitled to club class fare by air service or first class air conditioned train fare plus Rs. ²²⁰[3000/-] as conveyance allowance. If a member travels by road he will be entitled to Rupee ²²¹[thirty] per kilometer].

^{224a}**177.** (a) Every Member of the Bar Council attending a meeting of Bar Council or its Committee shall be entitled to an allowance of Rs. [20,000/-] per day for the days of a meeting so attended by him in addition to Rs. [20,000/-] per night in case of stay in hotel;

(b) If a member arrives earlier than the date of the meeting he shall be entitled to additional allowance of one day and similarly if he returns from the meeting after the date of termination;

(c) If a member returns from the meeting after the date of termination of the meeting he shall be entitled to a further additional allowance for one day; and

²²²(d) [Omitted].

178. A member of a Bar Council shall vacate his seat if:--

- (a) He resigns his seat by delivering his resignation to the Chairman;
- (b) He is removed from the roll; or
- (c) He is absent for 3 or more consecutive meetings of the Bar Council:

Provided that a meeting for the absence from which the member has taken permission of the Chairman shall not be regarded as a meeting from which he is absent.

- (d) the resignation dispatched by a member to the Chairman shall be effective from the time it is so delivered.

219. Substituted *vide* Notification published in the Gazette of Pakistan, Extra, (Part II), August 20, 1997

220. Substituted Notification dated 28-10-2024 of Pakistan Bar Council

221. Substituted Notification dated 28-10-2024 of Pakistan Bar Council

222. Omitted *vide* Notification of the Pakistan Bar Council dated 29-01-2025

224a Substituted *vide* Notification dated 29-01-2025 of Pakistan Bar Council

- (e) a member of the Bar Council who is suspended as an advocate shall not act as a member during the period of his suspension but shall vacate his seat only if his suspension is for a year or more or covers the whole term as a member.

179. (a) A register shall be maintained with regard to the disciplinary proceedings and the election petitions and all the record of the disciplinary proceedings as well as election petitions shall be preserved till they are ordered to be destroyed by the Bar Council. All parties to the proceedings shall be entitled on payment of the prescribed fee to a certified copy of all proceedings before the Council, or the Tribunal or any Committee of the Bar Council. Any other person interested, may subject to the orders of the Chairman or of the Bar Council, be supplied with a certified copy of any such proceedings as is mentioned above. The same fee shall be charged for the certified copies as are charged by the Supreme Court.

(b) All applications filed in the disciplinary proceedings by any party shall be accompanied by a payment of Rs. ²²³[100/-] except in case of an application filed by an Advocate-General or any Advocate appearing on his behalf.

(c) All Advocates appearing before the Bar Council or before any Tribunal or Committee of a Bar Council except the Advocate General or Advocate appearing on his behalf shall file a power of Attorney with a deposit of Rs. ²²⁴[100/-] to be paid to the ²²⁵[Secretary] of the Bar Council.

180. All moneys required to be paid under these Rules shall be paid to the Secretary of the Bar Council concerned or such other person as may be authorized in this behalf by the Bar Council and the receipt for the money paid shall be attached to the proceedings in respect of which the payment is made.

181. Parties to the proceedings shall be entitled to inspection of the record in the presence of the ¹⁸²[Secretary] on payment of Rs. ²²⁶[50/-] per hour or part thereof.

^{229a}**181-A** – The concerned party or person(s), upon a written request, is entitled to receive attested copies of decisions/orders of the Pakistan Bar Council and its Committees subject to payment of Rs.100/- (one hundred) per page to be deposited in a bank account maintained in the name of Pakistan Bar Council.

181-B – An Advocate of Supreme Court of Pakistan, upon a written request, is entitled to a Certificate of Good Standing, Character Certificate or other Miscellaneous Certificates, on payment of Rs.2000/- (two thousand per certificate) to be deposited in bank account maintained in the name of Pakistan Bar Council.]

223. Substituted for figuer 5" *vide* Notification of the Pakistan Bar Council dated 16-11-2015

224. Inserted *vide* Notification of the Pakistan Bar Council dated 16-11-2015

225. See foot note No. 7.

226. Substituted *vide* Notification of the Pakistan Bar Council dated 16-11-2015

229a. Added Notification dated 28-10-2024 of Pakistan Bar Council

182. An Advocate of the Supreme Court shall be entitled to obtain a duplicate copy of his enrolment certificate on payment of a fee of Rs. ²²⁷[2000/-].

183. The Secretariat of the Pakistan Bar Council shall be at Islamabad with branch offices at Peshawar, Lahore and Karachi, as decided by Pakistan Bar Council from time to time.

