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**Pakistan Bar Council**

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**The Principal,  
Universal College Islamabad,  
Islamabad.**

Subject: **SHOW CAUSE NOTICE FOR RUNNING EXTERNAL LAW PROGRAM WITHOUT NOC FROM PAKISTAN BAR COUNCIL.**

With reference to the above captioned subject, this Directorate has received information and complaints that your institution is running an external law program and openly advertising it on various social media platforms without getting an NOC from the Pakistan Bar Council and in complete violation of **Rule 36 of the Legal Education Rules, 2015**. (Copy of advertisement attached herewith). In this regard, the provisions of the said rule are reproduced below for ready reference;

*“36. No college/institution shall operate/function for imparting legal education under international/external/distance learning programme of any foreign university without getting No Objection Certificate (NOC) from the Pakistan Bar Council”*

2. Furthermore, it is stated that this Directorate is empowered to inquire into complaints under the provisions of Rule 7 of the Directorate of Legal Education Rules, 2023. Additionally, in order to get an NOC from the PBC, it is mandatory to have affiliation/recognized status from the concerned foreign university. Moreover, the provisions of Legal Education Rules, 2015 have an overriding effect as enshrined in the Judgment of the Apex Court reported as **2019 SCMR, 389** and any violation thereto shall amount to contempt of the orders of the Supreme Court.

3. You are therefore strictly advised to cease the said law program forthwith and submit a compliance report to this Directorate within **fourteen (14) days**, positively,

failing which strict disciplinary proceedings shall be initiated against your institute authorities under the provisions of Legal Education Rules, 2015 and Directorate of Legal Education Rules, 2023.

Your early response in this regard will be highly appreciated.

  
**(Saqib Faraz)**  
Deputy Director (DLE)

Copy for information to:

- **The Chairman, Legal Education Committee, PBC, Islamabad.**
- **Office Record.**

  
**Deputy Director (DLE)**