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Hon'ble Mr. Justice Bhushan Ramkrishna Gopal,
Chief Justice of India,
Supreme Court of India,
New Delhi.

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR GUIDELINES REGARDING VIDEOGRAPHY AND SOCIAL MEDIA CONTENT CREATION BY ADVOCATES WITHIN THE SUPREME COURT PREMISES – PREVENTION OF PROHIBITED SOLICITATION AND SECURITY BREACH & REPRESENTATION RECEIVED DATED 25.07.2025 FROM THE MEMBERS OF THE BAR.

Respected Lordship,

On behalf of the Supreme Court Advocate-on-Record Association (SCAORA), I write to draw your urgent attention to a matter of growing concern raised collectively by several members of the Bar, as represented in a recent communication dated 25.07.2025 duly signed by numerous Advocates-on-Record and Advocates.

Concerns

There is a rising trend of advocates creating video reels, engaging in videography, and producing related content within the Supreme Court premises—including in High Security Zones—and subsequently uploading such material on social media platforms like Instagram, YouTube, Facebook, and X. Many of these videos, although sometimes accompanied by disclaimers, often end up promoting the individuals concerned by displaying their contact details or conveying messages amounting to impermissible solicitation, which is expressly prohibited under Bar Council of India Rules.

Such activities not only diminish the dignity and decorum of the legal profession but also risk eroding public trust in the legal system. This is particularly serious when Advocates-on-Record participate, given their heightened responsibility to uphold professional standards. Furthermore, there have been instances where courtroom clippings or snippets from live-streamed proceedings have been incorporated into these videos. Such practices can misrepresent judicial proceedings, undermine the sanctity of the Court, and spread misinformation.

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These activities also interfere with the fairness of the judicial process by introducing external pressures, fostering a trial by media, and risking the distortion of court proceedings in the public eye. The sensational presentation or selective portrayal of court proceedings on social media can mislead the public about the facts and context of cases, thereby compromising the integrity of the adjudication process. Moreover, such conduct undermines the image of the Supreme Court as an institution and tarnishes the reputation of both the judiciary and the legal profession, casting doubts on the impartiality, seriousness, and ethical standards expected from advocates.

Unauthorized videography within high-security zones poses serious risks, potentially breaching the stringent security protocols established for the safety and integrity of the Court. Additionally, Hon'ble Judges of the Supreme Court have repeatedly expressed apprehensions about misuse of short video clips—especially those taken out of context from live streams—which can result in misinformation and sensationalism, thereby undermining judicial authority.

Requested Action

In view of the above, and based on the representation submitted by bar members, SCAORA respectfully requests your esteemed office to:

Issue a clear and comprehensive guideline prohibiting videography, photography, and any form of content creation within the Supreme Court premises, particularly within High Security Zones, except as specifically allowed under the Supreme Court's protocols.

Reiterate the prohibition of direct or indirect solicitation by legal professionals through social media or any other public platform, in accordance with Bar Council regulations.

Prohibit the uploading or sharing of court proceedings or footage—whether recorded or via live stream—outside the approved channels of the Supreme Court.

Enforce disciplinary action against violations in a manner commensurate with the seriousness of the breach, with particular emphasis on the accountability of Advocates-on-Record.

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We trust that your timely intervention and the issuance of appropriate guidelines will aid significantly in preserving the integrity of the Supreme Court, reinforcing ethical standards, and preventing solicitation and security threats within the legal community. SCAORA stands ready to assist in any further consultations or working groups convened on this matter.

Thanking you,
Regards,



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Encl: Representation from Bar Members dated 25.07.2025.

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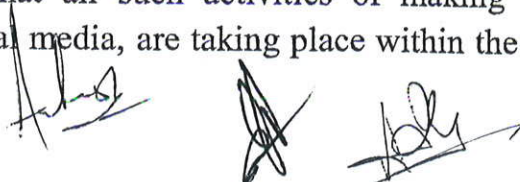
To,

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2. The Hony. Secretary,
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SUBJECT: REGARDING VIDEOGRAPHY BY ADVOCATES / MEMBERS OF THE BAR LEADING TO PROHIBITED SOLICITATION AND POTENTIAL SECURITY BREACH.

