

GUIDELINES FOR ENGAGEMENT OF FULL TIME LEGAL AID LAWYERS IN LEGAL AID DEFENSE COUNSELS IN DLSA, GURDASPUR

1. Scope of Work:

Legal Aid Defense Counsel Office shall be dealing exclusively with legal aided matters in criminal matters of the District or HQ, wherein it is established. It shall be providing legal services from the early stages of criminal justice till appellate stage, and the same shall include visits to jails from catering to the legal needs of unrepresented inmates. Initially it shall not be dealing with all type of civil matters and cases of complainant, wherein present counsel assignment system (Panel Lawyers) will continue to be operational. 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 criminal courts such as Sessions, Special and Magistrate Courts including executive courts,
- Handling Remand and Bail work,
- Providing legal assistance at pre-arrest stage as per need and also in accordance with 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. Selection Procedure:

Legal Aid Defense Counsels shall be engaged on contract basis in each place/district initially for a period of two years with a stipulation of extension on yearly basis on satisfactory performance. The performance of each human resource shall be assessed in every six months by SLSA in consultation with DLSA concerned. Selection of Deputy Chief Legal Aid Defense Counsel, will be purely based on merit, taking into account the knowledge, skills, practice and experience of candidates. The detail of post is as under:-

Sr. No.	Name of Post	No. of Posts
1.	Deputy Chief Legal Aid Defence Counsel	01

The eligibility criteria are as follows:-

Qualifications for Deputy Chief Legal Aid Defense Counsel:

- Practice in Criminal law for at least 7 years,
- Excellent understanding of criminal law,
- Excellent oral and written communication skills,
- Skill in legal research,
- Thorough understanding of ethical duties of defense counsel,

- Ability to work effectively and efficiently with others,
- Must have handled at least 20 criminal trials in Sessions Courts (*In case suitable candidates are not found, then Ld. Chairperson, DLSA may relax the condition of handling the minimum number of criminal trials in Sessions Courts specifically for engagement of Deputy Chief Legal Aid Defense Counsel*)
- IT Knowledge with proficiency in work □

3. Work Profiles:

Deputy Chief Legal Aid Defense Counsel.

- Conducting trials/ appeals/ Remand work /Bail applications/visits to prisons etc., as assigned by Chief Legal Aid Defense Counsel.
- Filing and arguing appeals and bail applications in Courts.
- Maintaining complete case files.
- Doing legal research in legal aided cases and guiding assistant legal Aid Defense Counsel and law students attached with the office in legal research.
- Proper client interviews at various stages for quality research work and representation at remand, trial and appellate stage.
- All or any of the work of the Chief defense Counsel as per assignment,
- Any work/duty assigned by Legal Services Authority.

4. Termination of Services:

Services of any 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 by the Chairman, DLSA on recommendation of the Secretary DLSA or on directions by SLSA in writing:

1. He/she substantially breaches any duty or service required in the office, or
2. Seeks or accepts any pecuniary gains or gratification in cash or kind from the legal aid seekers or beneficiary or his friend or relative, or
3. Charged or Convicted for any offence by any court of law, or
4. Indulges in any type of political activities, or
5. Found incapable of rendering professional services of the required standards, or
6. Failure to attend training programmes without any sufficient cause, or
7. Indulges in activities prejudicial to the working of legal aid defense counsel office, or

8. Using his/her position in legal aid defense counsel office to secure unwarranted privileges or advantages for him/herself or others, or
9. Acts in breach of code of ethics, or
10. Remains absent without leave for more than two weeks, or
11. If services are found unsatisfactory during the six monthly performance review by the SLSA or DLSA.

