



Andhra Pradesh State Legal Services Authority, Amaravati

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**NOTICE INVITING APPLICATIONS FOR ENGAGEMENT AS
DEPUTY CHIEF LEGAL AID DEFENSE COUNSEL OFFICE IN
GUNTUR DISTRICT**

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 of **APSLSA** for full details.

Realising 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.

Each Legal Aid Defense Counsel Office may have 01 Chief Legal Aid Counsel, 03 Deputy Chief Legal Aid Defense Counsel, 05 Assistant Legal Aid Defense Counsels (number of positions depending upon legal aid work in the district). 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.



Applications are invited from eligible lawyers having requisite qualifications for Contractual engagement on full time engagement for **Two (02) posts of Deputy Chief Legal Aid Defense Counsel** as per scheme in **Guntur district** . The Lawyers so engaged therein will not be allowed to take any other private cases or any other retainership. Such lawyers shall work on fulltime basis at the office of LADCS, Guntur.

The Scheme of engagement along with application form may be downloaded from the official website of SLSA (<http://apslsa.ap.nic.in>) and also from Notice board of all DLSAs/ all MLSCs/ All Bar Associations/ High Court Bar Association concerned. The duly filled application form along with self-attested copies of documents may be submitted to **DLSA, Guntur** through speed post or in an envelope personally in the office of the **Secretary, DLSA, Guntur** on or before **03.01.2025 by 17.00 Hrs.** Any application received after due date shall not be considered.

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


Member Secretary
APSLSA