

Advocate Act, 1961

Section 6 - Functions of State Bar Councils

(1) The functions of a State Bar Council shall be-

- (a) to admit persons as advocates on its roll;
- (b) to prepare and maintain such roll;
- (c) to entertain and determine cases of misconduct against advocates on its roll;
- (d) to safeguard the rights, privileges and interests of advocates on its roll;

1 [(dd) to promote the growth of Bar Associations for the purposes of effective implementation of the welfare schemes referred to in clause (a) of sub-section (2) of this section and clause (a) of sub-section (2) of section 7;]

(e) to promote and support law reform;

2 [(ee) to conduct seminars and organize talks on legal topics by eminent jurists and publish journals and papers of legal interest;

(eee) to organize legal aid to the poor in the prescribed manner;]

(f) to manage and invest the funds of the Bar Council;

(g) to provide for the election of its members;

3 [(gg) to visit and inspect Universities in accordance with the directions given under clause (i) of sub-section (1) of section 7;]

(h) to perform all other functions conferred on it by or under this Act;

(i) to do all other things necessary for discharging the aforesaid functions.

4 [(2) A State Bar Council may constitute one or more funds in the prescribed manner for the purpose of-

(a) giving financial assistance to organize welfare schemes for the indigent, disabled or other advocates;

(b) giving legal aid or advice in accordance with the rules made in this behalf;]

5 [(c) establishing law libraries.]

(3) A State Bar Council may receive any grants, donations, gifts or benefactions for all or any of the purposes specified in sub-section (2) which shall be credited to the appropriate fund or funds constituted under that sub-section]

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1. Insertedby Act 70 of 1993, section 2 (i)(a).
 2. Insertedby Act 60 of 1973, section 6.
 3. Insertedby Act 70 of 1993, section 2 (i)(b).
 4. Sub-sections(2) and (3) substituted by Act 60 of 1973, section 6, for sub-section(2).
 5. Inserted by Act 70 of 1993, section 2 (ii).