



**OFFICE OF DISTRICT LEGAL SERVICES AUTHORITY,
BENGALURU URBAN**

NOTIFICATION

DLSA No.03/ 2024

**CALLING FOR APPLICATION FOR THE POSTS OF
CHIEF LEGAL AID DEFENSE COUNSEL, DEPUTY LEGAL AID DEFENSE
COUNSEL AND ASSISTANT LEGAL AID DEFENSE COUNSEL FOR SETTING
UP
“LEGAL AID DEFENSE COUNSEL SYSTEM”**

LAST DATE FOR RECEIPT OF APPLICATIONS: 10.01.2025

As per the Legal Aid Defense Counsel System – Modified Scheme 2022 formulated by National Legal Services Authority, for providing legal aid, assistance and representation in criminal matters in line with “Public Defender System”, the Karnataka State Legal Services Authority has chosen Bengaluru Urban on pilot project and “Legal Aid Defense Counsel System” is already functioning with necessary infrastructure.

1. The scope of work :

Legal Aid Defense Counsel Office shall be dealing exclusively with legal aided matter in criminal matters of the District Head Quarters, wherein it is established. The Counsel appointed shall involve full time with the system and they are not allowed to take any private cases or any other retainership. The Legal Aid Defense Counsels are required to scrupulously perform the work profiles and follow the code of ethics as enumerated in the “Legal Aid Defense Counsel System-Modified Scheme-2022”.

The following end to end legal services shall be provided through the Legal Aid Defense Counsel Office :

- o Legal Advice and Assistance to all individuals visiting the office,
- o Representation/Conducting trial and appeals including all miscellaneous work in all Sessions, Special and Magistrate Courts including executive courts.
- o Handling Remand and Bail Work

- o Providing Legal Assistance at pre-arrest stage as per NALSA's scheme for providing such assistance
- o Any other legal aided work related to District Courts or as assigned by the Secretary, DLSA.
- o Periodic visit of Prisons of the district under the guidance of the Secretary, DLSA.

2. Vacancy of Posts :

As per the directions of Hon'ble Executive Chairman, KSLSA, following posts will be filled up on contract basis for a period of two years on monthly salary, with a stipulation of extension on yearly basis upon satisfactory performance.

Details of the posts called for is as follows :-

Sl. No.	Posts called for	No. of Vacancy
1.	Chief Legal Aid defense Counsel	01
2.	Deputy Legal Aid Defense Counsel	02
3.	Assistant Legal Aid Defense Counsel	02

3. Selection procedure :

After the receipt of applications, a fair, transparent and competitive selection process will be adopted by DLSA in line with the process involving selection of panel advocates under the Chairmanship of the Principal District and Sessions Judge (Chairman, DLSA) as envisaged in NALSA (Free and Competent Legal Services) Regulations 2010 and KSLSA Standard Operating Procedures for selection and working of Panel Lawyers/Retainer Lawyers/Remand Advocates/Duty Lawyers /Stipend Advocates/Monitoring And Mentoring Committees In The DLSAs And The TLSCs subject to final approval by the Executive Chairman, KSLSA.

Qualifications :

Separate qualifications is prescribed for the Legal Aid Defense Counsels which is as follows :

A)	QUALIFICATIONS FOR CHIEF LEGAL AID DEFENSE COUNSEL:
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Practice in Criminal law for at least 10 years, • Excellent oral and written communication skills, • Excellent understanding of criminal law, • Thorough understanding of ethical duties of defense counsel,

- Ability to work effectively and efficiently with others with capability to lead,
- Must have handled at least 30 criminal trials in Sessions Courts, aforesaid condition of handling of 30 criminal cases can be relaxed in appropriate circumstances,
- Knowledge of computer system, preferable.
- Quality to lead the team with capacity to manage the office.

B) QUALIFICATIONS FOR DEPUTY LEGAL AID DEFENSE COUNSEL:

- Practice in Criminal law for at least 7 years,
- Excellent understanding of criminal law,
- Excellent oral and written communication skills,
- Skill in legal research,
- Thorough understanding of ethical duties of defense counsel,
- Ability to work effectively and efficiently with others,
- Must have handled at least 20 criminal trials in Sessions Courts, may be relaxed in exceptional circumstances, by Hon'ble Executive Chairman, SLSA,
- IT Knowledge with proficiency in work.

C) QUALIFICATIONS FOR ASSISTANT LEGAL AID DEFENSE COUNSEL:

- Practice in criminal law from 0 to 3 years.
- Good oral and written communication skills.
- Thorough understanding of ethical duties of defense counsel.
- Ability to work effectively and efficiently with others
- Excellent writing and research skills.
- IT Knowledge with proficiency in work.

Note: Qualifications may be reasonably relaxed in case of exceptional candidates or circumstances with the approval of the Executive Chairman SLSA.

