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To,

The Hon'ble Chief Justice,
All Hon'ble High Courts of India

Reg.: Kindly nominate former Hon'ble Judges of the High Court who would be willing to Chair and lead visiting teams of the Bar Council of India for the purpose of visiting various institutions imparting Legal Education (in neighbouring States) and furnishing their valued inputs regarding the standard of the institution with respect to faculty and infrastructure.

My Lord,

As you are aware, under provisions of the Advocates Act, 1961, the Bar Council of India, is the regulator of Legal Education in the Country and it is endowed with the task of maintaining and upholding the standard of Legal Education.

The Bar Council of India decides upon the grant of Recognition of a University before it can grant a Law degree and also decides upon the approval of affiliation to be granted to a Law College, University Law Department for running a LL.B. degree course. All Universities require Recognition of the Bar Council of India, before they can issue LL.B. degrees, while all Law Colleges, University Law Departments etc., require Approval of Affiliation to the Affiliation already granted by the University to them, before they can start admitting students and before they can start teaching the LL.B. degree course/s. The Rules of Legal Education, 2008 of the Bar Council of India, acts as a guideline for all with regard to minimum infrastructural academic and teaching faculties, course intake. If, any Center of Legal Education has admitted students, and has started a LL.B. course without approval of affiliation of the Bar Council of India, they may also be suspended for upto 2 academic years and/or be subjected to a default amount and allowed to run after complying with certain stipulations.

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The Bar Council of India would like to request your goodself to kindly nominate former Hon'ble Judges of the High Court who would be willing to Chair and lead visiting teams of the Bar Council of India to institutions in the neighbouring States (and not of the State where the High Court is situated), applying for approval for starting a law degree course in a new institution or in an existing institution as it would be ideal for such distinguished and experience Hon'ble Justices to provide their valued opinion and inputs relating to the institution and its course, which would form the basis of approval/disapproval of the said course and thus go a long way in improving the standards of legal education and in curbing the mushroom growth of any substandard institution.

It may be pertinent to mention that as far as opening of any law college/centre of legal education is concerned, the Bar Council of India comes into the picture at the third stage, after the two steps of (1) issuance of NOC by the concerned State Government to start a centre of legal education whereby the State Government through its education department is suppose to verify proper infrastructure, land, building, faculty details etc. which are supplied by the institution to the education department and thereafter, after the grant of NOC; (2) institution is required to apply and procure affiliation from the concerned University, which University/ies are again required to verify and examine the authenticity of the information submitted by the institution, while applying for affiliation to run a course, with respect to infrastructure, land, building, qualified faculties, other staff, library etc. and inspect the institution for such verification and only thereafter issue affiliation.

It is only, thereafter, that the Bar Council of India comes into the picture at the third stage to consider the affiliation already granted by the University which is the body at the ground level.

The Bar Council of India, team visits such institutions who apply for seeking approval of the Bar Council of India, with respect to running a particular law degree course.

The Inspection is carried out by the Inspection Team comprising of a Former Hon'ble Judge of a High Court as Chairperson of the Team, along with two academicians (one law and one non-law in case of an integrated degree course) not below the rank of an Associate Professor and one Advocate with not less than ten years of standing who is not a member of any Bar Council.

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The report is thereafter placed before the Standing Committee a Sub-Committee of the Legal Education Committee of the Bar Council of India. Presently the Sub-Committee is chaired by Hon'ble Mr. Justice Rajendra Menon, Chairperson, Armed Forces Tribunal and Former Chief Justice, High Court of Delhi. It comprises many other noted Academicians including 5 Vice-Chancellors of several National Law Universities and other Central and State Universities.

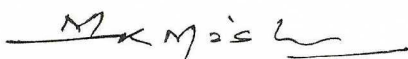
The Committee further reports to the Legal Education Committee of Bar Council of India which is headed by a Former Chief Justice of India or a Former Hon'ble Judge of Supreme Court of India. Presently the Legal Education Committee is headed by Hon'ble Mr. Justice M. R. Shah, former Judge. It further comprises a sitting Hon'ble Chief Justice of a High Court, the Law Secretary and the UGC Chairman.

The Legal Education Committee further comprises 9 Vice-Chancellors/Law Deans, Professors, renowned Sr. Advocates apart from 5 Members of the Bar Council of India. The Committee may also have some permanent invitees proposed by the Bar Council of India.

Thus, it is in this respect that you are humbly requested to kindly provide a list of former Judges who would be willing to undertake the arduous responsibility of maintaining and uplifting the standards of legal education alongwith also curbing the mushroom growth of substandard institutions of legal education.

The list containing details of nominee Judges with their email & mobile numbers may be communicated to the office of Bar Council of India through the Learned Registrar General or the concerned Officer in the Registry. The list may be kindly forwarded on bciinfo21@gmail.com.

Obliged!



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