184. (1) Each Provincial Bar Council ²²⁸[and the Islamabad Bar Council] shall:--

- (a) send copies of the proceedings of the Council to the Pakistan Bar Council within 7 days of its meeting.
- (b) send the copies of the Rules framed by it to the Pakistan Bar Council.
- (c) send a copy of its annual audit report to the Pakistan Bar Council.
- ²²⁹[(d) send to the Pakistan Bar Council a quarterly report giving the following particulars of persons enrolled as Advocates of the Lower Courts and High Court during the preceding quarter:-
 - (i) Names with parentage and date of birth;
 - (ii) Dates of enrolment as an Advocate of Lower Courts and High Court;
 - (iii) Full address; and
 - (iv) Dates of deposit of enrolment fees with the name of Bank branch and amount so deposited].

(2) The Pakistan Bar Council may give any direction to a Provincial Bar Council ²³⁰[and the Islamabad Bar Council] if its action is not in accordance with the Act or Rules made by it.

(3) The Pakistan Bar Council may issue instructions to the Provincial Bar Councils ²³¹[and the Islamabad Bar Council] in order to co-ordinate their activities and achieve uniformity in action.

(4) Every direction or instruction issued by the Pakistan Bar Council shall be laid before the Provincial Bar Council ¹⁹⁴[and the Islamabad Bar Council] and shall be complied by it.

²³²**185.** The Pakistan Bar Council, may by a resolution, passed by it in its meeting, suspend wholly or partly, any Rule for such period and subject to such conditions, as it may deem fit and expedient.]

227. Substituted *vide* Notification of the Pakistan Bar Council dated 16-11-2015

228. Inserted *vide* Notification of the Pakistan Bar Council dated 16-11-2015

229. Added *vide* Notification published in the official Gazette, Extra (Part-II) January 7, 1992.

230. Inserted *vide* Notification of the Pakistan Bar Council dated 16-11-2015

231. Inserted *vide* Notification of the Pakistan Bar Council dated 16-11-2015

232. Added, with effect from 19.3.1978, as per Notification published in the Gazette of Pakistan, Extra (Part-II), March 19, 1978.

235a. Added Notification dated 28-10-2024 of Pakistan Bar Council

[186 - Removal of difficulties in interpretation and application of rules of Bar Councils:- In case of any conflict and inconsistency between the provisions of the Pakistan Legal Practitioners and Bar Councils Rules, 1976 and Rules framed by a Provincial Bar Councils/ Islamabad Bar Council, the provisions of the Pakistan Legal Practitioners and Bar Councils Rules, 1976 shall have overriding effect and prevail over the later.]

**FORM 'A'****APPLICATION FOR ENROLMENT AS AN ADVOCATE OF THE SUPREME COURT.**

To,

The Chairman,
Pakistan Bar Council
Islamabad.

Sir,

Please enroll me as an Advocate of the Supreme Court of Pakistan.

My particulars are as under:-

PHOTOGRAPH
Two Pictures

1. Name: _____
2. Date of birth: _____
3. Father's/Husband's name: _____
4. Nationality: _____
5. Date of enrolment as an Advocate: _____
6. Date of enrolment as an Advocate of High Court along with its name: _____
7. Name of the Provincial Bar Council on roll the of which the applicant is enrolled as an Advocate of the High Court: _____
8. The number in the Provincial Roll of Advocate of the High Court: _____
9. The number in the common roll of the Advocates of the High Court prepared by the Pakistan Bar Council: _____
10. Whether the applicant satisfies all the conditions laid down by the Supreme Court of Pakistan in respect of the persons entitled to appear and plead before the Supreme Court: _____

11. Whether the applicant has deposited the Enrolment Fee with the Pakistan Bar Council, please give the date, amount and receipt No: Amount: _____
Receipt No. _____
Date: _____
12. The name of the Bar Association of which the applicant is a member: _____
13. a) Whether the applicant has been in the service of Government or of a statutory corporation, if so; the date of joining and leaving the service and the reasons for going out of service along with the Certificate of the employer; _____
- b) Whether any disciplinary action of warning, demotion, suspension or dismissal was ever taken against him during the tenure of his service and the result thereof along with Certificate of the employer; _____
- c) Whether any criminal case was registered against the applicant during the tenure of his service, if so, the result thereof along with certified copy of the order. _____
14. Whether the applicant has been convicted of any offence, if so date and particulars thereof: _____
15. Whether an earlier application for enrolment of the applicant has previously been rejected by the Bar Council: _____

