



SANT BABA BHAG SINGH UNIVERSITY
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OFFICE ORDER

Subject: Directions to Students for Strict Compliance with the Bar Council of India Circular No. BCI: D:4657/2026 dated 17.07.2026 regarding Responsible Use of Social Media by Law Students and Interns

The attention of all students of the University Institute of Law, Sant Baba Bhag Singh University, Jalandhar, including students of B.A. LL.B. , LL.M., Ph.D. Scholars, Interns, Clinical Legal Education students, is invited to Bar Council of India Circular No. BCI: D:4657/2026 dated 17.07.2026, issued under the Advocates Act, 1961, the Bar Council of India Rules of Legal Education.

The said Circular emphasizes that every law student is expected to maintain the dignity of the legal profession, uphold the administration of justice and conduct himself/herself responsibly while using social media and digital platforms. Accordingly, the following directions are hereby issued for strict compliance by all students with immediate effect.

A. General Directions

Every student shall:

1. Maintain the highest standards of professional ethics, discipline, integrity, courtesy and responsibility while using any social media platform, digital communication platform or online forum.
2. Refrain from publishing, uploading, forwarding or circulating any material that is defamatory, abusive, misleading, inflammatory or derogatory against:
 - Courts;
 - Judges;
 - Judicial Officers;
 - Advocates;
 - Litigants;
 - Clients;
 - Public Authorities;

- Sant Baba Bhag Singh University; or
 - University Institute of Law.
3. Not create or circulate any post, reel, vlog, podcast, meme, AI-generated content or digital publication that may scandalize the judiciary, interfere with the administration of justice or lower the dignity of the legal profession.

B. Confidentiality During Internship and Clinical Legal Education

Students participating in internships, court visits, legal aid clinics, ADR Centres, Lok Adalats, mediation proceedings, chamber attachments, legal literacy programmes or any clinical legal education activity shall:

- maintain absolute confidentiality regarding clients, cases, legal opinions, files and documents;
- not upload photographs, videos, documents or conversations relating to courts, advocates, clients or judicial proceedings without lawful authorization;
- not disclose confidential or privileged information acquired during internship or professional engagement.

C. Artificial Intelligence and Digital Content

Students shall not create, circulate or publish:

- Deepfake videos;
- AI-generated images;
- Voice-cloned recordings;
- Digitally manipulated photographs;
- Synthetic judicial proceedings; or
- Fabricated legal documents,

that may mislead the public or adversely affect the dignity of the judiciary or the legal profession.

D. Academic Integrity

Students shall not:

- circulate fabricated judgments;
- manipulate legal citations;
- publish false legal information;
- misrepresent internship experience;
- falsely claim association with any Court, Judge or Advocate;
- misuse the name or logo of the University or University Institute of Law.

E. Attendance and Professional Conduct

Students are reminded that attendance in classes, legal aid programmes, internships, moot court activities and clinical legal education programmes shall be genuine and in accordance with the applicable academic regulations.

Proxy attendance, fabricated internship records or false certificates shall invite disciplinary action.

F. Mandatory Student Undertaking

Every student shall submit a **Declaration-cum-Undertaking (Annexure A and Annexure B, so in far applicable)** in the prescribed format to the Office of the Dean within Fifteen (15 days) from issuance of this Office Order declaring that he/she:

- has carefully read the Bar Council of India Circular;
- understands the ethical obligations imposed upon law students;
- agrees to abide by the provisions contained therein;
- shall maintain confidentiality during internships and legal aid activities;
- shall not misuse social media in violation of professional ethics; and
- shall remain personally responsible for all content published or shared through his/her social media accounts.

Failure to submit the prescribed undertaking may result in withholding of internship recommendations, moot court nominations, legal aid participation, or other academic privileges until compliance is ensured.

G. Mandatory Orientation Programme

All students shall attend the **BCI Social Media Ethics and Professional Responsibility Orientation Programme which is organized by the University Institute of Law.**

Attendance shall be compulsory and shall form part of the professional ethics sensitization programme prescribed for law students.

H. Institutional Monitoring Mechanism

To ensure compliance with the BCI Circular, the following institutional mechanism shall operate:

1. The Dean, University Institute of Law, shall supervise implementation of this Office Order.
2. The Internship & Placement Committee, Moot Court Committee, Legal Aid Clinic, Faculty Mentors and Class Coordinators shall continuously sensitize students regarding ethical use of social media.

3. Students shall immediately report any misuse of the said terms of the Circular or this office order, University Name, logo or identity on social media to the Office of the Dean.
4. Where any student is found to have violated the BCI Circular or this Office Order, the matter may be referred to the **Student Discipline Committee** for appropriate action.

I. Consequences of Non-Compliance

Violation of the provisions of this Office Order or the Bar Council of India Circular may result in one or more of the following :

- written warning;
- removal from internship or legal aid assignments;
- withdrawal of institutional nomination for moot court competitions, internships or academic programmes;
- disciplinary proceedings under the University Regulations;
- reporting of serious misconduct to the competent University Authorities; and
- any other action permissible under the University Rules, Regulations or applicable law.

