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From

The Chairman
Bar Council of Kerala

To

The Presidents /
Secretaries of all the Bar Associations in the State

Dear Sir / Madam,

Greetings from the Bar Council of Kerala.

**Continuing Legal Education under the Advocates
Academy of the Bar Council of Kerala**

We are extremely happy to inform you that the **Bar Council of Kerala** has established **Advocates Academy** for imparting Continuing Legal Education for lawyers under the Directorship of **Hon'ble Mr. Justice Abraham Mathew** (former Judge, High Court of Kerala). The Council has framed the Bar Council of Kerala Legal Education (Training and Professional Development) Rules, 2025 (hereinafter the Rules, 2025) in exercise of

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the powers conferred under Rule 15 (1) of the Advocates Act 1961. The Rules, 2025 have been approved by the Bar Council of India vide its Order BCI:D:259/2026 dated 09-01-2026 as per Section 15(3) of the Advocates Act, 1961 and has come into effect on the date of the approval of the Order from the Bar Council of India. The same has been put in the Website and in the Notice Board of the Bar Council of Kerala Office at Ernakulam, and steps have been taken for Notification through Government Gazette as an additional measure for dissemination. The Rules broadly envisages multilayered drive to augment capacity building of the Advocate fraternity of Kerala through purposive indulgence by imparting structured Continuing Legal Education through multiple platforms.

Rule 14(1) of the Rules, 2025, conceives capacity building of Advocates through Continuing Legal Education and reflective professional development to link with Co P Renewal. Rule 14 (2) envisages that every Advocate who has to renew the Certificate of Practice within five years preceding the date of renewal of Co P as per the BCI Co P Verification Rules, 2015, shall successfully complete one Refresher Course conducted or recognized by the Bar Council of Kerala Advocates Academy having a duration of 15 - 20 hours of structured contact followed with a course assessment. The successful completion of the Refresher Course has been made a mandatory component for the issuance of renewal of the Co P.

The Rules framed are in broad harmony with the BCI Certificate & Place of Practice (Verification) Rules, 2025

to fulfil the obligatory duties bestowed on the State Bar Councils (hereinafter the BCI Co P Verification Rules, 2015). The attempt to link the renewal of Co P with the above condition precedent, is in consonance with the general obligatory statutory duties vested in the State Bar Council to maintain the roll of Advocates who are fit and proper and available for being engaged by the litigant public which is a solemn objective of the Advocates Act, 1961. The approval of the Rules, 2025 by the Bar Council of India need to be appreciated in this context reinforcing the compatibility of fulfilling the criteria of successful completion of the Refresher Course as a condition precedent for the issuance of Co P Renewal.

The Rules, 2025 requiring successful completion of Refresher Course for renewal of Co P will be applicable to the following sections of Advocates:

1. The Advocates who have enrolled before 30-06-2010 and have not applied for Co P.
2. The Advocates who have secured Co P from Bar Council of Kerala and if five years have lapsed since their securing Co P.
3. The Advocates who have enrolled after 2010 July who have passed AIBE to whom Co P becomes due. (after five years)
4. The Advocates who have passed Degree in Law before 30 June, 2010 to whom AIBE is not applicable and who have not applied for Co P and the same is due.
5. The Advocates who have passed AIBE and five years have lapsed without submitting Declaration.

COURSE DETAILS IN BRIEF

The Refresher Course will be a three tier Course having a duration of 3 days transacting the curriculum for a minimum of Five Hours on each day and each batch will be imparted instructions based on a structured schedule to be put in place. The assessment part will be done on the third day and the Certificates will be issued on the successful completion of the Course. The Advocates who register for the Course need to attend and complete the Course strictly as per the Schedule which will be put in place.

The design of the Course as well as core modules are aimed at augmenting proficiency at the professional level on a purposive basis. The same encompasses appropriate and impactful blend of up-dation and analysis of the significant legislations and judicial decisions, thoughtfully conceived practical modules, engagement of technology in profession at different levels including the contours of Artificial Intelligence, best practices in advocacy and responsible lawyering, emerging areas in law, ethical frontiers in lawyering and many more learning modules.

REGISTRATION AND FEE DETAILS

The Advocates who register for this course may fill the google form, the link for which is provided in this letter. Once the registration is completed along with the payment of fee mentioned below, the Schedule of the conduct of the Course will be intimated from this Office.

