

**TELECOMMUNICATIONS CONSULTANTS INDIA LIMITED
(A Government of India Enterprise)
NOTICE INVITING APPLICATIONS FOR EMPANELMENT OF ADVOCATES**

Telecommunications Consultants India Limited (TCIL) is a public sector enterprise under the administrative control of Ministry of Communications & IT. TCIL is executing turnkey projects and rendering consultancy services in the field of Telecommunications & IT.

TCIL wishes to empanel reputed Law firms/Advocates having specialization in the following areas for availing their services as and when required :

- a. Civil Division cases in arbitration, High courts, district courts etc.
- b. HR / Administration/Vigilance related cases in Court /CAT/ Labour court/ District courts
- c. Criminal cases as criminal complaints, FIR, etc.
- d. Corporate related cases of Company Law, Insolvency Act before NCLT, company Law board etc.
- e. Other commercial matters of IT & Technical Division and all other divisions of TCIL.

In addition to above, the service of the Panel Advocates are required for misc cases of Projects, tenders, MSME Cases, execution petitions by TCIL, Insurance, vetting, drafts of the FIR, termination notices, issuance of legal notice, show cause notices, low stake matters etc.

Eligibility Conditions:

The Law Firms/Advocate fulfilling the following eligibility criteria shall only apply:-

1. Law Firms:

- a) Degree of Law of all the partners from recognized University.
- b) The practicing Advocates who are registered with Bar Council of India/Delhi Bar Council are eligible for empanelment. The senior most partners should have a practice in Delhi Courts for more than 10 years.
- c) The Law firm must either have a Chamber in the Delhi Court Premises or an office in Delhi/New Delhi with all infrastructure as conference/meeting room, computers/laptops, printers, scanners, Internet connection etc. along with office supporting staff.
- d) The Law Firm must submit minimum 20 Supreme Court/High Court and Arbitration orders showing the presence of the Senior most partner as the Main Counsel for last five years in different cases.
- e) The Partners of the Law Firm must have appeared as an arguing counsel in minimum 10 cases of stake value more than Rs. 1 crore (in civil cases). 5 cases (out of the said 10 cases) should be in favour of the Law Firm's client in proof of the success rate.

- f) The Law Firm can apply for two specific categories showing minimum 20 court orders separately for each category as per (d) above.
- g) The Law Firm must agree for the fee to be paid as per the TCIL fee schedule for Senior Counsel and Junior Counsel, whosoever appears and shall not claim any higher fee in any case during the pendency of the cases.
(For the purpose of payment of fees as per Fee Schedule, the Panel Advocate/Senior Advocate of the Firm of Advocate having more than 10 years of experience/practice in the Courts after the date of enrolment as Advocate shall be treated as a Senior Counsel while all other Advocates would be treated as Junior Counsels)
- h) The firm must have at least one AOR in the law firm for filing cases in Supreme court of India.

2. Individual Senior Counsel

- a) Degree of Law from recognized University.
- b) The practicing Advocates who are registered with Bar Council of India/Delhi Bar Council are eligible for empanelment.
- c) The counsel should have a practice in Delhi Courts for more than 10 years.
- d) The senior counsel must either have a Chamber in the Court Premises in Delhi or an office with all infrastructure as conference/meeting room, computers/laptops, printers, scanners, Internet connection etc. along with office supporting staff in Delhi.
- e) The counsel must submit minimum 20 Supreme Court/High Court and Arbitration orders showing the presence of the counsel as the Main Counsel for last five years.
- f) The Senior Counsel must have appeared as an arguing counsel in minimum 10 cases of stake value more than Rs. 1 crore (in civil cases). 5 cases (out of the said 10 cases) should be in favour of the Senior Counsel' client in proof of the success rate.
- g) The Advocate has to apply for only one specific category showing the court orders in that particular category only.
- h) The counsel must agree for the fee to be paid as per the TCIL fee schedule for the Senior Counsel and shall not claim any higher fee in any case during the pendency of the cases.

3. Individual Junior Counsel

- a) Degree of Law 3/5five year degree course i.e. LLB from recognized University. Advocates having the degree of LLM from recognized Institution/University will be an additional advantage.
- b) The practicing Advocates who are registered with Bar Council of India/Delhi Bar Council are eligible for empanelment.
- c) The counsel should have a practice in Delhi Courts for more than 5 years.

