

कार्यालय:-जिला विधिक सेवा प्राधिकरण, रतलाम (म.प्र.)

जिला एवं सत्र न्यायालय रतलाम (म.प्र.) फो.नं. 07412-299019

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प्रति,

श्रीमान् प्रभारी अधिकारी महोदय,
कम्प्यूटर अनुभाग,
जिला न्यायालय रतलाम (म.प्र.)

विषय:- लीगल एड डिफेंस काउंसिल सिस्टम अंतर्गत कानूनी बचाव
परामर्शदाताओं के चयन बाबत्।
संदर्भ:- माननीय सदस्य सचिव महोदय, म.प्र.राज्य विधिक सेवा
प्राधिकरण, जबलपुर का पत्र क्रमांक 2114/2025,
दि. 06.08.2025

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उपरोक्त विषयांतर्गत संदर्भित पत्र के पालन में निवेदन है कि जिला विधिक सेवा प्राधिकरण, रतलाम के अधीनस्थ कार्यालय लीगल एड डिफेंस काउंसिल में चीफ, डिप्टी चीफ, असिस्टेंट काउंसिल की भर्ती की विज्ञप्ति जिला न्यायालय रतलाम की वेबसाईट पर अपलोड करने का कष्ट करें।

संलग्न:- विज्ञप्ति, आवेदन पत्र, एस.ओ.पी.।

(नीरज पवैया)
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// प्रेस नोट //

लीगल एड डिफेंस काउंसिल के छः पदों पर संविदा के आधार पर भर्ती

माननीय सदस्य सचिव महोदय, म.प्र. राज्य विधिक सेवा प्राधिकरण, जबलपुर के पत्र क्रमांक फा. नं. 97 / एल.ए.डी.सी.एस. / MPSLSA / 2114 / 2025, जबलपुर दिनांक 06.08.2025 के निर्देशानुसार जिला विधिक सेवा प्राधिकरण, रतलाम में वर्ष 2025-26 एक वर्ष के लिए लीगल एड डिफेंस काउंसिल योजना 2022 संशोधित के अंतर्गत अधिवक्ताओं की भर्ती होनी है। इसके लिए 06 पद की स्वीकृति है। जानकारी के अनुसार पूर्व में जिला विधिक सेवा प्राधिकरण, रतलाम द्वारा गरीब व निर्धन लोगों को अपनी तरफ से वकील मुहैया करवाये जाते थे जिनके स्थान पर संविदा पर अधिवक्ता को नियुक्त किया जावेगा।

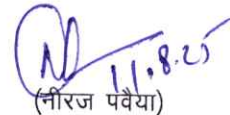
उक्त योजना के अंतर्गत चीफ- लीगल एड डिफेंस काउंसिल 01 पद, डिप्टी चीफ लीगल एड डिफेंस काउंसिल 02 पद, असिस्टेंट-लीगल एड डिफेंस काउंसिल 03 पद, स्वीकृत है। इन पदों पर अर्हता प्राप्त अधिवक्ताओं से निर्धारित प्रारूप में आवेदन पत्र दिनांक 28.08.2025 तक सायं 05:30 बजे तक आमंत्रित किये जाते हैं।

आवेदन का प्रारूप एवं विज्ञप्ति का पूर्ण विवरण सहित म.प्र. राज्य विधिक सेवा प्राधिकरण, जबलपुर के वेबसाइट <https://www.mpslsa.gov.in> एवं जिला न्यायालय रतलाम की वेबसाइट <https://ratlam.dcourts.gov.in> से प्राप्त कर सकते हैं। अन्य किसी भी प्रकार की जानकारी हेतु जिला विधिक सेवा प्राधिकरण, जिला न्यायालय रतलाम में उपस्थित होकर संपर्क करें।

