

**TAMIL NADU STATE LEGAL SERVICES AUTHORITY**  
NORTH FORT ROAD, HIGH COURT CAMPUS, CHENNAI – 600104.

**PATRON – IN – CHIEF:**  
THE HON'BLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE  
MADRAS HIGH COURT.  
**EXECUTIVE CHAIRMAN:**  
HON'BLE Mr. JUSTICE S. VAIDYANATHAN  
JUDGE, MADRAS HIGH COURT.



**MEMBER SECRETARY:**  
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Date: 31.01.2024

TNSLSA. No.488A/S3/2024

To  
The Chairman,  
(all) District Legal Services Authority  
except Ariyalur and Chennai.

The Chairman,  
(all) Taluk Legal Services Committee.

Madam/Sir,

Sub: TNSLSA – Panel Lawyers – Fresh Panel preparation and finalisation –  
Instructions issued – regarding.

Ref: 1. National Legal Services Authority (Free and Competent) Regulations, 2010.  
2. Orders of the Hon'ble Executive Chairman dated 31.01.2024.



I am to state that, the tenure of present Panel Lawyers maintained by the District Legal Services Authorities, Taluk Legal Services Committees and High Court Legal Services Committees ends on 31.03.2024.

The Chairmen of all the District Legal Services Authorities, Taluk Legal Services Committees are hereby directed to call for applications in the enclosed format from the Members of the Bar/Advocate Associations, who have completed three years of practice and more, by intimating the respective Bar and Advocate Associations functioning in their places, causing publication in the Notice Board.

The services of the existing Panel of Lawyers in the District Legal Services Authorities, Taluk Legal Services Committees and High Court Legal Services Committees at Chennai and Madurai will cease with effect from 31.03.2024 A.N.

The new panel will come into effect from 01.04.2024.

In the 19<sup>th</sup> All India Meet of State Legal Services Authority held on 30<sup>th</sup> June & 1<sup>st</sup> July 2023 at Srinagar, the resizing of Panels of the Legal Aid Counsels was discussed as Item no.8 and it was emphasized on the need for resizing of the Panels of the Legal Aid

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Counsels at the district level after the implementation of the LADCS Scheme since workload of the panel lawyers will consequently reduce. Suggestions were made to SLSAs to carry out assessment of optimal requirement of Panel Lawyers, keeping in the view of the following aspects:

- Adequate professional work force;
- Sufficient allocation of work to all advocates in the panel;
- Criteria for resizing be performance based; and
- Seperate panels for dealing with Civil, Labour Laws, Matrimonial Disputes and Juvenile Laws.

For the District Legal Services Authority, panel will consist of a maximum of 25 Lawyers (10 lawyers with a standing of more than 10 years at the Bar and 15 lawyers with a standing of more than 3 years at the Bar).

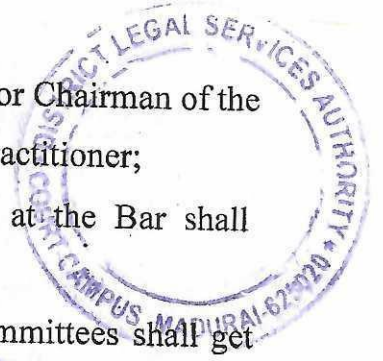
For the Taluk Legal Services Committees, panel will consist of a maximum of 20 Lawyers (5 lawyers with a standing of more than 10 years at the Bar and 15 lawyers with a standing of more than 3 years at the Bar).

Every Legal Services Institution shall invite applications from the practicing lawyer for their empanelment as panel lawyers and such applications shall be accompanied with a proof of the professional experience certificate issued by the recognised Bar with special reference to the type of cases which they may prefer to be entrusted with.