- d) The junior Counsel/ advocate must have a Chamber in the Court Premises in Delhi or an office with all infrastructure as conference/meeting room, computers/laptops, printers, scanners, Internet connection etc. in Delhi
- e) The counsel must submit minimum 10 High Court/District Courts/Arbitration/Tribunals orders showing the presence of the counsel for last five years.
- f) The counsel must agree for the fee to be paid as per the TCIL fee schedule for the Junior Counsel and shall not claim any higher fee in any case during the pendency of the cases.

Interested firms/Advocates may please send their applications in the attached respective format and checklist alongwith copies of relevant documents in support of the eligibility conditions mentioned above upto 31st August 2022 at the following address:

Sarika Achhra
AGM (Legal)
Telecommunications Consultants India Limited
1st floor, TCIL Bhawan,
Greater Kailash-I, New Delhi-110048

The envelope must clearly specify whether the Application is being made as a Law Firm, Individual Senior Counsel or Individual Junior Counsel.

No acknowledgment or receipt would be provided against the application.

General Conditions:

1. Advocates who are already on the panel of TCIL need not apply. A separate exercise would be conducted for them.
2. The empanelment shall be done category wise for Law Firms and Individual Senior Counsels and Junior Counsels as per their expertise in the respective fields.
3. TCIL reserves the right to reject or accept any application or cancel this process of empanelment at any stage without assigning any reason.
4. The applications received shall be scrutinized by TCIL and decision of CMD TCIL/ Management Committee of TCIL shall be final on all issues arising out of this empanelment.
5. The number of Counsels to be empanelled shall be determined by TCIL.
6. Initially, the empanelment shall be for three years, which may further be extended for a period of two years thereafter, on the sole discretion of TCIL.
7. The fee for handling TCIL matters shall be governed by the attached fees schedule of TCIL for Panel Advocates. The Law Firm/Advocate shall give unconditional and unequivocal acceptance of the same.
8. There would not be any retainer fee payable to empanelled Law Firm/Advocate.
9. The Law Firm/Advocate on being empanelled with TCIL shall not handle any matter against TCIL. If the Law Firm/ Advocate is handling any case against TCIL prior to such empanelment, then it will return the brief of said matter.
10. TCIL can assign any matter to any Law Firm/Advocate or change any Law firm/Advocate from any matter/case or cancel empanelment of any Law Firm/Advocate at any time without assigning any reason whatsoever.

ANNEXURE 'A'

FORMAT OF APPLICATION FOR LAW FIRMS

- 1) Name of the Law Firm:
- 2) Date of Registration:
- 3) Address:
- 4) (4.1) Contact details:
- (4.2) PAN:
- 5) Details of Partners of the Firm
- (5.1) Number of Partners:
- (5.2) Name of Senior Most Partner:
- (5.3) Partners Details: (may attach details in proforma given below)

S. No.	Name of the Partner	Details of Educational Qualifications		Details of Bar Council Registration (BCI/DBC)		Years of Practice (as on	Number of cases (as per 1 (e) of eligibility conditions
		Degree (attach document in support)	Year of acquisition	Name of Bar Council	Date of Enrolment (certificate to be submitted		

- 6) Applied for empanelment in the category (Please tick mark minimum One and maximum Two and strike out whichever is not selected):
- a. Civil Construction (Roads, Buildings, Cable laying etc.) matters before Arbitration, High courts, district courts etc.
 - b. HR / Administration/Vigilance related matters before Court /CAT/ Labour court/

District courts

- c. Criminal cases as criminal complaints, FIR, etc.
- d. Corporate matters (Company Law, Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code Act before NCLT, NCLAT etc.
- e. Other commercial matters involving Information Technology & other Technical issues in Telecom/Electrical fields.

7) Details of Experience/practice : (Applied Category Wise)

Case titles/List of the Cases showing appearance of the Senior Most partner of the Firms in minimum 20 of Supreme Court/High Court/Arbitration orders in the last five years. (i.e. From August 2017 to July 2022).

(Attach copies of the orders)

8) Case Titles/ List of cases showing that the partners of the law firm have appeared as arguing counsel in minimum 10 cases of stake value more than Rs. 1 crore (in civil cases only). Indicate minimum 5 cases which are in favour of law firm as a proof of success rate.

