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## **ProBono India**

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**Legal Services Committee  
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## **CERTIFICATE COURSE ON LEGAL AID AND ALLIED LAWS**

With special reference to practical aspects of Right to Information,  
Public Interest Litigation and Rights of Victim

**AUGUST 2020**

## **About ProBono India**

Founded in October 2016 with an aim to integrate legal aid and awareness initiatives – ProBono India has ventured into different avenues viz. legal aid, legal awareness, legal intervention, legal journalism, legal activism etc. – all with the underlying objective of contributing to the positive development of the society with a strong socio-legal approach.

The activities at ProBono India include an active dissemination of legal information via the medium of its official website, rolling internship programmes for law students to help them develop a holistic personality with a socio-legal approach to their professional personality, interviews with eminent personalities working at the ground-level offering insights into their successful projects, providing a platform to promote and publish the art of research and legal writing, amongst many others.

The team of ProBono India works to promote legal activism as we believe that law and society are two sides of the same coin. Law and society are so inextricably interdependent that to both need to be equally improved in order to lead the world into the desired new order. We at ProBono India believe in a better and brighter tomorrow. We believe not just in being passengers on this drive to change – rather, we aim to drive towards the change.

## **About GNLU Legal Services Committee**

**The GNLU Legal Services Committee** set up under Section 4(k) of the Legal Services Authorities Act, 1987, rides on the principles of empowering the society with legal awareness and legal aid.

Over the years, the GNLU LSC has strived to recognize the potential of law as an instrument of social change. The Legal Services Committee acts as a ‘community legal clinic’ and focuses on, inter alia, the deprivation of government benefits, eviction and issues of domestic violence.

The GNLU LSC has always been motivated to work for the betterment of the society and more so for the enhancement of living standards of the underprivileged. In this regard, activities such street plays, drama performances and community legal service programs which promote legal awareness in areas akin to environment, consumer rights, human rights, right to information and labour laws are often organized by the LSC.

We have started various initiatives after the establishment of the Legal Services Committee, one of the recent projects that we have undertaken is the Migrant Workers Assistance Project in collaboration with the Centre for Law & Society, as in the current times the Migrant Workers and their families are one of the worst hit sections of the society, the Legal Services Committee has tried to arrange transport, food and other necessities for them with the support of local NGO's, Government Authorities and various Collaborators. Under this project, we have contacted around 35000 migrant workers and tried to put them and collected over 5 Lakh rupees under the Crowdfunding drive that we initiated. The Legal Services Committee has also instituted various yearlong projects such as the Legal Aid Clinic where we have tried to assist people legally in their legal disputes. We have also tried to connect them with professional lawyers for court proceedings and legal remedies. Other initiatives include teaching drives, Know Your Rights program where children are being made aware of the basic rights by the LSC volunteers. Our flagship events include the Interlinking LSC Annual forum where LSC's from all around the country come to GNLU and in presence of eminent resource persons discussions on basic legal issues take place. Other programs that the LSC organises is the Blood Donation camp which is a bi-annual event that takes place in collaboration with organisation such as Red Cross Society and Government Hospitals. There are various projects that we undertake with the help of our partners such as Robinhood Army wherein, LSC volunteers take up teaching work in schools of Gujarat as well as provide our mess food in the village areas near the university. The LSC thrives to help and assist people in whatever manner we can to help the downtrodden sections of the society.

### **About Kamendu Joshi & Associate**

Kamendu Joshi & Associates aims to ensure compliance. How not to go for litigation i.e. Litigation Free World. We are Ahmedabad based law firm having our presence across India. In the 10 years span of professional experience, firm has worked in many areas like Corporate Law, Intellectual Property Law, Civil and Criminal Litigation and ADR, Employment and Industrial Law, Real Estate, Tax, Foreign Direct Investment, Corporate Restructuring, Business Law. While advising on any issues they take into account legal aspects, government regulations, and current business scenarios. Despite their professional achievements, they are also focusing on giving back to society and one of the goals is to reach the underprivileged section of people who seek expert advice at the right time.