नोट :- असिस्टेंट-लीगल एड डिफेंस काउंसिल के 01 रिक्त पद हेतु पूर्व में आवेदन पत्र प्राप्त किये थे जिसके लिए साक्षात्कार हेतु दिनांक 14.09.2025 नियत थी। चूंकि नवीन एस.ओ.पी. राज्य विधिक सेवा प्राधिकरण, जबलपुर के पत्र क्रं. 2114 जबलपुर दिनांक 06.08.2025 के पालन में एल. ए. डी. सी. एस. अधिवक्ताओं की नियुक्ति हेतु पुनः आवेदन प्राप्त कर भर्ती प्रक्रिया की जानी है ऐसे में यह उचित होगा कि एल. ए. डी. सी. एस. के समस्त रिक्त पदों हेतु एक साथ कार्यवाही की जाना है।

अतः पूर्व में असिस्टेंट लीगल डिफेंस के एक पद हेतु की गई कार्यवाही को निरस्त की जाकर समस्त एल. ए. डी. सी. पदों की नवीन भर्ती की जाना है। उपरोक्त सभी पदों हेतु नवीन भर्ती प्रक्रिया हेतु प्राप्त एसओपी अनुसार एक साथ संपादित की जावेगी।

संलग्न :- आवेदन प्रारूप



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रतलाम, दिनांक:- 11.08.2025

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म.प्र. राज्य विधिक सेवा प्राधिकरण, जबलपुर के पत्र क्रमांक 2114/2025 दिनांक 06.08.2025 के परिपालन में तथा लीगल एड डिफेंस काउंसिल एस.ओ.पी. के प्रावधानों के अनुरूप तथा नालसा लीगल एड डिफेंस मॉडिफाईड स्कीम 2022 के उपबंधों के अधीन जिला विधिक सेवा प्राधिकरण, रतलाम में स्थापित कार्यालय लीगल एड डिफेंस काउंसिल में निम्नानुसार पदों पर आवेदन आहुत किये जाते हैं -

क्रमांक	पदनाम	स्वीकृत पदों की संख्या	स्वीकृत वेतनमान	न्यूनतम योग्यता
01	चीफ लीगल एड डिफेंस काउंसिल	01	70,000/- प्रतिमाह	सेशन कोर्ट में न्यूनतम 10 साल की प्रैक्टिस अनिवार्य होगी।
02	डिप्टी चीफ लीगल एड डिफेंस काउंसिल	02	50,000/- प्रतिमाह	सेशन कोर्ट में न्यूनतम 07 साल की प्रैक्टिस अनिवार्य होगी।
03	असिस्टेंट लीगल एड डिफेंस काउंसिल	03	30,000/- प्रतिमाह	मेजिस्ट्रेट कोर्ट में न्यूनतम 0 से 03 साल की प्रैक्टिस अनिवार्य होगी।

इच्छुक अभ्यर्थी अधिवक्तागण दिनांक 28.08.2025 समय सायं 05:30 बजे तक निर्धारित प्रपत्र में आवेदन निम्नानुसार दस्तावेजों सहित इस कार्यालय में जमा कर सकते हैं -

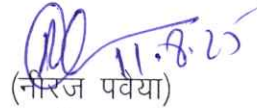
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- 9- Experience Certificate(s) related to practice on the Criminal side.

इच्छुक अभ्यर्थी अधिवक्तागण आवश्यक रूप से आवेदन पत्र के साथ उपरोक्त दस्तावेजों को संलग्न करें।

अधिक जानकारी के लिए जिला विधिक सेवा प्राधिकरण, रतलाम में संपर्क किया जा सकता है।

नोट :- उपरोक्त सभी पद संविदा आधार पर पूर्णकालिक पद है अर्थात उपरोक्त पदों पर कार्य करने हेतु चयनित अधिवक्ता विधिक सहायता प्राप्त प्रकरणों के अतिरिक्त किसी भी प्रकार की प्राइवेट प्रैक्टिस, संविदा अवधि के दौरान नहीं कर सकेंगे तथा चयनित अधिवक्ता की सेवा-अवधि, सेवा की शर्तें तथा मानदेय नालसा **LADCS Modified Scheme 2022** तथा **SOP 2025** के उपबंधों के अधीन रहेगी।

संलग्न :- आवेदन प्रारूप।


(नैरज पवेया)

न्यायाधीश / सचिव
जिला विधिक सेवा प्राधिकरण,
जिला-रतलाम (म.प्र.)



