

EoI No: CURAJ/R/Legal Cell/ F.163/2025/2456 Date:-30.01.2025

Central University of Rajasthan (CURAJ) invites expression of interest (EoI) for empanelment of Legal Counsel/Advocates. The details of EoI can be downloaded from Central University of Rajasthan website <a href="www.curaj.ac.in">www.curaj.ac.in</a> (curaj.ac.in/tenders). The last date of submission of EoI 21.02.2025 up to 2:00 PM.

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### EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI) FOR EMPANELMENT OF ADVOCATES

**Brief about University:** The Central University of Rajasthan (CURaj) was established in the year 2009 by an Act of Parliament. This University was established with the aspiration to be one of India's most dynamic and vibrant universities in order to impart cutting-edge education to all the learner communities. The University is fully funded by the Government of India that provides quality education to all, especially those coming from humble socio-economic background and seeking quality education.

To date, CURaj has successfully completed a journey of 15 years since its establishment in the year 2009. In this short span of time, the University has emerged as one of the top academic institutions by adopting cutting-edge technology to impart knowledge for global outreach. The University is one of the fastest-growing and flourishing institutes of higher education in Rajasthan.

Applications are invited from eligible Advocates for empanelment of Advocates/ Law firms to represent the University before different Courts of Law. Some of the indicative activities are as follows:-

- 1) To handle the Legal Matters at Supreme Court of India, Rajasthan High Court, District Courts, Labour Courts, Consumer Forum, Tribunals, etc;
- 2) Legal advice on Recruitment related matters and RTIs;
- 3) Legal advice on Income Tax and GST matters;
- 4) Legal advice and support for drafting and filing of Patent applications;
- 5) Legal advice on Memorandum of Understanding (MoUs) and Memorandum of Agreements (MoA) between Central University of Rajasthan and other parties;
- 6) Legal advice on various other Labour Court matters and Arbitrations etc;
- 7) Legal advice on blacklisting of firms; and
- 8) Any other work of legal nature that may be assigned by CURaj authorities.

The practicing advocates who are registered with Bar Council of India/State Bar Council are eligible for empanelment. The qualification, experience, schedule of fees, other terms and conditions and the application format in which the application has to be made, have been prescribed.

The Advocates who are on the existing panel of CURAJ (except some already empanelled advocates) shall cease to be on the panel of CURAJ after new panel is finalized against this notice. Therefore, they may also apply afresh in response to this notice.



## **How to Apply:**

Eligible practicing Advocate/Law Firms must submit application in the format prescribed in

Annexure "A" enclosed herewith, along with all supporting documents in a sealed envelope to:-

# Registrar

Central University of Rajasthan, First Floor, Administration Building, NH-08, Village – Bandarsindri, Tehsil -Kishangarh, District-Ajmer, (Raj.) PIN-305 817

The envelope should be superscribed as following:-

"Application for Empanelment of Advocates/Law firms to represent the University before different Courts of Law"

The last date of receiving Applications in the prescribed format along with supporting document is 21.02.2025 till 2:00 PM hours.

Application for empanelment at CURAJ does not confer any right/ assurance whatsoever; to an applicant that he / she will be empanelled on the panel of CURAJ. Letters to advocates confirming their empanelment will be issued by CURAJ separately.

#### **GUIDELINES FOR EMPANELMENT OF ADVOCATES**

Following guidelines are designed to provide and regulate the manner and procedure for empanelling the advocates to represent and assist CURAJ before various courts including the district courts and for regulating the referrals of the cases and payment of fee/remuneration. These guidelines shall supersede all existing instruction in this regard, if any, and is subject to change without assigning any reason thereto.

#### **Eligibility of Empanelment**

Before filling the application form, the Advocates/ Law Firms are advised to carefully read and follow the eligibility criteria, instructions and terms & conditions for empanelment of Advocates in CURAJ mentioned herein below:

#### **Qualification & Experience:**

a) Bachelor degree in Law from a recognized University and registration with Bar Council of India / Rajasthan.

- b) Professional experience of at least **10 years** in handling Educational Institutes / Universities / Government department cases (writ petitions / appeals) in Hon'ble Supreme Court / Hon'ble High Court and Hon'ble District Courts or any other Tribunal and Court.
- c) Having good communication skills in English and good knowledge of law and procedure, in civil, service, criminal and other matters (RTI, Recruitment, Labour Court, tax and patent matters).
- d) The Advocates / Law Firms should be familiar with various branches of law especially those conceiving laws of matters related to various writs, PIL, Land Disputes/Constitutional/ Service Law/Contract Law/ Property Laws and Taxations, Patents and Commercial etc.

