

07.05.2026

To,

Andhra Pradesh High Court Advocates Association,
Represented by its President

Ref: Resolution of the executive committee meeting dated 06.05.2026 and letter to the Hon'ble Chief Justice of AP HC dated 06.05.2026

We, the young members of the Bar are deeply disappointed in the resolution 1st cited, passed by the APHC Advocates Association and the letter addressed by your good office to the Hon'ble Chief Justice dated 06.05.2026.

Firstly, we would like to remind your good office of a rule of etiquette embedded in our justice system which demands the Bar and Bench to have mutual respect and treat each other with dignity. Secondly, your good office represents all the members of the bar association – which includes the young and the old. The 1st cited resolution does not in any way reflect the voice of the younger members and this letter is being addressed to clarify our stance and put forth our view.

At the outset, we would like to point out that no advocate deserves to be threatened with judicial custody for placing the file down loudly, let alone a fresh member of the Bar. Assuming that the advocate gravely erred in his actions of putting the file loudly, one must question themselves as to where the line is drawn to exercise unbridled power? Is the response of the bench proportional to the action of the young advocate?

The resolution dated 06.05.2026 and the subsequent letter failed to take the same into consideration. What is worrisome to the younger members is that your good offices stated that the matter was settled amicably. We fail to fathom what could have been an amicable settlement pertaining to the incident dated 06.05.2026, in proportion to the reaction of the Learned Judge. It was also brought to our notice that one of the newly elected members of the Bar Council of Andhra Pradesh suggested that the young advocate kneel down before the Learned Judge and be slapped, if needed. We hope that or the punishment of making him stand in Court till evening was not of the

rather amicable settlements proposed by the Learned Senior members of Bar Association and Council.

We are writing this letter in good faith and sincere hope to remind your good office that incidents like this need to be condemned. That, even if a junior advocate behaved in a way that hurt the sentiments of the Hon'ble Court, but has not intended any deliberate/ unintentional disrespect, then the Hon'ble Court respond teach and educate the counsels on the right procedure with dignity and respect. We are painfully aware that the present letter is not an outcome of the isolated incident that occurred yesterday, but the systematic practice prevalent in Courts that degrade and humiliate counsels. We are always left to fend for ourselves. The life of junior advocates is rather hard and has been the chosen path of only a sliver of of law graduates. Incidents like these not only inflict great trauma to young members who enter this profession with great enthusiasm, energy and hope, but also discourage new graduates from entering the profession.

It is also glaringly evident in the video clipping that the young advocate with folded hands begged for the Learned Judge's grace and mercy and apologized profusely. Sending an advocate directly to judicial custody/prison without giving him an opportunity of being heard just for dropping a file, cannot be accepted under any premise. If the Learned Judge, for any reason, was of the opinion that the conduct of an advocate appeared to be indolent, there were alternate ways of handling the issue. The Learned Judge could have educated him on the correct etiquette as he repeated incessantly that he was newly enrolled or could have issued contempt proceedings against him or referred him to Bar Council. Therefore, this cannot be considered a stand-alone incident but goes to the core of judicial propriety.

We also take this opportunity to propose that there has to be some support and guidance to lawyers who come from different backgrounds. We are not fighting judiciary as a whole; instead we are seeking strengthening the Bar and Bench relation. The Executive Committee of the Bar Association, in a hurry, passed a resolution and a press statement which do not reflect the view of the members of the Bar.

Therefore, we beg to differ from your stand and state that we unequivocally condemn the act. We stand with the young advocate and we hereby, in future, request your good office to stand with us and question when needed.

The following are sought through this letter:

1. To appoint an enquiry committee to enquire into the incident of a member of the AP Bar Council suggesting that the young member should kneel before the Learned Judge and urging the Learned Judge to slap the young member as we are of the collective opinion that this suggestion reflects that the said member is not eligible to hold the current post and represent the interests of the Council which includes all of us.
2. To withdraw the resolution dated 06.05.2026 and condemn the incident unequivocally, subsequently conducting a general body meeting, and discuss about the problems faced by the junior advocates and place them before the Chief Justice and other judges for effective implementation and strengthening the Bar and Bench and mutual respect thereof.

KINDLY STAND WITH US – FOR IT IS AT TIMES LIKE THIS THAT THE YOUNG MEMBERS NEED YOUR SUPPORT.

Thanking you,

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