5. Code of Ethics:

Personnel engaged in the office of Legal Aid Defense Counsel shall observe the following code of ethics:

1. No personnel shall act in any matter in which he/she has a direct or indirect personal or financial interest.
2. No personnel shall wilfully disclose or use, whether or not for the purpose of pecuniary gain, any information that he/she obtained, received or acquired during the fulfilment of his/her official duties and which is not available to members of the general public.
3. No personnel within the office of Legal Aid Defense Counsel shall make use of his/her office or employment for the purpose of promoting or advertising any outside activity.
4. No personnel within the office of Legal Aid Defense Counsel shall engage in any outside activity or act as an independent practitioner.
5. No personnel within the office of Legal Aid Defense Counsel shall solicit, agree to accept or accept, whether directly or indirectly, any gift, favour, service, or other thing of value under circumstances from which it might be reasonably inferred that such gift, service, or other thing of value was given or offered for the purpose of influencing him/her in, or rewarding him/her for, the discharge of his/her official duties.
6. Legal Aid Defense Counsel shall devote his/her full time to his/her duties for the office of Legal Aid Defense Counsel and shall not engage in private practice of law during the term of employment.
7. Every Personnel of the office of Legal Aid Defense Counsel shall strive to preserve the public's confidence in the office's fair and impartial execution of its duties and responsibilities.

8. Legal Aid Defense Counsel shall also follow the code of ethics prescribed by Bar Council of India for lawyers.

6. **Entitlement to Leave:**

- Chief Legal Aid Defense Counsel and Deputy Legal Aid Defense Counsel shall be eligible for 15 days' leave in a calendar year on pro-rata basis.
- Assistant Legal Aid Defense Counsel 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.

9. **Honorarium (Retainership fee):** Revised Honorarium received vide letter no. PULSA/2023/1130 dated 17.02.2023 of the Ld. Member Secretary, Punjab State Legal Services Authority, SAS Nagar.

1	Deputy Chief Legal Aid Defense Counsel	50,000/-
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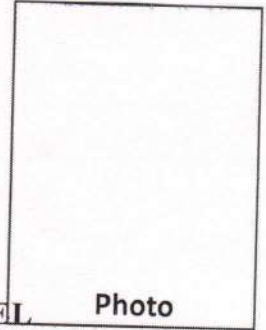
The Applications received after 5.00 p.m. on 25.07.2023 shall not be considered. Incomplete applications forms shall also be rejected.

The candidates shall also be called for interview on 02.08.2023 at 3:00 p.m.

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

STATE _____ DISTRICT _____

Application No. _____ (For Office use)



APPLICATION FOR DEPUTY LEGAL AID DEFENSE COUNSEL

1. Applicant's Name :
2. Father/Husband's Name :
3. Date of Birth :
4. Age (as on 01-08-2022) :
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 empanelled as Central/State Government or:

Government undertaking counsel/pleader

(Indicate period & attach documents)

21. The Courts where the Applicant is

regularly practising :

(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

against the Applicant with any Bar Council : YES

NO

(If yes, specify details of both disposed & pending with documents)

24. List of the documents to be attached.

1. Self-Attested copy of Certificates in support of educational qualifications.
2. Self-Attested copy of Certificate in Enrollment issued by the Bar Council under the Advocates Act, 1961.
3. Self-Attested copy of Photo Identity Card, Address Proof.
4. Self-Attested copy of ITR for last 3 years (if available).
5. Photo copies of judgments in 5 Sessions cases, represented as Defense lawyer, (for the post of Chief/Deputy Legal Aid Defense Counsel).
6. Photocopies of at least 5 cross examinations in Sessions cases (for Chief/Deputy Legal Aid Defense Counsel).

(Signature)

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 penalised by any Bar Council in any Disciplinary Proceedings. I also undertake to maintain absolute integrity and discipline as required there under. I agree with the remuneration structure and all the terms and conditions notified by SLSA/DLSA concerned.

(Signature)

Place: _____ Date: _

**OFFICE OF CHAIRPERSON, DISTRICT LEGAL SERVICES
AUTHORITY, GURDASPUR**

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Application for filling of one post of Deputy Chief Legal Aid Defense Counsl in District Gurdaspur is invited from eligible candidates for the office of Legal Aid Defense Counsel System set by the District Legal Services Authority, Gurdaspur. For more detailed information, please visit District Courts Website <https://districts.ecourts.gov.in/gurdaspur>. The conditions with regard to number of Sessions Trials can be relaxed by undersigned. Last date for submission of applications is 25.07.2023 upto 05:00 P.M. The candidates shall appear for interview on 02.08.2023 at 03:00 P.M. in the Conference Room of District & Sessions Judge, Gurdaspur.