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M.P. STATE LEGAL SERVICES AUTHORITY

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F.No. 97/LADCS/MPSLSA/114/2025

Jabalpur, Dated 06/08/2025

To,

**PRINCIPAL DISTRICT & SESSIONS JUDGE/CHAIRMAN,
DISTRICT LEGAL SERVICES AUTHORITY,
DISTRICT- ALL (M.P.)**

Sub: Regarding Implementation of Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for Selection of Legal Aid Defense Counsels under the Legal Aid Defense Counsel (Modified) Scheme, 2022.

Sir/Madam,

As per the directions of the Hon'ble Executive Chairman, MPSLSA, and in order to strengthen the institutional framework for providing free and effective legal aid in criminal cases, the *Standard Operating Procedure (SOP)* for the selection of Legal Aid Defense Counsels in all districts has been finalized. The SOP, framed in line with the Legal Aid Defense Counsel (Modified) Scheme, 2022 and the guidelines issued by the National Legal Services Authority, ensures transparency, objectivity, and uniformity in the selection process.

In view of above, you are hereby requested to implement the enclosed SOP in your district for the selection of LADCs. All existing LADCs shall be required to participate in a fresh selection process under the SOP after the expiry of their current term, and there shall be no provision for automatic renewal or re-engagement. The process for fresh selection must be initiated at least three months prior to the expiry of existing contracts to ensure continuity

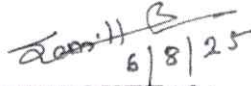
कागज बचाएं , पेड़ बचाएं  प्लास्टिक हटाएं , पर्यावरण बचाएं !

of legal aid services. Further, all vacancies as on today shall also be filled strictly in accordance with the SOP.

The selection shall be undertaken by the committee headed by your goodself, and the final approval will be accorded by the Hon'ble Executive Chairman, MPSLSA. The *Standard Operating Procedure* is enclosed herewith for strict compliance.

Encl.: As above.

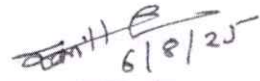
BY ORDER OF HON'BLE EXECUTIVE CHAIRMAN


(PRADEEP MITTAL)
MEMBER SECRETARY

F.No. 97/LADCS/MPSLSA/2114/2025

Jabalpur, Dated 06/08/2025

Copy to :- Secretary, District Legal Services Authority, District- All (M.P.), for necessary action.


(PRADEEP MITTAL)
MEMBER SECRETARY



MADHYA PRADESH STATE LEGAL SERVICES AUTHORITY

SOP FOR SELECTION OF LEGAL AID DEFENSE COUNSELS

It is the solemn duty of the State Legal Services Authorities to ensure that effective legal aid is provided to the eligible persons in criminal cases, in accordance with the constitutional mandate and principles of justice. To uphold the integrity and effectiveness of the legal defense system under the Legal Aid Defense Counsel Scheme, it is imperative that the process for selection and appointment of legal aid defense counsels be transparent, merit-based, and objective.

In this regard, the Madhya Pradesh State Legal Services Authority, vide Order No. 5793 dated 28.01.2023 and Order No. 1453 dated 22.06.2023, has undertaken a structured classification of districts into Categories A, B, and C. This categorization has been carried out to ensure a standardized and need-based deployment of legal aid defense counsels across the state, based on parameters such as case volume, workload, and judicial infrastructure.

