



**OFFICE OF DISTRICT LEGAL SERVICES AUTHORITY,
DAVANAGERE**

No.DLSA-DVG/20/2025

Date:14-10-2025

N O T I F I C A T I O N

**CALLING FOR APPLICATION FOR THE POST OF
DEPUTY LEGAL AID DEFENSE COUNSEL FOR
SETTING UP
“LEGAL AID DEFENSE COUNSEL SYSTEM”**

LAST DATE FOR RECEIPT OF APPLICATIONS: 25-10-2025

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 Karnataka State Legal Services Authority has chosen all the districts on pilot project. For setting up “Legal Aid Defense Counsel System” already steps are taken to provide necessary infrastructure. Thus, now the applications for appointment of “Full time Deputy Legal Aid Counsel” two (02) posts are called. The particulars are as under:

1.The scope of work :

Legal Aid Defense Counsel Office shall be dealing exclusively with legal aided matter in criminal matters of 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 Defence 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.
- Periodic visit of Prisons of the district under the guidance of the Member Secretary, DLSA.
- Any other legal aided work related to District Courts or as assigned by the Member Secretary, DLSA.

2. Vacancy of Post :

As per the directions of Hon'ble Executive Chairman, KSLSA, on the basis of pendency of Criminal Case and Legal Aid Cases the following post which are vacant in DLSA needs to be filled up on contract basis for a period of Two (02) years with a stipulation of extension on yearly basis on satisfactory performance. The Performance of selected candidates shall be assessed in every 06 months by SLSA in consultation with DLSA.

Details of the posts called for is as follows :-

Sl. No.	Post called for	No. of Vacancy
1.	Deputy Legal Aid Defense Counsel	02

3. Selection procedure :

A competitive selection process shall be adopted by DLSA under guidance of KSLSA. As per the guideline issued by NALSA, the 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 KSLSA Standard Operating Procedures for selection and working of Panel Lawyers/Retainer Lawyers/Remand Advocates/Duty Lawyers /Stipend Advocates/Monitoring And Mentoring Committees. The

committee has been formulated in the DLSA subject to final approval by the Executive Chairman, KSLSA.

The Steps involved/timeline in the selection process is as follows:-

Step	Date
Publication of notification/inviting application	14-10-2025
Last date for receipt of applications for engagement as Legal Aid Lawyers for LADCS	25-10-2025
Scrutiny of applications	On or before 27-10-2025
Submission of list of candidates before Chairperson of Selection Committee	30-10-2025
Interview of the candidates	On or before 14-11-2025
Submission of list of successful candidates in the order of merit along with the marks sheets and waiting list of two candidates to each post who are immediately next to the selected candidate/s in the order of merit to KSLSA.	20-11-2025

4. Qualifications :

Qualifications is prescribed for the Legal Aid Defense Counsels which is 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, may be relaxed in exceptional circumstances, by Hon'ble executive Chariman, SLSA. • IT Knowledge with proficiency in work.

5. Honorarium (Retainership Fee) :

The Deputy Legal Aid Defense Counsels will be paid Honorarium/retainership fee as per the "Legal Aid Defense Counsel Systems - Modified Scheme-2022" which is as follows:-

Sl No.	Post	Monthly Honorarium (Retainership Fee) (in Rs.)
1.	Deputy Chief Legal Aid Defense Counsel	45,000/- (Less TDS as per IT Act.)

6. WORK PROFILE

Deputy Legal Aid Defense Counsel.

- Conducting trials/Appeals/Remand Work/Bail Application/Visit to Prisons etc., as assigned Chief Legal Aid Defense Counsel.
- Filing and arguing appeals and bail applications in court.
- Maintaining complete Case files.
- Doing legal research in legal aid 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.

7. Leave entitlement :

- Deputy Legal Aid Defense Counsel shall be eligible for 15 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.

8. Termination of service :

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:

- He/she substantially breaches any duty or service required in the office.
- Seeks or accepts any pecuniary gains or gratification in cash or kind from the legal aid seekers or beneficiary or his friend or relative,
- Charged or Convicted for any offence by any court of law.
- Indulges in any type of political activities.
- Found incapable of rendering professional services of the required standards.
- Failure to attend training programs 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.
- If services are round unsatisfactory during the six monthly performance review by the SLSA or DLSA.
- If found taking any other private cases or any retainer ship during the contractual period.

NOTE: The Person appointed as a Deputy Legal Aid Defense Counsel shall perform their duties with utmost good faith and subject to monitoring by the District Legal Services Authority and Karnataka State Legal Services Authority.