As per para 8 of the Regulation 2010 which deals with selection of Legal practitioners as Panel Lawyers and it has been amended comprehensively and it reads as follows;

**8. Selection of Legal Practitioners as Panel Lawyers:-**

- (1) Every Legal Services Institution shall invite applications from legal practitioners for their empanelment as panel lawyers and such applications shall be accompanied with proof of the professional experience with special reference to the type of cases which the applicant-legal practitioners may prefer to be entrusted with.
- (2) The applications received under sub-regulation (1) shall be scrutinised and selection of the panel lawyers shall be made by the Executive Chairman or Chairman of the Legal Services Institution in consultation with the Attorney General for the Supreme Court], Advocate General [for the High Court], District Attorney or Government Pleader [for District and Taluka level] and the Monitoring and Mentoring Committee



- set up under regulation 10: Provided that the Executive Chairman or Chairman of the Legal Services Institution may also suo moto empanel any legal practitioner;
- (3) No legal practitioner having less than three years' experience at the Bar shall ordinarily be empanelled.
  - (4) District Legal Services Authorities and Taluk Legal Services Committees shall get the panel approved from the Executive Chairman of the State Legal Services Authority.
  - (5) The Executive Chairman or Chairman of the Legal Services Institution shall take into consideration the competency, integrity, suitability, and experience of lawyers for the empanelment.
  - (6) There may be representation of the Scheduled Castes, the Scheduled Tribes, women and differently abled lawyers in the panel.
  - (7) The Executive Chairman or Chairman of the Legal Services Institution may maintain separate panels for dealing with different types of cases like Civil, Criminal Constitutional Law, Environmental Law, Labour Laws, Matrimonial disputes, Juvenile Justice, etc.
  - (8) The Member-Secretary or Secretary, as the case may be, may assign a case to a panel lawyer of a subject matter other than for which he has been empanelled.

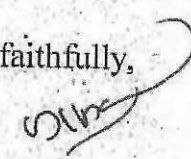
The Chairmen of all the District Legal Services Authorities, Taluk Legal Services Committees are hereby directed to complete the panelling process and send the final selected list to this Authority. The Chairman, TLSCs are directed to send the selected list through concerned DLSAs. The panel of Lawyers at DLSAs will deal with Civil Laws, Labour Laws, Matrimonial Disputes and Juvenile Laws

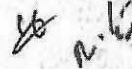
The process of calling for applications, conducting interview, selection are to be completed and selection list to be sent to this Authority by **15.03.2024 (only by speed post)**.

The new panel will inforce for a period of 3 years.

Encl: Application Format.

Yours faithfully,

  
Member Secretary.



Endorsement R. No. /24 Dated: .02.2024

Copy Communicated to the Chairman, Taluk Legal Services Committee, Melur / Tirumangalam / Usilampatti / Vadipatti / Peraiyur for taking necessary action at your end.



*[Handwritten signature in green ink]*  
Chairman/Principal District Judge  
District Legal Service Authority  
Madurai.

To

1. The Chairman, Taluk Legal Services Committee, Melur / Tirumangalam / Usilampatti/Vadipatti/Peraiyur.
2. All recognized Bar Association in Madurai District (For information)

Last Date for  
Submission of  
Application form

**23.02.2024 at 05.45pm**

## FORMAT

Passport size  
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1	Name of the Advocate	
2	Father's Name	
3	Date of birth	
4	Residential communication/ Address	
5	Enrolment No. and date of Enrolment	
6	Office Address and Phone No.	
7	Mobile No.	
8	Religion and Community	
9	Number of years Practiced (or in Judl. Service and in which court)	
10	Field of Practice: Have you specialized in any field of law Civil/Criminal/MCOP/Labour/ (To be mentioned specifically)	
11	Place and Courts of Practice	
12	Professional experience certificate (issued by the recognized Bar)	
13	Are you involved in any Crl.case/Bar Council proceedings	
14	Other information if any including Legal Aid Work	
15	<b><i>If already in the Panel</i></b>	
	(a) Number of cases handled so far as Panel Lawyer	
	(b) Number of cases still pending and their stages	
16	Signature of the Advocate with date	