

DISTRICT LEGAL SERVICES AUTHORITY, INDORE MADHYA PRADESH

(District & Sessions Court Premises Indore- 452001)



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NOTICE

OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT LEGAL SERVICES AUTHORITY, DISTRICT & SESSIONS COURT INDORE MADHYA PRADESH INVITING APPLICATIONS FOR ENGAGEMENT AS FULL TIME LEGAL AID LAWYERS FOR THE POST OF ASSISTANT LEGAL AID DEFENSE COUNSEL.

Applications are invited from eligible lawyers having requisite qualifications for Contractual full time engagement for the posts of Assistant Legal Aid Defense Counsels as per scheme. 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 MP SL SA www.mp sl sa.gov.in, District & Sessions Court, Indore official Website <https://indore.dcourts.gov.in> and also from Notice board of DLSA. **The duly filled application form along with self-attested copies of documents shall 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 17-02-2025 by 17.00 Hrs. Any application received after due date shall not be considered.**

NAME OF THE POST	ASSISTANT LEGAL AID DEFENCE COUNSEL
NO. OF VACANCIES	03
STARTING DATE OF APPLICATION	24-01-2025
LAST DATE FOR APPLICATION	17-02-2025
HONORARIUM (RETAINERSHIP FEE)	₹ 25,000 to 45,000/-

**GUIDELINES FOR ENGAGEMENT AS FULL TIME LEGAL AID LAWYERS
IN LEGAL AID DEFENSE COUNSELS IN DLSA, INDORE (MP)**

1. Scope of Work:

Legal Aid Defense Counsel Office shall be dealing exclusively with legal aided matters in criminal matters of the District or HQ, wherein it is established. It shall be providing legal services from the early stages of criminal justice till appellate stage, and the same shall include visits to jails from catering to the legal needs of unrepresented inmates. Initially it shall not be dealing with all type of civil matters and cases of complainant, wherein present counsel assignment system (Panel Lawyers) will continue to be operational. 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 criminal courts such as Sessions, Special and Magistrate Courts including executive courts,
- Handling Remand and Bail work,
- Providing legal assistance at pre-arrest stage as per need and also in accordance with 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. Qualification for Assistant Legal Aid Defense Counsel:

- Practice in criminal law from 0 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.
- Excellent writing and research skills.
- IT Knowledge with high proficiency in work.

Note: Qualifications may be reasonably relaxed in case of exceptional candidates or circumstances with the approval of the Executive Chairman SLSA.

3. Work Profiles :

- Filing of cases, conducting trials in Magistrate trial cases,
- Remand/bail and other miscellaneous work,
- legal research in legal aided cases,
- Visits to Prison and Legal aid Clinics as per directions,
- Providing assistance at pre-arrest stage to suspects,
- Assisting Chief Legal Aid Defense Counsel and Deputy Legal Aid. Defense Counsel in conduct of legal aided cases,
- Assisting in developing a defence strategy after sifting through all of the evidence collected by the prosecution and after hearing the accused's version of what happened during the alleged crime in question,

- Visiting location/area of alleged crime, having discussions with family members etc , for effective and meaningful input for defense strategy,
- Handling queries of legal aid seekers,
- Updating legal aid seekers about the progress of their cases,
- Assisting in maintaining complete files of legal aided cases,
- Handling legal queries relating to criminal matters on telephone,
- Any other work related to legal aid assigned by Chief Legal Aid Defense Counsel,
- Any work/duty assigned by Legal Services Authority,

4. Termination of Services:

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:

- i. He/she substantially breaches any duty or service required in the office, or
- ii. 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
- iii. Charged or Convicted for any offence by any court of law, or
- iv. Indulges in any type of political activities, or
- v. Found incapable of rendering professional services of the required standards, or
- vi. Failure to attend training programmes without any sufficient cause, or
- vii. Indulges in activities prejudicial to the working of legal aid defense counsel office, or
- viii. Using his/her position in legal aid defense counsel office to secure unwarranted privileges or advantages for him/herself or others, or
- ix. Acts in breach of code of ethics, or
- x. Remains absent without leave for more than two weeks, or
- xi. If services are found unsatisfactory during the six monthly performance review by the SLSA or DLSA.