4. Salaries :

The Legal Aid Defense Counsels will be paid salary as per the “Legal Aid Defense Counsel Systems - Modified Scheme-2022” which is as follows:-

Sl No.	Post	Monthly Salary (in Rs.)
1.	Chief Legal Aid Defense Counsel	80,000/-

2.	Deputy Legal Aid Defense Counsel	60,000/-
3.	Assistant Legal Aid Defense Counsel	35,000/-

NOTE :

1. **The Honorarium payable is fixed on the basis of yardstick provided by NALSA with due reference to population of the town.**
2. **The number of posts and the honorarium payable is liable to be enhanced or reduced based upon the performance of Legal Aid Lawyers in LADCS office.**

5. Leave entitlement :

- Chief Legal Aid Defense and Deputy Legal Aid Defense shall be eligible for 15 days' leave in a calendar year on pro-rata basis.
- Assistant Counsel Legal Aid Defense Counsel and other staff shall be eligible for 12 days' leave in a calendar year on pro-rata basis.
- No remuneration for the period of absence in excess of the admissible leave will be paid to the human resource of Legal Aid Defense Counsel Office. Un-availed leave shall neither be carried forward to next year nor encashed.

6. Termination of service :

Services of any Legal Aid Defense Counsel engaged in the office of Legal Aid Defense Counsel can be terminated at any time without any prior notice in the cases as mentioned in the guidelines, by the Chairman, DLSA on recommendation of the Secretary, DLSA or on directions by SLSA in writing.

7. Code of Ethics:

Personnel engaged in the office of Legal Aid Defense Counsel shall observe the following code of ethics:

- No personnel shall act in any matter in which he/she has a direct or indirect personal or financial interest.
- No personnel shall wilfully disclose or use, whether or not for the purpose of pecuniary gain, any information that he/she obtained, received or acquired during the fulfillment of his/her official duties and which is not available to members of the general public.

- No personnel within the office of Legal Aid Defense Counsel shall make use of his/her office or employment for the purpose of promoting or advertising any outside activity.
- No personnel within the office of Legal Aid Defense Counsel shall engage in any outside activity or act as an independent practitioner.
- No personnel within the office of Legal Aid Defense Counsel shall solicit, agree to accept or accept, whether directly or indirectly, any gift, favour, service, or other thing of value under circumstances from which it might be reasonably inferred that such gift, service, or other thing of value was given or offered for the purpose of influencing him/her in, or rewarding him/her for, the discharge of hi/her official duties.
- Legal Aid Defense Counsel shall devote his/her full time to his/her duties for the office of Legal Aid Defense Counsel and shall not engage in private practice of law during the term of employment.
- Every personnel of the office of Legal Aid Defense Counsel shall strive to preserve the publics' confidence in the office's fair and impartial execution of its duties and responsibilities.
- Legal Aid Defense Counsel shall also follow the code of ethics prescribed by Bar Council of India for lawyers.

NOTE: The Person appointed as a Chief Legal Aid Defense Counsel, Deputy Chief Legal Aid Defense Counsel and Assistant Legal Aid Defense Counsel shall perform their duties with utmost good faith and subject to monitoring by the District Legal Services Authority and Karnataka State Legal Services Authority.

The applications complete in all respects accompanied by self attested copies of relevant academic records, testimonials etc., shall reach the **Member Secretary, District Legal Services Authority, City Civil Court Complex, Ground Floor, Bengaluru** on or before **10.01.2025 at 5.30 pm.**,

Applications sent through post or by hand shall be superscribed as **“APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT AS CHIEF LEGAL AID DEFENSE COUNSEL/DEPUTY CHIEF LEGAL AID DEFENSE COUNSEL/ASSISTANT LEGAL AID DEFENSE COUNSEL”**.

Applications received beyond the date so fixed will be rejected.

Authority reserves its right to reject incomplete applications or applications for want of furnishing full information as per the notification or if it is found that the information furnished are false.

BY ORDER OF THE SELECTION COMMITTEE

I/C Member Secretary
DLSA, Bengaluru Urban

Copy with request to display in the notice board.-

1	The Principal City Civil and Sessions Judge, City Civil Court, Bengaluru.
2	The Member Secretary, Karnataka State Legal Services Authority, H.Siddaiah Road, Shanthinagara, Bengaluru.
3	Principal District and Sessions Judge, Family Court, Bengaluru.
4	Presiding Officer, Labour Court, Bengaluru.
5	Presiding Officer, Industrial Tribunal, Bengaluru.
6	Chief Judge, Small Causes Court, Bengaluru.
7	Chief Metropolitan Magistrate, CMM Court Complex, Bengaluru.
8	Deputy Registrar, Mayohall Unit, Bengaluru.
9	Deputy Commissioner, Bengaluru City, Bengaluru.
10	President/Secretary/ Treasurer/ office bearers of Advocates Association, Bengaluru City of City Civil Court Unit, Mayohall Unit, CMM Court Unit.
11	Registrar, Consumer Forum, Bengaluru
12	Registrar, Real Estate Regulatory Authority, Bengaluru
13	Registrar, Debt Recovery Tribunal, Bengaluru
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I/c Member Secretary,
DLSA, Bengaluru Urban