## **Documents required to be submitted by the Advocate:**

The Advocates will be required to submit their Applications in the prescribed format as given in Annexure-A. The self attested copies of the following documents are required to be submitted with application:

- a) High School certificate in support of age of Advocate (Sr. Partner in case of law firm)
- b) Certificates in support of educational qualifications of Advocate (Sr. Partner in case of law firm)
- c) Certificate of Registration with Bar Council
- d) Identity card issued by Bar Association / Bar Council
- e) Details regarding representation of other Govt / PSU / Statutory Bodies/Universities etc:,
- f) Documents regarding empanelment with other Organizations, if any.
- g) Details regarding the cases in which the Advocate was able to get favourable outcome/decision which are reported/referred in reputed legal journals etc.
- h) Details of office Infrastructure and number of Associates in addition to office staff.
- i) Other relevant information, if any.

# **Tenure of Empanelment:-**

The initial empanelment will be for **two years**. Performance of empanelled Advocates/Law Firms shall be reviewed on annual basis. However, on completion of the term and satisfactory performance of the advocate/firm, the empanelment may be extended by **one** (01) **year** by the CURAJ as per the terms & conditions in effect at the

time of renewal. The CURAJ reserves the right to terminate the empanelment of any Advocate / firms at any time without assigning any reason thereof.

# **Payment of Fee and Other Conditions:**

- a) The fees payable to the empanelled counsels/Advocates are as per approved fee structure of CURAJ (Copy Attached).
- b) The University will pay retainer fees of Rs. 15000/- (Fifteen thousand rupees only) per month to one advocate as identified by the University. The retainer fees will be decided on yearly basis. The University reserves the rights to remove/discontinue services of any retainer advocate due to his/her unsatisfactory performance/duties with 01 month notice.
- c) The present fee structure approved by the University is enclosed however it may changes from time to time.

## **Procedure for Empanelment:**

The Competent Authority of CURAJ will consider the applications for empanelment in terms of these guidelines only on merits after due notice in this regard is published on the website of the CURAJ. For this purpose, the Competent Authority of CURAJ may authorize any officer/group of officers of CURAJ and such authorized officer(s), while appraising the applications of the Advocates, may consider the following points:

- a) Length of practice and specialization.
- b) Proper and adequate infrastructure such as office premises, number of junior Advocates, assistants, clerks, mobile phone, fixed phone, internet connection etc.
- c) 3 years Annual income-tax return filed with the Tax Authorities.
- d) Track record and integrity.
- e) If considered necessary, an enquiry with the respective Bar Council/Bar Association about the claims and conduct of the Advocate to be empanelled may be made and credentials may also be verified.
- f) If the Advocate is empanelled by other organizations/authorities, their opinion may also be obtained, if felt necessary.

# **Procedure for Empanelment:**

- a) The applicant advocate must apply on the format prescribed by the CURAJ only. No other format will be entertained.
- b) The applicant advocate may apply for more than one forum (i.e. for High Court/CAT/ Lower Court/District Court etc.).

- c) Any application received after the last date prescribed in the advertisement shall not be entertained.
- d) No applicant advocate shall be called for interview/interaction unless he/she satisfies the eligibility conditions and is shortlisted for the same.
- e) Depending upon the requirement and number of applications received, CURAJ reserves the right to shortlist the candidates.
- f) Merely fulfilling the eligibility criteria will not confer any right on an applicant advocate to be empanelled.
- g) The decision of the competent authority regarding short listing and selection of the candidates shall be final.
- h) Canvassing in any form shall be treated as a disqualification. The candidature of such applicants shall be cancelled forthwith.
- i) A list of shortlisted applicant advocates with the date, time and venue of interaction session will be uploaded on our website i.e. <a href="www.curaj.ac.in">www.curaj.ac.in</a>.
- j) The applicant advocate shall bring original documents at the time of interaction with the University committee.
- k) The list of selected advocates will be made available on CURAJ website <a href="https://www.curaj.ac.in">www.curaj.ac.in</a>. Letter to applicant advocates confirming their empanelment will be issued by CURAJ separately.

#### **Duties of the Empanelled Advocates:**

- a) The Advocate shall not advise any party or accept any case against the CURAJ in which he/she has appeared or is likely to be called upon to appear for or advise which is likely to affect or lead to litigation against the CURAJ.
- b) Timely appearance of the Counsel to contest the cases for CURAJ in the court is a must. His/her absence in the Court, without any reasonable ground and notice in advance, will not be accepted.
- c) CURAJ sends the information to the panel advocates through email regarding entrustment of a case and after receiving the e-mail, it is duty of the panel Advocates to collect the brief/copy of petition along with assignment letter from the concerned office of CURAJ at the earliest.