5. Code of Ethics:

Personnel engaged in the office of Legal Aid Defense Counsel shall observe the following code of ethics:

- i. No personnel shall act in any matter in which he/she has a direct or indirect personal or financial interest.
- ii. No personnel shall wilfully disclose or use, whether or not for the purpose of pecuniary gain, any information that he/she obtained, received or acquired during the fulfilment of his/her official duties and which is not available to members of the general public.
- iii. No personnel within the office of Legal Aid Defense Counsel shall make use of his/her office or employment for the purpose of promoting or advertising any outside activity.
- iv. No personnel within the office of Legal Aid Defense Counsel shall engage in any outside activity or act as an independent practitioner.
- v. No personnel within the office of Legal Aid Defense Counsel shall solicit, agree to accept or accept, whether directly or indirectly, any gift, favour, service, or other thing of value under circumstances from which it might be reasonably inferred that such gift, service, or other thing of value was given or offered for the purpose of influencing him/her in, or rewarding him/her for, the discharge of his/her official duties.
- vi. Legal Aid Defense Counsel shall devote his/her full time to his/her duties for the office of Legal Aid Defense Counsel and shall not engage in private practice of law during the term of employment.
- vii. Every Personnel of the office of Legal Aid Defense Counsel shall strive to preserve the public's confidence in the office's fair and impartial execution of its duties and responsibilities.
- viii. Legal Aid Defense Counsel shall also follow the code of ethics prescribed by Bar Council of India for lawyers.

6. Selection Procedure:

Assistant Legal Aid Defence Counsels shall be engaged on contract basis with a stipulation of extension on yearly basis on satisfactory performance. The performance of each human resource shall be assessed in every six months by SLSA in consultation with DLSA. Selection of Assistant Legal Aid Defense Counsels will be purely based on merit, taking into account the knowledge, skills, practice and experience of candidates. The selection shall be carried out by Selection committee/Interview board under the Chairmanship of the Principal District & Sessions Judge (Chairman, DLSA) as envisaged in NALSA

(Free and Competent Legal Services) Regulations 2010, subject to final approval by the Executive Chairman, SLSA. After approval by the Executive Chairman, SLSA, engagement contract will be executed between the Secretary DLSA and the person so engaged.

7. Date of Interview:

The list of the eligible candidates for interview will be upload on the website of District and Sessions Court Indore <https://indore.dcourts.gov.in> and notice board of the District Legal Services Authority, Indore on or before **24-02-2025**. No any candidates will be informed personally for the same by the notice, email, mobile or any other mode of communication.

8. Procedure of filing application:

The applicant shall submit their application in the office of District Legal Services Authority, District & Sessions Court, M.G. Road, Indore pin 452007 only by personally & by the registered or speed post.

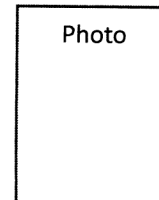
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APPLICATION FOR ENGAGEMENT AS FULL TIME LEGAL AID LAWYER IN LEGAL AID DEFENSE COUNSEL SYSTEM

STATE _____

DISTRICT _____

Application No. _____



(For Office use)

APPLICATION FOR ASSISTANT LEGAL AID DEFENSE COUNSEL

1. Applicant's Name :
2. Father/Husband's Name :
3. Date of Birth :
4. Age (as on 01-01-2025) :
5. Gender :
6. Residential Address :
7. Office Address :
8. Chamber Address (if any) :
9. Telephone no. (O) :
10. Telephone No. (R) :
11. Mobile No. :
12. Fax No. :
13. E-mail ID :
14. PAN No. :
15. AADHAR No. :

16. 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 (if any)			

17. Date of Enrollment as Lawyer:
18. Enrollment No. :
(Attach self-attested copy of enrollment certificate issued by Bar Council)
19. Experience in Bar :
(Duration of actual practice)
(Attach an experience certificate issued by the Bar Association/Council)
 - (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 Applicants have dealt with/handled and reported judgement if any.)

20. Whether empanelled as Central/State Government or :
Government undertaking counsel/pleader
(Indicate period& attach 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 documents)
23. Whether any disciplinary case/Complaint is/was
against the Applicant with any Bar Council : YES NO
(If yes, specify details of both disposed & pending with documents)
24. List of the documents to be attached.
1. Self-Attested copy of Certificates in support of educational qualifications.
 2. Self-Attested copy of Certificate in Enrollment issued by the Bar Council under the Advocates Act, 1961.
 3. Self-Attested copy of Photo Identity Card, Address Proof.
 4. Self-Attested copy of ITR for last 3 years (if available).
 5. Photo copies of judgments in 5 Sessions cases, represented as Defense lawyer, (for the post of Chief/Deputy Legal Aid Defense Counsel).
 6. Photocopies of at least 5 cross examinations in Sessions cases (for Chief/Deputy Legal Aid Defense Counsel).

(Signature)

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 agrees 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 SLSA/DLSA concerned.

(Signature)

Place: _____

Date: _____