Category A	Category B	Category C
Indore, Bhopal, Gwalior, Jabalpur	Burhanpur, Chhindwara, Dewas, Guna, Katni, Khandwa, Morena, Neemuch, Ratlam, Rewa, Sagar, Satna, Singrauli, Ujjain	Agarmalwa, Alirajpur, Anuppur, Ashoknagar, Balaghat, Barwani, Betul, Bhind, Chhatarpur, Damoh, Datia, Dhar, Dindori, Harda, Jhabua, Mandla, Mandleshwar, Mandsaur, Narmadapuram, Narsinghpur, Panna, Raisen, Rajgarh, Sehore, Seoni, Shahdol, Shajapur, Sheopur, Shivpuri, Sidhi, Tikamgarh, Umaria, Vidisha

Vide Order No. 5793 dated 28.01.2023 and Order No. 1453 dated 22.06.2023, the State Legal Services Authority has fixed the honorarium structure for the posts of Chief Legal Aid Defense Counsel, Deputy Chief Legal Aid Defense Counsel, and Assistant Legal Aid Defense Counsel under the Legal Aid Defense Counsel Scheme. This step has been taken to ensure uniformity, transparency, and financial clarity in the engagement of defense counsels, thereby facilitating the effective implementation of legal aid services across all districts.

S. No.	Post	Minimum Qualification	Category A	Category B	Category C
1	Chief Legal Aid Defense Counsel	10 Years practice at Bar in Sessions Court	80,000/-	70,000/-	65,000/-
2	Deputy Chief Legal Aid Defense Counsel	07 Years practice at Bar in Sessions Court	60,000/-	50,000/-	45,000/-
3	Assistant Legal Aid Defense Counsel	0-3 Years practice at Bar in Magistrate Court	35,000/-	30,000/-	25,000/-

As per Order Nos. 925 dated 02.07.2022, 659 dated 05.05.2023, and 1189 dated 12.06.2023, this Authority has approved the following number of posts for Chief, Deputy Chief, and Assistant Legal Aid Defense Counsels:

S.No.	District	Sanctioned post of Chief LADC	Sanctioned post of Deputy Chief LADC	Sanctioned post of Assistant LADC
1	Agar malwa	1	2	2
2	Alirajpur	1	2	3
3	Anuppur	1	2	3

4	Ashoknagar	1	2	3
5	Balaghat	1	2	4
6	Barwani	1	2	6
7	Betul	1	2	3
8	Bhind	1	2	3
9	Bhopal	1	3	6
10	Burhanpur	1	2	3
11	Chhatarpur	1	2	3
12	Chhindwara	1	2	6
13	Damoh	1	2	3
14	Datia	1	2	3
15	Dewas	1	2	2
16	Dhar	1	2	3
17	Dindori	1	2	3
18	Guna	1	2	3
19	Gwalior	1	3	3
20	Harda	1	2	2
21	Indore	1	3	6
22	Jabalpur	1	3	3
23	Jhabua	1	2	2
24	Katni	1	2	3
25	Khandwa	1	2	3
26	Mandla	1	2	2
27	Mandleshwar	1	2	3
28	Mandsaur	1	2	3
29	Morena	1	2	3
30	Narmadapuram	1	2	3
31	Narsinghpur	1	2	2
32	Neemuch	1	2	3
33	Panna	1	2	3
34	Raisen	1	2	2
35	Rajgarh	1	2	3
36	Ratlam	1	2	3
37	Rewa	1	2	2
38	Sagar	1	2	2
39	Satna	1	2	2
40	Sehore	1	2	3
41	Seoni	1	2	3

42	Shahdol	1	2	2
43	Shajapur	1	2	3
44	Sheopur	1	2	3
45	Shivpuri	1	3	2
46	Sidhi	1	2	3
47	Singrauli	1	2	3
48	Tikamgarh	1	2	3
49	Ujjain	1	3	2
50	Umaria	1	2	2
51	Vidisha	1	2	3
	Total	51	108	152

The maximum number of Legal Aid Defense Counsels approved district-wise shall be reassessed by the Chairman, DLSA, for the next tenure. This reassessment will be based on the criterion that one Legal Aid Defense Counsel may handle up to a maximum of 35 cases. If the number of cases exceeds this limit, an additional post may be approved, subject to the sanctioned strength. However, the total number of Legal Aid Defense Counsel shall not exceed the maximum limit previously approved by this Authority.

