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## OFFICE OF MANDAL LEGAL SERVICES COMMITTEE, BHUVANAGIRI YADADRI-BHUVANAGIRI DIST.

## NOTIFICATION

MLSC No. 1 OF 2022

CALLING FOR APPLICATION FOR THE POSTS OF 1. CHIEF LEGAL AID DEFENSE COUNSEL, 2. DEPUTY CHIEF LEGAL AID DEFENSE COUNSEL AND 3. ASSISTANT LEGAL AID DEFENSE COUNSEL FOR SETTING UP "LEGAL AID DEFENSE COUNSEL SYSTEM"

#### LAST DATE FOR RECEIPT OF APPLICATIONS: 5TH SEPTEMBER, 2022 BY 17.00 Hrs

As per the Legal Aid Defense Counsel System – Modified Scheme 2022 formulated by National Legal Services Authority, for providing legal aid, assistance and representation in criminal matters in line with "Public Defender System", the Telangana State Legal Services Authority has chosen 16 district headquarters on pilot project, for setting up "Legal Aid Defense Counsel System".

#### 1. The scope of work :

Legal Aid Defense Counsel Office shall be dealing exclusively with legal aid matters on criminal side in the District Head Quarters, wherein it is established. The Counsel appointed shall involve fulltime with the system and they are not allowed to take any private cases or any other retainer ship. The Legal Aid Defense Counsels are required to scrupulously perform the work profiles and follow the code of ethics as enumerated in the "Legal Aid Defense Counsel System-Modified Scheme-2022 ".

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 Sessions, Special and Magistrate Courts including executive courts.
- Handling Remand and Bail Work
- Providing Legal Assistance at pre-arrest stage as per 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. Vacancy of Posts :

As per the directions of Hon'ble Executive Chairman, TSLSA, following posts will be filled up on tenure basis for a period of two years on monthly salary, with a stipulation of extension on yearly basis upon satisfactory performance.

Details of the posts called for is as follows :-

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1.	Chief Legal Aid Defense Counsel	1
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3.	Assistant Legal Aid Defense Counsel	2

#### 3. Selection procedure :

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Advocates/Monitoring And Mentoring Committees In The DLSAs And The TLSCs subject to final approval by the Executive Chairman, TSLSA.

## 4. Qualifications :

The following separate qualifications are prescribed for the Legal Aid Defense Counsels are :

A)	ELIGIBILITY FOR CHIEF LEGAL AID DEFENSE COUNSEL:		
	<ul> <li>Practice in Criminal law for at least 10 years,</li> </ul>		
	<ul> <li>Excellent oral and written communication skills,</li> </ul>		
	<ul> <li>Excellent understanding of criminal law,</li> </ul>		
	<ul> <li>Thorough understanding of ethical duties of a defence counsel,</li> <li>Ability to work effectively and efficiently with others with capability to lead,</li> <li>Must have handled at least 30 criminal trials in Sessions Courts,</li> <li>Knowledge of computer system, preferable.</li> </ul>		
B)	ELIGIBILITY FOR DEPUTY CHIEF LEGAL AID DEFENSE COUNSEL:		
	<ul> <li>Practice in Criminal law for at least 7 years,</li> </ul>		
	<ul> <li>Excellent understanding of criminal law,</li> </ul>		
	<ul> <li>Excellent oral and written communication skills,</li> </ul>		
	<ul> <li>Skill in legal research,</li> </ul>		
	<ul> <li>Thorough understanding of ethical duties of defence counsel,</li> </ul>		
	<ul> <li>Ability to work effectively and efficiently with others,</li> </ul>		
	<ul> <li>Must have handled at least 20 criminal trials in Sessions Courts,</li> </ul>		
	<ul> <li>IT Knowledge with proficiency in work.</li> </ul>		
C)	ELIGIBILITY FOR ASSISTANT LEGAL AID DEFENSE COUNSEL:		
	<ul> <li>Practice in criminal law from 1 to 3 years.</li> <li>Good oral and written communication skills.</li> </ul>		
	<ul> <li>Thorough understanding of ethical duties of defence</li> </ul>		
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	<ul> <li>Ability to work effectively and efficiently with others</li> <li>Excellent writing and research skills.</li> <li>IT Knowledge with proficiency in work.</li> </ul>		
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### 5.Salaries :