Signature of Applicant: _____

Dated: _____

CNIC No: _____

Cell: _____

Address: _____

Tel: _____

E-mail: _____

Fax: _____

This application form shall be accompanied by the following documents: -

1. Two passport size photographs of the applicant attested by the President/Secretary of the Bar Association or Member of a Bar Council.
2. A fresh dated Certificate, in original, from the High Court as to applicant's being a fit and proper person for being enrolled and to appear and plead as an Advocate of the Supreme Court together with its photo copy. In case there is gap between dates of issuance of the fitness Certificate and submission of enrolment application to the Pakistan Bar Council please explain reasons thereof separately through an Affidavit. If the explanation is not found satisfaction by Enrolment Committee, it may impose penalty ranging from Rs.5000/- to 20,000/-. In case delay exceeds one year the fitness Certificate needs to be revalidated by the High Court.
3. An Affidavit of the applicant on stamp paper of Rs. 50/- (duly attested by Notary Public/Oath Commissioner) stating that contents of his application are true and correct and that he is eligible and not disqualified, in any manner, for enrolment and to practice as an Advocate of the Supreme Court and that neither he was ever found guilty of professional or other misconduct nor any such case is pending against him before any Bar Council.
4. A certificate from the Provincial/Islamabad Bar Council to the effect that: a) the applicant is an enrolled Advocate of the High Court having not less than seven years standing as such and that his name is still borne on the Roll of Advocates of the High Court maintained by the Provincial Bar Council concerned or the Islamabad Bar Council; b) the applicant is not in arrears of dues of the concerned Provincial Bar Council or the Islamabad Bar Council; and c) neither proceedings for professional or other misconduct are pending against the applicant nor he has ever been found guilty of professional or other misconduct.
5. Certificate regarding clearance of dues from the Bar Association of which the applicant is a Member.
6. A list of selected, pending and disposed of, cases independently conducted by the applicant in the High Court, duly signed by him, together with copies of detailed and final Judgments (reported or unreported) at least of his 15 cases so conducted.
7. In case an applicant has at least five (05) reported cases to his credit, in matters he has independently conducted in the High Court, he will be accorded preference, as per decision dated 20-05-2020 of Enrolment Committee of the PBC, in fixation of his application for interview before the Committee. He may therefore, furnish a complete list of his reported cases, if any, mentioning their citations together with copies of Judgments.

8. Deposit slip of enrolment fee of Rs.50, 000/- to be deposited in Collection Account of the Pakistan Bar Council with designated branch of the Habib Bank Limited on the prescribed deposit slips obtainable from the Habib Bank, Offices of the Pakistan Bar Council and Provincial/Islamabad Bar Councils or through Pay Order/Demand Draft of the like amount in the name of the Pakistan Bar Council drawn on Habib Bank Limited, Supreme Court Branch, Islamabad.
9. Complete bio-data of the applicant which should also indicate his special educational qualifications, experience, Legal Advisorships/offices and elected office held, if any, and the fact of his being an income tax assesses or otherwise mentioning also the latest and complete postal address, Tel/Cell, fax numbers and e-mail address.
10. In case the applicant had been in service, a Certificate from the competent authority indicating also the duration of service with exact dates of joining and leaving and reasons of leaving the service.
11. An undertaking that the applicant will become Member of the Supreme Court Bar Association of Pakistan within six months of his enrolment as an Advocate of the Supreme Court.
12. Certified copy of Computerized National Identity Card (CNIC)

FORM 'B'

[See Rule 107(2)]

To

The Chairman,
Pakistan Bar Council,
Islamabad.

Sir,

Please enroll me as a Senior Advocate of the Supreme Court of Pakistan. My particulars are as under:-

1. Name. _____
2. Date of birth. _____
3. Father's/Husband's Name _____
4. Nationality. _____
5. Date of enrolment as an Advocate of the Supreme Court of Pakistan. _____
6. The number in the common roll of Advocates of the Supreme Court prepared by the Bar Council. _____,
7. Whether the applicant satisfies all the conditions laid down by the Supreme Court of Pakistan in respect of the persons entitled to appear and plead before the Supreme Court as a Senior Advocate. _____
8. Whether the applicant has deposited the enrolment fee with the Pakistan Bar Council. Please give the amount and receipt number. _____
9. The name of the Bar Association of which the applicant is a member along with the clearance certificate of the dues of the Bar Association. _____
10. Whether an earlier application for enrolment has been rejected by the Bar Council. _____

Dated:

Signatures of the Applicant: _____

Addresses: _____

233 **FORM 'C'***[See Rule 108(c)]*

(Certificate for permission to appear, act and plead as an Advocate of the Supreme Court of Pakistan).

