

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 -

HONY. SECRETARY

Full Name

Ms. PRAGYA BAGHEL

Age

45

Section 2: Educational & Professional Qualifications

Undergraduate & Legal Qualification

Degree(s) Obtained

B.S.L LL.B

College/University Attended

ILS Law College, Pune

Year of Passing Out

2003

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

- Researcher for the Indian Contract & Specific Relief Act by Pollock & Mulla 12th edition.
- Diploma in Cyber Law (from Asian School of Cyber Laws)
- Diploma in Corporate Law
- Diploma in Medical Jurisprudence
- Awarded the Atur Sanghatni 'Best Student' Award in 2003.
- Ranked 4th in the University of Pune Merit List in the year 2001.

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- Ranked 8th in the University of Pune Merit List in the year 2000
- Mediator/Mediation Training from MCPC of the Supreme Court
- Supreme Court Legal Aid Panel since 2015
- Appointed Amicus, Advocate-on-Record by the Hon'ble Supreme Court

Section 3: Enrolment & Membership in Bar Associations

Enrolment Details

Year of Enrolment as an Advocate -
2003

Name of the State Bar Council
Delhi Bar Council (D/904/2003)

1

Professional Status

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

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

Advocate-on-Record- Since 2011

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

- 1) SCBA
- 2) SCOARA
- 3)

Membership in Other Professional/Academic Associations if any,

- 1)
- 2)
- 3)

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

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Number of Times Contested in SCBA Elections

1

Presently SCBA Hony. Secretary

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

1)

2)

3)

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

1)

2)

Section 5: Legal & Criminal Antecedents, if any :**Pending Criminal Cases (As Accused)**

Case Number / FIR Details

NIL

Specific Offences Charged

Court Handling the Case

Disposed-Off Cases,

Outcome (Acquittal / Discharge / Quashed / Conviction)

Specific Offences Charged

Details/Summary of Court Order(s)

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*

Around 300 days

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Key Areas of Practice (at least 5)

1) All fields and I have 15 Reported Judgments as lead Counsel and 121 Reported Judgments as an AOR.

Section 8: Policy Views & Legal Vision**Vision for SCBA Members** (50 words each)

1)Key priorities regarding advocate welfare,

2)chamber allotment

3) medical insurance,

4)court infrastructure,

5) young lawyer support.

During the tenure, we were able to undertake several initiatives:

1. Enhanced the Group Mediclaim Policy from ₹2 lakh to ₹5 lakh, with an option for additional top-up coverage.
2. Implemented ₹10 lakh LIC Group Term Insurance for eligible members.
3. Organised health check-ups, blood donation camps, wellness programmes and facilitated a Mobile Dental Clinic.
4. Organised the First National Conference of SCBA at Bengaluru.
5. Conducted advocacy training, mediation advocacy and professional-development programmes, particularly for young lawyers.
6. SCBA filed W. P. (C) No. 294/2026 seeking a dedicated welfare mechanism for Supreme Court advocates and resolution of the legislative anomaly concerning Rupees 25 Advocates' Welfare Stamp on Vakalatnama.
7. Instituted the SCBA Lecture Series and organised important lectures and commemorative programmes.
8. Undertook initiatives for women advocates, including the Women Empowerment programme and a survey involving more than 300 women lawyers.
9. Upgraded the SCBA Online Members' Portal and Members' Directory, making services more accessible and transparent.
10. Strengthened our libraries and research facilities with updated books, Bare Acts, furniture and other facilities.
11. Renovated and modernised SCBA canteens, consultation rooms, restrooms and common facilities.
12. Secured free SCI Wi-Fi, improved mobile connectivity and facilitated additional lockers for members.
13. Set up a dedicated virtual hearing station near Court No. 12 for the convenience of members.
14. Successfully pursued enhancement of the Crèche age limit from 8 years to 10 years.
15. Strengthened drinking-water facilities and upgraded the R.K. Garg Research Library and other SCBA spaces.
16. Operationalised the SCBA Gymnasium with qualified trainers.
17. Operationalised the designated Notary Porta Cabin with air-conditioning facilities for the convenience of members.

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18. Organised the first SCBA Run/Walkathon – “Justice for All”, with participation of more than 2,000 members, besides cricket, badminton, table tennis and lawn-tennis tournaments.
19. Extended financial assistance and welfare support to members and their families in times of medical emergencies and financial hardship. Hony. Secretary Report-2025-26.pdf

If re-elected, I shall endeavour to take forward the following initiatives for the welfare and long-term security of our members

1. Propose and pursue an SCBA Advocates Group Contributory Pension Scheme, funded through contributions from the Welfare Stamp Fund, with the objective of providing continuing financial security and pensionary benefits to members in their later years along with insurance for the clerks.
2. Enhance the Group Medclaim Insurance coverage from ₹5 lakh to ₹10 lakh for eligible members.
3. Enhance the Group Term Insurance coverage from ₹10 lakh to ₹25 lakh for eligible members.
4. Pursue the proposed relocation of the Supreme Court Museum, enabling expansion of SCBA library and research facilities.
5. Pursue construction of Advocates’ Chambers on 1.92 acres of land near ITO.
6. Integrate Supreme Court Reports Online with the SCBA website.
7. Develop an SCBA Android App for easier access to member services.
8. Renovate the Second Floor Consultation Room.
9. Modernise the First Floor Cafeteria adjoining Library-I.
10. Install additional drinking-water facilities in the Advocates’ Parking Area.
11. Construct weather shelters for parking staff.
12. Provide dedicated storage racks with CCTV surveillance in the Ladies’ Bar Room. Hony. Secretary Report-2025-26.pdf

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)*

In my view, the collegium system remains the best system for judicial appointments. However, there is certainly scope for greater transparency in its functioning. One suggestion would be to give due importance to seniority while making appointments through the collegium. A transparent and well-defined process, where seniority is respected along with merit and suitability, would strengthen the collegium system and make it more effective, fair, and credible.

Section 9: Message to Voters

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

As a first-generation lawyer from the small town of Madhya Pradesh, serving as Hony. Secretary of SCBA has been one of the greatest honours of my journey. The love, affection and trust given to me by the SCBA family have been unparalleled, and I remain deeply grateful. Over the past year, I have sincerely tried to serve our Bar and fulfil the responsibilities entrusted to me. Some work still remains to be completed. I humbly seek your blessings and one more opportunity to serve and complete what we started. There is still work that I started which remains to be completed. I therefore humbly seek your blessings and the opportunity to serve for one more year, so that I may take this work forward and bring it to completion.

I believe in one simple thought:

Together we have achieved. Together we can achieve more.

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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:

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): PRAGYA BAGHEL

Enrolment / Membership No.: B-351-2004

Place: Delhi

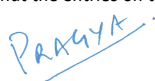
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Signature of Candidate:



(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.)

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