In case the number of cases in a particular district is less than 35, the corresponding post of Legal Aid Defense Counsel may be reallocated to another district with a higher case load, in proportion to the need, with the prior approval of the Hon'ble Executive Chairman, MPSLSA, **in accordance with Clause 3 of the Legal Aid Defense Counsel (Modified) Scheme, 2022.**

Furthermore, during the contractual period of Legal Aid Defense Counsels, if any Deputy or Assistant Legal Aid Defense Counsel handles fewer than 35 cases, the workload of other Legal Aid Defense Counsels should be redistributed among all Legal Aid Defenses to ensure an equitable distribution of cases.

As per Modified Scheme of Legal Aid Defense Counsel, 2022, the selection shall be carried out by Selection committee 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. In the selection committee at least three senior most judicial officers posted at HQ, dealing mainly with criminal cases preferably sessions cases shall be included. No person with conflict of interest shall be part of selection process. After approval by the Executive Chairman, SLSA, engagement contract shall be executed between the Secretary DLSA and the person so engaged.

In furtherance of its commitment to ensure fair and effective legal representation to the accused, the Madhya Pradesh State Legal Services Authority has formulated a comprehensive Scheme for the Selection Process of Legal Aid Defense Counsels under the Legal Aid Defense Counsel System.

As part of this scheme, the concerned District Legal Services Authorities are directed to finalize the number of vacancies for LADCs in their respective districts and publish a notification in widely circulated daily newspapers of the state, inviting applications for engagement as Legal Aid Defense Counsel.

Application Procedure:

Interested candidates must submit their applications along with self-attested copies of the following documents:

1. Five (5) Contested Judgments of Conviction
2. Five (5) Contested Judgments of Acquittal (If available)
3. Five (5) Charge Order Sheets, revealing arguments on charge
4. Five (5) Witness Statements recorded during Trial
5. Minimum five (5) Memos/Vakalatnamas
6. Minimum five (5) Bail Orders

7. LL.M. Degree(if available)
8. Ph.D. in Law(if available)
9. Experience Certificate(s)related to practice on the Criminal side

Selection Criteria:

The selection of candidates shall be made on the basis of:

- Relevant experience and years of legal practice
- Quality and diversity of case handling (judgments and orders submitted)
- Professional skills and understanding of Criminal Law
- Communication Skills and Courtroom Demeanor
- Knowledge of Information Technology and Legal Software Tools
- Additional Higher Legal Qualifications (LL.M., Ph.D., etc.)

The Recruitment Committee, after verifying the documents submitted and conducting interviews, shall objectively assess each candidate on the basis of the parameters laid out in the marking criteria (**Appendix A, B & C**) and award points accordingly.

It is further clarified that all existing Legal Aid Defense Counsels shall be required to undergo the complete recruitment process each time their term is due for renewal. Their re-engagement shall not be automatic and will be subject to their participation in the fresh selection process, compliance with eligibility criteria, and evaluation based on merit, as prescribed in the scheme. This is to ensure transparency, accountability, and continued competence in the delivery of legal aid services.

The final selection shall be merit-based and aimed at ensuring the appointment of competent, committed, and skilled legal professionals for the effective delivery of legal aid services.



APPENDIX -A

Selection Criteria for Chief LADC

Total 65 Points

Practice in Criminal Law

(Maximum 15 points)

The points are awarded based on the candidate's years of experience:

- Requirement is minimum 10 years of practice in Criminal Law at the bar or above

Points Distribution:

- Minimum points (10 years): 10 points
- Additional points: 1 mark for each additional year of experience beyond 10 years, up to a maximum of 15 points (for 15 years or more of experience).