The Pakistan Bar Council hereby certifies that Mr.
 s/o resident of
 being an Advocate who satisfies all the conditions laid down by Rules framed by the Supreme Court of Pakistan has this day of been admitted and enrolled as an Advocate of the Supreme Court of Pakistan. He is entitled to appear, plead and act as an Advocate of the Supreme Court of Pakistan subject to his signing the Roll of Advocates being maintained by the Supreme Court.

Given under the Common Seal of the Pakistan Bar Council this
 Day of

Seal

Secretary,
 Pakistan Bar Council

Chairman,
 Pakistan Bar Council

233. The present form 'C' was substituted, with effect from 30.7.1984, for the following originally prescribed Form, vide Notification published in the Gazette of Pakistan, Extra (Part II), July 30, 1984:-

"FORM 'C'*[See Rule 108(c)]*

(Certificate for permission to appear, act and plead as an Advocate of the Supreme Court of Pakistan)

The Pakistan Bar Council hereby certifies that Mr.
 S/O
 resident of
 being an Advocate who satisfies all the conditions laid down by Rules framed by the Supreme Court of Pakistan has this day of been admitted and enrolled as an Advocate of the Supreme Court of Pakistan. He is entitled to appear, plead and act as an Advocate of the Supreme Court of Pakistan.

Give under the common Seal of the Pakistan Council this
 day of 19

Seal

Secretary,
 Pakistan Bar Council

Chairman,
 Pakistan Bar Council

FORM 'D'*[See Rule 108(c)]*

(Certificate for permission to appear, act and plead as a Senior Advocate of the Supreme Court of Pakistan).

The Pakistan Bar Council hereby certifies that Mr. S/o
..... resident of
being an Advocate of the Supreme Court of Pakistan who satisfies all the conditions laid down
by Rules framed by the Supreme Court of Pakistan for the enrolment of Senior Advocate has
this day of been admitted and enrolled as a
Senior Advocate of the Supreme Court of Pakistan. He is entitled to appear, plead and act as
such in the Supreme Court of Pakistan.

Given under the common Seal of the Pakistan Bar Council this
..... day

Seal

Secretary,
Pakistan Bar Council

Chairman,
Pakistan Bar Council

²³⁴FORM 'E'

[See Rule 109(a)]

(Certificate for permission to appear, act and plead as an Advocate)

The Provincial/Islamabad Bar Council hereby certifies that Mr/Miss/Mrs. son/daughter/wife of resident of has this day of been admitted and enrolled as an Advocate on the roll of this Bar Council. He/she is entitled to appear, act and plead as an Advocate till 31st day of December before any Court or Tribunal in the Province of / ICT except High Courts and the Supreme Court of Pakistan.

Given under the common Seal of the Provincial/Islamabad Bar Council this day

Seal

Secretary,
..... Bar Council

Chairman,
..... Bar Council

234. The present Form 'E' was substituted for the following originally prescribed Form, with effect from 22.6.1978, vide Notification published in the Gazette of Pakistan, Extra (Part II), June 12, 1978:--

"FORM 'E'

[See Rule 109 (a)]

(Certificate for permission to appear, act and plead as an Advocate)

The Provincial Bar Council do hereby certifies that Mr./Miss/Mrs. son/daughter/wife of has this day of 19 been admitted and enrolled as an Advocate on the roll of this Bar Council. He/She is entitled to appear, act and plead as an Advocate till 31st December, 19 before any Court or Tribunal in this Province as well as other Provinces of Pakistan except the High Court.

Given under the common Seal of the Provincial Bar Council this day of 19

Seal

Secretary,
..... Bar Council

Chairman,
..... Bar Council

235 **FORM 'F'**

[See Rule 109(b)]

(Certificate for permission to appear, act and plead as an Advocate of the High Court).

The Provincial/Islamabad Bar Council hereby certifies that Mr/Miss/Mrs. son/daughter/wife of who is enrolled as an Advocate of this Bar Council has now been admitted as an Advocate of High Court. He is entitled to appear, act and plead before any Court or Tribunal in Pakistan except the Supreme Court of Pakistan.

Given under the Common Seal of the Bar Council this day of 19

Secretary,
..... Bar Council

Chairman
..... Bar Council

FORM 'G'

[See Rule 131(a)]

Folio No.

