

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 : VICE PRESIDENT
Full Name : RAHUL KAUSHIK
Age : 45 Years

Section 2: Educational & Professional Qualifications

Undergraduate & Legal Qualification

Degree(s) Obtained : B.S.L., LL.B.
(5-year degree course)
• Got 10th Ranking in University of Pune)
• 1st Division throughout
College/ University Attended : ILS Law College, University of Pune
Year of Passing Out : 2004

Additional / Master's Qualifications :

- WAS ADVOCATE-ON-RECORD IN SUPREME COURT BEFORE BEING DESIGNATED AS SENIOR ADVOCATE BY SUPREME COURT
- DIPLOMA IN CORPORATE LAWS

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- **DIPLOMA IN COMPARATIVE CYBER LAWS**
- **DIPLOMA IN CONSUMER PROTECTION ACT**

Section 3: Enrolment & Membership in Bar Associations

Enrolment Details

Year of Enrolment as an Advocate - : **2004**

Name of the State Bar Council : **Bar Council of Delhi**

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Professional Status : **SENIOR ADVOCATE**

~~Advocate, Advocate-on-Record (AOR)~~ / Senior Advocate, (If applicable)

If Candidate is a Senior Advocate, the Court mention the Court which designated: - **Supreme Court**

Bar Association Memberships

- 1) Life Member ~ Supreme Court Bar Association, New Delhi since 2004.
- 2) Member ~ Delhi High Court Bar Association, New Delhi.

Membership in Other Professional/Academic Associations.

- 1) Life Member ~ Income Tax appellate Tribunal Bar Association, New Delhi
- 2) Life Member ~ All India Federation of Tax Practitioners, Mumbai.
- 3) Life Member ~ The Institute of Constitutional & Parliamentary Studies, New Delhi.
- 4) Life Member ~ The International Centre for Alternative Dispute Resolution, New Delhi
- 5) Life Member ~ The Indian Council of Arbitration, New Delhi.
- 6) Member ~ Central Excise, Custom and Service Tax Bar Association, New Delhi
- 7) Member ~ Indian Institute of Public Administration, New Delhi

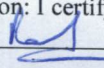
If you are a member of any Political Party, please give details, if not, mention as " NO"

(Past or present membership, post held, or explicit non-affiliation) - **NO**

Section 4: Electoral History in SCBA

Number of Times Contested in SCBA : **6**

Elections

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

- 1) Elected on the Post of **Vice-President** of Supreme Court Bar Association for the term 2025-26
- 2) Elected as **Hony. Secretary** of Supreme Court Bar Association for the term of 2022 - 2023.
- 3) Elected **Joint Secretary** of the Supreme Court Bar Association for the term 2020-21.
- 4) Elected **Joint Secretary** of the Supreme Court Bar Association for the term 2016-17.
- 5) Elected **Joint Secretary** of the Supreme Court Bar Association for the term 2017-2018
- 6) Contested for the post of **Joint Secretary** of the Supreme Court Bar Association for the term 2015-2016

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

- 1) Elected on the Post of **Vice-President** of Supreme Court Bar Association for the term of 2025-26
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- 4) Elected **Joint Secretary** of the Supreme Court Bar Association for the three term 2016-17.
- 5) Elected **Joint Secretary** of the Supreme Court Bar Association for the three term 2017-2018
- 6) Contested for the post of **Joint Secretary** of the Supreme Court Bar Association for the term 2015-2016

Section 5: Legal & Criminal Antecedents, if any : **NO**

Pending Criminal Cases (As Accused)

Case Number / FIR Details : **NIL**

Specific Offences Charged : **NIL**

Court Handling the Case : **NIL**

Disposed-Off Cases,

Outcome (Acquittal / Discharge / Quashed / Conviction) : **NIL**

Specific Offences Charged : **NIL**

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Details/Summary of Court Order(s) : NIL

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:-

- Physically appeared in around 638 matters before the Hon'ble Supreme Court in last one year.

