

No. DLSA(S)

Dated, Tezpur the 07th March, 2026

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Inviting applicant in the application form as issued by NALSA from the intending candidates for Contractual engagement in the following posts in the Office of Legal Aid Defense Counsel System, Sonitpur, as per the LADCS Modified Scheme, 2022 of NALSA:

Sl. No.	Name of Post	No. of Post	Selection Criteria	Monthly Salary
1.	Chief Legal Aid Defense Counsel (Contractual)	01 Nos.	Viva-Voce	Rs. 90,000/- (Fixed pay)
2.	Assistant Legal Aid Defense Counsel (Contractual)	02 Nos.	Viva-Voce	Rs. 45,000/- (Fixed pay)

N. B. Salary as per NALSA Guideline on LADCS Office for Class - A towns.
(Population more than 10 lacs)

Details of the post and general information can be downloaded from the official website of Sonitpur District Judiciary (<https://sonitpur.dcourts.gov.in>)

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District & Sessions Judge -Cum- Chairman,
District Legal Services Authority,
Sonitpur, Tezpur

Memo No. DLSA(S) 1582-90

Date: 07/03/2026

Copy to:

1. The Member Secretary, Assam State Legal Services Authority, Guwahati, Assam
2. The DIPRO, Sonitpur, Tezpur, with a request to publish the advertisement in 02 (two) leading Daily Newspapers (English and Assamese) immediately.
3. The President / Secretary, Tezpur Bar Association, Tezpur, Sonitpur
4. The President / Secretary, Tezpur Advocate Association, Tezpur, Sonitpur
5. The System Officer, O/o. the District & Sessions Judge, Sonitpur, Tezpur for uploading in the official website of Sonitpur Judiciary.
6. The Notice Board of the O/o. The District & Sessions Judge, Sonitpur, Tezpur
7. The Notice Board of the O/o. The District Commissioner, Sonitpur, Tezpur
8. The Notice Board of the O/o. The District Legal Services Authority, Sonitpur, Tezpur
9. The Office File.

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I. Details for the post of Chief Legal Aid Defense Counsel (Contractual):

1.	Name of Post	Chief Legal Aid Defense Counsel (Contractual)
2.	No. of Post	01(One)
3.	Salary	Rs. 90,000/- (Rupees Ninety Thousand only) per month
4.	Qualification	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Practice in Criminal law for at least 10 years.• Excellent oral and written communication skills.• Excellent understanding of criminal law,• Thorough understanding of ethical duties of a defense counsel.• Ability to work effectively and efficiently with others with capability to lead.• Must have handled at least 30 criminal trials in Sessions Courts, aforesaid condition of handling 30 criminal cases can be relaxed in appropriate circumstances.• Knowledge of computer system is preferable.• Quality to lead the team with capacity to manage the office.
5.	Mode of Recruitment	Viva-Voce
6.	Tenure	1 (One) year

II. Details for the post of Assistant Legal Aid Defense Counsel (Contractual):

1.	Name of Post	Assistant Legal Aid Defense Counsel (Contractual)
2.	No. of Post	02 (Two)
3.	Salary	Rs. 45,000/- (Rupees Forty-Five Thousand Only) per month
4.	Qualification	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Practice in criminal law from 0 to 3 years.• Good oral and written communication skills.• Thorough understanding of ethical duties of defense counsel.• Ability to work effectively and efficiently with others.• Excellent writing and research skills.• IT Knowledge with high proficiency in work.
5.	Mode of Recruitment	Viva-Voce
6.	Tenure	1 (One) year
7.	Age	Minimum : 18 years Maximum : 40 years as on the date of advertisement Age Relaxation as per Govt. Rule

HOW TO APPLY:

The applicant will have to submit duly filled in application form as issued by NALSA with the head "APPLICATION FOR ENGAGEMENT AS LEGAL AID LAWYER IN LEGAL AID DEFENSE COUNSEL SYSTEM".

The following list of documents is to be attached along with the application form:

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. Attach experience certificate issued by the Bar Association/ Counsel
6. Photo copies of judgments in 5 Sessions cases, represented as defense lawyer, (for the post of Chief Legal Aid Defense Counsel).
7. Photocopies of at least 5 cross examinations in Sessions cases (for Chief Legal Aid Defense Counsel)
8. Candidates are required to fill up the application form along with all relevant documents mentioned in Sl. No. 16, 18, 19 (a), (b), (c), 20, 21, 22, 23 along with Sl. No. 24 (01 to 06)
9. Completed applications along with all testimonials as mentioned above can be sent through speed post or in an envelope personally on or before 17th March, 2026.
10. Any application received after the due date shall not be considered.
11. Incomplete applications will be summarily rejected without assigning any reason.
12. The application for engagement does not create any right / assurance whatsoever.

General Instruction for Candidates:

1. Candidates must be an Indian Citizen as defined in Article 5 to 8 of the Constitution of India.
2. Candidates serving in Govt. Department should submit their application through proper channel.
3. The application with attested copies of all testimonials along with 3 (three) copies of recent passport size photographs duly signed by the candidate on the reverse side should reach the Office of the undersigned **on or before 17-03-2026**.
4. The applicants shall mention their mobile no. in the application, without fail. Application without Mobile Number will be disqualified.
5. The last date of receipt of application is **17-03-2026**. No application will be entertained after the last date.
6. The list of eligible candidates along with date of interview shall be uploaded in the official website of Sonitpur District Judiciary in due course. (<https://sonitpur.dcourts.gov.in>)

No separate call letters will be issued. Applicants are requested to refer to the official website.

7. Examination Centre: Tezpur (Date & Venues will be informed in the official website).
8. No TA/ DA will be admissible to the candidates for attending the recruitment process.
9. Application received late or without proper supporting documents or without passport size photograph or without Mobile Number or unsigned or incomplete will be summarily rejected.
10. Canvassing directly or indirectly shall disqualify a candidate.
11. The performance of every human resource shall be assessed every six months.
12. The application should be addressed to:

The District & Sessions Judge -cum- Chairman,
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CONDITION LAID DOWN FOR TERMINATION OF SERVICES:

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

- i. He/she substantially breaches any duty or service required in the office, or
- ii. 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
- iii. Charged or Convicted for any offence by any court of law, or
- iv. Indulges in any type of political activities, or
- v. Found incapable of rendering professional services of the required standards, or
- vi. Failure to attend training programmes without any sufficient cause, or
- vii. Indulges in activities prejudicial to the working of legal aid defense counsel office, or
- viii. Uses his/her position in legal aid defense counsel office to secure unwarranted privileges or advantages for him/herself or others, or
- ix. Acts in breach of code of ethics, or
- x. Remains absent without leave for more than two weeks, or
- xi. If services are found unsatisfactory during the six-monthly performance review by the SLSA or DLSA.

CODE OF ETHICS FOR THE PERSONNEL ENGAGED IN THE OFFICE OF LEGAL AID DEFENSE COUNSEL:

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

- i. No personnel shall act in any matter in which he/she has a direct or indirect personal or financial interest.
- ii. 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.
- iii. 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.
- iv. No personnel within the office of Legal Aid Defense Counsel shall engage in any outside activity or act as an independent practitioner.
- v. 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.

- vi. 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.
- vii. 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.
- viii. Legal Aid Defense Counsel shall also follow the code of ethics prescribed by Bar Council of India for lawyers.

ENTITLEMENT TO LEAVE FOR THE OFFICE PERSONNEL OF LADCS:

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



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