



DELHI STATE LEGAL SERVICES AUTHORITY

(constituted under the 'Legal Services Authorities Act,1987', an Act of Parliament) **Under the Administrative Control of High Court of Delhi** Central Office, 3rd Floor, Rouse Avenue District Court Complex, Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Marg, New Delhi-110002 Email: legalaidwing-dslsa@nic.in website: www.dslsa.org.





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NOTICE INVITING APPLICATIONS FOR ENGAGEMENT AS FULL TIME LEGAL AID LAWYERS IN LEGAL AID DEFENCE COUNSEL OFFICE IN NEW DELHI, NORTH, NORTH-WEST, EAST, SHAHDARA, CENTRAL, WEST, AND CENTRAL – II, ROUSE AVENUE DISTRICTS OF DELHI UNDER DSLSA

The State 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. Please visit website www.dslsa.org for full details.

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, is 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.

Legal Aid Defense Counsel Office of each of the abovementioned Districts (i.e. Central, West, North, North-West, East, North-East, Shahdara & New Delhi Districts) may have 01 Chief Legal Aid Counsel, 1 to 3 Deputy Chief Legal Aid Defense Counsels, 04 Assistant Legal Aid Defense Counsels. Rouse Avenue (Central-II) may have 01 Chief Legal Aid Counsel, 01 Deputy Chief Legal Aid Defense Counsels, 02 Assistant Legal Aid Defense Counsels. 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.

DSLSA under the aegis of NALSA (<u>www.nalsa.gov.in</u>) is in process of implementation of LADCS in Central, West, North, North-West, East, North-East, Shahdara, New Delhi & Central-II, Rouse Avenue Districts of Delhi.

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 each district proposed herein. The number of engagement positions may vary from district to district, depending upon actual need as projected by the DLSA concerned. 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 SLSA (http://www.dslsa.org) and also from Notice board of DLSA concerned. The duly filled application form along with self-attested copies of documents may 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 concerned on or before 22nd June 2023 by 17.00 Hrs. Any application received after due date shall not be considered.

Note: 1. Applying for engagement does not create any right/ assurance whatsoever.

2. Applicant shall apply only in one district of his choice and for only one post in the office of LADC. He shall also furnish an undertaking in this regard alongwith the application.

-Sd-(Mukesh Kumar Gupta) Member Secretary Delhi State Legal Services Authority