

OFFICE OF DISTRICT LEGAL SERVICES AUTHORITY, VADADRI-BHUVANAGIRI

NOTIFICATION No. 4 /2024

CALLING FOR APPLICATIONS FOR THE POST OF ASSITANT LEGAL AID DEFENCE COUNSEL

LAST DATE FOR RECEIPT OF APPLICATIONS: 17.10.2024

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"

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 retainership. 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

Representation/Conducting trial and appeals including all miscellaneous work in all Sessions, Special and Magistrate Courts including executive courts.

Handling Remand and Bail Work

o Providing Legal Assistance at pre-arrest stage as per NALSA's scheme for providing such assistance

o Any other legal aided work related to District Courts or as

assigned by the Secretary, DLSA.

o 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 :-

SI. No.	Posts called for	No. of Vacancies
1.	Assistant Legal Aid Defense Counsel	5

3. Selection procedure:

After the receipt of applications, a fair, transparent and competitive selection process will be adopted by DLSA in line with the process involving selection of panel advocates under the Chairmanship of the Principal District and Sessions Judge (Chairman, DLSA) as envisaged in NALSA (Free and Competent Legal Services) Regulations 2010 and TSLSA Standard Operating Procedures for selection and working of Panel Lawyers/Retainer Lawyers/Remand Advocates/Duty Lawyers /Stipend Advocates/Monitoring And Mentoring Committees In The DLSAs And The TLSCs subject to final approval by the Executive Chairman, TSLSA.

Last date for receipt of applications		17.10.2024
Certificate verification for the posts of Assistant Legal Aid Defense Counsel	:	18.10.2024 from 10.30 a.m. onwards
Oral Interviews to the candidates for the post of Assistant Legal Aid Defense Counsel and Receptionist-cum-Data Entry Operator	:	19.10.2024 at 11.00 a.m.

4. Qualifications:

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

a)	ELIGIBILITY FOR ASSISTANT LEGAL AID DEFENSE COUNSEL:		
	 Practice in criminal law from 0 to 3 years 		
	• Good oral and written communication skills		
	Thorough understanding of ethical duties of defence counsel.		
	 Ability to work effectively and efficiently with others 		
	• Excellent writing and research skills		
	IT Knowledge with proficiency in work.		

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:-

SI No.	Post	Monthly Salary (in Rs.)
1.	Assistant Legal Aid Defense Counsel	30,000/- p.m.

6. Leave entitlement:

- Assistant Counsel Legal Aid Defense Counsel and other staff shall be eligible for 12 days' leave in a calendar year on prorata 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 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, District Legal Services Authority, Court Complex, Bhuvanagiri, on or before 17.10.2024.

Applications sent through post shall be superscribed as "APPLICATION FOR THE POST OF 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.

PRL. DISTRICT JDUGE/ CHAIRMAN

To

- 1) The President, Bar Association, Bhuvanagiri.
- 2) The President, Bar Association, Ramannapet.
- 3) The President, Bar Association, Alair.
- 4) The President, Bar Association, Choutuppal.
- 5) The President, Bar Association, Yadadri.

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