To
The Secretaries
of all the State Bar Councils

Dear Secretaries,

The office of the Bar Council of India is receiving various queries from different State Bar Councils, seeking clarification as to whether an advocate who has been enrolled for more than two years on State Bar Council Roll, can be allowed to appear in All India Bar Examination X or not.

It is hereby reiterated and clarified any Advocate who has graduated after 1st July, 2010 can appear in All India Bar Examination for as many times as it requires him or her to pass such exam irrespective of the fact that he or she has been enrolled for more than two years as an Advocate on a State Bar Council Roll. The concerned Advocate is only barred from practicing as an advocate, if even after two years of being enrolled as an Advocate on a State Bar Council Roll, he or she is unable to clear/pass the All India Bar Examination.

Thus an Advocate enrolled on a State Roll is not debarred from appearing in the All India Bar Examination and as per Resolution No. 73/2010 dated 30th April, 2010, passed by the General Council of the Bar Council an unsuccessful candidate may appear in the All India Bar Examination, without any limit on the number of attempts, till he or she clears/passes such exam.

The Bar Council of India is also receiving queries regarding the fee being charged in All India Bar Examination-X. It is reiterated and clarified that for All India Bar Examination-X, a fee of Rs. 2500/- is being charged from SC/ST candidates and Rs. 3500/- is being charged from other category candidates.

Thanking you,

SECRETARY