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BAR COUNCIL OF HIMACHAL PRADESH

High Court Complex, Raveneswood, Shimla-171 001

Ref. No. BCHP-Letter-2026 361-411

Date 03.03.2026

To
The President/Secretary
All the Bar Association of Himachal Pradesh.

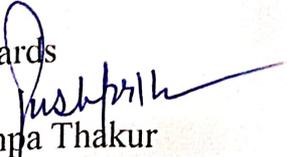
Subject: Clarification Regarding Proposed Rules of the Bar Council of Himachal Pradesh.

Sir/Madam,

In compliance with the order passed by the Hon'ble High Court of Himachal Pradesh in CWPII No. 48/2024 titled Abhimanyu Rathore Vs. Bar Council of Himachal Pradesh, the Bar Council of Himachal Pradesh has framed proposed rules. However, it is clarified that the said rules have not yet attained finality, as they have neither been published in the Official Gazette (Rajpatra) nor received approval from the Bar Council of India.

Accordingly, the said rules remain in the nature of draft or proposed rules only. The copy of the order of the Hon'ble High Court dated 26.2.2026 also refer the proposed rules as draft rules. A copy of the order dt. 26.2.2026 passed by the Hon'ble High Court of Himachal Pradesh is enclosed with this letter. The Bar Council of Himachal Pradesh while filing reply to the CWPII No. 92 of 2025 has specifically prayed that all the Bar Associations should be impleaded as party respondent in the CWPII No. 92 of 2025. The Bar Council of Himachal Pradesh does not intend to implement or enforce these proposed rules without first inviting suggestions and objections from stakeholders and completing the requisite statutory procedure prior to publication and final notification.

Regards


Pushpa Thakur
Secretary



Item No. D-1

**Abhimanyu Rathore vs. H.P. High Court
Bar Association & Ors.**

CWPIL No. 92 of 2025

26.02.2026 Present: Petitioner Abhimanyu Rathore in person.

Mr. C.N. Singh, Advocate, for respondents No. 1 & 3.

Mr. Deepak Kaushal, Senior Advocate with Mr. Aditya Chauhan, Advocate, for respondent No. 2.

Mr. Sunil Mohan Goel, Senior Advocate with Mr. Raman Jamalta, Advocate, for respondent No. 4

Counsel for respondents No. 4 submits that necessary Rules have been framed and duly approved restricting the right to vote in more than one Bar Association within the territorial jurisdiction of the Bar Council of Himachal Pradesh. Copy of said Draft Rules have been placed on record.

To come up for consideration on
20.04.2026.

**(G. S. Sandhawalia)
Chief Justice**

**(Bipin C. Negi)
Judge**

26th February, 2026
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