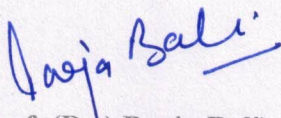
J. Directions to Faculty and Committees

All Faculty Members, Mentors, Class Coordinators, Internship & Placement Committee, Moot Court Committee and Legal Aid Clinic shall:

- circulate this Office Order among students;
- explain the contents of the BCI Circular during orientation programmes;
- maintain records of student undertakings;
- monitor compliance during internships and clinical programmes; and
- report any violation to the Office of the Dean without delay.

All students are directed to read the aforesaid BCI Circular carefully and comply with its letter and spirit. The legal profession is founded upon integrity, confidentiality, respect for the rule of law and responsible public conduct. Every student of the University Institute of Law is expected to uphold these values at all times.

This Office Order shall come into force with immediate effect.



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FINAL DISCLOSURE AND DISCLAIMER FORMAT FOR LEGAL AWARENESS CONTENT CREATORS

Derivation note: This disclosure is aligned with the existing Rule 36 Schedule permitting limited identification particulars. It is meant for transparency and accountability, not advertisement, solicitation, comparison, testimonial use or guarantee of results.

Who shall fill this annexure

The legal awareness content creator, including an enrolled Advocate, law teacher, law student, intern, researcher, Bar Association, Centre of Legal Education, law firm, chamber, legal aid body or other legal institution, as applicable.

Stage at which this annexure shall be executed

Before uploading or circulating legal awareness content. The disclosure or disclaimer should be reflected in the caption, description, profile, website, video, poster or accompanying material wherever feasible.

1. Name of creator or institution.
2. Status of creator, namely enrolled Advocate, law teacher, law student, intern, researcher, Bar Association, Centre of Legal Education, law firm, chamber, legal aid body or other institution.
3. For enrolled Advocates, concerned State Bar Council, enrolment number or other verifiable professional identifier, broad area of practice where relevant, and years of standing only if stated accurately.
4. For law students, interns and researchers, clear statement that the creator is not holding himself or herself out as an Advocate or as a person authorised to practise law.
5. Disclaimer that the content is for general legal awareness or academic discussion only and is not legal advice for any individual case.
6. Disclaimer that legal outcomes depend on facts, documents, applicable law, forum, evidence, limitation, procedure and judicial discretion, and that no outcome is guaranteed.
7. Reference, wherever feasible, to the relevant statutory provision, rule, notification, circular, judgment or official source relied upon.

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**STAKEHOLDER DECLARATION FOR ADOPTION OF SOCIAL
MEDIA CONDUCT PRINCIPLES**

Stage at which this annexure shall be executed

At the time of adoption and circulation of this circular and whenever called for by
the Bar Council of India, State Bar Council or competent authority

We, University Institute of Law, Sant Baba Bhag Singh University, Jalandhar (PB) being a Centre of Legal Education/legal institution, hereby adopt the social media conduct principles issued by the Bar Council of India and undertake to promote responsible digital conduct in the legal profession.

We shall circulate the circular, conduct orientation or sensitization sessions, discourage misuse of Court premises, robes, chambers, client material and professional identity, and encourage approved public legal awareness content which is accurate, dignified, non-promotional and non-sensational.

We shall designate a Social Media Ethics Nodal Officer or monitoring group, as feasible, to receive concerns, preserve basic evidence, counsel first time violators, request voluntary deletion where appropriate, and refer serious or repeated violations to the competent authority.

We shall not use this declaration as a tool for personal rivalry, censorship of lawful criticism or moral policing. The focus shall remain on Court dignity, confidentiality, privacy, and prevention of solicitation, prevention of AI/deep fake misuse and preservation of professional ethics.

Signature and seal

Name and designation

Date

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FINAL FORMAT FOR APPROVED PUBLIC LEGAL AWARENESS CONTENT

Derivation note : This format permits ethical legal literacy while keeping the content within Rule 36, Rule 37 and the duties of dignity, confidentiality and fair conduct. Approval of awareness content shall not be treated as endorsement of the professional superiority of any individual Advocate.

Who shall fill this annexure

The institution, Bar Association, Centre of Legal Education, chamber, law firm, legal aid body or other authorised body preparing or approving public legal awareness content.

Stage at which this annexure shall be executed

Before publication, upload, circulation or dissemination of the approved legal awareness content, with the script, source material and approval record to be preserved.

1. Topic of proposed content
2. Name of institution/Bar Association/Centre of Legal Education/chamber/law firm/legal aid body preparing the content
3. Purpose of content, namely legal literacy, public legal awareness, constitutional literacy, procedural awareness, legal aid, mediation awareness, cyber safety or responsible legal education
4. Confirmation that the content is non promotional, non soliciting, non sensational, accurate, respectful to Courts and institutions and does not disclose confidential or personal data without lawful basis
5. Confirmation that no real Judge, Court proceeding, litigant, witness, victim, client, case file, chamber discussion or privileged communication is depicted without lawful authority
6. Confirmation that any illustrative AI generated or synthetic content is clearly labelled as illustrative, fictional or AI generated and does not impersonate any real person or real proceeding
7. Name and designation of approving authority
8. Date of approval
9. Platform where proposed to be uploaded or circulated
10. Record of script, visuals and approval to be preserved by the institution

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