



DELHI STATE LEGAL SERVICES AUTHORITY

Constituted Under the 'Legal Services Authorities Act, 1987', an Act of Parliament) Under the Administrative Control of High Court of Delhi

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NOTICE INVITING APPLICATIONS FOR ENGAGEMENT AS FULL TIME LEGAL AID LAWYERS IN LEGAL AID DEFENCE COUNSEL OFFICE IN SOUTH, SOUTH-EAST & SOUTH WEST DISTRICTS OF **DELHI UNDER DSLSA**

Delhi State Legal Services Authority, established under the Legal Services Authorities Act, 1987 with mandate to provide free and competent legal services to the underprivileged and disadvantaged sections of the 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 website www.dslsa.org 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 Defence Counsel System' (LADCS), in line with public defender system, is introduced by NALSA. As envisaged, LADCS involve 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.

Each Legal Aid Defence Counsel Office will have 01 Chief Legal Aid Counsel, 03 Deputy Chief Legal Aid Defence Counsels, 10 Assistant Legal Aid Defence Counsels (number of positions depending upon legal aid work in the district). This system will have the effect of enhancing the responsiveness of the Legal Aid Mechanism in country and will ensure accountability on the part of the Legal Aid providers.



The Legal Aid Defence Counsel System will also provide a unique opportunity for Law Students to learn from the best. The Chief Legal Aid Defence Counsel will be given the liberty to engage law students as interns, to give them exposure to practical aspects of criminal law including preparation of Defence strategy and doing legal research in various factual scenarios.

DSLSA under the aegis of NALSA (<u>www.nalsa.gov.in</u>) is in process of implementation of LADCS in South, South-East and South-West Districts of Delhi.

Applications are invited from eligible lawyers having requisite qualifications for Contractual full time engagement for the posts of Chief Legal Aid Counsel, Deputy Chief Legal Aid Defence Counsels, Assistant Legal Aid Defence Counsels as per scheme in each district proposed herein. 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 application form may be downloaded from the official website of DSLSA (http://www.dslsa.org) and also from Notice board of DLSA's concerned. The duly filled application form along with self-attested copies of documents may be submitted to DLSA, wherein the candidate desires to apply through speed post or in an envelope personally in the office of the Secretary, DLSA on or before 9th September 2022 by 17.00 Hrs. Any application received after due date shall not be considered.

Note: 1. Applying for engagement does not create any right/ assurance whatsoever.

2. Applicant shall apply only in one district of his choice and for only one post in the office of LADC. He shall also furnish an undertaking in this regard along with the application.

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