

SUPREME COURT BAR ASSOCIATION (SCBA) ELECTION**Candidate KYC (Know Your Candidate) Questionnaire-cum-Declaration Form**

To be filled, verified, and signed by the candidate. This form, once signed, will be published on Lawyers Association for Constitution (lafc.in) website.

This questionnaire is designed to help voters evaluate candidates contesting the SCBA elections by ensuring transparency regarding their personal background, professional record, legal ethics, and policy stances. The candidate must fill in every field truthfully and sign the verification line at the bottom of every page, in addition to the final Declaration on the last page.

Note to candidate: Type your answers directly into the blank lines below, Leave a field blank and write "NIL" where not applicable. Sign at the bottom of every page.

Please give the answers just below the questions (so that people can read properly in Mobile)

Section 1: Basic & Personal Information.

Post -

President, Supreme Court Bar Association (SCBA) Election 2026

Full Name

Sukumar Pattjoshi, Senior Advocate

Age

64 years

Section 2: Educational & Professional Qualifications**Undergraduate & Legal Qualification**

Degree(s) Obtained

B.A. (Hons.); LL.B.; M.A. in Social Work

College/University Attended

B.A. (Hons.) – Sambalpur University; LL.B. – Campus Law Centre, University of Delhi; M.A. in Social Work – Delhi University

Year of Passing Out

Year of passing out: 1981 B.A(Hons.), 1983 M.A (Social work) & 1986 (LLB)

Additional / Master's Qualifications (e.g., LL.M., Ph.D.)

M.A. in Social Work, Delhi University.

Section 3: Enrolment & Membership in Bar Associations**Enrolment Details**

Year of Enrolment as an Advocate -

19 March 1987

Verification: I certify that the entries on this page are true. Candidate Signature:

Date: _____

Name of the State Bar Council

Bar Council of Delhi

Professional Status

Advocate , Advocate-on-Record (AoR) / Senior Advocate , *(If applicable)*

Senior Advocate

Bar Association Memberships *(List all active and past memberships in SCBA, High Court Bar Associations, District Bar Associations, etc.)*

- 1) Supreme Court Bar Association (SCBA), Delhi
- 2) Delhi High Court Bar Association
- 3) Cuttack High Court Bar Association
- 4) Nainital High Court Bar Association

Membership in Other Professional/Academic Associations if any,

- 1) Empanelled Arbitrator – Indian Council of Arbitration (ICA)
- 2) Empanelled Arbitrator – Delhi International Arbitration Centre (DIAC)
- 3) Association for Development – founding member; served as President (2011–2021)

If you are a member of any Political Party, please give details, if not, mention as " NO"

NO

Section 4: Electoral History in SCBA

Number of Times Contested in SCAB Elections

Six SCBA elections since 2014.

Details of Previous Contests *(Posts contested, year, and results/outcome)*

Contested six SCBA elections since 2014.

Past Office-Bearer Positions Held *(In SCBA or any other Bar/Legal organisation)*

Senior Executive Member, SCBA – 2014–15 and 2015–16.

Vice President, SCBA – 2017–18 and 2023–24.

Section 5: Legal & Criminal Antecedents, if any :

Pending Criminal Cases (As Accused)

NIL

NIL

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NIL

Disposed-Off Cases,

NIL

NIL

No criminal antecedent or criminal case ever faced.

Section 6: Active Practice & Physical Presence

Physical Presence in Court *Total number of days physically present in the Supreme Court in preceding year from 1st August 2025 to 1st Aug 2026*

Present through the entire year.

Key Areas of Practice (at least 5)

Practiced most areas of Law.

Section 7: Policy Views & Legal Vision

Vision for SCBA Members (50 words each)

1)Key priorities regarding advocate welfare,

Chamber allotment: SCBA should pursue construction and allotment of adequate chambers through a transparent, equitable and time-bound mechanism, while also improving workspaces, consultation rooms and facilities for members who do not have chambers.

Medical insurance: Strengthen comprehensive medical insurance for advocates and clerks, with meaningful coverage, including support for senior members and families. Welfare should be accessible, transparent and responsive rather than dependent on ad-hoc assistance.

Court infrastructure: Improve working conditions through better registry services, e-library and reading-room facilities, Wi-Fi, canteen and other essential amenities, adequate parking, and an underpass/safer connectivity between the Supreme Court and D-Block parking.

Young lawyer support: Create structured mentorship, financial assistance, workstation facilities and professional networking for young and first-generation lawyers. Expand lectures and practical training, including AI and emerging legal technologies, so that talent and not financial backing determines opportunity.

Advocate welfare: SCBA should make medical and term insurance, immediate financial assistance on death or accident, safe working conditions for women, improved crèche facilities, consultation rooms, affordable housing, sports and professional development integral parts of its welfare agenda.

The Collegium must remain independent of executive influence, but its functioning should be more transparent, structured and accountable. Selection should follow objective, publicly understood criteria, consideration of integrity, competence, diversity and representation, with institutional consultation including the Bar, while preserving judicial independence and constitutional safeguards.

Section 8: Message to Voters

I stand for an SCBA that serves every member of the bar be it senior, young, first-generation, women and lawyers from every region with dignity, welfare and equal opportunity. My priorities are medical and term insurance, chambers and affordable housing, safer and better infrastructure, young-lawyer support, technology and AI empowerment, transparent governance, and safeguarding the independence and electoral sanctity of the Bar.

Declaration & Verification

I, the undersigned, being a candidate for the Supreme Court Bar Association (SCBA) Election, do hereby solemnly declare and affirm as follows:

1. The information furnished by me in the foregoing Questionnaire is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief, and no material fact has been concealed, suppressed, or misrepresented therein.
2. I am aware that this Declaration, together with my answers to the Questionnaire, is being obtained for the purpose of the SCBA Election KYC and will be published on the website of Lawyers' Association for Constitution (lafc.in) website for the information of the electorate.
3. I undertake full responsibility for the accuracy of the information furnished above, and I understand that furnishing false or misleading information may render me liable to such consequences as may be prescribed under applicable law.

SUKUMAR PATTJOSHI

Enrolment No.: D/142/1987, Delhi

New Delhi

10 August 2026

Signature of Candidate:

(Signature to be affixed by the candidate; a scanned/typed signature or e-signature as accepted by SCBA for the purpose of this online form.)