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To,

All Universities imparting Legal Education
All Centres of Legal Education and Law Colleges
All State Bar Councils
All Prospective Law Students, Parents, Guardians and Members of the General Public

Sub: Public Advisory regarding Verification of Authenticity, Affiliation and BCI Approval of Institutions Imparting Legal Education in Compliance with the Order dated 09.10.2026 of the Hon'ble Supreme Court in W.P.(C) No. 531/2025, Ayesha Jain v. Amity University, Noida & Ors.

This Public Advisory is issued in compliance with the directions of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India contained in its order dated 09.10.2026 passed in W.P.(C) No. 531/2025, Ayesha Jain v. Amity University, Noida & Ors., wherein the Hon'ble Court, taking serious note of reports concerning educational institutions allegedly operating without requisite authenticity and lawful authority, directed the University Grants Commission and all regulatory authorities to issue appropriate public advisories cautioning students and the general public against taking admission in or dealing with educational institutions without first verifying their authenticity.

The necessity for issuance of the present Public Advisory has arisen in view of the serious concerns taken note of by the Hon'ble Supreme Court concerning educational institutions allegedly operating without requisite authenticity and lawful authority, thereby exposing unsuspecting students and their parents to the risk of deception, financial loss and uncertainty regarding the validity of their academic qualifications.

In the field of professional legal education, where recognition of a law degree has direct implications for eligibility for enrolment as an advocate, the Bar Council of India considers it necessary, both in compliance with the aforesaid judicial direction and in discharge of its statutory responsibilities under the Advocates Act, 1961 and the Rules of Legal Education, 2008, to caution prospective students and their parents to verify the legal status of the University, the affiliation of the concerned Centre of Legal Education, the requisite BCI approval, the approved course and sanctioned intake before seeking admission or making any payment. The present Advisory is accordingly issued as a preventive and student-protective measure in furtherance of the directions of the Hon'ble Supreme Court and the statutory objectives governing professional legal education in India.

In pursuance of the aforesaid directions, and having regard to the statutory responsibilities entrusted to the Bar Council of India under Sections 7(1)(h), 7(1)(i), 24 and 49 of the Advocates Act, 1961, read with the Rules of Legal Education, 2008, the following Public Advisory is issued in the interest of prospective law students, their parents, guardians and the general public.

1. Verification of authenticity and legal status of institutions

All prospective students seeking admission to a three-year LL.B. degree course or a five-year integrated law degree course are strongly advised to independently verify the authenticity, legal establishment, recognition and affiliation status of the concerned University and Centre of Legal Education before applying for admission or making payment of any admission fee or other charges.

Students must ensure that the institution is legally authorised to impart the concerned law degree course and that the law degree satisfies the applicable requirements for recognition by the Bar Council of India for the purposes of enrolment as an advocate.

The list of institutions and courses approved by the Bar Council of India to impart legal education is publicly accessible on the official website, enabling prospective students to verify the approval of any Centre of Legal Education prior to seeking admission.

2. Verification of Bar Council of India approval

The mere establishment of a University, grant of permission or No Objection Certificate by a State Government, or grant of affiliation by a University does not, by itself, dispense with the requirement of approval by the Bar Council of India under the applicable Rules of Legal Education, 2008.

Rule 14 of the Rules of Legal Education, 2008 prescribes the requirement of approval by the Bar Council of India in respect of Centres of Legal Education imparting law degree courses intended to qualify students for enrolment as advocates, subject to the provisions of the Rules and applicable law.

Accordingly, students are advised to verify whether the concerned University or Centre of Legal Education possesses the requisite BCI approval covering the particular law degree programme and academic session for which admission is proposed.

3. Verification of approved courses, sections and intake

Prospective students should specifically ascertain whether the concerned institution possesses valid approval for the three-year LL.B. course or five-year integrated law degree course, as applicable, and whether the number of sections and sanctioned student intake correspond to the approval granted by the Bar Council of India.

Approval granted for one programme, academic session, section or intake should not be presumed to extend automatically to another programme, session, section or intake.

4. Caution against misleading advertisements and representations

All Universities, law colleges, Centres of Legal Education, admission agencies and persons acting on their behalf are cautioned against making misleading representations concerning their recognition, affiliation, approval status, sanctioned intake or eligibility to impart professional legal education.

The publication of promotional material, prospectuses, advertisements or website information claiming approval by the Bar Council of India must accurately reflect the approval actually granted.
Submission of an application for approval, payment of the prescribed fee, conduct of inspection, recommendation by an inspection team or pendency of a proposal before the Bar Council of India shall not, by itself, be represented as the grant of approval.

5. Verification through official sources
Students, parents and members of the public are advised to consult the official website of the Bar Council of India at **www.barcouncilofindia.org**, relevant notifications and approval communications issued by the Bar Council of India, and the official website and records of the concerned affiliating University.

Where any doubt arises regarding the approval status of an institution, particular course, sanctioned intake or academic session, clarification should be obtained from the Bar Council of India through its officially notified channels before admission is finalised.

6. Obligations of Universities and Centres of Legal Education
All Universities imparting legal education and all affiliated, constituent and other Centres of Legal Education are directed to ensure that accurate and updated particulars concerning their legal status, affiliation, BCI approval, approved courses, sanctioned intake and applicable academic sessions are made readily available to prospective students.

They shall make available, upon request, the relevant approval and affiliation documents and shall not describe a pending application, inspection or proposal as an approval already granted.

Where approval is subject to conditions, the institution shall not conceal or misrepresent any material limitation affecting the admission proposed to be undertaken.

7. Consequences of admission without requisite approval
Students are cautioned that admission to a law degree course without the requisite recognition or approval may have serious implications for the recognition of the qualification for purposes of enrolment as an advocate, subject to applicable statutory provisions, judicial orders and any lawful measures taken for the protection of affected students.

Universities and Centres of Legal Education found furnishing incorrect or misleading information, making admissions contrary to applicable approval conditions or operating without the requisite BCI approval may be proceeded against in accordance with the Advocates Act, 1961, the Rules of Legal Education, 2008 and other applicable law, after following the procedure prescribed thereunder.

8. Public dissemination and compliance

All Universities and Centres of Legal Education imparting professional legal education are directed to give wide publicity to this Advisory through their official websites, admission notices, prospectuses and prominent notice boards.

All State Bar Councils are requested to circulate this Advisory through their respective official communication channels and assist in creating awareness amongst prospective law students and the public.

These directions concerning institutional dissemination are being issued by the Bar Council of India to ensure effective public awareness.

9. Continuing applicability of statutory requirements

This Public Advisory is issued in compliance with the directions of the Hon'ble Supreme Court dated 09.10.2026 and shall operate in addition to, and not in substitution of, the statutory requirements, rules, approval conditions, inspection procedures and other regulatory directions issued by the Bar Council of India from time to time.

Nothing contained herein shall be construed as granting approval or recognition to any institution or course, withdrawing any approval already granted, or determining the rights of any particular student or institution, which shall continue to be governed by applicable law and competent orders.

All prospective law students, parents and guardians are therefore advised to exercise due caution and independently verify the authenticity of the institution, its University affiliation, the requisite Bar Council of India approval, the approved law degree programme and the sanctioned intake before securing admission or making any payment.

This Public Advisory is issued for immediate publication, circulation and wide public dissemination.

Copy for information and necessary circulation to

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2. The Secretary, Department of Legal Affairs, Ministry of Law and Justice, Government of India.
3. Ms. Archana Dave Pathak, Ld. Additional Solicitor General of India

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