

DISTRICT LEGAL SERVICES AUTHORITY, CHIKKAMAGALURU.

A.D.R. Building, Court Complex, Chikkamagaluru

DLSA, NOTIFICATION No. 02 /2024, Dated:25.09.2024.

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

**LAST DATE FOR RECEIPT OF APPLICATIONS :
03.10.2024**

As per direction of the National Legal Services Authority, Legal Aid Defense Counsel (LADCs) offices have been established in all 30 districts in phase wise manner and also human resources provided for assistance of LADCs.

In view of the direction by NALSA, the further human resources i.e., office Assistant and Office Peon are to be selected for assistance in all the 30 LADCs in the State.

1. The scope of work:

The Human Resources have to discharge their work as per the guidelines issued by the Karnataka State Legal Services Authority.

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". DLSAS

And The TLSCS subject to final approval by the Executive Chairman, KSLSA.

4. Qualifications :

Separate qualifications is prescribed for the Legal Aid Defense Counsels which is 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, • IT Knowledge with proficiency in work.
B)	QUALIFICATIONS FOR ASSISTANT LEGAL AID DEFENSE COUNSEL:
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Practice in criminal law from 1 to 3 years. • Good oral and written communication skills. • Thorough understanding of ethical duties of defence counsel. • Ability to work effectively and efficiently with others

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
- Any other legal aided work related to District Courts or as assigned by the Secretary, DLSA.
- 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.	Post Called for	No. of Vacancy
1	Deputy Chief Legal Aid Defense Counsel	2
2	Assistant Legal Aid Defense Counsel	5

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

- Excellent writing and research skills.
- 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	40,000/- to 75,000/-
2	Assistant Legal Aid Defense Counsel	25,000/- to 40,000/-

NOTE:

The above table is illustrative only. The Monthly salary will be fixed by Karnataka State Legal Services Authority, as per the directions of NALSA in due course.

6. Leave entitlement:

- Deputy Chief 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.

7. Termination of service :

Services of any human resource/staff including 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:

- He/she substantially breaches any duty or service required in the office.
- Seeks or accepts any pecuniary gains from the legal aid seekers or beneficiary or his friend or relative.
- Charged or Convicted for any offence.
- Indulges in any type of political activities.
- Found incapable of rendering professional services of the required standards.
- Failure to attend training programmes without any sufficient cause.
- Indulges in activities prejudicial to the working of legal aid defense counsel office.
- Using his/her position in legal aid defense counsel office to secure unwarranted privileges or advantages for him/herself or others.
- Acts in breach of code of ethics.
- Remains absent without leave for more than two weeks.

NOTE:

The Person appointed as a 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, Court Complex, Chikkamagaluru** I on or before **03.10.2024**.

Applications sent through post shall be superscribed as **"APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT AS 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 the Order of Hon'ble
C/c Prl. District and Sessions Judge,
And Chairman, D.L.S.A.,
Chikkamagaluru.

Sd/-

Sr. Civil Judge and
Member Secretary, D.L.S.A.,
Chikkamagaluru.

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

STATE _____

DISTRICT _____

Application No. _____
(For Office use)

PHOTO WITH
SIGNATURE

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):	:	

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/Statutory 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