## **LEGAL AID AND ALLIED LAWS**

With special reference to practical aspects of Right to Information, Public Interest Litigation and Rights of Victim

Legal Aid means giving free legal services to the poor and weaker section of society who cannot afford to take the service of the advocate to conduct a case or any legal proceeding in the court of law, any judicial authority or before any judicial tribunal. Article 39A of the Constitution of India provides that State shall secure that the operation of the legal system promotes justice on a basis of equal opportunity, and shall, in particular, provide free legal aid, by suitable legislation or schemes or in any other way, to ensure that opportunities for securing justice are not denied to any citizen because of economic or other disability.

Articles 14 and 22(1) also make it obligatory for the State to ensure equality before the law and a legal system which promotes justice on a basis of equal opportunity to all. Legal aid strives to ensure that constitutional pledge is fulfilled in its letter and spirit and equal justice is made available to the poor, downtrodden and weaker sections of the society.

The preamble of the Indian constitution aims to secure to the people of India justice-socio-economic and political. His Lordship Justice P.N. Bhagwati aptly stated that legal aid means providing an arrangement in the society which makes the machinery of administration of Justice easily accessible and in reach of those who have to resort to it for enforcement of rights given to them by law. Article 38(1) avows that the State shall promote the welfare of the people by securing and protecting the social order including justice.

Article 21 clearly says that every person has an equal right to life and liberty except according to the procedure established by the law. The State shall secure that the operation of the legal system promotes justice, on a basis of equal opportunity, and shall, in particular, provide free legal aid, by suitable legislation or schemes or in any other way, to ensure that opportunities for securing justice are not denied to any citizen because of economic or other disabilities.

The Course is designed to give an outline of the Legal Aid system in India, and its development by the judiciary. It covers various aspects of Right to Information, Public Interest Litigation and Rights of the Victims. It will help the participants to learn the significance of legal aid in the path to achieving justice.

The main objectives of the course is-

- To enable the students to understand the history and development of Legal Aid in India
- To give a basic idea about the Right to Information and its significance
- To explain the concept of Public Interest Litigation and its importance for provision of access to justice, particularly in India
- To realize the significance of Rights of the Victims

## **MODULES**

- 1) Legal Aid in India (5 Hours)
- 2) Public Interest Litigation (5 Hours)
- 3) Right to Information (5 Hours)
- 4) Rights of the Victim (5 Hours)

The Course will be for 1 Month and the duration is of 20 Hours. Online Sessions will be conducted by subject experts on different topics in month of August 2020 and some session may be arranged in September depending upon the situations. The Course comprises of 4 different modules. Online Sessions will be conducted on Saturday and Sunday for 2-3 hours each day from 7 pm onwards. Guest sessions will also be planned depending on the need. The participants will be provided reading materials for each module and they are expected to read the material before the online sessions.

90% attendance is mandatory for award of Certificate of Completion of the course. There will be a time bound online examination based on MCQ for 100 marks on **Sunday, 13/09/2020 during 11-00 am to 1-00 p.m.** wherein the students are expected to score a minimum of 50% marks to get a passing certificate. Grade Pattern for certification - (A+ 90% and above, A 80% and above, B+ 70% and above, B 60% and above, C 50% and above). Moreover, the top 5 students will get the Certificate of Merit. Maximum 100 participants can be accommodated in this first batch on first come first serve basis and looking at the statement of purpose of the course.

There is **No Registration Fees to attend the course.**

**Certification :-**Participants will be required to pay fees of Rs. 100/- if they want certificate after taking the online MCQ based examination. The amount shall be paid within 5 working days of completion of examination.

Please register here

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## **Resource Persons**

<b>Prof. (Dr.) Arvind Tiwari</b> Professor & Dean - School of Law, Rights and Constitutional Governance Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai	<b>Mr. Shailesh Gandhi</b> Former Central Information Commissioner, New Delhi
<b>Prof. Ajay Pandey</b> Professor and Executive Director, Clinical Programmes Jindal Global Law School, Sonipat	<b>Mr. Sushant Chandra</b> Advocate Allahabad High Court
<b>Dr. B S Patil</b> Associate Professor of Law Director, Legal Aid Clinic V L Salgaokar Law College, Goa	<b>Dr. Kalpeshkumar L Gupta</b> Founder, ProBono India, Legal Startups Associate Professor of Law, Parul University, Vadodara, Gujarat
<b>Dr. Saurabh Anand</b> Assistant Professor of Sociology Former Convener GNLU Legal Services Committee, Head Alumni Affairs Gujarat National Law University, Gandhinagar, Gujarat	<b>Mr. Paras Jain</b> Advocate & Co-Founder, Whistle for Public Interest (WHIP), New Delhi
<b>Dr. Hardik Parikh</b> Assistant Professor of Law & Faculty Convener, Legal Services Committee, Gujarat National Law University, Gandhinagar	<b>Mr. Durgesh Shukla</b> Founder & Managing Partner Paxelegal, Lucknow

