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PART I—Orders and Notifications by the Governor of West Bengal, the High Court, Government Treasury, etc.

BAR COUNCIL OF WEST BENGAL**NOTIFICATION****No. 01/2026.****Dated, 09.01.2026****NOTICE OF ELECTION**

NOTICE is hereby given under “Bar Council of India Rules (for qualification/disqualification and produce for election and code of conduct for the elections of S.C.C./B.C.I.) 2023” and in compliance with the order dated 18.11.2025 and all subsequent orders passed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in Writ Petition(s) (Civil) No(s). 1319/2023 as well as the Bar Council of India Guidelines that—

1. The next election of members to the Bar Council of West Bengal will be held on 5th and 6th March 2026 in accordance with the “Bar Council of India Uniform Rules (and Mandatory Guidelines) for the Elections of Bar Councils, 2016” and in compliance with the order dated 18.11.2025 and all subsequent orders passed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in Writ Petition(s) (Civil) No(s). 1319/2023. Polling shall ordinarily be from 10.00 A.M. to 5.00 P.M.
2. The provisional electoral rolls was published by the Bar Council of West Bengal on December 20, 2025 in its Notice Board and circulated by granting time till January 02, 2026 to submit objections to the provisional electoral rolls.
3. Since the provisional electoral rolls have already been published as above and considering the time stipulated by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India, such publication is treated as a publication in terms of the direction of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India, on the date of publication of this notification, i.e. January 09, 2026.
4. Time to submit objection to the provisional electoral rolls is
exten ded till January 16, 2026. Such objection
may be submitted either physically
(be tween 11.00 A.M.

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the official email id of the Bar Council of West Bengal
before 5.00 P.M. on January 16, 2026.

d 5.00 P.M. on working days) or by email at
(westbengalbarcouncil@gmail.com) on or

5. The final electoral rolls would be published on January 23, 2026 by 05.00 P.M. and shall be hung up in the Notice Board of the Bar Council of West Bengal as well as its official website.
6. Prescribed form of Nomination paper for proposal of names of candidates for election shall be available in the office of the Bar Council of West Bengal on payment of Rs. 1000/- (Rupees one thousand) only per copy on any week day between 11.00 A.M. and 5.00 P.M. on & from 27th January, 2026 to 2nd February, 2026 and duly filled in Nomination paper may be deposited with the Returning Officer or to his authorised agent at the office of the Bar Council of West Bengal either personally or through an agent on any working day between 11.00 A.M. and 5.00 P.M. during the period from 27th January, 2026 to 2nd February, 2026 and duly filled in Nomination papers sent under Registered Post must reach the Returning Officer before 5.00 P.M. on 2nd February, 2026. Nomination papers received after the aforesaid dates and time will not be accepted by the Returning Officer.
7. Nomination paper for each candidate shall be accompanied by non-refundable nomination fees of Rs. 1,25,000 (Rupees one lakh twentyfive thousand) only payable by Bank Draft drawn in favour of "Bar Council of West Bengal" payable at Kolkata in the office of the Bar Council of West Bengal between 11.00 A.M. and 5.00 P.M. on the days of filing the Nominations. No candidate shall be allowed to file Nomination papers more than five.
8. Scrutiny of Nomination papers filed by candidates will take place in the office of the Bar Council of West Bengal by the Returning Officer on 3rd February, 2026 and 5th February, 2026 between 11.00 A.M. to 5.00 P.M. (4th February, 2026 being holiday).
9. Publication of the list of contesting candidates shall be made on 6th February, 2026 by 6 P.M. and displayed on the Notice Board and the Official website of the Bar Council of West Bengal.
10. Application for withdrawal of candidature must reach the Returning Officer on and from 7th February, 2026 between 11.00 A.M. to 5.00 P.M. to 10th February, 2026 between 11.00 A.M. to 5.00 P.M. (8th February, 2026 being holiday).
11. Names of all the candidates whose Nomination papers are found valid and/or not withdrawn or rejected shall be published on the Notice Board and the Official website of the Bar Council of West Bengal on 10th February, 2026.
12. On the dates of polling, voters of different Booths in Kolkata may cast their votes in their respective Booths to be set up at Bar Associations/Libraries:
 - (1) High Court Bar Association, Calcutta,
 - (2) Bar Library Club High Court, Calcutta,
 - (3) Incorporated Law Society High Court, Calcutta,
 - (4) City Civil Court, Kolkata,
 - (5) Presidency Small Causes Court Bar Association, Kolkata,
 - (6) Workmens Compensation Tribunal & Labour Court Bar Association, N. S. Building, Kolkata
 - (7) Chief Metropolitan Magistrate Court Bar Association, Kolkata,
 - (8) Sealdah Civil Bar Association, Kolkata,
 - (9) Income Tax Bar Association, Kolkata,
 - (10) Commercial Taxes Bar Association, (Beliaghata), Kolkata,
 - (11) Commercial Taxes Practioners' Association (Beliaghata), Kolkata,
 - (12) Calcutta Municipal Corporation Assessment Tribunal Bar Association, Kolkata.