(Attach copies of the orders)

(Note: If a Law Firm applies for empanelment against Two categories, then it shall substantiate its eligibility by producing the requisite documents under para 7 & 8 for both categories of cases)

9) Details of Advocate on Record (attach document in support)

(9.1) Name of Advocate on Record (AOR):

(9.2) Registration No./Date of BCI/DBC Enrolment:

(9.3) Details of LLB:

(9.4) Number of years of experience/practice:

10) Details of Office Infrastructure - Please indicate the following:

conference/meeting room: Yes/No

Number of computers/laptops:

Number of printers:

Number of scanners:

Wi-fi/Internet connection:

Number of office supporting staff
(para legal, clerk, work assistants, runners etc.):

Declaration:

- I. We declare that We will abide by the Fee Schedule of TCIL as applicable to TCIL Panel of Advocates(As amended time to time).**
- II. We have never been penalized by any bar council in any Disciplinary Proceedings.**
- III. We also undertake to maintain absolute secrecy about the cases of the TCIL as required under the Act, Rules and Regulations thereunder.**
- IV. We will not take any brief/case in any court of Law or will advise/assist any person against the TCIL.**

Signature of Advocate
ON behalf of M/s.

(Name of the Advocate)

Address (Office/Chamber & Residence)
Tel. No./Mobile No./Email:

ANNEXURE 'B'

FORMAT OF APPLICATION FOR INDIVIDUAL SENIOR COUNSEL

- 1) Name of the Advocate:
- 2) Address:
- 3) (3.1) Contact details:
(3.2) PAN:
- 4) Details of the Advocate
(4.1) Degree/Educational Qualifications:
(4.2) Year of Acquisition:
(document in support to be submitted)
(4.3) Name of Bar Council: Bar Council of India/Delhi Bar Council
(4.4) Date of enrolment:
(certificate to be submitted)
(4.5) Number of years of practice:
(4.6) Number of cases as per 2 (e) of eligibility
Conditions:
- 5) Applied for empanelment in the category (Please tick mark only One and strike out whichever is not selected):
 - a. Civil Construction (Roads, Buildings, Cable laying etc.) matters before Arbitration, High courts, district courts etc.
 - b. HR / Administration/Vigilance related matters before Court /CAT/ Labour court/ District courts
 - c. Criminal cases as criminal complaints, FIR, etc.
 - d. Corporate matters (Company Law, Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code Act before NCLT, NCLAT etc.
 - e. Other commercial matters involving Information Technology & other Technical issues in Telecom/Electrical fields.

- 6) Details of Experience/practice : (Applied category wise)
Case titles/List of the Cases showing appearance of the Advocate as Main Counsel in minimum 20 of Supreme Court/High Court/Arbitration orders in the last five years. (i.e. From August 2017 to July 2022).

(Attach copies of the orders)

- 7) Case Titles/ List of cases showing that the Advocate has appeared as arguing counsel in minimum 10 cases of stake value more than Rs. 1 crore (in civil cases only). Indicate minimum 5 cases which are in favour of the Advocate as a proof of success rate.

(Attach copies of the orders.)

- 8) Whether the Counsel is AOR:
(If yes, document in support may be attached)

- 9) Details of Office Infrastructure :
Please indicate the following:

conference/meeting room:	Yes/No
Number of computers/laptops:
Number of printers:
Number of scanners:
Wi-fi/Internet connection:
Number of office supporting staff (para legal, clerk, work assistants, runners etc.):

Declaration:

- I. I declare that I will abide by the Fee Schedule of TCIL as applicable to TCIL Panel of Advocates(As amended time to time).
- II. We have never been penalized by any bar council in any Disciplinary Proceedings.
- III. We also undertake to maintain absolute secrecy about the cases of the TCIL as required under the Act, Rules and Regulations thereunder.

IV. We will not take any brief/case in any court of Law or will advise/assist any person against the TCIL.

Signature of Advocate
ON behalf of M/s.

(Name of the Advocate)

Address (Office/Chamber & Residence)
Tel. No./Mobile No./Email:

ANNEXURE 'C'

FORMAT OF APPLICATION FOR INDIVIDUAL JUNIOR COUNSEL

- 1) Name of the Advocate:
- 2) Address:
- 3) (3.1) Contact details:
(3.2) PAN:
- 4) Details of the Advocate
 - (4.1) Degree/Educational Qualifications:
 - (4.2) Year of Acquisition:
(document in support to be submitted)
 - (4.3) Name of Bar Council: Bar Council of India/Delhi Bar Council
 - (4.4) Date of enrolment:
(certificate to be submitted)
 - (4.5) Number of years of practice:
 - (4.6) Number of cases as per 3 (e) of eligibility
 - Conditions:
- 5) Applied for empanelment in the category (Please tick mark only One and strike out whichever is not selected):
 - a. Civil Construction (Roads, Buildings, Cable laying etc.) matters before Arbitration, High courts, district courts etc.
 - b. HR / Administration/Vigilance related matters before Court /CAT/ Labour court/ District courts
 - c. Criminal cases as criminal complaints, FIR, etc.
 - d. Corporate matters (Company Law, Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code Act before NCLT, NCLAT etc.
 - e. Other commercial matters involving Information Technology & other Technical issues in Telecom/Electrical fields.