Key Areas of Practice (at least 5):-

- Having more than 22 years of practice mainly in **Supreme Court of India** and appeared in around more than 200 reported judgments. Attended matters related to:
 1. Constitutional Law
 2. Direct & Indirect Taxes
 3. IBC
 4. Civil (including Service matters)
 5. Criminal matters etc.

Section 8: Policy Views & Legal Vision

Vision for SCBA Members (50 words each): During the last year the following work was done, when I was the Vice President of the SCBA: -

1. Group Mediclaim Policy was launched for members with a coverage of 5 Lakhs with a very nominal premium. Last year the policy was for a coverage of Rs. 2 Lakhs.
2. LIC Group Term Insurance was launched for a coverage of Rs. 10 Lakhs.
3. First SCBA National Conference was held in Bangalore – “Reimagining Judicial Governance: Strengthening Institutions for democratic justice” in which more than 400 members participated.
4. First SCBA run/walkathon “Justice for all” was organized in which more than 1800 members participated.
5. Renovation of the Plaza Canteen, Daphtary Canteen and Setalvad Canteen was carried out by the Registry after many years, on our insistence, without the Bar incurring any expense.
6. Letter circulation was started again for the convenience of members.

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7. Construction of work stations near Court No.11 & 12.
8. 5th Amarendra Sharan Memorial Badminton Tournament, Table Tennis Tournament, Cricket Tournament, Lawn Tennis Tournament was organised for members in which many members participated.
9. New lift was installed in C.K. Daphtary Block.
10. SCBA instituted a Writ Petition under Article 32 of the Constitution, being Writ Petition (Civil) No.294/2026, seeking the establishment of a dedicated welfare mechanism for advocates practising before the Supreme Court of India and to address the legislative anomaly relating to the Rs.25 Advocates' Welfare Stamp affixed on Vakalatnama. The Hon'ble Supreme Court was pleased to issue notice on 25.03.2026.
11. Lecture series was started in which many Former Judges of the Supreme Court and Present Judges of the Supreme Court participated.
12. SCBA meeting room and Milon K. Banerjee room was renovated by the Registry after many years on our insistence without any expense from the SCBA.
13. Air conditioning work in D Block, Additional Building Complex, Supreme Court was completed for the convenience of Members having chambers there.
14. Due to continuous persuasion by SCBA, Free Wifi connectivity was extended throughout the main building of the Supreme Court.
15. Air Conditioning units were installed in the corridor by the Registry on our request leading from court No.4 to the Registrar's Court (East Wing) and Court No.5, thereby improving the comfort and convenience during court hours.
16. Mobile charging points were installed at various locations in the SCBA Libraries and other designated areas within the Supreme Court premises.
17. Enhancement of age limit for children eligible to avail the Creche facility from eight years to ten years, particularly benefiting children already enrolled under the scheme.
18. Two qualified fitness trainers were appointed to assist members in the Gym in the Additional Building Complex, Supreme Court to maintain physical fitness and encourage a healthier lifestyle.

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19. Gents' restrooms were renovated by the Registry adjoining the First-Floor Cafeteria and Library-I and in Chamber Blocks also significantly improving the hygiene. Ladies' restrooms were also renovated.
20. Digital Display Board was also installed in the Consultation Room enabling lawyers to conveniently monitor court proceedings.
21. SCBA website was upgraded after many years for the members to access and update their membership details, view outstanding dues and ledger accounts, make online payment towards subscriptions, identity cards and insurance schemes.
22. Health camp was organized in collaboration with the Rotary Club of Indirapuram Pariwar for the health checkup of members.
23. More lockers were made available to the members.

If elected again Vice President of SCBA again this year, the following work needs to be prioritized."

