



**THE INSTITUTE OF  
Company Secretaries of India**  
**भारतीय कम्पनी सचिव संस्थान**  
**IN PURSUIT OF PROFESSIONAL EXCELLENCE**  
Statutory body under an Act of Parliament  
(Under the jurisdiction of Ministry of Corporate Affairs)

**31<sup>st</sup> October, 2022**

## **DIRECTIVE**

As the candidates must be aware, the Election Code of Conduct dated 07.09.2022 issued by the Returning Officer restricts use of social media for election campaign.

It is reiterated that no member of the Institute shall do or undertake any act or publish anything in any mode including social media in any manner, which adversely affects or tarnishes or likely to affect or tarnish the image, goodwill or reputation of the Institute, its policies, Profession of Company Secretaries, the Council, Council Members and the employees of the Institute.

It may be noted that non-adherence to the Election Code of Conduct, directives or circulars issued by the Returning Officer under the Company Secretaries (Election to the Council) Rules, 2006, shall amount to misconduct under the Company Secretaries Act, 1980.

The Institute is in the process of screening various posts purportedly by the members in social media. Violations, if any, of the Election Code of Conduct in such posts shall be dealt with as per the applicable laws and rules.

**Returning Officer and Secretary, The ICSI**