- d) NO is free to engage any advocate of its own choice and an empanelled Advocate shall make no claim that he/she alone should be entrusted with CURAJ's legal matter (s).
- e) Refusal by any advocate to accept any work without any reasonable cause (e.g. on grounds of conflict of interest) may entail removal of such advocate from the panel, forthwith without waiting for the empanelment period to expire.
- f) The advocates shall accept the terms and conditions of the empanelment as determined by the CURAJ from time to time.
- g) In order to ensure that there is effective check on the cases being conducted, the Advocates on the panel must report the status of the cases after each date of hearing. Failure to submit status report will be a ground for removal of the name of the lawyer concerned from the panel.
- h) In cases where on the request of the Union of India, Ministry of Education and University Grants Commission (UGC) have also to be represented, no extra fee shall be paid to the advocate to watch and safe guard the interests of Union of India, Ministry of Education and University Grants Commission (UGC)
- i) If required render all assistance to special or senior Counsel engaged in a particular cases before the Supreme Court, High Court and other judicial bodies.
- j) Keep CURAJ informed and updated on all-important developments in the designated cases, dates of hearing, order of the court on the date of its pronouncement, supplying copy of orders /judgment etc.
- k) Furnish monthly statement about the cases represented by him/her before the concerned courts or any other authority and their outcomes.
- 1) When any case attended by him/her is decided against the Organisation, the Advocate concerned must give considered opinion regarding the reasons for such adverse order and the advisability of filing an appeal from such a decision not later than 5 working days of the order (kuchha copy).
- m) 30% of the fees payable to the counsel shall be deducted if the certified copy of the judgment is not handed over to the Legal cell of CURAJ within three days (excluding the time taken by the court in preparation of the copy) from the date of judgment.

#### **Removal from panel:**

a) CURAJ reserves the right to terminate the empanelment of a Counsel with one month's notice in writing without assigning any reason. The counsel may also resign from the Organisation by serving one month's notice.

- b) Empanelment shall be liable to be cancelled due to occurring of any of the following disablements on the part of the Advocate:
  - a) Giving false information in the application for empanelment;
  - b) Failing to attend the hearing of the case without any sufficient reason and/or prior information;
  - c) Not acting as per CURAJ's instructions or going against specific instructions;
  - d) Threatening, intimidating or abusing any of the CURAJ's employees, officers, or representatives;
  - e) Passing on information relating to CURAJ's case on to the opposite parties or their advocates or any third party which is likely to cost any damage to the CURAJ's interests;
  - f) Giving false or misleading information to the CURAJ relating to the proceedings of the case;
  - g) Seeking frequent adjournments or not objecting the adjournment moved by other party without sufficient reason; and
  - h) Frequent absence from the Court proceeding even if "pass over" or "proxy" is obtained by an advocate.

#### **General Instructions:**

- a) The size of the panel and number of Advocates / Law Firm in panel shall be determined by the CURAJ Competent Authority based on the requirement and quantum of work.
- b) No advocate/law firms can challenge the list of empanelled lawyers selected by the University
- c) Refusal of any Advocate / Law Firm to accept any work without any reasonable cause (e.g. on grounds of conflict of interest) may entail removal of such advocate from the panel.
- d) The Advocate / Law Firm shall accept the terms and conditions of the empanelment as determined by the CURAJ from time to time.
- e) The Advocate / Law Firm shall not advise any party or accept any case against the CURAJ in which he/she has appeared or is likely to be called upon to appear for (or) advise which is likely to affect or lead to litigation against the CURAJ. If

the Advocate / law firm happens to be partner of a firm of lawyers or solicitors, it shall be incumbent upon the firms not to take up any case against the CURAJ in any court of Law / Tribunal / Commissioner/Forum or any case arising out of those cases e.g. appeals and revisions.

- f) That the empanelled Advocate in matters of urgency shall obtain the order (Dasti) from the concerned Hon'ble court and send it to the Registrar on the same day to avoid any inconvenience.
- g) That the empanelled Advocate (either in person or through an authorized Associate), shall visit the University to discuss urgent legal cases/matters whenever called upon by the Registrar or once in a month.
- h) That the empanelled Advocates shall send the bills shortly as per approved rates and complete in all respects, preferably within three months of hearing, etc.
- i) That the empanelled Advocates when called upon to do so shall assist, as far as possible, the University staff.
- j) To pass on cases to the Standing Counsel on vice versa, when asked to do so.
- k) That the empanelled advocates should have proper infrastructural facilities including man power. It includes scanner, photocopier, computer etc. as well as peon, dealing clerk and Associate advocate.

