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To

All the Registrar of the Universities/
All the Principal
of the Centers of Legal Education of imparting
Legal Education in the Country

Sirs,

The Legal Education Committee at its meeting held on 7th July, 2012 considered the matter regarding LLM and Masters in Law Degree through distance mode run by several Universities. After consideration, the Committee has made the following decision:

"The Committee after deliberation, in respect of LL.M. course, it has been pointed out that some of the Universities are granting LL.M. Degree as Correspondence Course or through distance education mode also. It has been pointed by the Directorate of Legal Education of the Bar Council of India that most of these courses are attending only for about 10 to 15 days in a year and the degree/certificate is issued by the concerned university and the degree/certificate does not indicate that whether they have passed the course through distance education mode or correspondence mode. The Committee Resolves for the purpose of appointing faculty members to teach law in Centre of Legal Education, any LL.M. degree through Distance/Correspondence course should not be considered a qualification for appointment to teach law to the students. However, person joining as faculty member should be asked specifically whether they have done LL.M. through Correspondence course or not.

The Chairman of the Bar Council of India should also take this matter with U. G. C. and I. G. N. O. U. with a request to consider this matter and present such correspondences which cannot be detrimental to the legal education in the country.

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This resolution should be communicated to all the Universities in India and the University should communicate to the affiliated colleges for future."

As per the above decision, the communication has been sent to all the Universities and colleges imparting legal Education.

Thereafter the Council has received queries and representations from individuals and Teachers' associations in this regard. The queries and representations were placed before the General Council of the Bar Council of India at its meeting held on 12th October, 2012. After consideration, the Council constituted a Sub Committee to examine the matter. The Sub Committee at its meeting held on 12th November, 2012 has decided that the decision of the Legal Education Committee be kept in abeyance till the final decision.

The Bar Council of India at its meeting held on 18th November, 2012 has accepted the decision of the Sub Committee and authorized the Chairman, Bar Council of India to take this issue with UGC.

Therefore the circular No. BCI:D:1661/2012(LE.Affi.) dated 21.8.2012 is now kept in abeyance till the final decision to be taken in this regard.

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This is for your information.

Yours sincerely


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