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Dear Member,

I hope you are in the best of health and doing fine in these difficult times. I write to you on a very critical and urgent matter. With the advent of Covid-19, the nation went into lockdown w.e.f. 25.03.2020 and the Supreme Court started hearing urgent matters through video conferencing. Gradually the situation further deteriorated causing immense disruption to the legal fraternity across the country and the Supreme Court Bar is no exception. Most of the lawyers practicing in Supreme Court especially the young lawyers were severely affected.

The SCBA has in its fold about eighteen thousand lawyers and till date we have no institutional social security for our members. A significant number of our members are not financially sound enough to scrape through this testing time and are facing virtual starvation and are not able to meet their daily needs/expenses.

Last year SCBA provided financial help/aid for our needy lawyers with many of us generously contributing to the cause, benefitting more than 900 members.

Presently, with the second covid-19 wave hitting us severely, the gravity of the difficulties being faced by many members, especially our younger colleagues has multiplied manifold times and reached a stage where it is irreversible. The demise of many of our members, especially the needy members, over the last few days is particularly distressing as they are survived by small kids, wife and other dependents. In these extremely difficult times, the bereaving families of those lawyers have to be taken care of by providing financial help to them. This is the least we can do for the departed soul that has left the family in lifelong grief and distress.



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By way of this letter, I make a public appeal to those of us who are in position to help, to come forward and contribute in lending whatever financial help we can to our younger and needy colleagues at the bar. As a senior member of the bar I am reaching out to you and the entire legal fraternity to support this initiative with the hope that we can together help our needy members of the bar and their families who probably are facing the most difficult time in this profession.

As a senior member of our Bar, I contributed an amount of Rs. 20 lakhs (Rs. 10 lakhs each to SCBA and SCAORA) last year and now making a further contribution of Rs. 50 lakhs for the said cause. I hope and trust that you will be happy to extend your helping hand and contribute generously.

I personally feel that we definitely owe this much to our brothers in the profession who need help in this unforeseen time of distress. Please feel free to reach out to me or my colleagues in the Executive Committee should you need any clarification. The bank detail of the SCBA for financial aid is provided below.

I wish you the best of health and hope for the well-being and safety of your loved ones.

Regards,

VIKAS SINGH

President

Supreme Court Bar Association

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