Cash/Bank Book

Cash/Bank Book

Receipts								Payments							
Date	Vr. No.	Particulars	Lf.	Cash	Bank	Bank	Bank	Date	Vr. No.	Particulars	Lf.	Cash	Bank	Bank	Bank

235. The present Form 'F' was substituted, with effect from 22.6.1978, for the following originally prescribed Form vide Notification published in the Gazette of Pakistan, Extra (Part II), June 12, 1978:

"FORM 'F'

[See Rule 109(b)]

(Certificate for permission to appear, act and plead as an Advocate of the High Court)

The..... Provincial Bar Council hereby certifies that Mr./Miss/Mrs. son/daughter/wife of who is enrolled as an Advocate of this Bar Council has now been admitted as an Advocate of High Court. He is entitled to appear, act and plead before High Court.

Given under the common Seal of the Bar Council this day of 19

Seal

Secretary,
..... Bar Council

Chairman
..... Bar Council

FORM 'H'

[See Rule 132(b)]

Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended

Expenditure	Income
Rs.	Rs.
Salaries	Enrolment Fee
Printing and Stationery	Annual Fee
Books and Periodicals	Fee for permission to practice in
Postage, Telegram and Telephone	High Court
Bank Charges	Fee for permission to practice as
Entertainment	Advocate Supreme Court
Travelling and Conveyance	Fee for permission to practice as
Electricity	Senior Advocate Supreme Court
Audit fee	
Rent	Other fees
Miscellaneous Expenses	Interest earned
Repairs and Maintenance	Miscellaneous Income
Depreciation	
.....	
.....	
EXCESS OF INCOME OVER	EXCESS OF EXPENDITURE
EXPENDITURE	OVER INCOME

Balance Sheet as at

Funds & Liabilities	Properties & Assets
Rs.	Rs.
FUNDS	FIXED ASSETS
Opening Balance	(As per schedule annexed)
Add Excess of income over	At Cost
expenditure for the year	Less: Accumulated Depreciation
	INVESTMENTS
CURRENT LIABILITIES	CURRENT ASSETS
For expenses	Advances, Deposits and Prepayments
For Goods	
For other Finance	
	CASH
	With Banks in current account
	With Banks in Saving Bank account
	With Banks in Fixed Deposit
	Account
	In hand

N.B.-- These forms may be modified at any time to conform with best accepted accounting practices.

FORM 'I'

[See Rule 108NN (1)]

BEFORE THE PAKISTAN BAR COUNCIL

SUPREME COURT BUILDING, CONSTITUTION AVENUE, ISLAMABAD

Tel: 051-9206805 Fax: 051-9206922

APPLICATION FOR ISSUANCE OF I.D.CARD AS AN ADVOCATE OF THE SUPREME COURT

PHOTOGRAPH
03 Pictures

1. Name: _____

2. Father's/Husband's name: _____

3. Date of birth: _____ District: _____ Province: _____
(as per matriculation certificate)

4. National I.D.Card No.

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(Please also attach copy of NIC issued by NADRA)

5. Address:

Office : _____

Residence: _____

6. Tel: Office: _____ Res: _____ Mobile: _____

Fax: _____ Email: _____

7. Ordinary place of practice

8. Date of enrolment as:-

a) Advocate: _____

b) Advocate High Court: _____

c) Advocate Supreme Court: _____

9. Name of the High Court Bar Association of which he is Member. _____

10. Particulars of deposit of I.D. Card. Fee of Rs.2000/-:

Pay Order/Demand Draft Receipt No. _____

dated: _____.

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11. Whether you have ever joined any other business, profession, vocation or service (Government or private) during the tenure of your practice as an Advocate?

12. If answer to column No. 11 is affirmative, please state:-

a) dates of joining and leaving: _____

b) reasons of leaving, attach documentary evidence: _____

- c) whether any disciplinary or adverse action was ever taken during tenure of service, If remained in service.
(Attach documentary evidence)
- d) whether the operation of practicing license was got suspended from the Provincial/Islamabad Bar Council on joining such business/profession/vocation/service.
(Attach documentary evidence)
- e) whether obtained permission of the Provincial/Islamabad Bar Council to resume practice as an Advocate of High Court after leaving such business/profession/vocation/service.
(Attach documentary evidence)

I hereby solemnly affirm and declare that contents and particulars, as given above, are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief and nothing has been concealed. I also undertake that in the event of joining or carrying on any other profession, business, service or vocation, I shall forthwith surrender my I.D Card to the Pakistan Bar Council.

Date _____

(Signature of applicant Advocate)

TO BE ATTESTED BY

MEMBER
PAKISTAN BAR COUNCIL

OR

PRESIDENT/SECRETARY OF CONCERNED
HIGH COURT BAR ASSOCIATION

Attachments:

1. Copy of computerized NIC;
2. Three recent passport size photographs with Blue Background; &
3. Documents as mentioned in columns No. 12(a) to (e), if applicable.