DISTRICT LEGAL SERVICES AUTHORITY, HAZARIBAGH CIVIL COURT, HAZARIBAGH

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NOTICE INVITING APPLICATIONS FOR ENGAGEMENT OF CHIEF LEGAL AID DEFENSE COUNSEL FOR FULL TIME LEGAL AID LAWYERS ON CONTRACTUAL BASIS IN LEGAL AID DEFENSE COUNSEL OFFICE IN DISTRICT LEGAL SERVICES AUTHORITY (DLSA) HAZARIBAGH.

The District 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 section 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.

Realizing 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 was 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. The **"Legal Aid Defence counsel System (LADCS),"** enhancing the availability and accessibility of Legal Aid in a timely manner and helping in creating a mechanism to provide qualitative and competent legal services in a professional manner to underprivileged and disadvantaged section of the society. This system also have the effect of enhancing the responsiveness of the Legal Aid Mechanism in country which is ensuring accountability on the part of the Legal Aid providers.

This system is also providing a unique opportunity for Law Students to learn form 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.

The Jharkhand State Legal Services Authority (JHALSA) under the aegis of NALSA (<u>www.nalsa.gov.in</u>) has already implemented the scheme of LADCS in the district of Hazaribagh.

The post of Chief Legal Aid Defense Counsel is vacant in the office of Legal Aid Defense Counsel System, DLSA, Hazaribagh. *Hence, applications are hereby invited from eligible lawyers having requisite qualifications for contractual full time engagement for the one (01) post of Chief Legal Aid Defense Counsel.*

The scheme of engagement and requisite qualifications as well as application form may be downloaded from the official Civil Hazaribagh website of Court i.e (https://hazaribag.dcourts.gov.in) and is also available on the Notice Board of DLSA, Hazaribagh. The duly filled application form along with self-attested copies of documents, addressed to "The Chairman, District Legal Services Authority, Civil Court, Hazaribagh PIN :- 825301", shall be submitted to the office of DLSA, Hazaribagh, *through speed post or in an envelope personally* in the office of Secretary, DLSA on or before 21st August, 2024 by 17:00 Hrs. Any application received after due date shall not be considered.

The interview of the applicants, who will be found eligible after scrutiny process for the aforementioned post, shall be held at Nyaya Sadan, Civil Court, Hazaribagh. In this regard, the candidate wise interview details including **date**, **venue and time** shall be uploaded on the website of the Civil Court, Hazaribagh i.e (https://hazaribag.dcourts.gov.in) as well as on the Notice Board of DLSA, Hazaribagh. Hence, the candidates who will apply for the post of Chief Legal Aid Defense Counsel are advised to visit the website of the Civil Court, Hazaribagh.

The Lawyer so engaged therein will not to be allow to take any other private cases or any other retainership.

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

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Principal District Judge cum Chairman DLSA, Hazaribagh