



NATIONAL LAW UNIVERSITY, DELHI

PROJECT 39A

Date: 6th June 2019

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS - LEGAL AID PROJECT - ASSOCIATE (RESEARCH)

Position: National Law University, Delhi (“University”) through Project 39A is seeking to engage on a contractual basis, one (1) Associate (Research) for its project on examining the challenges of the Indian legal aid system. The Associate (Research) will be responsible for designing and implementing the aforementioned project along with other research tasks.

About Project 39A: Project 39A (hereinafter ‘P39A’) draws inspiration from Article 39-A in the Indian Constitution on equal justice and signals the broadening of its work on the criminal justice system in India. It undertakes litigation, research and outreach relating to forensics, torture, legal aid, forensic mental health and death penalty (for more information on P39A, visit www.project39a.com).

About the Legal Aid Project : The project is aimed at reviewing the legal aid system in India’s criminal justice system and making appropriate recommendations for a more effective legal aid system, where required. The project will evaluate legal aid mechanisms, study the infrastructural support provided to legal aid lawyers and conduct interviews with stakeholders such as legal aid lawyers, members of legal aid bodies, judges and prisoners. Consultations with Bar Associations and legal aid authorities at the district court and High Court level regarding the adoption of minimum safeguards and performance assessment for legal aid cases will also be undertaken.

Responsibilities:

- A. Contribute to developing and implementing the framework for the research project;
- B. Undertake fieldwork for the purposes of the project, including observing trials, interviewing prisoners, police personnel and functionaries in various State and District Legal Services Authorities;

- C. Engage with various central and state agencies involved in the administration of the Indian criminal justice system;
- D. Collate, analyse and publish findings of the fieldwork;
- E. Present the work of P39A at appropriate fora;
- F. Participate in and contribute to the overall research efforts at P39A;
- G. Undertake administrative or any other work that may be necessary to further the aims of P39A.

Qualifications:

- A. LL.M. or LL.M. awaited (by September 2019) in aspects of public law relevant to the project is essential.
- B. Experience in legal research on the criminal justice system is preferable.

Compensation: Salary will be commensurate with qualifications and experience and will be in the range of Rs. 50,000 –55,000 per month. Exceptions may be made commensurate with experience.

Application Process: Interested persons may send their résumé and a brief statement outlining the likely contributions to our work. The statement of purpose must not exceed 750 words. Please email your résumé and statement of purpose to p39arecruitment@nludelhi.ac.in. The subject of the email should be “**Application for Associate (Research) - Legal Aid Project.**”

Deadline: Applications must reach us no later than midnight of 22nd June 2019. Applications received after this date will not be considered. Shortlisted candidates shall be informed about the next round in the selection process via email.

Note:

1. P39A ensures access to legal representation for prisoners regardless of the offence.
2. National Law University, Delhi is an equal opportunity employer.
3. National Law University, Delhi reserves the right to conduct interviews and not fill these positions.
4. National Law University, Delhi is unable to cover the costs of travel and accommodation for attending the selection interviews.
5. The position shall be paid under the grants received by P39A, National Law University, Delhi.