6) Details of Experience/practice :
Case titles/List of the Cases showing appearance/presence of the Advocate in minimum 10 of High Court/District Courts/Arbitration/Tribunals orders in the last five years. (i.e. From August 2017 to July 2022).

(Attach copies of the orders)

7) Whether the Counsel is AOR:
(If yes, document in support may be attached)

8) Details of Office Infrastructure :
Please indicate the following:
conference/meeting room: Yes/No
Number of computers/laptops:
Number of printers:
Number of scanners:
Wi-fi/Internet connection:
Number of office supporting staff
(para legal, clerk, work assistants, runners etc.):

Declaration:

- I. I declare that I will abide by the Fee Schedule of TCIL as applicable to TCIL Panel of Advocates for Junior Counsels (As amended time to time).**
- II. We have never been penalized by any bar council in any Disciplinary Proceedings.**
- III. We also undertake to maintain absolute secrecy about the cases of the TCIL as required under the Act, Rules and Regulations thereunder.**
- IV. We will not take any brief/case in any court of Law or will advise/assist any person against the TCIL.**

Signature of Advocate
ON behalf of M/s.

(Name of the Advocate)

Address (Office/Chamber & Residence)
Tel. No./Mobile No./Email:

Fee Schedule Applicable to Panel Advocates

Sr. No.	Particulars	Amount (Rs.) Senior Counsel	Amount (Rs.) Junior Counsel
A	Appearances		
A-1 a	Before Supreme Court, High Courts in Writ Petitions, Arbitrators appointed by Ministry of Law/DPE/ICA/ICADR/SFCA, appointed by Courts and CMD TCIL in commercial matters		
(i)	For Effective Hearing	10000/-	2500/-
(ii)	For Non Effective Hearing	4500/-	1000/-
A-1 b	Before Registrar, Dy. Registrar, Joint Registrar	3000/-	1000/-
A-1 c	Defending/Pleading Civil Suits , Execution Petition	25,000/- (on consolidated basis)	
A-2 a	Regulatory Matters before Supreme court , High Court and TDSAT		
(i)	For Effective Hearing	12000/-	3000/-
(ii)	For Non Effective Hearing	3000/-	1000/-
A-2(b)	Before Registrar, Dy. Registrar, Joint Registrar	3000/-	1000/-
A-3	Before CCI, National Consumer Dispute Redressal Commission, Income Tax Appellate Tribunal, Sales Tax Appellate Tribunal, Appellate Tribunal for Electricity		
(i)	For Effective Hearing	9000/-	2000/-
(ii)	For Non Effective Hearing	4500/-	1000/-
b.	Before Registrar, Dy. Registrar, Joint Registrar	3000/-	1000/-
A-4 a	Before CEGAT, State Consumer Dispute Redressal Commission, Other Statutory Authorities/Bodies, Company Law Board, CGIT, CAT, Debt Recovery Tribunal, BIFR, AAIFR, Any other statutory authority		
(i)	For Effective Hearing	9000/-	1500/-
(ii)	For Non Effective Hearing	2500/-	1000/-
b.	Before Registrar, Dy. Registrar, Joint Registrar	2500/-	1000/-
A-5	Before the Distt. Courts/City Civil Courts/Lower Courts, Mediators/Conciliators or Adjudicators appointed by Court/Agreement terms		
(i)	Defending/Pleading of Suits	20,000/- (on consolidated basis)	
(ii)	Defending/Pleading of Execution Petition, complaint u/s 138 of NI Act etc. before the Distt. Courts/City Civil Courts/Lower Courts		