The Fee structure for the Course encompassing the Full

Course Fee Schedule is fixed as Rs. 3000/- as of now. The Advocates desirous of joining the Refresher Course shall make the initial payment of Rs. 2000/- along with their Registration and the rest of the amount may be paid on a date fixed prior to the third day of the Course as per the Schedule provided. Each batch will be strictly limited to 100 nos. and the Advocates will be catered to on first come first serve basis.

INAUGURATION OF THE FIRST BATCH

The inauguration of the First batch of the Refresher Course is proposed to be conducted at 10.00 am on 28th February, 2026 at the High Court Auditorium at Ernakulam. The Chief Justice of Kerala, Hon'ble Mr. Justice Soumen Sen has kindly consented to inaugurate the First Batch of the Refresher Course. Chief Justice of High Court of Sikkim, Hon'ble Mr. Justice A. Muhammed Mustaque has kindly consented to deliver the Key note Address and also engage a Session in the Course. The Resource Persons include Hon'ble Mr. Justice Bechu Kurian Thomas, Judge, High Court of Kerala and Hon'ble Mr. Justice Abraham Mathew, (former Judge, High Court of Kerala) & other prominent persons.

REGISTRATION FOR THE INAUGURAL BATCH

The Advocates desirous of joining the Inaugural Batch of the Refresher Course are required to register themselves in the google form link provided and remit the initial payment of the Course Fee of Rs. 2000/- on or before 20.02.2026. The account details are given below:-

Account No. 120035619152
Bar Council of Kerala Advocates Academy payable
at Canara Bank,
Ernakulam High Court Branch (Branch Code: 06271)
IFSC: CNRB0006271

<https://forms.gle/FajHgZYbebu6o6Rt6>

The participants can remit through G-Pay / or directly in the account and produce screen shot evidencing payment of Rs. 2,000/- along with the Google Registration Form.

The soft and hard copies of the Bar Council of Kerala Legal Education (Training and Professional Development) Rules, 2025 are being provided along with this communication and it is requested that sincere steps may be taken to disseminate the same widely so that all sections of Advocates who are in need of Co P renewal will benefit from this endeavour.

The Bar Council of Kerala fervently hopes that every Bar Association will take the cause of this endeavour forward and will do their best and join hands with us in this visionary and impactful Programme. Any doubts in this regard may be cleared from the Bar Council Office.

Thanking you,
Yours faithfully,



Adv. T. S. Ajith
Chairman, Bar Council of Kerala

Enclosure: Training and Professional Development Rules 2025.



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BAR COUNCIL OF KERALA LEGAL EDUCATION (TRAINING AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT)

RULES, 2025

Rule 1: Title and Commencement

These Rules may be called the Bar Council of Kerala Legal Education (Training and Professional Development) Rules, 2025. They shall come into force on such date as may be notified by the Bar Council of Kerala, upon approval by the Bar Council of India. The provisions contained herein shall apply to all advocates enrolled on the rolls of the Bar Council of Kerala, and to such other persons or institutions as may be specified under these Rules.

Rule 2: Definitions

Unless the context otherwise requires:

- (a) "Council" means the respective State Bar Council.
- (b) "Academy" means the Academy as defined under sub- rule (1) of Rule 4 of these Rules.
- (c) "Legal Education Programme" includes any course, seminar, workshop, or lecture aimed at improving professional skills, ethics, and legal knowledge.
- (d) "Certificate of Practice" (COP) refers to the certificate issued under the BCI Certificate of Practice
- (e) "Miscellaneous Roll" refers to a category maintained by the State Bar Council for advocates who have failed to comply with mandatory requirements for Certificate of Practice (COP) renewal, including submission of refresher course proof within the stipulated or extended period.

- (e) "Certificate Courses" refer to structured, short-term academic or professional training programs conducted by the Academy, designed to impart specialized knowledge and practical skills in specific areas of law and legal practice. Upon successful completion, participants may be awarded a certificate acknowledging their proficiency in the respective subject.
- (f) Advisory Board or Oversight Panel means and refers to a non-executive, consultative body composed of senior advocates, retired judges, legal scholars, and subject-matter experts.

Rule 3: Objectives

- (1) To promote and enhance the professional competence, ethical standards, and legal knowledge of advocates enrolled on the rolls of the Bar Council of Kerala.
- (2) To institutionalize continuing legal education through structured programme including seminars, workshops, orientation courses, certificate courses, and executive legal education.
- (3) To ensure that newly enrolled advocates are adequately trained in matters of professional etiquette, courtroom decorum, and the conventions and customs of the legal profession.
- (4) To facilitate the periodic updating of legal knowledge among practicing advocates, particularly in emerging areas of law and procedural reforms.