Voters outside Calcutta may cast their votes in their respective Booths set up at different places in the State of West Bengal and Andaman & Nicobar Islands:

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- (13) Alipore District Judges' Court Bar Association,
 - (14) District Bar Association, Alipore Criminal Court Wing.
 - (15) Alipore Criminal Court Bar Association,
 - (16) Diamond Harbour Bar Association, Civil,
 - (17) Baruipur Bar Association,
 - (18) District Bar Association, Barasat,
 - (19) Barrackpore Bar Association,
 - (20) Bongaon Bar Association, Civil,
 - (21) Basirhat Bar Association, Civil,
 - (22) Howrah Bar Association, Civil,
 - (23) Uluberia Bar Association, Civil,
 - (24) Amta Bar Association, Civil,
 - (25) Hooghly Bar Association, Chinsurah,
 - (26) Chandannagar Bar Association, Civil,
 - (27) Serampore Bar Association, Civil,
 - (28) Arambagh Bar Association, Civil,
 - (29) Burdwan Bar Association,
 - (30) Bar Association Asansol Court, Asansol-713 304,
 - (31) Durgapur Bar Association,
 - (32) Katwa Bar Association,
 - (33) Kalna Bar Association,
 - (34) Bankura Bar Association, Civil,
 - (35) Bishnupur Bar Association, Civil,
 - (36) Khatra Bar Association,
 - (37) Suri Bar Association, Birbhum.
 - (38) Rampurhat Bar Association, Birbhum,
 - (39) Bolpur Bar Association, Birbhum,
 - (40) Dubrajpur Bar Association, Birbhum,
 - (41) Midnapore Bar Association, Paschim Midnapore,
 - (42) Tamluk Bar Association, Civil, Purba Midnapore,
 - (43) Ghatal Bar Association, Civil, Paschim Midnapore,
 - (44) Contai Bar Association, Civil, Purba Midnapore,
 - (45) Jhargram Bar Association, Civil, Paschim Midnapore,
 - (46) Garbeta Bar Association, Paschim Midnapore,
 - (47) Dantan Bar Association, Paschim Midnapore,
 - (48) Purulia Bar Association, Civil, Purulia,
 - (49) Raghunathpur Bar Association, Civil, Purulia,
 - (50) Berhampore District Judges Court Bar Association, (Civil),
 - (51) Jangipur Bar Association, (Civil), Murshidabad,
 - (52) Lalbag Bar Association, Murshidabad,
 - (53) Kandi Bar Association, Murshidabad,
 - (54) Krishnanagar Bar Association, Civil, Nadia,

- (55) Ranaghat Bar Association, Civil, Nadia,
- (56) Kalyani Bar Association, Civil, Nadia,
- (57) Nabadwip Bar Association, Civil, Nadia,
- (58) Bar Association, Jalpaiguri,
- (59) Alipurduar Bar Association,
- (60) Cooch Behar District Bar Association, Cooch Behar,
- (61) Dinhata Bar Association, Cooch Behar,
- (62) Mekhliganj Bar Association, Cooch Behar,
- (63) Mathabhanga Bar Association, Cooch Behar,
- (64) Tufan Ganj Bar Association, Cooch Behar,
- (65) Darjeeling District Court Bar Association, Darjeeling,
- (66) Siliguri Bar Association, Civil, Darjeeling,
- (67) Bar Association, Kalimpong.
- (68) Kurseong Bar Association, Darjeeling,
- (69) Balurghat District Bar Association, Dakshin Dinajpur,
- (70) Gangarampur Bar Association, Dakshin Dinajpur,
- (71) North Dinajpur Bar Association, Raiganj,
- (72) Islampur Bar Association, North Dinajpur,
- (73) Malda Bar Association, Malda,
- (74) Bidhanagar Bar Association,
- (75) Chanchal Bar Association,
- (76) Haldia Bar Association,
- (77) Kakdwip Bar Association,
- (78) Kharagpur Bar Association,
- (79) Mal Bar Association,
- (80) Tehatta Bar Association
- (81) Mirik Bar Association
- (82) Domkal Bar Association
- (83) Port Blair Bar Association, Civil, Andaman & Nicobar Islands.

And or such other place/places as may be fixed by the Returning Officer later on. Polling shall take place on 5th and 6th March, 2026 during the time and hours as stated in para (1) above.

13. In the event of any exigency, the Returning Officer shall re-fix the Polling Booth, date and time.
14. Counting of votes will commence from 11.00 A.M. of 11th March, 2026 onwards at a venue to be notified later on. Counting of votes will commence from 11.00 A.M. and continue till 4.30 P.M. on each day of counting. Date of declaration of result shall be notified in due course.
15. The number of seats to be filled up as per section 3(2)(b) of the Advocates Act, 1961 is 25 (Twenty Five) from amongst Advocates having at least 10 (Ten) years practice as on the date of notification, elected in accordance with the system of proportional representation by means of the single transferable vote from amongst Advocates on the electoral roll of the Bar Council of West Bengal. As per clarification of the Bar Council of India vide notification dated 23rd December, 2025, the women's representation in the Bar Council of West Bengal shall be in 7 seats, comprising 5 seats to be filled up through election and 2 seats through co-option by Bar Council of India. It is notified that election would be held for 23 seats, and within those 23 seats, the women elected component would be 5 seats in accordance with the directions of the High Powered Election Committee.

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16. As per Gazette of India dated 20th September, 2022 under the “Bar Council of India Uniform Rules (and Mandatory Guidelines) for the elections of Bar Council, 2016” vide Chapter III under the Rule: “Office Bearers of Bar Associations ineligible to be the Members of Bar Council”:

“An Advocate, who is an office bearer of any Bar Association (except Supreme Court Bar Association) shall not be eligible to contest the election of State Bar Council. However, if such Office Bearer has already resigned from his post before the date of notification of elections of State Bar Council, he shall be entitled to contest the elections of State Bar Council.

The Returning Officer shall reject the nomination paper of any such persons who were/are office bearers of any Bar Association on the date of notification of elections of concerned State Bar Councils.”

17. The High Powered Election Committee reserves the right to modify/alter the dates and time, as may be required.
18. The venue of counting of votes and the date of declaration of the results of the election shall be notified later.
19. All notices shall be published in the official website of the Bar Council of West Bengal.
20. All rules and regulations for conduct of elections are available in the official website of the Bar Council of West Bengal.

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