Example:

- 10 years of experience → 10 points
- 11 years of experience → 11 points
- 15 or above years of experience → 15 points

Conduct of Criminal Trials in Session Courts (Maximum 30 points)

Criteria for marking is subject to number of cases in which they have appeared in trial

- | | |
|-------------------------------------|-----------|
| i. Vakalatnama | 10 points |
| ii. Arguments on Charge | 05 points |
| iii. Cross- Examination | 05 points |
| iv. Decided Bail/other Applications | 05 points |
| v. Judgments | 05 points |

Higher Qualifications

- LLM (Master of Laws) 02 points
- PhD (Doctor of Philosophy in Law) 03 points

Interview

(Maximum 10 points)

Additional points for Previous Experience: (Maximum 05 points)

Note: Additionally, those candidates who are currently working as Legal Aid Defense Counsels in the same district may be awarded a maximum 5 extra points for their experience and contribution, which shall be added to the final score before preparation of the merit list.

APPENDIX -B

Selection Criteria for Deputy LADC

Total 63 Points

Practice in Criminal Law

(Maximum 13 points)

The points are awarded based on the candidate's years of experience:

- Minimum 07 years of practice at the bar or above
- **Points Distribution:**
 - Minimum Points (07 years): 10 points
 - Additional Points: 1 point for each additional year of experience beyond 07 years, up to a maximum of 13 points (for 10 years or more of experience).

Example:

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|-----------------------------------|---|-----------|
| • 07 years of experience | → | 10 points |
| • 08 years of experience | → | 11 points |
| • 09 or above years of experience | → | 12 points |
| • 10 years above experience | → | 13 points |

Conduct of Criminal Trials in Session Courts (Maximum 30 points)

Criteria for marking is subject to number of cases in which they have appeared in trial

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|-------------------------------------|-----------|
| i. Vakalatnama | 10 points |
| ii. Arguments on Charge | 05 points |
| iii. Cross- Examination | 05 points |
| iv. Decided Bail/other Applications | 05 points |
| v. Judgments | 05 points |

Higher Qualifications

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|-------------------------------------|-----------|
| • LLM (Master of Laws) | 02 points |
| • PhD (Doctor of Philosophy in Law) | 03 points |

Interview

(Maximum 10 points)

Additional points for Previous Experience:

(Maximum 05 points)

Note: Additionally, those candidates who are currently working as Legal Aid Defense Counsels in the same district may be awarded a maximum 5 extra points for their experience and contribution, which shall be added to the final score before preparation of the merit list.

APPENDIX -C

Assistant LADC Selection Criteria

Total 66 Points

Practice in Criminal Law

(Maximum 14 points)

The points are awarded based on the candidate's years of experience:

- Minimum 0-3 years of practice at the bar or above
- **Points Distribution:**
 - Minimum Points (0-3 years): 10 points
 - Additional Points: 01 point for each additional year of experience beyond 03 years, up to a maximum of 14points for 07 years of experience.

Example:

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|---------------------------|-------|-----------|
| • 0-3 years of experience | ————→ | 10 points |
| • 04 years of experience | ————→ | 11 points |
| • 07 years of experience | ————→ | 14 points |

Conduct of Criminal Trials in Magistrate Courts (Maximum 30 points)

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|-------------------------------------|-----------|
| i. Vakalatnama | 10 points |
| ii. Arguments on Charge | 05 points |
| iii. Cross- Examination | 05 points |
| iv. Decided Bail/other Applications | 05 points |
| v. Judgments | 05 points |

Higher Qualifications

- | | |
|-------------------------------------|-----------|
| • IT Knowledge | 02 points |
| • LLM (Master of Laws) | 02 points |
| • PhD (Doctor of Philosophy in Law) | 03 points |

Interview

(Maximum 10 points)

Additional points for Previous Experience:

(Maximum 05 points)

Note: Additionally, those candidates who are currently working as Legal Aid Defense Counsels in the same district may be awarded a maximum 5 extra points for their experience and contribution, which shall be added to the final score before preparation of the merit list.

M.P. STATE LEGAL SERVICES AUTHORITY

(574, South Civil Lines, Pachpedi, Jabalpur – 482001)

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F.No. 97/LADCS/MPSLSA//2025 2256 Jabalpur, Dated 18/08/2025

To,

**PRINCIPAL DISTRICT & SESSIONS JUDGE/CHAIRMAN,
DISTRICT LEGAL SERVICES AUTHORITY,
DISTRICT- All (M.P.)**

Sub: Regarding issuance of uniform advertisement & Application Format for engagement of Legal Aid Defense Counsels under the new SOP.

