



LEGAL AID CELL

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LEGAL AID CLINIC OF THE INSTITUTION

CHAPTER I PRELIMINARY

1. Short Title and Commencement

- 1.1. These rules may be called **"The Legal Aid Clinic Statute of the Institution"**.
- 1.2. They shall come into force from the date of approval by the competent authority of the Institution.

2. Statutory Authority

- 2.1. These rules are framed **in accordance with**:
 - (a) Sections 4, 12, 29A and allied provisions of the Legal Services Authorities Act, 1987;
 - (b) Regulations 10, 20 and 24 of the NALSA (Legal Aid Clinics) Regulations; and
 - (c) Schedule III of the Bar Council of India Legal Education Rules, 2008, relating to clinical legal education.
 - 2.2. These rules shall be read harmoniously with directions issued by the National Legal Services Authority (NALSA), State Legal Services Authority (SLSA), and District Legal Services Authority (DLSA).
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CHAPTER II

OBJECTIVES OF THE LEGAL AID CLINIC

3. Access to Justice for the Disadvantaged

- 3.1. The Legal Aid Clinic shall function with the objective of **providing free legal aid and ensuring access to justice** to eligible persons, **in accordance with Section 12 of the Legal Services Authorities Act, 1987.**
- 3.2. The beneficiaries shall include economically weaker sections, marginalized groups, and all persons entitled to legal services under the said Act.
- 3.3. This objective is further supported by **Regulation 10 of the NALSA Legal Aid Clinics Regulations**, which mandates establishment of legal aid clinics for delivery of legal services at the grassroots level.

4. Legal Literacy and Legal Awareness

- 4.1. The Legal Aid Clinic shall promote **legal awareness and legal literacy** among the public, **in accordance with Sections 4 and 29A of the Legal Services Authorities Act, 1987.**
 - 4.2. The Clinic shall disseminate knowledge relating to legal rights, duties, remedies, and welfare legislation through camps, outreach programmes, and awareness drives.
 - 4.3. This objective is in consonance with **Regulation 10(3) of the NALSA Legal Aid Clinics Regulations**, which emphasizes public legal education.
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5. Practical Legal Training of Law Students

- 5.1. The Legal Aid Clinic shall serve as a platform for **experiential and clinical legal education** for law students.
 - 5.2. Students shall be provided supervised exposure to legal aid activities, including client interaction, drafting, counseling, and community engagement.
 - 5.3. This objective is framed **in accordance with Schedule III of the Bar Council of India Legal Education Rules, 2008**, read with **Regulation 24 of the NALSA Legal Aid Clinics Regulations**.
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6. Support to Legal Services Authorities

- 6.1. The Legal Aid Clinic shall assist and supplement the activities of the **District Legal Services Authority and State Legal Services Authority**, as required.
 - 6.2. This objective is framed **in accordance with Regulation 24(2) of the NALSA Legal Aid Clinics Regulations**, which encourages institutional support to legal services authorities.
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CHAPTER III

FUNCTIONS OF THE LEGAL AID CLINIC

7. Free Legal Advice and Preliminary Assistance

- 7.1. The Legal Aid Clinic shall provide **initial legal advice, guidance, and preliminary assistance** to persons seeking legal services.
- 7.2. This function is exercised **in accordance with Regulation 10(1) of the NALSA Legal Aid Clinics Regulations.**

8. Assistance in Drafting and Applications

- 8.1. The Clinic may assist beneficiaries in drafting petitions, applications, representations, notices, and documents relating to legal remedies or government welfare schemes.
- 8.2. Such assistance shall be rendered **in accordance with Regulation 10(1)(ii) of the NALSA Legal Aid Clinics Regulations**, read with duties prescribed for Para-Legal Volunteers.

9. Referral to Legal Services Authorities or Advocates

- 9.1. Where legal representation is required, the Clinic shall refer the matter to the appropriate **Legal Services Authority** for appointment of an advocate.
 - 9.2. This function shall be performed **in accordance with Regulation 10(1)(iv) of the NALSA Legal Aid Clinics Regulations.**
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10. Legal Awareness Camps and Outreach

- 10.1. The Clinic shall organize and participate in legal literacy programmes, legal awareness camps, and community outreach activities.
 - 10.2. This function is supported by Regulation 10(3) of the NALSA Legal Aid Clinics Regulations.
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11. Maintenance of Records

- 11.1. The Legal Aid Clinic shall maintain proper registers and records relating to beneficiaries, services rendered, activities conducted, and outcomes achieved.
 - 11.2. This obligation is imposed **in accordance with Regulation 20 of the NALSA Legal Aid Clinics Regulations.**
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CHAPTER IV

GENERAL PROVISIONS

12. Supervision and Control

- 12.1. The Legal Aid Clinic shall function under the supervision of a faculty-in-charge, in coordination with the concerned Legal Services Authority.

13. Saving Clause

- 13.1. Nothing contained in this Statute shall derogate from the powers of NALSA, SLISA, DLSA, or directions issued by courts of competent jurisdiction.