OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL DISTRICT & SESSIONS JUDGE, SHAHDARA DISTRICT, KARKARDOOMA COURTS, DELHI.

ORDER

Pursuant to the letter no. 6589/EoDB/DHC/272/2023 dated 29.03.2023 of Hon'ble High Court of Delhi, New Delhi on the above noted subject, **The Selection Committee for Selection of Law Researchers** for Commercial Courts of Shahdara District, Karkardooma Courts, Delhi is hereby constituted as under with immediate effect :

S.No.	Name of the Committee	Name of the Judicial Officers	Designation
1	Committee for Selection of Law Researchers for Commercial Courts	Ms. Shail Jain, Principal District & Sessions Judge, Shahdara District	Chairperson
		Ms. Sarita Birbal, Principal Judge, Family Court, Shahdara District	Member
		Ms. Sukhvinder Kaur, District Judge, Commercial Court-02, Shahdara District	Member

17/4/23

(SHAIL JAIN)
Principal District & Sessions Judge
Shahdara District, KKD, Delhi.

No 3323-34 Judl./Shd./CommitteeKKD/2023.Delhi, Dated : 17/04/23

Copy forwarded for information and necessary action to :-

1. The Hon'ble Registrar General, High Court of Delhi, New Delhi.
2. The Principal District & Sessions Judge (HQs), Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi.
3. All the Principal District & Sessions Judges, of all Districts Court Complexes, Delhi, New Delhi.
4. All the District Judges, Commercial Courts, Shahdara District, Karkardooma Courts, Delhi.
5. The Officer In-Charge, General Branch, Shahdara District to start the process for engagement of Law Researchers for Shahdara District. Above said letter of Hon'ble High Court of Delhi, New Delhi is annexed herewith.
6. The Officer In-Charge Administration Branch, Shahdara District to maintain leave records and other administrative correspondence of the selected Law Researchers. Above said letter of Hon'ble High Court of Delhi, New Delhi is annexed herewith.
7. The H.O.O, OIC Accounts Branch, Shahdara District, Karkardooma Courts, Delhi to seek necessary financial approval/sanction for engagement of Law Researchers from Govt. Of NCT of Delhi for the Financial Year 2023-2024 and further periods in future, well in advance. Above said letter of Hon'ble High Court of Delhi, New Delhi is annexed herewith.
8. The Officer-in-Charge, Computer Branch, Karkardooma Courts, Delhi.
9. The Website committee, Karkardooma Courts and Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi, to upload the same on the website.
10. The Incharge, Care Taking Branch, Shahdara District, Karkardooma Courts, Delhi.
11. P.S to the undersigned.
12. The R & I section, Shahdara District, for uploading on LAYERS.

17/4/23

Principal District & Sessions Judge
Shahdara District, KKD, Delhi.

THROUGH E-MAIL

HIGH COURT OF DELHI: NEW DELHI
(EASE OF DOING BUSINESS BRANCH)

No. 6589 /EoDB/DHC/272/2023 Dated : 29 .03.2023

From,

The Registrar General,
High Court of Delhi,
New Delhi.

Diary No. 1592
29 MAR 2023

To,

The Principal District & Sessions Judge (HQs), Central District, Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi.

SUB: REGARDING ENGAGEMENT OF 64 DEDICATED LAW RESEARCHERS FOR COMMERCIAL COURTS [AT DISTRICT JUDGE LEVEL] IN DELHI AND THE APPROVED GUIDELINES FOR THE ENGAGEMENT.

Sir / Madam,

I am directed to forward herewith the letter dated 14.12.2022 of the Govt of NCT of Delhi, conveying the approval of the Hon'ble Lt. Governor of the NCT of Delhi for Engagement of 64 dedicated Law Researchers for Commercial Courts [at District Judge Level] in Delhi District Courts for the financial year 2022-23, along with the copy of the final approved Guidelines (**Annexure - A**) for the engagement of law researchers for District Judges (Commercial Courts), as approved by the Hon'ble EoDB Committee and further approved by Hon'ble the Chief Justice.

Further, in terms of the minutes of the meeting dated 03.02.2023 of the Hon'ble EoDB Committee on the aforesaid subject, I am also directed to request your goodself to kindly also seek necessary financial approval/sanction from the Govt of /NCT of Delhi for the engagement of Law Researchers for District Judges (Commercial Courts) for the financial year 2023-2024 and further periods in future, well in advance. The engagement of Law Researchers in terms of the final approved guidelines shall be subject to further approvals for subsequent periods from Govt. of NCT of Delhi.