- (5) To provide legal education and awareness to members of the public, thereby promoting access to justice and constitutional literacy.
- (6) To establish a system of grading and certification for participants in legal education programme, which may be considered for nominations to panels, committees, or judicial appointments, subject to applicable rules.
- (7) To offer counselling, mentorship, and professional support to advocates, especially those in the early stages of practice.
- (8) To collaborate with recognized universities and institutions for the conduct of advanced legal education programme, including Executive LL.M and research-oriented courses.

Rule 4 Legal Education and Training Academy

- (1) The Bar Council of Kerala shall establish and maintain a dedicated institution to be known as the Bar Council of Kerala Advocates Academy (hereinafter referred to as “the Academy”), which shall function as the principal organ for implementing the objectives of these Rules.
- (2) The Academy shall be responsible for:
- Designing, organizing, and conducting legal education and professional development programme.
 - Facilitating orientation, refresher, and certificate courses for advocates, law students, and other stakeholders.

- c) Promoting research, innovation, and interdisciplinary engagement in legal education.
- d) Collaborating with universities, institutions, and government bodies for academic and professional initiatives.

(3) The Academy may undertake the following activities:

- a) Conduct of seminars, workshops, lectures, and symposium on legal and professional subjects.
- b) Development of curriculum and training modules for various levels of legal practice.
- c) Administration of grading, assessment, and certification mechanisms.
- d) Maintenance of records relating to participation, performance, and certification.
- e) Provision of counselling, mentor ship, and career guidance to advocates.

(4) The Academy shall function under the administrative and financial supervision of the Bar Council of Kerala Academy Trust, which shall:

- a) Frame internal regulations for the conduct of courses and programmes.
- b) Fix fee structures and manage financial resources, including grants and donations.
- c) Ensure transparency, accountability, and quality assurance in all activities.

(5) Subject to the overall control of the Bar Council of Kerala, the Academy shall have the power to:

- a) Issue certificates of completion and proficiency.

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- b) Recommend grading points for consideration in nominations and appointments.
 - c) Propose amendments, clarifications, and innovations in legal education policy.
 - d) Engage experts, faculty, and resource persons for specialized training.
- (6) The Academy shall submit periodic reports to the Bar Council of Kerala detailing:
- a) Courses conducted and participation statistics.
 - b) Financial statements and resource utilization.
 - c) Recommendations for policy reform and future programming.

Rule 5: Pre-Enrolment Orientation

- a) This orientation is to ensure that applicants for enrollment are familiar with the ethical, procedural, and professional standards expected of advocates. This is to inculcate a foundational understanding of the customs and conventions of the legal profession, enhancing preparedness for practice.
- b) This has been made a mandatory requirement for enrolling into the rolls of the Bar Council of Kerala that every applicant for enrollment shall undergo a pre-enrolment orientation course conducted or recognized by the Bar Council. This has been made a pre-qualification for the applicant's eligibility for enrollment under the relevant rules.
- c) The orientation shall include modules on the subjects enumerated such as

- a. Professional Ethics
- b. Core principles of the Advocates Act, 1961 and Bar Council of India Rules (Part VI, Chapter II).
- c. Duties toward court, clients, opponents, and fellow lawyers.
- d. Addressing conflict of interest, confidentiality, and accountability.
- e. Interactive case studies on ethical dilemmas.
- f. Courtroom Etiquette.
- g. Appropriate attire, conduct before judges, and manner of speaking.
- h. Use of honorifics, procedural courtesies, and behavioral expectations.
- i. Protocols for filing, appearing, and seeking adjournments.
- j. Emphasis on respectful and dignified advocacy.
- k. Conventions of the Bar.
- l. Historical and jurisdictional traditions of the Bar, particularly in Kerala.
- m. Relations with senior advocates and mentorship traditions.
- n. Understanding the institutional role of the Bar Council and Bar Associations.
- o. Civic and professional responsibilities, including pro bono culture.

Rule 6

- (1) The Enrollment Committee shall prescribe and periodically update the syllabus to reflect current

expectations of professional ethics, courtroom practices, and Bar conventions. It shall fix minimum and maximum duration, with flexibility for full-time and weekend batches.

(2) Method to be adopted while approaching the conduct of orientation shall be through lectures and panel discussions led by experienced practitioners, academics, and retired judges. There can be an attempt to have simulation exercises such as mock trials, moot court sessions, client counseling demonstrations. It is important to have interactive sessions on ethical dilemmas, historical case studies, and emerging issues in legal practice. Can have written and/or oral assessments aligned with learning outcomes.