- 1) **Key priorities regarding advocate welfare** - I shall strive to work hand-in-hand with members and the Executive Committee to secure long-term stability by increasing the corpus fund. Together, we will institutionalize emergency financial assistance, and build a compassionate support system ensuring dignity, security, and institutional backing for every member in need. SCBA last year filed a petition being Writ Petition (Civil) No.294/2026 before the Hon'ble Supreme Court for the contribution from the welfare stamp fund in which notice has already been issued with objective of having more funds for the members.
- 2) **Chamber Allotment** - To ensure that the constructions of chambers is done at the earliest in the 1.92 Acres of land allotted to Supreme Court near ITO so that more than 1000 chambers can be build there. Also, to take up with the Supreme Court to shift ILI to some other place so that around 500 chambers can be built there and the whole place can be for the Supreme Court Complex
- 3) **Medical Insurance** - To make efforts Group Mediclaim is increased from Rs.5 Lakhs to Rs.10 Lakhs and the Group Term Insurance is increased from Rs.10 Lakhs to Rs.20 Lakhs
- 4) **Court Infrastructure** - The Competent Authority has already agreed in principle to shift museum in the old Judges library to some other place, to make efforts that it is done at the earliest. Also, new Court Rooms are being made opposite Court No. 10 in Supreme Court

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and the new complex would have space for libraries, Bar Rooms, Canteens, Ladies Bar and to make efforts that the work is completed at the earliest.

- 5) **Young Lawyer Support-** I shall strive to stand with members and the Executive Committee to empower young practitioners are placed with Senior Advocates and Advocate-on-Records and other Advocates.

Your opinion on the Selection & Appointment of Judges What is your stance on the current Collegium System versus alternative models (e.g., Judicial Appointments Commission with Bar representation)? What should be the correct, transparent method for selecting Supreme Court and High Court judges? (50 words) -

The Collegium needs reform, not replacement. A revised model incorporating structured Bar representation ensures transparency without compromising judicial independence. The correct method must involve objective evaluation criteria, public disclosure of vacancies, and institutionalized consultation with the Bar, ensuring meritorious, diverse, and accountable appointments to the Higher Judiciary.

Section 9: Message to Voters

In one paragraph (100 words or less), describe to voters what you stand for as a candidate-

When I was elected as Secretary of the SCBA for the term 2022-23, more the 500 lawyers were allotted chambers in Additional Building Complex (the issue of chamber allotment was pending for more than 5 years), also permission for the cubicals to be built on the ground floor, First Floor and Third Floor in the Additional Building Complex was given. During the peak of the COVID-19 in 2021 when I was in the SCBA Executive Committee, was personally available throughout for the members during tough time of COVID-19 for their vaccination when no one was coming out from their houses. Last year when I was Vice President of the Bar the following work was done, Group Mediclaim Policy was launched for members with a coverage of 5 Lakhs with a very nominal premium. Last year the policy was for a coverage of Rs. 2 Lakhs, LIC Group Term Insurance was launched for a coverage of Rs. 10 Lakhs, First SCBA National Conference was held in Bangalore – “Reimagining Judicial Governance: Strengthening Institutions for democratic justice” in which more than 400 members participated, First SCBA run/walkathon “Justice for all” was organized in which more than 1800 members participated, Renovation of the Plaza Canteen, Daphtary Canteen and Setalvad Canteen was carried out by the Registry after many years, on our insistence, without the Bar incurring any expense, Letter circulation was started again for the convenience of members, Construction of work stations near Court No.11 & 12, 5th

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Declaration & Verification

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

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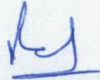
1. The information furnished by me in the foregoing Questionnaire is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief, and no material fact has been concealed, suppressed, or misrepresented therein.
2. I am aware that this Declaration, together with my answers to the Questionnaire, 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.

Name of Candidate (Block Letters) : RAHUL KAUSHIK

SCBA Membership No. : K-00407

Place: NEW DELHI

Date: 12.08.2026



Signature of Candidate:

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