

98. In order to foster the solidarity and maintain the independence of the legal profession, it shall be the duty of a lawyer to enrol himself as a member of an appropriate Bar Association.

Functions of the Bar Association

99. The functions of a Bar Association in ensuring the independence of the legal professional shall be inter alia:

- (a) To promote and uphold the cause of justice, without fear or favour;
- (b) To maintain the honour, dignity, integrity, competence, ethics, standards of conduct and discipline of the profession;
- (c) To defend the role of lawyers in society and preserve the independence of the profession;
- (d) To protect and defend the dignity and independence of the judiciary;
- (e) To promote the free and equal access of the public to the system of justice, including the provision of legal aid and advice;
- (f) To promote the right of everyone to a fair and public hearing before a competent, independent and impartial tribunal and in accordance with proper procedures in all such proceedings,
- (g) To promote and support law reform, and to comment upon and promote public discussion on the substance, interpretation and application of existing and proposed legislation;
- (h) To promote a high standard of legal education as a prerequisite for entry into the profession;
- (i) To ensure that there is free access to the profession for all persons having the requisite professional competence and good character, without discrimination of any kind, and to give assistance to new entrants into the profession;
- (j) To promote the welfare of members of the profession and render assistance to a member of his family in appropriate cases;
- (k) To affiliate with and participate in the activities of international organizations of lawyers.

100. Where a person involved in litigation wishes to engage a lawyer from another country to act with a local lawyer, the Bar Association shall, as far as practicable, co-operate in assisting the foreign lawyer to obtain the necessary right of audience.