(3) The Academy can grant recognition of educational institutions already recognized by the Bar Council of India for conduct of the courses stated to be conducted under these rules. The Academy can formulate criteria for approving institutions or training centers. The Faculty qualification norms (minimum experience in law and pedagogy), Infrastructure such as classrooms, the AV facilities to be made available, library access, and virtual platforms. The track record in legal education or professional training also has to be taken into account while granting recognition. The institutional neutrality and the Bar Council directives should be strictly adhered to. The Academy has the duty to maintain a register of approved institutions

and publish updates annually in its website.

Rule 7. Faculty and Resource Persons

- (1) There should be a Panel of faculty/Resource persons. They should be Invited or applications are to be called for or nominated by the Academy Council with the ratification from Enrolment Committee from Senior advocates having more than 10 years of standing at the Bar, Retired judicial officers of District and Higher Judiciary, Professors and lecturers from recognized law universities or colleges, subject experts in legal ethics, judicial procedure, or legal history. This may include experienced advocates from specialized areas of their practice where relevant to curriculum themes. It is the duty of the Academy to maintain a dynamic panel roster, updated annually.
- (2) The minimum eligibility shall be decided by the Academic council with the recommendation from Enrolment Committee which shall include Professional qualifications, years of experience, and institutional affiliations. The faculty members selected should have demonstrated contributions to legal education, ethics, or judicial training. The faculty members should not have any history of disciplinary action under the Advocates Act or Bar Council rules. There should always have a structured evaluation metrics such as monitoring of teaching evaluations, publications, Bar reputation etc. to ensure quality of the programme.

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- (3) There should have clear cut engagement Protocols for the faculty and resource persons. Each engagement shall be formalized through a letter of appointment which shall specify the designation, role, duration of the engagement scope of the engagement such as number and type of sessions, mode of delivery (In Person, hybrid and virtual). The Associated responsibilities, such as contribution to curriculum refinement or mentoring participants including a definite and clear terms of engagement.
 - (4) Each faculty/ resource person should be made to execute formal letters of engagement or MoUs, specifying rights and responsibilities.
 - (5) Faculty shall uphold the dignity and neutrality of the Bar Council's institutional framework. Any breach of protocol, including non-delivery, delay, or conduct issues, shall be reported and reviewed by the Academic council, which may recommend warnings or corrective engagement. If it is egregious, the council have the authority to suspend or blacklisting that person from engaging in future courses.
 - (6) Each session shall be monitored (in-person or digitally) by a designated orientation coordinator. Post-session delivery reports shall include the summary of content delivered, participant feedback snapshots as well as attendance and punctuality records.
 - (7) It is the duty of the Academic counsel for structuring the programme for the orientation and training. The

Council should organize periodic train-the-trainer workshops, focusing on the methods of the course and its syllabus which should be suitable for new entrants to the profession. The utensils to be used for simulation tools, case-based teaching, and interactive formats. All the activities should be aligned with the curriculum goals and to showcase the ethical values of the profession. It is pertinent to provide with a handbooks or orientation kits with syllabus guidelines and session templates to every faculty/resource person.

Rule 8. Honorarium Standards and Logistics.

- (1) The Enrollment Committee shall prescribe a structured honorarium and support framework for faculty and resource persons engaged under the Pre-Enrolment Orientation Programme. The framework shall include the following components:
 - (2) Travel and Accommodation Provisions applicable to non-local engagements where travel exceeds 100 km or requires overnight stay. Reimbursement capped at Second Class A/C Class train fare/or equivalent mileage rate.
 - (3) Accommodation shall be in a standard hotel rates as prescribed by the Enrollment Committee. This can include per diem allowance for meals/local conveyance.
 - (4) Faculty when issued with the formal letters of engagement will include the details of the number of sessions, type of content in the course, honorarium

payable, the logistical support conditions as well as the payments. The payments shall be disbursed within 15 days of course cycle completion, subject to verification of session delivery and attendance records. These amounts shall be meted out from the fund specifically collected for these programmes.