Sd/-Registrar Central University of Rajasthan (CURAJ) Bandarsindri, Ajmer.



#### **ANNEXURE-A**

APPLICATION NO. ..... (To be filled by CURAJ)

# APPLICATION FORM FOR EMPANELMENT IN CURAJ

(TO BE FIELD IN BY ALL APPLICANT ADVOCATE)

To
The Registrar
Central University of Rajasthan (CURAJ)
Bandarsindri, Kishangarh, Ajmer.

# FORMAT OF BIO-DATA FOR ADVOCATE / LAW FIRMS

1	Name of the Advocate	
2	Name of the Law Firms	
3	Date of Birth	
4	Date of Enrolment, Name of Bar Council (Enclose attested copy of enrolment certificate)	
5	Period of Practice	
6	Details of Experience/Practice	
7	Area of Practice (specialized)	
8	Specialization, if any (constitution / taxation / service etc.) the details of a few important cases the advocate has dealt with/handled and reported judgment, if any.	

9	Whether Central/State Govt. Counsel/Pleader (indicate period) (with documentary evidence)	
10	Brief list of clients e.g. Govt./Organization/Institutes or Autonomous body/PSUs (Enclose the documentary evidence)	
11	The Courts where the Advocate is regularly practicing (Enclose attested copy of Bar Association Member Certificate)	
12	Proper and adequate infrastructure of an advocate such as office premises, number of junior advocates, assistants, clerks and mobile phone, fixed phone and internet connection etc.	
13	Date of enrolment as an Advocate and Registration No.	
14	Income tax PAN Number (Enclose copy of PAN Card)	
15	A brief note on suitability for empanelment. (If required please enclosed separate Annexure)	
16	Office Address	
17	Residential Address	
18	Court Chamber Address	

19	3 Years Income Tax Return (Enclose the supporting documents)	
20	3 Years Audit Reports ( Enclose the supporting documents)	

I declare that I have never been penalized / convicted by any bar Council/Court of Law.

I also undertake to maintain absolute secrecy about the case of the CURAJ as required under the Act, Rule and Regulation there under.

I agree with the Fee Schedule notified by CURAJ.

A brief note on Suitability for empanelment (details of major case dealt/ contested by the Advocate/Law firm successfully).

Place :	Signature of Advocate
Date:	Name:

# Fee Structure Payable to the University Legal Counsels / Advocates in Different Courts of Law

# A. SUPREME COURT CHARGES

S. No.	Particulars	Charges (Rs/-)
1.	Drafting of Petition or Counter Affidavit	6000/-
2.	Supplementary Affidavit or Rejoinder	4000/-
3.	(a) For all effective hearings/pleadings	10000/-
	(b) When the matter is adjourned	5000/-
4.	When University Counsel is assisting	5000/-
	Senior Counsel/ Advocate on Record (AoR)	

# B. HIGH COURT CHARGES

S. No.	Particulars	Charges (Rs/-)
1.	Drafting of Petition or Counter Affidavit	2500/-
	Drafting of Supplementary Affidavit or	1000/-
2.	Rejoinder	
3.	(a) For all effective hearings/pleadings	4000/-
3.	(b) When the matter is adjourned	1100/-
	(a) For appearances when assisting	2000/-
4	Senior Counsel	
4.	(b) When the case is adjourned	1500/-

# C. <u>DISTRICT COURTS / LABOUR COURTS/CONSUMER FORUM / TRIBUNALS</u>

S. No.	Particulars	Charges (Rs/-)
1.	<ul><li>(a) For all effective hearings/pleadings</li><li>(b) When the matter is adjourned</li></ul>	2000/- 1000/-
2.	Drafting of Petitions/Written statement/Counter Affidavit	2000/-
3.	Drafting of Supplementary Affidavit / Rejoinder / Miscellaneous Applications	1000/-



# D. MISCELLANEOUS CHARGES

S. No.	Particulars	Charges (Rs/-)
1	F 1 11 6	2000/-(1500 + 500)
1.	For holding conference	Sitting + Conveyance)
2.	Conference charges for briefing the senior	5000/-
	counsel, as required.	
		As per actual bill raised
3.	Typing charges / Courier / Speed post / Clearage	by the Counsel subject
		to a ceiling of 15% of
		the amount mentioned at
		A, B or C.
4.	Drafting /Filing of Caveat Petition	2500/-
5.	For vetting of Agreement/MoU/Lease/ Contract	4000/-
<i>J</i> .	document etc.	4000/-
6.	For every written Legal Opinion/Legal Notice	2000/-
7.	Inspection of files in various	1000/-
	Courts/Commissions/Tribunals.	