For further information, refer to NSLSA (Free and competent Legal Services) Regulations, 201, SOPs issued by KSLSA from time to time and the guideline issued by KSLSA for engagement of full time Legal Aid Lawyers in Legal Aid Defense Counsel System.

The applications complete in all respects accompanied by self attested copies of relevant academic records, testimonials etc., shall reach the **Member Secretary, District Legal Services Authority, Old Court Complex, Davanagere, on or before 25-10-2025.** Applications received beyond the date so fixed will be rejected.

Applications sent through post shall be subscribed as **"APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT AS DEPUTY LEGAL AID DEFENSE COUNSEL".**

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.

Note: All correspondence and interview intimation will be made only through digital mode. i.e Watsapp message, etc.,

By Order of the Hon'ble Chairperson,
District Legal Service Authority &
Chairperson of LADCs selection committee



(Mahavir M. Karennavar)
Member Secretary
DLSA, Davanagere.

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

STATE _____

DISTRICT _____

Application No. _____
(For Office use)

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SIGNATURE

APPLICATION FOR CHIEF/DEPUTY/ASSISTANT LEGAL AID DEFENSE COUNSEL

1	Applicant's Name	:	
2	Father/Husband's Name	:	
3	Date of Birth	:	
4	Age (as on 01.10.2025)	:	
5	Gender Male/Female/Transgender	:	
6	Nationality	:	
7	Caste /Category/Community	:	
8	Religion	:	
9	Mother Tongue	:	
10	Languages Known	:	
11	Residential Address	:	
12	Office / Chamber (if any)Address	:	
13	Contact Details :	:	
	a. Telephone No. (O)	:	
	b. Telephone No. (R)	:	
	c. Mobile No.	:	
	d. Fax No.	:	
	e. E-mail ID	:	
14	PAN No.	:	
15	AADHAR No.	:	



16	Marital Status	:	Married ☐ Unmarried ☐
17	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 Extra qualifications/activities (if any)			
Computer knowledge			

18	Date of Enrolment as an Advocate & Enrolment No. (Attach self-attested copy of Enrolment certificate issued by Karnataka State Bar Council)	:	
19	Actual Standing at the Bar as on the date of notification. (Duration of actual practice) (Attach an experience certificate issued by the concerned Bar Association) (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 Applicant has dealt with/handled and reported judgement, if any)	:	
20	Whether empanelled as Central/State Government or : Government undertaking Counsel/pleader (Indicate period & attach relevant 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 relevant documents)	:	

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23	Whether the applicant ever debarred/disqualified or found ineligible for candidature in any examination process of any public services conducted by any Public Authority? If so, furnish details.	:	
24	Whether he/she is compulsorily retired, removed or dismissed from any services in Government/Statutory Body/Local Authority? If so, furnish details.	:	
25	Whether any disciplinary/professional misconduct proceedings/ Complaint is/was initiated against the Applicant by any Bar Council : (If yes, specify details of both disposed & pending cases with documents)	:	
26	Whether the applicant is ever prosecuted or convicted and sentenced in any criminal cases or whether appearing before any criminal court in respect of any criminal cases/FIR pending against? If so, furnish particulars regarding the same.	:	
27	Whether the applicant is an Income Tax Assessee, if so, give details.	:	

28. List of documents to be attached.

1. Self-Attested copy of Certificates/Marks Cards in support of educational qualifications & experiences. (Production of copy of SSLC Marks Card and LLB Marks Cards are mandatory)
2. Self-Attested copy of Certificate of Enrolment issued by the Karnataka State Bar Council under the Advocates Act, 1961.
3. Self-Attested copy of the practice/experience certificate issued by Bar Association.
4. Self-Attested copy of Photo Identity Card/Aadhaar Card and any other Address Proof.
5. Certificate of Computer knowledge, if available.
6. List of 30 Sessions cases and 20 Sessions Cases handled by the candidate who applies for the post of Chief and Deputy Legal Aid Defence Counsels respectively. (copy of vakalat filed in each case shall be submitted).
7. Photo copies of judgments in 5 Sessions cases and cross-examinations in 5 sessions cases, represented as Defence lawyer, (for the post of Chief Legal Aid Defence Counsel and Deputy Legal Aid Defence Counsel respectively).

Signature of the applicant

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 agree 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 thereunder. I agree with the remuneration structure and all the terms and conditions notified by KSLSA/DLSA concerned.

Place: _____

Date: _____

Signature of the applicant