**APPLICATION FOR ENGAGEMENT AS FULL TIME LEGAL AID LAWYER IN
LEGAL AID DEFENSE COUNSEL SYSTEM**

STATE _____

DISTRICT _____

Application No. _____

(For Office use)



APPLICATION FOR DEPUTY/ASSISTANT LEGAL AID DEFENSE COUNSEL

1	Applicant's Name	:	
2	Father/Husband's Name	:	
3	Date of Birth	:	
4	Age (as on 01.09.2024)	:	
5	Gender Male/Female/Transgender	:	
6	Nationality	:	
7	Caste /Category/Community (Attach documents)	:	
8	Religion	:	
9	Mother Tongue	:	
10	Languages Known	:	
11	Residential Address	:	
12	Office / Chamber (if any)Address	:	
13	Contact Details :	:	
	a. Telephone No. (O)	:	
	b. Telephone No. (R)	:	
	c. Mobile No.	:	
	d. Fax No.	:	
	e. E-mail ID	:	
14	PAN No.	:	
15	AADHAR No.	:	
16	Marital Status	:	Married <input type="checkbox"/> Unmarried <input type="checkbox"/>
17	Educational Qualification (Please enclose	:	

self-attested copies of documents):	
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Course	Name of Board/ University	Year of Passing	Obtained Percentage (aggregate)
Graduation			
Professional Degree LLB			
LLM			
Any other Extra qualifications/activities (if any)			
Computer knowledge			

18	Date of Enrolment as Advocate & Enrolment No. (Attach self-attested copy of Enrolment certificate issued by Karnataka State Bar Council)	:	
19	Actual Standing at the Bar as on the date of notification. (Duration of actual practice) (Attach an experience certificate issued by the concerned Bar Association) (a) Total No. of cases handled: (b) Nature of cases handled : (Attach extra sheet, if required) (c) Specialization, if any : (The details of a few important cases, the Applicant has dealt with/handled and reported judgement, if any)	:	
20	Whether empanelled as Central/State Government or : Government undertaking Counsel/pleader (Indicate period & attach relevant documents)	:	
21	The Courts where the Applicant is regularly practising. (Enclose Bar Association Membership Certificate)	:	
22	Specify whether earlier remained on the panel of HCLSC/DLSA or TLSC (Indicate period, number of legal aid cases handled & result) (attach relevant documents)	:	
23	Whether the applicant ever debarred/disqualified or found ineligible for	:	

	candidature in any examination process of any public services conducted by any Public Authority? If so, furnish details.		
24	Whether he/she is compulsorily retired, removed or dismissed from any services in Government/Statuary Body/Local Authority? If so, furnish details.	:	
25	Whether any disciplinary/professional misconduct proceedings/ Complaint is/was initiated against the Applicant by any Bar Council : (If yes, specify details of both disposed & pending cases with documents)	:	
26	Whether the applicant is ever prosecuted or convicted and sentenced in any criminal cases or whether appearing before any criminal court in respect of any criminal cases/FIR pending against? If so, furnish particulars regarding the same.	:	
27	Whether the applicant is an Income Tax Assessee, if so, give details.	:	

28. List of documents to be attached.

1. Self-Attested copy of Certificates/Marks Cards in support of educational qualifications & experiences. (Production of copy of SSLC Marks Card is mandatory)
2. Self-Attested copy of Certificate of Enrolment issued by the Karnataka State Bar Council under the Advocates Act, 1961.
3. Self-Attested copy of Caste Certificate
4. Self-Attested copy of Photo Identity Card,/Aadhaar Card and any other Address Proof.
5. Self-Attested copy of ITR for the last 3 years (if available).
6. Photo copies of judgments in 5 Sessions cases, represented as Defense lawyer, (for the post of Chief/Deputy Legal Aid Defense Counsel).
7. Photocopies of at least 5 cross-examinations in Sessions cases (for Chief/Deputy Legal Aid Defense Counsel).

Signature of the applicant

DECLARATION

I hereby declare that all the statements made in this application are true, complete and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. In the event of any information being found false/incorrect at any stage, my candidature is liable to be cancelled. I have read and understood the instructions and terms of the engagement and agree to abide by those. I declare that I fulfil the eligibility conditions for the category to which I am seeking engagement. I declare that I have never been penalised by any Bar Council in any Disciplinary Proceedings. I also undertake to maintain absolute integrity and discipline as required thereunder. I agree with the remuneration structure and all the terms and conditions notified by KSLSA/DLSA concerned.

Place: _____

Date: _____

Signature of the applicant