

Sharayu Khot.

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CIVIL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

WRIT PETITION NO. 4739 OF 2026

Yohaán Abraham

...Petitioner

Versus

Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj University & Anr. ...Respondents

Ms. Aneesa Cheema a/w Mr. Rohan Marathe, Mr. Nihar Chitre i/by
Mr. Nihar Chitre for the Petitioner.

Mr. Rui Rodrigues i/by Jainendra Sheth for the Respondent No. 1.

Mr. Prasad L. Gajbhiye for the Respondent No. 2-BCI.

CORAM : R.I. CHAGLA J
ADVAIT M. SETHNA, J

DATE : 27 April 2026

ORDER :

1. The learned Counsel for the Respondent No. 2 – Bar Council of India states that an Affidavit will be filed with regard to the issues which have arisen in the Petition, viz. whether the requirement under Rule 37 of the Bar Council of India Rules of an Indian national having attained the age of 21 years and obtaining a degree in law from a Foreign University (Queen Mary University of

London) recognised by the Bar Council of India, being required to complete a two year bridge course for the purpose of enrollment, would also apply to the commencement of a three year LL.B. degree course in India. Further, the issue of whether the LL.B. degree obtained by a student (the Petitioner in the present case from Queen Mary University, London) recognized by the Bar Council of India is equivalent to a First degree under Rule 5 of the Bar Council of India Rules and makes the student eligible for admission to a three year law degree course in India.

2. Respondent No. 2 - Bar Council of India shall file the Affidavit within a period of one week from the date of this order, i.e. on or before 4th May 2026.

3. Place the Writ Petition for further consideration on 5th May 2026 on the Supplementary Board.

[ADVAIT M. SETHNA, J.]

[R.I. CHAGLA J.]