



District Legal Services Authority, Ratnagiri

Date : 4th February 2026

**NOTICE INVITING APPLICATIONS FOR ENGAGEMENT AS
FULL-TIME LEGAL AID LAWYERS (DEPUTY CHIEF LEGAL
AID DEFENSE COUNSEL) IN LEGAL AID DEFENSE
COUNSEL OFFICE IN DLSA, RATNAGIRI**

The State Legal Services Authority, established under the Legal Services Authorities Act, 1987 with a mandate to provide free and competent legal services to the underprivileged and disadvantaged sections of society to ensure that opportunities for securing justice are not denied to any citizen by reason of economic or other disabilities and to secure that the operation of the legal system promotes justice on a basis of equal opportunity to all. Please visit the website www.legalservices.maharashtra.gov.in for full details.

Realising the need to ponder over the reforms required in the Legal Aid Movement of India a new model of Legal Services Delivery, the '**Legal Aid Defense Counsel System**' (LADCS), in line with public defender system, is introduced by NALSA. As envisaged, LADCS involves full-time engagement of lawyers with support system, dealing exclusively with legal aid work in criminal matters at every stage starting from the pre-arrest, arrest & remand stage to the conclusion of trials and appeals etc. It will enhance the availability and accessibility of Legal Aid in a timely manner and help in creating a mechanism to provide qualitative and competent legal services in a professional manner to underprivileged and disadvantaged section of the society.

This system will have the effect of enhancing the responsiveness of the Legal Aid Mechanism in the country and will ensure accountability on the part of the Legal Aid Providers.

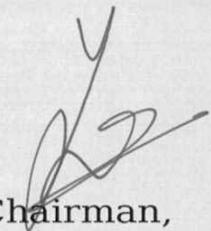


Applications are invited from eligible lawyers having requisite qualifications for Contractual full-time engagement for the post of Deputy Chief Legal Aid Defense Counsels as per Scheme in Ratnagiri District. The number of present engagement positions and their respective Honorarium are shown in para 10 and 11 of the advertisement. The Lawyers so engaged therein will not be allowed to take any other private cases or any other retainership.

The Scheme of engagement along with the application form may be downloaded from the website of District Court, Ratnagiri and also from Notice board of DLSA concerned. The duly filled application form along with self-attested copies of documents may be submitted to DLSA, Ratnagiri wherein the candidate desires to apply through speed post or in an envelope personally in the office of the Secretary, DLSA, Ratnagiri on or before **20th February 2026 by 17.00 hrs.** Any application received after the due date shall not be considered.

Note:

1. Applying for engagement does not create any right/assurance whatsoever.
2. DLSA may prepare wait list 3 candidates for the vacant posts.


Chairman,
District Legal Services
Authority, Ratnagiri