Dear Madam and Sir,

1. This is to bring your attention to a growing concern regarding the increasing trend of advocates making reels and videographic content within the Hon'ble Supreme Court premises, especially in the High Security Zone, and related professional environments. Apparently, such content is often uploaded to social media platforms (*Instagram, X, YouTube, Facebook etc.*) with inaccurate, false and misleading information and contact details. Some accounts add a disclaimer with a rider that the same is for informational purpose however, it surrogates solicitation for themselves or promotion of their social media account. Such acts not only misrepresent professional conduct but also amounts to solicitation of work, which is expressly prohibited under the Bar Council of India Rules. Such solicitation undermines the dignity and decorum of the legal profession and erodes public trust in the legal fraternity.
2. It is a matter of even greater concern that some Advocates-on-Record (AORs) who bears a heightened responsibility to uphold professional and ethical standards are also indulging in such activities. Such activities by some AORs in such practices sets a questionable precedent for the entire legal community and must be strongly deprecated.
3. Moreover, there have been instances where clippings of actual courtroom proceedings are incorporated into these videos and reels. This practice severely undermines the credibility and sanctity of the Hon'ble Court, potentially compromising the integrity of ongoing proceedings and the justice delivery process.
4. It is further pertinent to be highlight that all such activities of making reels, videography, and uploading such content to social media, are taking place within the High



Security Zone of the Hon'ble Court. Such unauthorized recording in sensitive areas not only threatens professional ethical standards but could also amounts to a breach of security protocols established to maintain the integrity and safety of the Court environment.

5. In recent times, the Hon'ble Judges of the Hon'ble Supreme Court have also raised serious concerns about short video clips from live-streamed court proceedings being taken out of context and circulated on social media platforms. The Hon'ble Judges mentioned that such clips can lead to misinformation, misinterpretation, and sensationalism, undermining the integrity of judicial discussions. The misuse and spread of misleading clips are damaging not only to individual judges, but also to the authority and fairness of the judiciary as a whole. It is most pertinent to note that when the Hon'ble Supreme Court is also working on developing its own secure live-streaming platform in order to better control access and prevent unauthorized reproduction or editing of court footage, such acts tend to be reprimanded.

6. We humbly request the office bearers of the Associations to kindly take cognizance of this matter and consider issuing appropriate guidelines or advisories to all members of the Bar to immediately cease the creation and uploading of such videos, particularly those containing inaccurate or misleading information and also refrain from sharing or incorporating clippings of courtroom proceedings in any form of media content. In addition, the sharing of contact details or messages amounting to solicitation of legal work must also be avoided, and any such activity must be taken down immediately.

7. It is further pertinent to mention that exercising utmost responsibility, especially within the High Security Zones of the Court premises must be promoted and applauded in order to uphold the highest standards of professional ethics and decorum, in line with the Bar Council of India regulations.



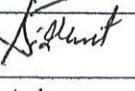



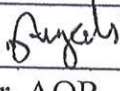
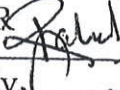
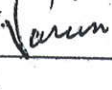

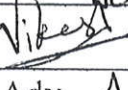
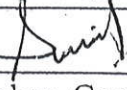
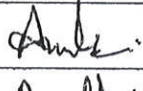

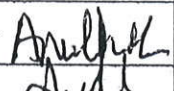
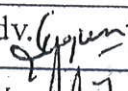
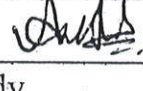
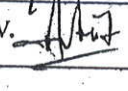




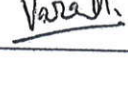
8. In view of the above, your kind intervention will help preserve the sanctity of the legal profession, safeguard the credibility of the Hon'ble Court, and ensure compliance with the ethical standards expected from the members of the Bar.

Thanking you.

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