Note :- Readings, Cases mentioned above are suggestive ones. Faculty/Experts can assign and discuss any other cases relevant to the module. Expert, Faculty will be sharing his own experience, cases to better learning. Participants are expected to read readings and cases for fruitful discussion in the session.

Outline designed by

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### SCHEDULE

Date & Time	Module & Topic	Resource Person
Saturday 8/8/2020 5-00 pm to 8-00 pm	<b>1. Legal Aid</b> Topic Law, Society & Legal Aid	<b>Dr. Saurabh Anand,</b> Assistant Professor of Sociology Former Convener Legal Services Committee, Head Alumni Affairs Gujarat National Law University, Gandhinagar
Sunday 9/8/2020 11-00 am to 1-00 pm	<b>1. Legal Aid</b> Topic Legal Services Authority Act Case Study on Legal Aid Clinic	<b>Dr. B S Patil</b> Associate Professor of Law Director, Legal Aid Clinic V L Salgaokar Law College, Goa



<p>Saturday 15/8/2020 7-00 pm to 8-15 pm</p>	<p><b>2. Public Interest Litigation</b> Topic 1 Philosophical Foundations of PIL - Theory and Practice</p>	<p><b>Mr. Sushant Chandra</b> Advocate, Allahabad High Court</p>
<p>Saturday 15/8/2020 8-30 pm to 10-00 pm</p>	<p><b>2. Public Interest Litigation</b> Topic 2 How to Draft PIL</p>	<p><b>Dr. Hardik Parikh</b> Assistant Professor of Law &amp; Faculty Convener, Legal Services Committee, Gujarat National Law University, Gandhinagar</p>
<p>Sunday 16/8/2020 11-00 am to 12-00 pm</p>	<p><b>2. Public Interest Litigation</b> Topic Practical Aspects &amp; Own Case Studies</p>	<p><b>Mr. Paras Jain</b> Advocate &amp; Co-Founder, Whistle for Public Interest (WHIP)</p>
<p>Sunday 16/8/2020 12-00 pm to 1-00 pm</p>	<p><b>2. Public Interest Litigation</b> Topic Clinical Legal Education</p>	<p><b>Prof. Ajay Pandey</b> Professor and Executive Director, Clinical Programmes Jindal Global Law School, Sonipat</p>
<p>Saturday 22/8/2020 7-00 pm to 9-00 pm</p>	<p><b>3. Right to Information Act</b> Topic Understanding the RTI Act</p>	<p><b>Mr. Shailesh Gandhi</b> Former Central Information Commissioner, New Delhi</p>

<p>Sunday 23/8/2020 10-30 am to 1-30 pm</p>	<p><b>3. Right to Information Act</b> Topic Practical Aspects</p>	<p><b>Dr. Kalpeshkumar L Gupta</b> Founder, ProBono India</p>
<p>Saturday 29/8/2020 7-00 pm to 9-00 pm</p>	<p><b>4. Rights of the Victims</b> Topic 1. Theoretical Aspects: Concept 2. Understanding Crime and Victim</p>	<p><b>Prof, (Dr.) Arvind Tiwari</b> Professor &amp; Dean School of Law Rights and Constitutional Governance Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai</p>
<p>Sunday 30/8/2020 10-30 am to 1-30 pm</p>	<p><b>4. Rights of the Victims</b> Topic 1. Role of Institution's in Protection of Victim Rights 2. Case Studies and contribution of Judiciary</p>	<p><b>Mr. Durgesh Shukla</b> Founder &amp; Managing Partner Paxelegal, Lucknow</p>

**Note :-**

- 1. Guest Faculty/Experts may be invited in any of the module as per the requirement of the course.**
- 2. Any change in date and time will be intimated in due course of time.**