



**NATIONAL LAW UNIVERSITY, DELHI**

**CENTRE ON THE DEATH PENALTY**

**RESEARCH ASSOCIATES (LITIGATION) - CALL FOR APPLICATIONS**

*29 April, 2016*

**Position:** The National Law University, Delhi ('University') is seeking to engage, on a contractual basis, **two Research Associates (Litigation)** for the Centre on the Death Penalty at its campus in Dwarka, New Delhi. The contract will be for one year initially and can be extended by another year at the discretion of the University.

**About the Centre on the Death Penalty:** The Centre was set up in August 2014 and undertakes litigation, research and outreach relating to the death penalty. The Centre was formed following the Death Penalty Research Project undertaken by the University since July 2013 in collaboration with the National Legal Services Authority (for more details, visit [www.deathpenaltyindia.com](http://www.deathpenaltyindia.com)). The Centre provides pro bono legal assistance to several prisoners sentenced to death across the country.

Currently, the Centre has seven (8) full-time Research Associates in litigation and research roles in addition to the Director of the Centre and an Office Administrator.

**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. 40,000-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 500 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 Research 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 Research Associate (Litigation)**" and addressed 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 20<sup>th</sup> May 2016.

The shortlisted candidates will be informed about the Interview date which will be tentatively held in the last week of May.

**Note:**

1. The Centre works on behalf of all prisoners sentenced to death, regardless of the offence involved.
2. The positions in this call are supported by the National Law University, grants from the European Union and the Oak Foundation.
3. National Law University, Delhi is an equal opportunity employer.