

OFFICE OF DISTRICT LEGAL SERVICES AUTHORITY,
RAMANAGARA, BENGALURU SOUTH DISTRICT

NOTIFICATION

DLSA No.1008/2025, DATED: 14.10.2025.

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

LAST DATE FOR RECEIPT OF APPLICATIONS: 25.10.2025.

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 established 30 LADCS offices in a phase wise manner. As per the directions of NALSA, optimum human resources have to be maintained at each LADCS offices in the State.

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 fulltime 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 :

- Legal Advice and Assistance to all individuals visiting the office,

- Representation/Conducting trial and appeals including all miscellaneous work in all Sessions, Special and Magistrate Courts including executive Courts.
- Handling Remand and Bail Work.
- Providing Legal Assistance at pre-arrest stage as per NALSA's Scheme for providing such assistance.
- Periodic visit of Prisons of the District under the guidance of the Secretary, DLSA.
- Any other legal aided work related to District Courts or as assigned by 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.	Post called for	No. of Vacancy
1.	Deputy Chief 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 under guidance of KSLSA. As per the guidelines issued by NALSA, the selection procedure would involve formation of the Selection Committee under the Chairmanship of the Principal District and Session Judge (Chairman, DLSA) as envisaged in NALSA (Free and Competent Legal Services) Regulations 2010, subject to final approval by the Executive Chairman, SLSA. In the Head Quarter, dealing mainly criminal cases, preferably sessions cases will also be included. No person with conflict of interest shall be part of selection process.

4. Qualifications :

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

A)	QUALIFICATIONS FOR DEPUTY CHIEF LEGAL AID DEFENSE COUNSEL:
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● 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 defence 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, SLISA,● IT Knowledge with proficiency in work.

5. 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.	Deputy Chief Legal Aid Defense Counsel	Rs.45,000/-

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.

6. Leave entitlement :

- Deputy Legal Aid Defense shall be eligible for 15 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. Unavailed leave shall neither be carried forward to next year nor encashed.

7. 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 following cases by the Chairman, DLSA on recommendation of the Secretary DLSA or on directions by SLSA in writing:

- He/she substantially breaches any duty or service required in the office or
- Seeks or accepts any pecuniary gains or gratification in cash or kind from the legal aid seekers or beneficiary or his friend or relative, or
- Charged or Convicted for any offence by any court of law or
- Indulges in any type of political activities or
- Found incapable of rendering professional services of the required standards or
- Failure to attend training programmes without any sufficient cause or
- Indulges in activities prejudicial to the working of legal aid defense counsel office or
- Using his/her position in legal aid defense counsel office to secure unwarranted privileges or advantages for him/herself or others or
- Acts in breach of code of ethics or
- Remains absent without leave for more than two Weeks or
- If services are found unsatisfactory during the six monthly performance review by the SLSA or DLSA.
- If found taking any other private cases or any other retainership during the contractual period.

NOTE: The Person appointed as a Deputy Chief Legal Aid Defense Counsel shall perform his 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, Court Complex, Ramanagara on or before 25.10.2025.**

Applications sent through post shall be superscribed as **“APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT AS DEPUTY CHIEF 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.

Sd/-

**PRL. DISTRICT AND SESSIONS JUDGE AND
CHAIRMAN
DISTRICT LEGAL SERVICES AUTHORITY,
RAMANAGARA, BENGALURU SOUTH.**

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2. Website of District Court,
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