Rule 9. Conflict of Interest and Code of Conduct

- (1) The Enrollment Committee shall prescribe and enforce a Code of Conduct applicable to all Resource Persons engaged in the Pre-Enrolment Orientation Programme.
- (2) Prior to engagement, each Resource Person shall submit a mandatory declaration disclosing direct or indirect affiliations with law colleges, coaching centers, law firms, or legal service platforms.
- (3) If there is any financial or advisory roles in organizations that offer pre-enrolment coaching, legal consulting, or advocacy training, this has to be divulged and this will be a bar in involving in the programme conducted by the Academy.
- (4) The relationships such as familial or professional that may give rise to bias or perceived favoritism in course delivery shall be divulged at the time of engagement. The Academic Council shall maintain a confidential register of such disclosures and assess each for potential conflict of interest, with discretion to approve, conditionally engage, or reject.

(5) It is made mandatory that during the course sessions and engagement period, resource Persons shall refrain from promoting private coaching centers, bar exam preparatory services, legal chambers, or any commercial entities. They shall not solicit students for internships, case referrals, or enrollment in personal or affiliated academic programme. They should avoid distribution of promotional material printed or digital or redirecting participants to commercial platforms. The above violations shall be treated as misuse of platform and professional impropriety.

(6) It is made it clear that all the resource persons/ faculty shall comply with the Bar Council's prescribed professional standards for maintaining the objectivity, decorum, and impartiality of the courses conducted. They should avoid of partisan views, discriminatory remarks, or derogatory references to individuals or institutions. Every one should uphold confidentiality and non-disclosure of participant details, course content, and feedback mechanisms unless authorized. All the contents delivered through the programme must align with the Council's values of dignity, ethics, and public responsibility.

(7) The resource persons engaged virtually or discussing the course online shall maintain neutral digital presence, avoiding course-related endorsements or self-promotion. No one should record or disseminate course sessions without explicit written permission

which will be taken very seriously and will be liable to be proceeded legally. Every one involved in the programme should refrain from commenting publicly on participants, faculty, or Bar Council policy unless the actions tantamount to be violating the Council's values of dignity, ethics, and public responsibility.

(8) The Academic council with the enrollment committee shall be empowered to investigate violations based on the participant feedback, coordinator observations, documentary or digital evidence. If found that there is a breach, the above committee may impose written censure or warning or immediate disengagement and removal from roster or blacklisting for future engagement or reporting to the Bar Council of India if statutory misconduct is involved as per the grievousness of the matter in hand.

Rule 10. Feedback and Evaluation

- (1) After each course cycle it is imminent to collect the structured feedback on faculty performance. The response shall be taken (anonymity of the participants to be adhered to).
- (2) The effort to perfect the conduct of the course, it is imminent to conduct peer review or Committee-led evaluations, institute a renewal/reappointment mechanism based on performance, create a feedback mechanism for participants to evaluate quality of teaching, relevance, and learning environment, maintain and analyze feedback reports for syllabus

refinement and performance reviews.

Rule 11. Enrollment-linked Record keeping,

- (1) To ensure the profound upgradation of the profession, it is pertinent to get the attendance records which should be authenticated daily. The upkeep of assessment results.
- (2) The course completion certificates should be duly signed by authorized personnel.
- (3) It is imminent to institute a digitized repository of such records to facilitate verification at the time of enrollment, enable regulatory scrutiny and statistical tracking and to aid longitudinal analysis of outcomes and compliance.
- (4) It is stipulate that no enrollment application shall be processed unless accompanied by a valid course completion certificate. To Allow online submission and verification of records to reduce processing time and error.

8. Dispute Resolution and Appeals

The complaints relating to course delivery or faculty conduct shall be entertained by the Academic Council and the enrollment committee in a joint session. The appeals on the decisions of the committee about the non-issuance of certificates or disqualification from the course shall be to the Bar Council of Kerala.

Rule 12. Review and Revision Protocol

The Committee shall review all administrative frameworks

at least once every year, or as required by policy changes, judicial pronouncements, or feedback analysis.

Rule 13. Assessment and Certification.

(1) Orientation may culminate in a qualifying test, viva, or reflective assignment. Successful completion shall be certified and submitted along with the enrollment application. There should be provisions for re-orientation or supplementary training for unsuccessful candidates.

(2) Advisory Board or Oversight Panel. A panel of senior advocates, retired judges, and law academics may advise on evolving professional norms and ensure consistency and relevance across jurisdictions. This panel is constituted to provide strategic guidance, professional insight, and evaluative oversight in matters related to legal education, professional development, and regulatory compliance. This Panel shall function without formal decision-making authority but will play a critical role in shaping academic curricula, reviewing delivery mechanisms, and advising on evolving standards of legal practice. It shall meet periodically to assess the relevance, consistency, and quality of training programs, and its recommendations shall inform policy updates, course revisions, and institutional governance. The composition, tenure, and scope of the Panel shall be defined by the governing rules of the Academy or Bar Council, ensuring transparency, diversity of expertise,

and alignment with national legal standards. The syllabus and delivery mechanisms shall be reviewed biennially to reflect changes in legal practice and evolving standards of professionalism.

