

**Justice Jaishree Thakur (Retd.)**

Judge, Punjab and Haryana High Court

Returning Officer

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Dated 03/03/2026

All the Candidates

for the election to the Bar Council of Punjab and Haryana-2026.

**Sub - Counting of Votes for the election to the Bar Council of Punjab & Haryana, 2026,  
and issuing of Entry Card to Candidate/Counting Agent.**

The counting of votes for the election to the Bar Council of Punjab and Haryana will commence at 10:00 A.M. on 20<sup>th</sup> March 2026 onwards at **Room No. 2, Counting Hall, New Bar Room Complex, Bar Association, Punjab and Haryana High Court premises, Chandigarh.**

As you are aware, the counting of votes for this election is a highly technical matter and of the greatest importance in the process of election. This job cannot be accomplished without your active co-operation. You are requested to extend your fullest co-operation to me in this undertaking.

In this connection, your attention is invited to Rule 25 of the Bar Council of Punjab and Haryana Election Rules, 1968, which prescribes that at the time of counting, either the candidate or his agent shall be entitled to be present. For the purpose of affording this facility to all the candidates and to exclude the entry of un-authorized persons, it will be necessary to regulate the entry to the Counting Hall, through the issue of **"ENTRY CARD"** to all the entitled persons. The following procedure has been evolved in this context and you are requested kindly to extend your full co-operation for the smooth and orderly conduct of counting of votes, by strict adherence to this procedure; -

1. A joint **"ENTRY CARD"** with photographs of the candidate and agent, bearing the name and specimen signature of the candidate or his agent will be issued by the Returning Officer, in the office of the Bar Council on 16<sup>th</sup> March, 2026. You are requested to submit the form on or before 13.03.2026.
2. Since the counting of votes has to commence at **10.00 AM.** on **20.03.2026**, you (or your agent) are requested to reach the counting Hall at least half hour before the commencement of counting on the said date
3. The **"ENTRY CARD"** will not be transferable.
4. The **"ENTRY CARD"** will not be issued at the counting hall in any case.

It is clarified that as prescribed in the rules, either the candidate or his agent, shall be entitled to be present at the counting. Both will not be present at the same time.

A copy of the Entry Form for the appointment of the counting agent is enclosed herewith. This Form should be filled up and presented by you or by your authorized agent, before me for authentication on or before 13.03.2026 between 10.00 A.M. and 4.P.M. at this office.

After the Entry Form of the agent is authenticated, this office will issue an "Entry Card" in a plastic cover fitted with a clip to facilitate its display on the front of the shirt or coat of the candidate or his/her agent, as the case may be. Any person not displaying the Entry Card will not be permitted to enter the Counting Hall. The cost of the Entry Card badge is Rs. 500/- (Rupees Five Hundred only), which should be deposited either by way of bank draft in favour of "Bar Council of Punjab and Haryana", payable at Chandigarh, or through online payment.

No duplicate badge will be issued under any circumstances.

You are requested to extend your full cooperation to avoid any inconvenience.

*Jaishree Thakur*

**Justice Jaishree Thakur (Retd.)**  
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Returning Officer  
Bar Council of Punjab and Haryana  
Chandigarh

Approved

*Ranjit Singh*  
**Justice Ranjit Singh (Retd.)**  
Judge, Punjab and Haryana High Court  
Chairperson  
High Powered Election Committee

**APPOINTMENT OF THE COUNTING AGENT FOR THE ELECTION TO THE BAR  
COUNCIL OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA -2026**

**Photograph  
of the candidate to be  
affixed (Passport  
size)**

**Photograph  
of counting agent to  
be affixed (Passport  
size)**

I, \_\_\_\_\_ Advocate, a  
candidate for the Bar Council Election-2026, do hereby appoint  
Sh/Ms. \_\_\_\_\_ s/o, d/o, w/o \_\_\_\_\_ r/o  
\_\_\_\_\_ Mobile No. \_\_\_\_\_ as my  
counting agent to attend the **Room No. 2, Counting Hall New Bar Room Complex, Punjab and  
Haryana High Court Premises, Chandigarh** for counting on 20<sup>th</sup> March, 2026 till the  
completion of counting .

Place;

Date;

Signature

Name of the Candidate \_\_\_\_\_

Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile No. \_\_\_\_\_

I agree to act as counting Agent.

Signature

Name of the Counting Agent \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile. No. \_\_\_\_\_

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UTR No. \_\_\_\_\_ Receipt No. \_\_\_\_\_ Dated \_\_\_\_\_

The above proposal is accepted and he/she is allowed work as counting agent of Candidate  
Sr. No. \_\_\_\_\_

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