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To,

All Hon'ble Members,

Dear Sir,

**Re.:- New proposal for Information Technology Committee, BCMG**

This is pursuant to my briefing to all the members at the Bar Council meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> December 2010, about the revamping of the entire Bar Council of Maharashtra and Goa website and digitalizing the functioning of the Bar Council. I had put forth some of my proposals in our meeting, which I am detailing herein below.

These ideas have been discussed and conveyed to the website designers during the meeting of the I.T. Committee, where Shri. Ashish Deshmukh and I were present. However before finalization of the proposals mentioned herein below, we thought it appropriate to keep you informed about the same and invite your comments and/ or suggestions to bring about a complete change to our Bar Council website and digitalizing the functioning of the Bar Council.

**Bar Council Website:-**

1. To create a unique identification number for all Advocates on the rolls of the State Bar Council of Maharashtra and Goa;
2. To create individual accounts (i.e. username and password) and e-mail ids. for all Advocates on the rolls of the State Bar Council of Maharashtra and Goa;

3. To create and make available a database of lawyers giving contact details alongwith photographs, enrolment no., date of enrolment and their areas of practice on the proposed website;
4. To allow law students who have completed their LL.B Degree to apply for Enrolment online and make payment for the same online;
5. To create and make available a digital database of old books proposed to be scanned from different libraries in different Courts in Maharashtra & Goa.
6. To create provision for lawyers to create their own blogs;
7. To continue making available regular legal and Bar Council news updates on our website;
8. To allow Advocates to apply for proximity card for the Supreme Court and fill up and submit the form for the same online;
9. To allow Advocates to download and submit other forms online;
10. To allow Advocates to file complaints online with Bar Council of Maharashtra & Goa;
11. To allow Advocates to buy E-library software and/or laptops online at a subsidized rate under the new proposed scheme;
12. To allow Advocates to subscribe, check their status and claim for insurance online;
13. To allow advocates to access Advocates Act, Bar Council rules framed under Advocates Act and standard of professional ethics online;

14. To make available an online calendar with provision to give reminders to Advocates through email and SMS;
15. To make provision to allow the Bar Council to send updates through SMS and/or e-mail about the activities of the State Bar Council to the Advocates on the rolls of the State Bar Council;
16. To make provision to allow the Bar Council to send greetings by way of SMS and/or e-mail to Advocates on the rolls of the State Bar Council;
17. To allow Advocates to place their grievances to the Privilege Committee online;
18. To allow Advocates to apply to the Rule -40 Committee for reimbursement of medical expenses.

**Advocates Welfare Fund:-**

- 1) To develop a software for maintaining all records manually maintained with the Advocates Welfare Fund,
- 2) To create an account for every Advocate-Member of the Advocates Welfare Fund and allow advocates to access this account and carry out financial transactions pertaining to the same (i.e. payment of subscription, subscribing to Welfare Fund stamp among others).

**Software programme being used by the Bar Council office for maintaining records:-**

Presently the Bar Council office has a limited database of every Advocate on our rolls. The paper work submitted by every applicant for being enrolled, with the Bar Council has been preserved (as hard copies) since 1960. This paper work has been using up the limited space available with our Bar Council office, and giving parts of our office a shabby appearance. The

suggestion to resolve this problem is to digitalize all the records preserved by our Bar Council for every Advocate till today. In other words, we propose to scan and create a digital database of the records of all the Advocates available with us till date. This will allow the Bar Council office to discard the old records. Further, we propose to create a programme that will allow our Bar Council staff to access a complete record of every Advocate, which will comprise of the information already present with our Bar Council office database alongwith scanned (digital) copies of all the records (paper-work) submitted by every Advocate.

Please feel free to give your comments and/ or suggestions to the above.

Very sincerely yours,

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I.T. Committee