



PROJECT 39A
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**PROJECT 39A | NATIONAL LAW UNIVERSITY, DELHI
FAIR TRIAL FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMME**

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CALL FOR APPLICATIONS: CONSULTANT (LEGAL)

Position: National Law University, Delhi (“University”) through Project 39A is seeking to engage on a contractual basis, **one (1) Consultant (Legal)** for Project 39A’s Fair Trial Fellowship Programme. The Consultant (Legal) will be responsible for designing as well as implementing research projects and devising litigation strategy along with other research, advocacy and allied tasks.

About Project 39A: Project 39A draws inspiration from Article 39-A in the Indian Constitution on equal justice and signals the broadening of our work on the criminal justice system in India. We undertake litigation, research and outreach relating to forensics, torture, legal aid, forensic psychiatry and death penalty (for more information on Project 39A, visit www.project39a.com).

Project 39A is headed by the Executive Director, Dr. Anup Surendranath (Assistant Professor of Law, National Law University Delhi) and has 20 full-time Research Associates/ Consultants involved in litigation, mitigation, research as well as communications and public outreach.

About the Fair Trial Fellowship Programme: The Fair Trial Fellowship Programme commenced in August 2018 and has established a Fellowship Programme to support empanelled legal aid lawyers under the District Legal Services Authority (DLSA) framework. The twin goals of the programme are to reduce the under-trial population in prisons in Pune and Nagpur and to collaborate with the legal aid system in Maharashtra. To this end, the programme includes research as well as litigation components.

Responsibilities:

- A. Contribute to developing and implementing the framework, methodology of research projects and implement the fieldwork.
- B. Undertake fieldwork for the purposes of the project, including observing and facilitating trials, interviewing prisoners, police personnel and other stakeholders.
- C. Engage with various central and state agencies involved in the administration of the criminal justice system in India.
- D. Collate, analyse and publish findings of the fieldwork.
- E. Devise and implement litigation strategies.
- F. Analyse case progress.
- G. Work towards strengthening legal support systems.
- H. Present the work of Project 39A at appropriate fora.
- I. Participate in and contribute to the overall research and public communications efforts at Project 39A.
- J. Undertake administrative or any other work that may be necessary to further the aims of Project 39A.

Qualifications:

- A. Graduate with a degree in law or a social science discipline.
- B. At least three years of experience in research/training/advocacy on issues related to the criminal justice system is preferable.
- C. A postgraduate degree in aspects of public law or a social science discipline relevant to the research project is preferable.
- D. Apart from English, proficiency in at least one Indian language is mandatory.

Compensation: Remuneration will be commensurate with qualifications and experience and will be as per the prevalent standards.

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. The résumé and statement of purpose must be emailed to p39arecruitment@nludelhi.ac.in. **The subject of the email should be “Project 39A FTF - Application for Consultant (Legal).”**

Deadline: Applications must reach us no later than midnight of February 8, 2021. 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. Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted via email. If you do not hear from us within 4 weeks of the deadline, please assume that your application has not succeeded. Unfortunately, we will not be able to reply to individual queries about the status of applications.
2. National Law University, Delhi is an equal opportunity employer and Project 39A ensures access to legal representation for prisoners regardless of the offence.
3. National Law University, Delhi reserves the right to conduct interviews and not fill this position, vary the number of positions vacant for this call and conduct additional rounds of interviews or written assessments.
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 Project 39A, National Law University, Delhi.