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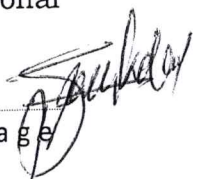
To

The Secretary,
Kerala High Court Advocates Association
Ernakulam- 682031.

Sir,

With a wounded heart, I am constrained to pen down this Missive.

In the month of August, 2022, I declared my candidature to the post for President of Kerala High Court Advocates Association and started my campaign, as any other candidate normally would. Unfortunately, ever since the day I declared my candidature, I have been viciously targeted by some lawyers, who happen to be the members of this Association. They started to spread canards and false allegations against me through various social media platforms including the Facebook and WhatsApp. They also spread false stories as against me amongst the members of the bar solely with the oblique motive of picturing me as a corrupt and shady man. They even took onto the social media platforms obviously to ensure that their agenda gained attention and momentum, no matter how mean and substandard the substance was. Be that as it may, I abstained from reacting to all such derogatory remarks and deleterious propaganda, despite the same being malicious and malevolent. I chose to remain silent bearing in mind that it would be unbecoming of a lawyer of my standing who is running for the presidential post of an August body like the Kerala High Court Advocates Association to react to such ridiculous propaganda/allegations. The lawyers who have raised these false, frivolous and vexatious allegations having serious overtones and ramifications, have a deep-rooted enmity against me that stems from personal vendetta and professional envy.



During the course of my campaigning, a rumour was spread across the corridors of this Hon'ble Court that I have allegedly taken money from a client on the pretext of gratifying one of the Hon'ble sitting Judge of this Hon'ble Court. This literally devastated me and I was dragged into this sort of a controversy for reasons best known to its perpetrators. I have always attached high respect and value to this noble profession which has made me what I am today. I have always stood up for what is just. I have never diluted or disregarded the majesty of law and the nobility of this profession and our esteemed institution. I have equally held the legal fraternity in high esteem and have always stood up whenever the integrity, independence and individuality of any member was at stake.

In the midst of all these allegations flaring against me, the very intention of these lawyers who desperately worked day and night against me raising wild vicious and virulent allegations fell to ground soon after the election results were declared. This got them even more enraged as I came out victorious with a whopping majority.

I assumed charge as the President of the KHCAA on 03.01.2023. Nevertheless, the personal vendetta of these lawyers metamorphosed to such an extent that it not only affected me and jeopardized my career and reputation, but also cast a blemish on the entire legal fraternity and the justice delivery system. Such irresponsible, immature attempt to settle personal scores have lowered the dignity and majesty of this great institution.

Now as you all know; an FIR has been registered against me and the investigation is in progress. I strongly believe that the truth will come out and the hollowness of the allegations levelled against me and the conspiracy behind the entire episode would be exposed. Be that as it may, my conscience and propriety demands that it would only be fair and appropriate to demit the office of the President of this August body. On the personal front, I firmly believe that my resignation would certainly help to spare the members of the Bar from being vexed and confronted with any unpleasant situation arising out of the whole scandal. Therefore, in the fitness of things, I am prompted to



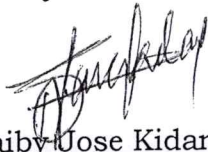
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take this decision to relieve from all the responsibilities as the President of the Kerala High Court Advocates Association.

I hope the Hon'ble members of the Bar who have reposed faith and confidence in me would certainly understand my predicament and the decision I have taken; for it is only quite natural that a human being seeks respite from the ordeal of unnecessary witch hunting and the trauma so caused. I express my profound gratitude to all those who have supported me and stood by me in this crucial phase. I also take this opportunity to thank the executive committee KHCAA-2023 who have extended their wholehearted cooperation in the discharge of my functions and responsibilities as the President of the Association.

I request the executive committee to accept my resignation forthwith and make alternative arrangements for the smooth functioning of the KHCAA as per the provisions of the By-Laws. I wish the committee all the very best in every endeavour to protect and serve the interests and welfare of the members of the Bar.

Yours truly



Adv. Saiby Jose Kidangoor.