



**NATIONAL LAW UNIVERSITY DELHI  
CENTRE ON THE DEATH PENALTY  
CALL FOR APPLICATIONS- ASSOCIATE (LITIGATION)**

*Date: April 21, 2017*

The National Law University, Delhi ('University') is seeking to engage **one** Associate (Litigation) to work with and further the aims of the Centre on the Death Penalty on a full-time basis. The contract will be for a period of one year.

**About the Centre:**

The Centre is established under the aegis of the University and was set up in August 2014 to undertake litigation, research and outreach related to the death penalty. The Centre provides pro bono legal representation to prisoners sentenced to death in India and engages in strategic litigation challenging procedural and substantive aspects of death penalty in India. The aim of the Centre's research is to generate information, through empirical and doctrinal studies, on issues affecting prisoners sentenced to death in India, analyze the developing jurisprudence on the death penalty in India and other jurisdictions, and undertake comparative research to add to the current understanding and debate around the death penalty. Currently, the Centre has 15 full-time Research Associates in litigation, research and public affairs roles, in addition to the Director of the Centre and Administrative staff.

**Responsibilities:**

- A. Devise legal strategy and arguments for cases handled by the Centre and carry out related research.
- B. Draft criminal appeals, review petitions, writ petitions, applications, rejoinders and other legal documents.
- C. Brief and assist advocates on record and senior counsels.
- D. Visit prisons across India to conduct detailed interviews with prisoners sentenced to death, their families and trial/appellate court lawyers as part of developing legal strategy in particular cases.
- E. Regularly communicate with prison authorities to obtain case specific information and documents.
- F. Collect case records maintained by prisons, previous lawyers, family members or court record rooms.
- G. Present the work of the Centre at appropriate fora.
- H. Organise training workshops and conferences.
- I. Any other work that may be necessary to further the aims of the Centre.



**Qualifications:**

- A. Graduate with an LLB degree.
- B. Enrolment with any State Bar Council.
- C. Those with full-time litigation experience of two years or more will be given preference.
- D. Ability to read/ write/ speak regional Indian languages will be an advantage but is not mandatory.

**Compensation:** Salary will be commensurate with qualifications and experience and will be within the range of Rs. 50,000-Rs.60,000 per month.

**Application Process:**

Interested persons may send their resumé and a statement of purpose, explaining their interest in working on issues of death penalty and the contribution that they see themselves making to the Centre's work. The statement of purpose must not exceed 750 words.

**Email:**

Please send your resumé and statement of purpose to the Registrar ([registrarnlud@nludelhi.ac.in](mailto:registrarnlud@nludelhi.ac.in)) with a copy marked to [deathpenalty@nludelhi.ac.in](mailto:deathpenalty@nludelhi.ac.in). The subject of the e-mail should be "**Centre on the Death Penalty- Application for Associate (Litigation)**" The cover letter must state (Attn: Director, Centre on the Death Penalty.)

OR

**Post/Courier:**

The postal address is "Registrar, National Law University, Delhi, Sector 14, Dwarka, New Delhi-110 078". The envelope must have super scribed on it, "**Centre on the Death Penalty- Application for Associate (Litigation)**". Please address the application to the Registrar, National Law University, Delhi. The cover letter must state (Attn: Director, Centre on the Death Penalty.)

The University reserves the right to conduct interviews and not fill these positions. The University will be unable to cover the costs for attending the interview but the possibility of a telephonic/video interview can be explored.

**Deadline:** Applications must reach us no later than **23:59 hours** or (11.59 pm) **on May 8th 2017**. Applications received after this date will not be considered. Interviews for shortlisted candidates may be conducted around 13th-14th May 2017.

**Note:**

1. The Centre works on behalf of all prisoners sentenced to death, regardless of the offence involved.
2. The position in this call is partially supported by a grant from the European Union.
3. National Law University, Delhi is an equal opportunity employer.