



**GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA**

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**‘NOTIFICATION’**

**Subject:** Inviting applications for Law Clerk-cum-Research Assistant for the year 2026-27 in the Office of the Advocate General, Karnataka

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Applications are invited from the eligible candidates for preparing Select Lists of candidates to be appointed as ‘Law Clerk-cum-Research Assistant’ on contract basis, for a period of one year from the date of appointment, on the establishment of Office of the Advocate General for Karnataka, Bengaluru

**About the Office**

The Office advises the State Government regarding all its legal affairs and defends legislation and public policy before the Supreme Court of India, the High Court of Karnataka and various other Tribunals and Judicial fora.

**Job Description**

The selected Law Clerk-cum-Research Assistant will get a unique opportunity to work at the Office of the Advocate General on a wide variety of cases, with a particular focus on research for matters impacting public policy. They will be mentored by senior litigators and experience lawyering from a public institutional perspective.

They will directly assist the Learned Advocate General / Additional Advocates General/State Public Prosecutors/Government Advocates/High Court

Government Pleaders or Public Prosecutors, as required. The role will also include regular interactions with government officials and other public servants. Government or other private individuals/entities whose interests are against the Government of Karnataka/ Government of India and its undertakings.

**No. of Vacancy: 20**

**Expected Date of joining: 17<sup>th</sup> August, 2026**

**1. Eligibility Criteria: -**

The following categories of applicants shall be eligible to apply for selection as Law Clerks:

- A. Fresh Law Graduates of year 2025 or due in the year 2026, who have passed the final LLB Examination from universities / college recognized by the bar Council of India with minimum of 55% or CGPA minimum of 5.5%.
- B. Candidates must have basic knowledge in the use of Computers/Laptop and software's relating to case laws.
- C. The candidates must not be less than 21 years of age or more than 30 years of age, on the last date for receipt of application.
- D. Show a demonstrable interest in litigation and public policy.
- E. The committee may consider giving preference to candidates fluent in reading and writing Kannada.
- F. Students having studied in Kannada medium until SSLC are encouraged to apply

**2. Procedure for Submitting Applications: -**

- A. The Applicants are requested to fill the google form via link below link  
<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeF2nvfy4WGCigPEgUYhfGpnz3KjMB6sNBsAYGyzzFzJK-oCw/viewform?usp=header>

B. The applicants are allowed to submit one application only, hence please verify the details before submitting the application.

(**Note:** No Physical application will be entertained.)

C. The documents are required to be uploaded on google form are as follows:

- A resume. (Should contain Age details, Photo)
- A recent sample of academic writing of not more than 2000 words. (Optional)
- Matriculation Certificate [10<sup>th</sup> Passing Certificate (SSLC)]
- A consolidated duly attested Marksheet of all semesters (if not available, please provide transcripts of all semesters till date).
- Provisional/Final Degree, Certificate if available (if a copy is not currently available, it must be submitted prior to joining).
- **Recommendation letter form Principals of the Law Colleges from where they pursued the L.L.B. or President of Bar Association where they are practicing.**

### 3. Selection Process: -

A. The Selection process will be commenced by the issuance of the Notification.

B. Eligible Candidates who have been recommended by the **Principals of the Law Colleges from where they pursued the L.L.B. or Presidents of Bar Associations where they are practicing** will have to appear for an Online/physical interview at the office of Advocate General for Karnataka, Bengaluru at their own cost on the date and time to be notified to them.

C. The Selection Committee for such interview shall comprise of such Members nominated by the Learned Advocate General.

D. Selection of such candidates shall be based on merit; assessed through interview process.

E. The list of selected candidates shall be subject to the approval of the

Learned Advocate General. The Selected candidate will be intimated the regarding the date of reporting.

F. Waitlist of Candidates: The candidates on the waitlist may be considered for engagement as Law Clerks if there is any vacancy or if need arises in the office due to termination or resignation of the Law clerk. The Vacancy arising due to above contingences will be filled after the recommendation of selection committee. If no candidates are eligible or unavailable in the waitlist, fresh notification may be issued for the balance period. The Candidate in the waitlist will not have any right conferred upon them by virtue of this clause.

G. Appointments will be made as per the vacancy and requirement of the Office of Advocate General.

**4. Nature of work to be assigned to Law Clerks: -**

Law Clerks shall carry out such work as assigned by the Learned Advocate General/ Addl. Advocate General / Law Officer whom he/she is attached and assist Law officer in his/her legal work by carrying out research in such matters and on such legal issues as may be required by the Learned Advocate General/ Addl. Advocate General/ Law officer, also to attend the Court, make notes, draft memoranda etc.

**5. Period/ Duration: -**

- a) **Probation Period:** The first 15 days from the date of Reporting will be the probation period for which no Stipend/Honorarium will be Paid. The Appointment letter will be issued after the probation period is over subject to satisfactory performance of Law Clerk. The Probation Period may be increased by the Administrative Officer as per the requirement.
- b) All Law Clerks will be ad-hoc appointees on a contractual basis for a period of one year. However, any Law Clerk may be discharged even

before the completion of a year. The Learned Advocate General may, at any time prior to the period of one year, recommend for termination of the services of the Law Clerk, in which case the appointment shall be terminated forthwith.

- c) The term of appointment may be extended by a maximum period of one more year if recommended by the Learned Advocate General concerned to whom he/she is attached, subject to the approval of the Learned Advocate General.
- d) The appointment may be terminated by giving one month notice, unless waived by the Learned Advocate General.
- e) Provided that appointment shall be liable to be terminated at any time by the Learned Advocate General without notice or any compensation if his/her services are found to be unsatisfactory or if he/she violates any of these Rules.