The Legal Aid Defense Counsel will be paid salary as per the "Legal Aid Defense Counsel Systems - Modified Scheme-2022" which is as follows:-

FOR CLASS-A TOWNS ( POPULATION MORE THAN 10 LACS)		
Sl No.	Post	Monthly Salary (in Rs.)
1	Chief Legal Aid Defense Counsel	Rs.70,000 to 1,00,000/-
2.	Deputy Chief Legal Aid Defense Counsel	Rs.50,000 to 75,000/-
3.	Assistant Legal Aid Defense Counsel	Rs.25,000 to 45,000/-

# FOR CLASS-B TOWNS ( POPULATION MORE THAN 2 LACS BUT BELOW 10 LACS)

No.	Post	Monthly Salary (in Rs.)
1	Chief Legal Aid Defense Counsel	Rs.65,000 to 80,000/-
2.	Deputy Chief Legal Aid Defense Counsel	Rs.40,000/- to 60,000/-
3.	Assistant Legal Aid Defense Counsel	Rs.20,000 to 35,000/-

# FOR CLASS-C TOWNS ( POPULATION BELOW 2 LACS) OR REST OF THE TOWNS

No.	Post	Monthly Salary (in Rs.)
1	Chief Legal Aid Defense Counsel	Rs.60,000 to 70,000/-
2.	Deputy Chief Legal Aid Defense Counsel	Rs.30,000 to 50,000/- each
3.	Assistant Legal Aid Defense Counsel	Rs.20,000 to 30,000/- each

# 6. Leave entitlement :

- Chief Legal Aid Defense Counsel and Deputy Legal Aid Defense shall be eligible for 15 days' leave in a calendar year on pro-rata basis.
- Assistant Counsel Legal Aid Defense Counsel and other staff shall be eligible for 12 days' leave in a calendar year on pro-rata basis.
- No remuneration for the period of absence in excess of the admissible leave will be paid to the human resource of Legal Aid

Defense Counsel Office. Un-availed leave shall neither be carried forward to next year nor encashed.

# 7. Termination of service :

Services of any human resource/staff including 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:

- He/she substantially breaches any duty or service required in the office.
- Seeks or accepts any pecuniary gains from the legal aid seekers or beneficiary or his friend or relative.
- Charged or Convicted for any offence.
- Indulges in any type of political activities.
- Found incapable of rendering professional services of the required standards.
- Failure to attend training programmes without any sufficient cause.
- Indulges in activities prejudicial to the working of legal aid defense counsel office.
- Using his/her position in legal aid defense counsel office to secure unwarranted privileges or advantages for him/herself or others.
- Acts in breach of code of ethics.
- Remains absent without leave for more than two weeks.
- NOTE: The Person appointed as a Chief Legal Aid Defense Counsel, Deputy Chief Legal Aid Defense Counsel and Assistant Legal Aid Defense Counsel shall perform their duties with utmost good faith and subject to monitoring by the District Legal Services Authority and Telangana State Legal Services Authority.

The applications complete in all respects accompanied by self attested copies of relevant academic records, testimonials etc., shall reach the Chairperson, Mandal Legal Services Committee, Bhuvanagiri, Court Complex, Bhuvanagiri, Yadadri-Bhuvanagiri District on or before 5<sup>th</sup> September, 2022 by 17.00 hrs.

Applications sent through post shall be super scribed as "APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT AS CHIEF LEGAL AID DEFENSE COUNSEL/DEPUTY CHIEF LEGAL AID DEFENSE COUNSEL/ASSISTANT LEGAL AID DEFENSE COUNSEL".

Applications received beyond the date so fixed will be rejected.

Authority reserves its right to reject incomplete applications or applications for want of furnishing full information as per the notification or if it is found that the information furnished are false.

CHAIRPERSON (PRL.DISTRICT JUDGE) MANDAL LEGAL SERVICES COMMITTEE BHUVANAGIRI YADADRI-BHUVANAGIRI DIST.