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TO

The Vice Chancellors of
All the National Law
Universities

Sub : Seeking comments / opinion related to appearing in CLAT
exam by the candidates having more than twenty years age.

Sirs,

The Legal Education Rules – 2008 of the Bar Council of India came into force from the academic year 2009-2010 in which Clause 28, Schedule III states the following on age restriction for the purpose of admission in three year and five year law courses.

28. Age on admission: (a) Subject to the condition stipulated by a University on this behalf and the high degree of professional commitment required, the maximum age for seeking admission into a stream of integrated Bachelor of law degree program, is limited to twenty years in case of general category of applicants and to twenty two years in case of applicants from SC, ST and other Backward communities.

(b) Subject to the condition stipulated by a University, and the general social condition of the applicants seeking legal education belatedly, the maximum age for seeking admission into a stream of Three Year Bachelor Degree Course in Law, is limited to thirty years with right of the University to give concession of five further years for the applicant belonging to SC or ST or any other Backward Community.

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Thereafter several writ petitions were filed in various High Courts challenging the said rule and all the Hon'ble High Courts stayed the operation of the rule. Then the Bar Council of India requested to transfer all the writ petitions to the Supreme Court of India and also filed an SLP and later on it has been withdrawn by the Council.

Subsequently the Council has decided to withdraw the said rule and amended accordingly which was published in the Gazettes of India also. Therefore at present there is no age restriction for taking admission in law courses, however the Council has received several applications that National Law Schools are not allowing the candidates who are above twenty years for appearing in the CLAT.

Therefore the Council requests your views in this regard within fifteen days from the date of receipt of this communication to enable us to place this matter before the Legal Education Committee for further consideration.

Thanking You

Yours sincerely

(J. R. SHARMA)

SECRETARY

Encl : Copy of one of the letter received by the Council

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chairman for pursued
direction*

To,
Shri. Manan Kumar Mishra,
Chairman, Bar Council of India

19/12/14

SUB.: In relation to the upper age limit bar being followed in CLAT-2015.

Respected Sir,

We're undergraduate law aspirants from Allahabad and currently preparing for the Common Law Admission Test (CLAT-2015). This is our 2nd year drop and we want to appear for CLAT-2015 (Organizing University- Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia National Law University- Lucknow) but given the upper age limit of 20 years (which has been already removed by the honourable Bar Council Of India) which is still being followed by the CLAT authority, we're facing a lot of harassment due to the same. The CLAT authority held a meeting on 16/12/2014 and decided that the upper age limit of 20 years for undergraduate law course entrance exam won't be changed and it'll remain the same despite the BCI's order as well subsequent warnings. This is seriously going to cost us our career as we dropped out another year just because of the BCI's order and now the defiance of this order by the CLAT Core Committee has totally distressed us & many others. It's a humble request from you to kindly ensure that the CLAT Core Committee adheres to this order and thus relaxes the age limit of 20 years before it releases its official notification on 25/12/2014. We have full faith in you Sir and we positively hope that you shall kindly resolve this issue in our favour.

Thanks & Regards,

Sent a copy of this letter and other similar letters to the honorable V.Cs. of all the National Law Uni/schools in order to seek their opinion.

Put up the matter before the L.E.C. and inform the univ./schools/colleges about the next date of L.E.C.'s meeting so that they could appear at their so like.

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