

Office of District Legal Services Authority, Darbhanga

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In suppression of the earlier advertisement published by the district Legal Services Authority, Darbhanga applications are invited from eligible lawyers having requisite qualification for Contractual full time engagement for the posts of Chief Legal Aid Defense Counsel, Deputy Chief Legal Aid Defense Counsels and Assistant Legal Aid Defense Counsels, the details of which are as follows :-

01. Details of Posts/Number of Posts/Honorarium/Qualification and eligibility criteria/Code of ethics/Period of Contractual engagement in DLSA, Darbhanga.

S.N	Name of the Post	No. Of Posts	Period of Contractual engagement	Qualification/eligibility criteria
01.	Chief Legal Aid Defense Counsel	01	Contract basis initially for a period of two years with a stipulation of extension on yearly basis on satisfactory performance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Practice in Criminal law for at least 10 years. - Excellent oral and written communication skills. - Excellent understanding of criminal law - Thorough understanding of ethical duties of a defence counsel. - Ability of work effectively and efficiently with others with capability to lead. - Should have preferably handled at least 30 criminal trials in Sessions Courts, aforesaid condition of handling of 30 criminal cases can be relaxed in appropriate circumstances. - Knowledge of computer system in preferable. - Quality to lead the team with capacity to manage the office. - Retired Judicial officers/Retired Public Prosecutors/Retired District Public Prosecutors (DPO) may also apply which shall be considered in appropriate cases.
02.	Deputy Chief Legal Aid Defense Counsel	02	Contract basis initially for a period of two years with a stipulation of extension on yearly basis on satisfactory performance	<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 of work effectively and efficiently with others. - Should have preferably handled at least 20 criminal trials in Sessions Courts, may be relaxed in exceptional circumstances, by Hon'ble Executive Chairman, BSLSA. - IT Knowledge with proficiency in work. - Retired Judicial officers/Retired Public Prosecutors/Retired District Public Prosecutors (DPO) may also apply which shall be considered in appropriate cases.
03.	Assistant Legal Aid Defense Counsel	01 or 2 (Maximum 04)	Contract basis initially for a period of two years with a stipulation of extension on yearly basis on satisfactory performance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Practice in Criminal law for at least 0 to 3 years. - Good oral and written communication skills. - Thorough understanding of ethical duties of defence counsel. - Ability of work effectively and efficiently with others. - Excellent writing and research skills - IT Knowledge with high proficiency in work.

2. Honorarium (Retainership fee)

For Class – A towns (Population more than 10 lacs)

1	Chief Legal Aid Defense Counsel	Rs. 75,000/-
2	Deputy Chief Legal Aid Defense Counsel	Rs. 55,000/-
3	Assistant Legal Aid Defense Counsel	Rs. 30,000/-

For Class – B towns (Population more than 2 lacs but below 10 lacs)

1	Chief Legal Aid Defense Counsel	Rs. 70,000/-
2	Deputy Chief Legal Aid Defense Counsel	Rs. 45,000/-
3	Assistant Legal Aid Defense Counsel	Rs. 25,000/-

For Class – C towns (Population below 2 lacs)


1	Chief Legal Aid Defense Counsel	No Honorarium fixed as there is no Class C Towns in the State of Bihar
2	Deputy Chief Legal Aid Defense Counsel	
3	Assistant Legal Aid Defense Counsel	

3. **The Selection Process** will be done on interview basis by a Selection Committee headed by the respective Chairperson of DLSA. Selection of Chief Legal Aid Defense Counsel, Deputy Chief Legal Aid Defense Counsel and Assistant Legal Aid Defense Counsel will be purely based on merit, taking into account the knowledge, skills, practice and experience of candidates.

4. **General Directions :-**

- i. The Scheme of engagement along with application form may be downloaded from the official website of Civil Court, Darbhanga (<https://districts.ecourts.gov.in/darbhang>).
- ii. Duly filled application forms with self attested copies of the documents must be delivered in the office of the Secretary, DLSA on or before 07th June 2023 either personally or through Speed Post. An application received after due date shall not be entertained.
- iii. The applicants are not required to pay any fee along with their applications.
- iv. Any corrigendum/addendum to the Advertisement, if made in future shall be treated to be part of the advertisement. The Candidates are advised to keep regularly visiting the website of the Civil Court, Darbhanga for details and updates regarding interview and other relevant information.
- v. The number of engagement positions may vary from district to district, depending upon actual need as projected by the DLSA concerned.
- vi. Applying for engagement does not create any right/assurance whatsoever.

Note :- Any information with respect to Advertisement/Modified Legal Aid Defense Counsel Scheme, 2022 can be obtained from the Website(<https://districts.ecourts.gov.in/darbhang>) and also from the office of District Legal Services Authority on way working day.


 Secretary,
 District Legal Services Authority,
 Darbhanga

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