Ref: MPSLSA Letter F. No. 97/LADCS/MPSLSA/2114/2025 dated, 06.08.2025 and 2207/2025 dated, 08.08.2025.

Respected Sir/Madam,

Under the subject and reference cited above please find enclosed herewith a Draft Advertisement & Application Form for inviting applications from eligible candidates for engagement of Legal Aid Defense Counsels. Suitable amendment may be made to the draft advertisement.

Further, your goodself is requested to adhere to the LADCS Scheme & SOP issued by this authority for all future engagements of Legal Aid Defense Counsels.

Enclosed: As above.

BY ORDER OF HON'BLE EXECUTIVE CHAIRMAN

Arvind
(ARVIND SHRIVASTAVA)
ADDITIONAL SECRETARY

F.No. 97/LADCS/MPSLSA//2025 2256 Jabalpur, Dated 18/08/2025

Copy to:

Secretary, District Legal Services Authority, District- ALL (M.P.) for information & compliance.

Arvind
(ARVIND SHRIVASTAVA)
ADDITIONAL SECRETARY



DISTRICT LEGAL SERVICES AUTHORITY

Phone: Email-

No. /LADCS/DLSA/2025

Date:.....

NOTICE: INVITING APPLICATIONS FOR ENGAGEMENT AS FULL TIME
LEGAL AID LAWYERS IN LEGAL AID DEFENSE COUNSEL OFFICE IN
DISTRICT OF THE MADHYA PRADESH UNDER MP SLA.

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 sections 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 Defense Counsel System' (LADCS), in line with public defender system, has been 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. It will enhance the availability and accessibility of Legal Aid in a timely manner and help 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 will have the effect of enhancing the responsiveness of the Legal Aid Mechanism in country and will ensure accountability on the part of the Legal Aid providers.



The Legal Aid Defense Counsel System will also provide a unique opportunity for Law Students to learn from the best. The Chief Legal Aid Defense 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 defense strategy and doing legal research in various factual scenarios.

Applications are invited from eligible lawyers having requisite qualifications for Contractual full time engagement for the posts of Chief Legal Aid Counsel, Deputy Chief Legal Aid Defense Counsels, Assistant Legal Aid Defense Counsels as per scheme in District. 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 DLSA/DISTRICT COURT/MP SLSA/MP HIGH COURT (<https://.....>) and also from Notice board of DLSA/DISTRICT COURT. The duly filled application form along with self-attested copies of required 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 (Month) 2025 by 17.00 Hrs. Any application received after due date shall not be considered.

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

Secretary
DLSA



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

DISTRICT _____ (M.P.)

Application No. _____
(For Office use)

Photo

APPLICATION FOR CHIEF/DEPUTY/ASSISTANT LEGAL AID DEFENSE COUNSEL

(Please ✓ tick)

1. Applicant's Name :
2. Father/Husband's Name :
3. Date of Birth :
4. Age (as on 01-08-2025) :
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 empaneled as Central/State Government or :
Government undertaking counsel/pleader
(Indicate period & attach documents)
21. The Courts where the Applicant is :
regularly practicing :
(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 : YES NO
against the Applicant with any Bar Council :
(If yes, specify details of both disposed & pending with documents)
24. List of the documents to be attached.
1. Self-Attested copies of Five (5) Contested Judgments of Conviction.
2. Self-Attested copies of Five (5) Contested Judgments of Acquittal (If available).
3. Self-Attested copies of Five (5) Charge Order Sheets, revealing arguments on charge.
4. Self-Attested copies of Five (5) Witness Statements recorded during Trial.
5. Self-Attested copies of minimum Five (5) Memos/Vakalatnamas.
6. Self-Attested copies of minimum Five (5) Bail Orders.
7. L.L.M. Degree (if available)
8. Ph.D. in Law (if available)
9. Experience Certificate(s) related to practice on the Criminal side.



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 penalized 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: _____