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THE BAR COUNCIL OF THE STATE OF ANDHRA PRADESH, AMARAVATI.

ROC No. 1 of 2026

Date: 02-01-2026.

ELECTION OF THE MEMBERS OF THE BAR COUNCIL OF ANDHRA PRADESH.

As per the Orders of the Hon'ble Apex Court dated 18-11-2025 in W.P.(Civil) No. 1319/2023, titled M.Varadhan Vs. Union of India & ANR. it is hereby notified that the Election to the Members of the Bar Council of the State of Andhra Pradesh will be held on Friday, the 13th February, 2026 between 10:30 a.m. to 5.00 p.m.

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ELECTION SCHEDULE :

Date of Election	Friday, the 13th February, 2026 between 10.30 a.m. to 5.00 p.m.
Date, time and place for filing of Nominations	From 05-01-2026 to 13-01-2026 Between 10.30 a.m. to 5.00 p.m. before the Secretary, Bar Council of Andhra Pradesh, High Court Premises, Amaravati.
Scrutiny of Nominations	16-01-2026 & 17-01-2026 by the Learned Advocate General of the State of Andhra Pradesh at the Office of the Bar Council between 10.30 a.m. to 4.00 p.m.
Publication of Valid Nominations	17-01-2026 at 5.30 p.m.
Withdrawal of Nominations	19-01-2026 & 20-01-2026 till 4.00 p.m.
Publication of Final List of candidates	21-01-2026
Commencement of Counting of Votes	From 16-02-2026 from 10.30 a.m. at High Court Premises, Amaravati

As per the Orders of the Supreme Court dated 08-12-2025 and 18-12-2025 in W.P.(Civil) No. 581/2024, titled Yogamaya M.G. Vs. Union of India & ORS. Women Representation of 30 per cent in the Bar Council Elections is applicable, subject to the final outcome of the case, pending before the Supreme Court.

The relevant portion of clarification given by the Bar Council of India dated 23-12-2025 in this regard, is as follows:

“For a Council of total strength 25, the women’s component may be reflected as 7 seats, comprising 5 seats to be filled up through election and 2 seats through co-option by Bar Council of India. In otherwords, for a Council of 25, the working computation is 7, and the women elected component is 5. The election notification may accordingly notify election for 23 seats, and within those 23 seats, a women elected component of 5 seats, to be secured in accordance with the directions of the High Powered Election Committee.

The Hon'ble Supreme Court of India by order dated 18-11-2025, constituted a High-Powered Election Committee, Phase-II, for individual grievance, on Election of the Bar Council of Andhra Pradesh, through mail justicevirendersingh@gmail.com. The said Committee comprised of the following Hon'ble Members.

1. Justice Virender Singh, former Chief Justice, Jharkhand High Court (Chairperson);
2. Justice Chander Shekhar, former Judge, Delhi High Court
3. Justice D.C. Chaudhary, former Judge, Himachal Pradesh High Court

Apart from the above, a High Powered Election Supervisory Committee has also been constituted, comprising of the Hon'ble Members mentioned below. The Supervisory Committee has been constituted, where an appeal against the order of High Powered Election Committee may be filed. The Official email of the Supervisory Committee is sec.supervisorycommittee@gmail.com. The date of receipt of the email shall be considered as the date of filing of the complaint/appeal. As per the Orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court, no Civil Court or High Court shall entertain any Petition against such Decision.

1. Mr. Justice Subhanshu Dhulia, Former Judge, Supreme Court of India (Chairperson);
2. Mr. Justice Ravi Shakar Jha, Former Chief Justice, Punjab and Haryana High Court
3. Mr. V.Giri, Senior Advocate.

- The names of the Advocates shown in the Final Voters List are entitled to vote in the Election. All Voters shall vote at the Polling Stations, where their respective names are shown. Voting shall take place at the Premises of the respective Bar Associations, where the Courts are located in the State of Andhra Pradesh or such other places notified by the Election Officer.

- Where there are less than 10 voters, the voters of those placed will be attached to other nearest Polling Stations and they shall be entitled to vote at those Polling Stations only. The Voters at Delhi shall vote at Supreme Court Bar Association, Supreme Court Premises, New Delhi. The Polling Stations will be notified separately.
- The names of the Advocates published in the Final Voters List are entitled to contest in the Election of the Bar Council.
- Every Nomination Form shall be accompanied by a non-refundable fee of Rs.1,25,000/- (Rupees One Lakh Twenty Five Thousand only) along with an affidavit by the contesting candidate, regarding pendency of Disciplinary Proceedings, Criminal Cases or conviction within a period of 9 months, prior to the date of Election.
- The nomination shall be proposed by 10 voters and signed by each such voter. Nomination Fee of Rs. 1,25,000/- is to be paid by way of Demand Draft infavour of “Bar Council of A.P. Election Account” drawn on any Nationalized Bank, payable at Amaravati.
- The nomination papers can be downloaded from the website of the Bar Council www.barcouncilap.org and shall be submitted to the Secretary Bar Council, in the High Court Premises, Amaravati from 10.30 A.M. to 5.00 P.M., as per the Schedule.

Date: 02-01-2026
Amaravati.

JUSTICE A.V.SESHA SAI,
Former Judge, High Court of Andhra Pradesh,
Returning Officer
Election for Bar Council of Andhra Pradesh
Amaravati.

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