The applications are requested to regularly visit the website <https://districts.ecourts.gov.in/gurdaspur> for further updates.

Dated:- 12.07.2023

Sd/-

District & Sessions Judge-cum-
Chairman,
District Legal Services Authority,
Gurdaspur.

ਦਫਤਰ, ਜਿਲ੍ਹਾ ਕਾਨੂੰਨੀ ਸੇਵਾਵਾਂ ਅਥਾਰਟੀ, ਗੁਰਦਾਸਪੁਰ।

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ਜਿਲ੍ਹਾ ਕਾਨੂੰਨੀ ਸੇਵਾਵਾਂ ਅਥਾਰਟੀ, ਗੁਰਦਾਸਪੁਰ ਵਿੱਚ ਸਥਾਪਿਤ ਲੀਗਲ ਏਡ ਡਿਫੈਂਸ ਕੌਂਸਲ ਵਿੱਚ ਇੱਕ ਡਿਪਟੀ ਚੀਫ ਲੀਗਲ ਏਡ ਡਿਫੈਂਸ ਕਾਉਂਸਲ ਅਸਾਮੀ ਲਈ ਯੋਗ ਉਮੀਦਵਾਰਾਂ ਤੋਂ ਬਿਨੈ ਪੱਤਰਾਂ ਦੀ ਮੰਗ ਕੀਤੀ ਜਾਂਦੀ ਹੈ। ਵਿਸਥਾਰਿਤ ਜਾਣਕਾਰੀ ਲਈ ਉਮੀਦਵਾਰਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਵਿਭਾਗ ਦੀ ਵੈੱਬਸਾਈਟ <https://districts.ecourts.gov.in/gurdaspur> ਚੈੱਕ ਕਰਨ ਦੀ ਹਦਾਇਤ ਕੀਤੀ ਜਾਂਦੀ ਹੈ। ਸੈਸ਼ਨ ਕੇਸਾਂ ਦੇ ਟਰਾਇਲਾਂ ਦੀ ਗਿਣਤੀ ਦੇ ਸੰਬੰਧ ਵਿੱਚ ਸ਼ਰਤਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਨਿਮਨਹਸਤਾਖਰ ਵੱਲੋਂ ਢਿੱਲ ਦਿੱਤੀ ਜਾ ਸਕਦੀ ਹੈ। ਬਿਨੈ ਪੱਤਰ ਪੇਸ਼ ਕਰਨ ਲਈ ਅੰਤਿਮ ਮਿਤੀ 25.07.2023 ਸ਼ਾਮ 5 ਵਜੇ ਤੱਕ ਹੈ ਅਤੇ ਇੰਟਰਵਿਊ ਲਈ ਬਿਨੈਕਾਰ ਮਿਤੀ 02.08.2023 ਨੂੰ 3 ਵਜੇ, ਜਿਲ੍ਹਾ ਸੈਸ਼ਨਜ ਜੱਜ, ਗੁਰਦਾਸਪੁਰ ਦੇ ਕਾਨਫਰੰਸ ਰੂਮ ਵਿੱਚ ਹਾਜਰ ਹੋਣ।

ਹੋਰ ਅਪਡੇਟਸ ਲਈ ਇਸ ਦਫਤਰ ਦੀ ਵੈੱਬਸਾਈਟ <https://districts.ecourts.gov.in/gurdaspur> ਤੇ ਨਿਯਮਤ ਤੌਰ ਤੇ ਚੈੱਕ ਕਰਨ ਦੀ ਹਦਾਇਤ ਕੀਤੀ ਜਾਂਦੀ ਹੈ।

ਮਿਤੀ 12.07.2023

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ਜਿਲ੍ਹਾ ਅਤੇ ਸੈਸ਼ਨ ਜੱਜ-ਕਮ-ਚੇਅਰਮੈਨ,

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