This is for your kind information and necessary action at your end.

Thanking You,

Yours sincerely,

(RAVINDER SINGH)
DHJS
Joint Registrar (EoDB)
For Registrar General

OIC (Judl.)
29/3/23
Pr. D & SJ (SHD)
29/03/23

Encl:- As stated.

Copy for information and necessary action to:-

1. The Principal District & Sessions Judge, South District, Saket Courts, New Delhi.
2. The Principal District & Sessions Judge, North-West District, Rohini Courts, Delhi.
3. The Principal District & Sessions Judge, New Delhi District, Patiala House Courts, New Delhi.
4. The Principal District & Sessions Judge, East District, Karkardooma Courts, Delhi.
5. The Principal District & Sessions Judge, South East District, Saket Courts, New Delhi.
6. The Principal District & Sessions Judge, North District, Rohini Courts, Delhi.
7. The Principal District & Sessions Judge, West District, Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi.
8. The Principal District & Sessions Judge, South-West District, Dwarka Courts, New Delhi.
9. The Principal District & Sessions Judge, Shahdara District, Karkardooma Courts, Delhi.
10. The Principal District & Sessions Judge, North-East District, Karkardooma Courts, Delhi.

GOVERNMENT OF NATIONAL CAPITAL TERRITORY OF DELHI
DEPARTMENT OF LAW, JUSTICE AND LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS
8TH LEVEL, C-WING, DELHI SECRETARIAT, I.P. ESTATE, NEW DELHI-110002

No.F.6/1/2022-Judl./Suptlaw/ 1940 Dated 14.12.2022

To

The Registrar General,
High Court of Delhi,
New Delhi

Sub: Providing dedicated Law Researchers to each & every Commercial Courts (at District Judge Level) in Delhi

Sir,

With reference to your office letter No. 1/OSD/Registrar (EoDB)/DHC/2022 dated 18.01.2022, I am to convey approval of Hon'ble Lt. Governor of Delhi for engagement of 64 Law Researchers for 64 Commercial Courts (at District Judge level) in Delhi on contract basis at a monthly remuneration of Rs. 50,000/- per month per Law Researcher for the financial year 2022-23, subject to observation of all codal formalities under GFR 2017, OM/Instructions/guidelines issued by GNCTD/GOI on time to time, and availability of funds.

This issues vide U.O. No. 228 dated 13.12.2022 of Finance (Expenditure-III) Department, Govt. of NCT of Delhi.

Yours faithfully,

14/12/22

(Sanjay Kumar Aggarwal)
Pr. Secretary (Law, Justice & LA)

16/12/22

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19.12.2022

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19/12/2022

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HIGH COURT OF DELHI

Guidelines for Engagement of Law Researchers for the District Judges [Commercial Courts] in Delhi, 2023

Hon'ble the Chief Justice, High Court of Delhi, on the recommendations of the Hon'ble Judges of the Hon'ble Ease of Doing Business Committee of this Court has been pleased to approve the following Guidelines for Engagement of Law Researchers for the District Judges [Commercial Courts] in Delhi.

1. Short title and commencement

These Guidelines shall be called Guidelines for Engagement of Law Researchers for the District Judges [Commercial Courts] in Delhi, 2023. They shall come into force immediately.

2. Entitlement for the Services of Law Researchers:

Every District Judge [Commercial Court] in Delhi shall be entitled to have the services of one Law Researcher.

3. Eligibility Conditions for engagement as LR:

(i) The candidate for engagement as Law Researcher should be a graduate in law from a recognized law school/ college/ university/ institute established by law in India, recognized by the Bar Council of India, having not less than 55% Marks in the aggregate and eligible for enrolment as an Advocate with the Bar Council.

(ii) The candidate must have good working knowledge of computers.

(iii) Preference may be given to candidates having Post Graduation Degree in Law or other relevant experience.

4. Age and Nationality:

(i) The candidate must be a citizen of India.

(ii) The candidate must not be above 32 years of age as on the date of making the application for engagement.

5. Disqualifications:

(i) A candidate must not be engaged, or appointed/ employed elsewhere on honorarium/ payment/salary basis during the course of engagement as Law Researcher.

(ii) A candidate should not have been convicted or involved in any criminal case, relating to any offence involving moral turpitude.

(iii) A candidate must not be facing any disciplinary proceeding before the Bar Council of India and/ or the Bar Council of the State concerned or any other authority.