#### **6. Honorarium of Law Clerks:-**

- A. Each Law Clerk may be paid a consolidated amount of Rs. 25,000/- per month as Stipend/Honorarium for his/her assignment, or such amount as may be prescribed from time to time by the Government which will be subjected to statutory deductions.
- B. Law Clerks shall not be entitled to any other allowances and shall not be treated or deemed to be in the regular employment in the Office of Advocate General for Karnataka.

#### **7. Leave of Absence Admissible to the Law Clerks: -**

- f) Law Clerks may be granted such leave of absence as may be approved by the Learned Advocate General / Addl. Advocate General whom they are attached, subject to maximum of 8 days in a calendar year.
- g) The headquarters of Law Clerks shall be Advocate General's Office,

High Court of Karnataka Building, Bengaluru, Karnataka, India, which he/she shall not leave during working hours of the High Court without permission of the Learned Advocate General/ Law officer whom he/she is assigned.

**8. Working Hours for Law Clerks: -**

Law Clerks will required to attend the Court works assigned to them by the LAG/AAG to whom they have been assigned. The work envisaged may also be on Court Holidays or beyond the court/office hours, as required.

**9. Bar to Practice as an Advocate: -**

A. No Law Clerk shall appear as an Advocate in any Court of Law or Tribunal as long as he or she continues with the assignment as a Law Clerk.

B. For a period of three months following the cessation of their assignment, a Law Clerk cum Research Associate shall be prohibited from appearing or practicing, in any manner, in any matter or case that they personally handled or were directly involved with during their assignment as a Law Clerk cum Research Associate.

**10. Absence of Law Clerks without approval of leave or beyond the leave period:-**

In case of Law Clerk remains absent from work assigned to him/her either without getting the permissible period of leave sanctioned from the Learned Advocate General/ Law officers to whom he or she is attached or remains absent upon the expiry of the period of sanctioned leave, there shall be a proportionate deduction of amount from their Stipend/honorarium for the period of un-authorized absence.

**11. Conduct of Law Clerk/ Condition of Appointment: -**

A. During the period of assignment every Law Clerk shall maintain a high

standard of reputation and integrity commensurate with the responsibilities entrusted to him/ her. He/she shall maintain utmost confidentiality including in respect of matters which come to his/her notice by virtue of such assignment and shall ensure that no information/document or any other material is leaked out because of his/her handling of papers or his/her deliberations with others, or in any other manner.

- B. Similarly, during the period of assignment and at all times, the Law Clerk shall maintain Due confidentiality of work assigned to him by the Learned Advocate General / Add. Advocate General to whom he or she is assigned.
- C. Law Clerk shall abide by such other Rules and conditions of service as may be prescribed by the Learned Advocate General/ Administrative Officer.
- D. Law Clerk shall upon acceptance of his/her appointment as such, undertake in writing to abide by these Rules and shall, in particular, undertake that he/she shall perform his/her duties with due diligence and discipline maintaining confidentiality about all the matters and information that he/she may come across during the discharge of his/her duties.
- E. The Law Clerks will be governed by the provisions of the extant criminal laws in force and the Official Secrets Act of 2023, as applicable to any public servant.
- F. The Condition as stated in this notification are read along with the Appointment letter issued by the office.

12. **Undertaking:-**

Before taking up the assignment, a Law Clerk shall submit an undertaking, in the format as may be prescribed by the office. The format of undertaking is attached here in as Schedule-I.

**13. Date of Interview: -**

Date of Personal Interview will be published on web site/ Notice Board of the Office of Advocate General and also intimated only on the e-mail address of the eligible candidates given in his/her application.

**14. Last date for submission of application:**

Applicants should submit the application along with his/her self-attested documents with recommendation of the principal of institutions from where they pursued the L.L.B. or Presidents of Bar Associations where they are practicing, on or before 30.06.2026 at 11.59 PM IST. The Applications received thereafter will not be considered.

**BY ORDER OF LEARNED ADVOCATE GENERAL**

**Sd/-**

**(SHYLAJA PRIYADARSHINI K.A.S)  
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

**Date: 18<sup>th</sup> June 2026.**

## **Undertaking**

- 1) I shall not practice as an Advocate in any Court of Law or Tribunal and it will be obligatory on my part after accepting the assignment as Law Clerk to inform the concerned Bar Council in writing that I shall not practice as an Advocate, so long as I continue with the assignment as a Law Clerk.
- 2) I undertake that for a period of three months from the cessation of my assignment as a Law Clerk cum Research Associate, I shall not appear or practice, in any manner whatsoever, in any matters or cases that I personally handled or was directly involved with during my assignment as a Law Clerk cum Research Associate.
- 3) During the period of assignment, I shall maintain a high standard of reputation and integrity commensurate with the responsibilities entrusted to me. I shall maintain utmost secrecy including in respect of matters which come to my notice by virtue of such assignment and shall ensure that no information / document or any other material is leaked out because of my handling of papers or my deliberations with others, or in any other manner.
- 4) Similarly, during the period of assignment and at all times, I shall maintain complete secrecy regarding the work assigned to me by the Office.
- 5) I shall abide by such other Rules and conditions of service as may be prescribed by the Learned Advocate General.
- 6) I shall undertake that I shall perform my duties with due diligence and

discipline maintaining confidentiality about all the matters and information that may come across during the discharge of my duties.

7) I shall undertake that I will serve the full tenure of 1 year.

I declare that this undertaking is made voluntarily and with full knowledge of its contents and implications.

Date:

(Signature of Applicant/Candidate)