

**OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT LEGAL SERVICES AUTHORITY,
MALKANGIRI**

ADVERTISEMENT No. LADCS-02/2025

Dated: 18th December, 2025

***NOTICE INVITING APPLICATIONS FOR ENGAGEMENT OF DEPUTY CHIEF LEGAL
AID DEFENSE COUNSEL (UNDER LEGAL AID DEFENSE COUNSEL SYSTEM)***

Last Date for Submission of Application: 18.01.2026 by 04:00 p.m.

Applications are invited from eligible lawyers for engagement as Deputy Chief Legal Aid Defense Counsels (01 vacancies) in the office of the Legal Aid Defense Counsel System (LADCS), Malkangiri, purely on a contract basis for an initial period of two year

1. ELIGIBILITY & QUALIFICATIONS

Candidates must meet the following criteria as per the NALSA Scheme:

- ✓ Practice in Criminal Law for at least 7 years,
- ✓ Excellent oral and written communication skills,
- ✓ Excellent understanding of criminal law,
- ✓ Skill in legal research,

Thorough understanding of ethical duties of defense counsel,

Ability to work effectively and efficiently with others,

Must have handled at least 20 criminal trials in Sessions Courts, may be relaxed in exceptional circumstances, by Hon'ble executive Chairman, SLISA,

IT Knowledge with proficiency in work.

2. REMUNERATION & TENURE

- Monthly Honorarium: ₹ 50,000/- (Fixed).
- Contract Period: Initially for a period of 01 (One) years, extendable on a half yearly basis subject to satisfactory performance.

3. SCOPE OF WORK

- Conducting trials/appeals/Remand work/Bail applications/visits to prisons etc., as assigned by Chief Legal Aid Defense Counsel.
- Filing and arguing appeals and bail applications in Courts.
- Maintaining complete case files.
- Doing legal research in legal aided cases and guiding assistant legal Aid defense Counsel and law students attached with the office in legal research.
- Proper client interviews at various stages for quality research work and representation at remand, trial and appellate stage.
- All or any of the work of the Chief defence counsel as per assignment.
- Any work/duty assigned by Legal Services Authority.

4. SELECTION PROCEDURE

The selection will be made based on merit, taking into account the knowledge, skills, practice, and experience of the candidates. The selection shall be carried out by a Selection Committee headed by the Principal District & Sessions Judge (Chairman, DLSA).

5. MODE OF EXAMINATION

Written and oral test as per Modified Scheme 2022 (Legal Aid Defense counsel Scheme 2022).

6. CODE OF ETHICS & TERMINATION

- Full-Time Engagement: The counsel shall devote full time to the office and shall not engage in private practice.
- Termination: Services may be terminated at any time without prior notice for breach of duty, soliciting pecuniary gains, negligence, or unsatisfactory performance during the six-monthly review.

HOW TO APPLY

Interested candidates must submit their applications in the prescribed format along with self-attested copies of relevant academic records and experience certificates by Speed Post or In-Person in the office of The Secretary, District Legal Services Authority, District Court Premises, Malkangiri - 764045. On or before 18th January, 2026 (by 4:00 p.m.).

The envelope must be super-scribed as:

"APPLICATION FOR THE POST OF DEPUTY CHIEF LEGAL AID DEFENSE COUNSEL".

Note: Incomplete applications or those received after the due date shall be summarily rejected. Applying for engagement does not create any right or assurance of selection.

BY ORDER
(Sd/-)
Secretary
District Legal Services Authority,
Malkangiri

For detailed guidelines and application format, please visit: <https://malkangiri.dcourts.gov.in/malkangiri> and <https://malkangiri.odisha.gov.in/>

ANNEXURE-C

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

STATE _____

DISTRICT _____

Application No. _____
(For Office use)

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APPLICATION FOR DEPUTY LEGAL AID DEFENSE COUNSEL

1. Applicant's Name :
2. Father/Husband's Name :
3. Date of Birth :
4. Age (as on 18.01.2026) :
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:
(Attach the details of the cases handled, if any)
(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) along with certified copy of vakalatnama.

(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: _____