6. Terms and Nature of Engagement:

(i) The Law Researcher shall be engaged on purely short term contractual basis for a period of one year extendable by another term of one year under the orders of the concerned Principal District and Sessions Judge, on the recommendations of the concerned District Judge [Commercial Court].

(ii) The contractual engagement shall not confer upon the Law Researcher any right/ claim for regular appointment or continuance in service beyond the actual period of engagement.

(iii) A Law Researcher may be prematurely discharged with immediate effect without assigning any reason by the concerned Principal District and Sessions Judge on the recommendations of the concerned District Judge [Commercial Court] or otherwise.

(iv) A Law Researcher intending to prematurely leave the engagement, shall be required to give at least one month's prior notice in writing to the concerned Principal District and Sessions Judge. The Principal District & Sessions Judge, may, in exercise of his discretion, waive off this requirement of one month's notice in appropriate cases / extenuating circumstances.

7. Remuneration:

Every Law Researcher shall be paid a fixed monthly honorarium of Rs. 50,000/- or such honorarium as may be revised from time to time. The Law Researcher shall not be entitled to any other allowance or perks.

8. Attendance and Leave:

(i) The Law Researcher may be granted such leave of absence as may be approved by the concerned Principal District and Sessions Judge on the recommendations of the concerned District Judge [Commercial Court] with whom the Law Researcher is attached, subject to a maximum fraction of 12 days casual leave per year, vis-à-vis the period of engagement.

(ii) The Law Researcher shall not proceed on leave without approval from the concerned District Judge [Commercial Court], except that in case of emergency he may proceed on leave after giving prior intimation.

(iii) The Law Researcher may be granted special casual leave of 10 days in the month of June and Special Casual Leave of 5 days during the winter vacation, in exercise of his discretion by the concerned Principal District and Sessions Judge on the recommendation of the concerned District Judge (Commercial Court) with whom the Law Researcher is attached.

(iv) The Law Researcher may be granted extraordinary medical leave up to a maximum period of 10 days on half remuneration, in extreme cases, at the discretion of the concerned Principal District and Sessions Judge, on the recommendation of the concerned District Judge (Commercial Court.)

(v) No stipend shall be paid to the Law Researcher for unauthorized absence, as also for days of leave exceeding the permissible leave.

(vi) The Reader of the concerned Court shall maintain a record of attendance of the Law Researcher and shall accordingly intimate the Administration and Accounts Branches on last working day of each calendar month.

9. Experience Certificate:

The Law Researcher may be issued an experience certificate on completion of a minimum period of six months' of engagement by the concerned District Judge [Commercial Court] with whom the Law Researcher has worked subject to the approval of the concerned Principal District and Sessions Judge.

10. Conduct during and after term of Engagement:

(i) The Law Researcher shall maintain absolute devotion to duty and a high standard of morals during the term of engagement. He shall maintain the highest standard of integrity commensurate with the responsibilities entrusted to him. The Law Researcher shall maintain utmost secrecy in respect of matters which come to his notice by virtue of the engagement, and shall ensure that no information, document or any other thing is disclosed, parted with or disseminated to others, in any manner. The Law Researcher will not disclose any fact which comes to his knowledge on account of such official attachment, even after completion of term of engagement, unless such disclosure is legally required to be made, in discharge of lawful duties. The Law Researchers shall conduct himself/herself with dignity and behave courteously with litigants, court staff and lawyers.

(ii) The Law Researcher shall not accept any other assignment during the term of engagement. He shall not practise as an Advocate in any Court of Law or Tribunal or any other Authority during the course of the engagement as Law Researcher.

(iii) The Law Researcher shall not appear before the District Judge [Commercial Court] with whom he has been attached for a minimum period of one year after the completion of engagement.

(iv) The Law Researcher, for a period of three years after the completion of the engagement, shall not appear in a case handled by the District Judge [Commercial Court] with whom he has been attached, regardless of whether he worked on that case or not, during the period that he worked with the District Judge [Commercial Court].

(v) The Law Researcher shall obtain a "No Dues Certificate" from all the branches of the District Courts on completion of tenure of engagement, or on leaving the engagement prematurely.

(vi) The Law Researcher will follow the dress code as provided under Chapter IV of Part VI of the Bar Council of India Rules.

11. Access available to a LR:

During the period of engagement, the Law Researcher shall have access to the Court room, and, at the discretion of the District Judge [Commercial Court] concerned, if necessary, the chamber of the Judge, Library and the Residential Office of the District Judge [Commercial Court].