Rule 14. Refresher Courses for COP Renewal

- (1) The purpose and rationale of the above course is to ensure that advocates remain professionally competent, ethically aware, and updated on legislative and judicial developments which will help the litigant public. The attempt to link COP renewal with structured continuing legal education and reflective professional development is to make an advocate borne his abilities to the fullest.
- (2) Every lawyer shall complete one certified refresher course conducted or recognized by the Kerala Bar Council Academy within five years preceding the date of COP renewal. Failure to comply shall render the COP renewal application incomplete and is liable for rejection unless exceptional grounds are accepted by the Council on application.
- (3) The core modules for the course design and curriculum are the recent legislative reforms and landmark judgments (National and State-level), updates on procedural law and court innovations (e-Filing, Case Management, Virtual Hearings) legal ethics, professional responsibility, and grievance redressal mechanisms, practical modules on advocacy skills, client advisory practices, and drafting, emerging

areas such as technology law, gender justice, and environmental law.

(4) Specialized topics based on practitioner interest can be conducted with the initiation of case study clinics or judgment writing workshops.

Rule 15. Duration and Format

(1) The course duration shall be about 15-20 hours of structured contact. The aspect can be attained in-person at designated recognized education centers. The format can be online via certified platforms with real-time attendance tracking, or Hybrid formats combining both.

(2) The candidates should meet both the attendance threshold which is 80% minimum. The assessment criteria will be MCQs or short quizzes, Reflective submissions on practice developments or Group discussions or simulations.

(3) A Certificate of Completion shall be issued upon fulfilment, bearing Advocate's name, enrolment number, Course name and duration, Unique certificate number for Council verification.

(4) The Kerala Bar Council Academy shall design and revise syllabi, to maintain a calendar of approved refresher batches, ensuring integrity through empanelled faculty.

(5) Faculty/Resource persons are to be composed of Senior Advocates, sitting/retired judges, law professors, and

domainspecialists.

Rule 16. Mandatory orientation on adult learning and CLE methodology.

Every candidate shall be digitally tracked for the upkeep of the attendance of assessments. Participant feedback mechanisms to evaluate faculty and course efficacy is a must for which the successful third-party academic reviews every 3 years.

Rule 17. Penalties and Non-Compliance

Non-submission of refresherproof shall result in the refusal of COP renewal by which the advocated will be kept in a miscellaneous Roll for 6 months. Advocates placed on the miscellaneous roll shall be deemed non-practicing and shall not be entitled to file vakalatnamas, appear before any court, or exercise any rights associated with active legal practice. Placement on this roll is regulatory in nature and shall remain effective until the advocate fulfills the prescribed conditions for reinstatement. Continued default may result in referral to the Disciplinary Committee for further action, following due notice and opportunity to respond.

Rule 18. Certificate Courses

- (1) The Academy may conduct certificate courses on subjects including but not limited to:
 - (a) Professional ethics and responsibility
 - (b) Legal drafting and pleading
 - (c) Trial and appreciation of evidence
 - (d) Cyber laws and e-filing procedures
 - (e) ADR mechanisms
 - (f) Constitutional law and human

rights (g) Space law, sports law, maritime law, IPR, and IT law (2) Courses may be open to advocates, law students, and the general public.

Rule 19. Executive LL.M and Judicial Training

(1) The Academy may conduct Executive LL.M Programmes in collaboration with universities. (2) Certificate courses may be offered for aspirants to judicial service and specialized legal practice.

Rule 20. Certification and Records

(1) The Academy will issue the certificates in the Council's name upon the successful completion of any course. (2) Grading points may be awarded and considered for nominations, panels, or appointments. (3) Records shall be maintained securely and periodically reviewed.

Rule 21. Finance and Fees

(1) The Academy may receive grants, donations, and fees from the Bar Council of India, governments, advocates, and institutions. (2) The fee structure shall be determined by the Academy and revised from time to time.

Rule 22. Miscellaneous

(1) The Council shall have the power to issue clarifications, make amendments, and resolve implementation issues. (2) These Rules shall be interpreted in harmony with the Advocates Act, 1961 and the Certificate of Practice Rules.