12. Process and Method of Selection:

(i) The recruitment / selection process for Law Researchers for District Judges [Commercial Courts] for each district of Delhi shall be separately initiated by the concerned Principal District and Sessions Judge.

(ii) A notice shall be issued, inviting applications in the Form specified in Schedule I, for engagement of requisite number of Law Researchers for District Judges [Commercial Courts] in the given district, which shall be published on the website of the District Court and on the notice board of the concerned District Court Complex and in such additional manner as the concerned Principal District and Sessions Judge may deem fit and proper.

(iii) The office of the concerned Principal District and Sessions Judge shall shortlist the candidates on the basis of the applications so received, in accordance with the eligibility criteria stipulated in these guidelines.

(iv) The Selection Committee for selection of Law Researchers shall comprise of the Principal District and Sessions Judge (Chairperson), the Principal Judge (Family Court) and the senior most District Judge [Commercial Court] of the concerned district.

(v) The final selection shall be made on the basis of personal interview of the shortlisted candidates, conducted by the Selection Committee and the final merit list shall be prepared and published on the website.

(vi) The short listed candidates shall be called for personal interview by the Selection Committee and the final merit list shall be prepared along with a suitable waiting list.

(vii) The final selected candidates as per the merit list shall be given engagement/ appointment letters by the concerned Principal District and Sessions Judge, on verification of requisite documents.

(viii) A waiting list shall also be prepared which shall be valid for a period of one year and in case any of the selected candidates does not join or prematurely leaves the engagement or is prematurely discharged, the candidate (s) in the waiting list, in the order of merit shall be offered engagement for the remaining period.

(ix) The appointed Law Researchers shall be assigned to the District Judges [Commercial Courts] in the district by the concerned Principal District and Sessions Judge. The concerned Principal District and Sessions Judge may transfer Law Researchers from one Commercial Court to another within the district.

(x) The Law Researcher shall function under the direct control and supervision of the concerned District Judge [Commercial Court] and overall administrative control of the concerned Principal District and Sessions Judge.

13. Duties and Responsibilities:

A Law Researcher will be expected to render assistance to the concerned District Judge [Commercial Court] not only in respect of judicial functions, but also in the administrative functions of the District Judge [Commercial Court], as may be assigned to him.

14. Duty Hours/ Place:

(i) The duty hours of Law Researcher shall be the Court working hours for the Delhi District Courts. However, the Law Researcher may be required to perform duties even after Court working hours as per the directions of the concerned District Judge [Commercial Court]. The Law Researchers may also be required to attend the office/ residential office of the District Judge [Commercial Court] to whom he is attached even on gazetted/ local holidays. The Law Researcher may be posted with any of the District Judges [Commercial Courts] in the concerned District.

15. Undertaking/ Declaration:

The selected candidate, before joining as Law Researcher, shall sign an Undertaking/ Declaration as prescribed in Schedule-II.

16. Residuary Clause:

In respect of any matter not specifically provided under these Guidelines, the decision thereon taken by the Chief Justice, High Court of Delhi, shall be final and binding.

By Order

(RAVINDER DUDEJA)
Registrar General

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Schedule - I

APPLICATION FORM
[For Law Researcher for District Judges (Commercial Courts)]

Please attach Recent Photograph

Applicant's Profile

1	Name	
2	Father's / Husband's Name	
3	Postal Address	
4	Phone No. (Residence)	
5	Mobile No.	
6	Date of Birth (dd/mm/yyyy)	
7	E-mail address	
8	Qualifications (with percentage of Marks obtained)	
9	Experience	
10	Whether having good working knowledge of computers	
11	No. and date of enrolment as an Advocate and where enrolled	
12	Present employer, if any	
13	Any other relevant information	

Place : _____

Date : _____

Signature

Note: Relevant documents pertaining to educational qualification(s), experience, publication(s), etc., be attached.

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Schedule-II

UNDERTAKING/ DECLARATION

I, ... s/d/w/o ....., r/o ..... do hereby declare and undertake that I have read and understood the Guidelines for engagement of Law Researchers for the District Judges [Commercial Courts] in Delhi and will abide by the provisions contained therein during the course of my engagement as Law Researcher and also after expiry of the term of the said appointment. I further declare that the provisions of Guideline No. 5 of the aforesaid Guidelines are not attracted in my case.

Signature .....

Name .....