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(iii)	Criminal Matters before District Courts/Metropolitan Magistrate		
	For Effective Hearing	7000/-	1500/-
	For Non Effective Hearing	2500/-	1000/-
	Before Registrar, Dy. Registrar, Joint Registrar	2500/-	1000/-
(iv)	Defending/Pleading of matters other than (i), (ii) & (iii) above before the Distt. Courts/City Civil Courts/Lower Courts	3000/-	1000/-
A-6	Before District Consumer Forum, Arbitration i.r.o. Disputes u/s 7B of Indian Telegraph Act, 1885	5000/--Consolidated fees per case	1000/- Consolidated fees per case
A-7	Outstation visits (on per day basis)	Rs. 15,000/- (Per hearing basis. Fixed for two days. Beyond two days additional 50% fee will be paid.)	Rs. 8,000/- (Per hearing basis. Fixed for two days. Beyond two days additional 50% fee will be paid.)
B	Drafting and Settling of Pleading		
B-1	Supreme Court/High Court/Arbitration		
a	Special Leave Petitions/Appeals/ Writ Petitions/Replies/Counter Affidavits/ Rejoinders/Replications/W.S./Plaints/Suits/ Statement of Claims and Counter Claims	10000/-	2500/-
b	Interim Application/Misc. Appl./ Misc Civil Petition/Replies thereto	3500/-	1500/-
c	Caveat		1500/-
d	Affidavit by way of Evidence per affidavit	6000/-	2000/-
B-2	Regulatory Matters before Supreme Court, High Court and TDSAT		
a	Special Leave Petitions/Appeals/ Writ Petitions/Replies/Counter Affidavits/ Rejoinders/Replications/W.S./Plaints/Suits/ Statement of Claims and Counter Claims	9000/-	4000/-
b	Interim Application/Misc. Appl./ Misc Civil Petition/Replies thereto	2000/-	1500/-
c	Caveat	2000/-	1500/-
d	Affidavit by way of Evidence per affidavit	2500/-	1500/-
B-3	Before CCI, National Consumer Dispute Redressal Commission, Income Tax Appellate		

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	Tribunal, Sales Tax Appellate Tribunal, Appellate Tribunal for Electricity		
a	Petitions/Appeals/Replies/ Rejoinders/	9000/-	1800/-
b	Interim Applications/Misc. Applications/ Replies thereto	3500/-	1000/-
c	Caveat	3500/-	1000/-
d	Affidavit by way of Evidence per affidavit	6000/-	2000/-
B-4	Before CEGAT, State Consumer Dispute Redressal Commission, Other Statutory Authorities/Bodies, Company Law Board, CGIT, CAT, Debt Recovery Tribunal, BIFR, AIFR		
a	Petitions/Appeals/Replies/Rejoinders/ Original Applications	8000/-	1600/-
b	Interim Applications/ Misc. Applications/ Replies thereto	3000/-	1000/-
c	Caveat	3000/-	1000/-
d	Affidavit by way of Evidence per affidavit	2000/-	1500/-
B-5 (i)	District Courts/City Civil Courts/Lower Courts, Mediators/Conciliators or Adjudicators appointed by Court/Agreement terms		
a	Plaint/Petitions/Ex. Petition/Recovery Suits/ Replies/WS/ Replications/Rejoinders	5000/-	2000/-
b	Interim Applications/Misc. Applications/replies thereto	2500/-	1000/-
c	Caveat		1000/-
d	Affidavit by way of Evidence per affidavit	1500/-	1000/-
B-5 (ii)	Criminal Matters before District Courts/Metropolitan Magistrate		
a	Petitions/Appeals/Replies/ Rejoinders/	5000/-	1600/-
b	Interim Applications/Misc. Applications/ Replies thereto	1500/-	1000/-
c	Caveat	1500/-	1000/-
d	Affidavit by way of Evidence per affidavit	2000/-	1500/-
C	Drafting of legal notice and replies to legal notices	3000/-	1500/-
D	Legal vetting of Documents	4000/- (more than 7 pages) 3000/- (less than or equal to 7 pages)	2000/-
E	Conferences and Consultations (per hour basis)	2200/- per hour	1100/- per hour
F	Written Opinion (including conferences)	4600/-	2300/-

Notes:

1. Consolidated fee to the advocates shall be paid 25% after 1st hearing, 25% after three hearings and 50% after finalisation of the case.
2. Clerkage shall be paid at the rate of 10% in addition to fee. For this purpose, the fee means appearance fee and drafting/vetting fees only, but shall not include fees towards conferences and any expenses incurred by the Advocates.
3. Reimbursement of misc. expenses upto Rs. 500/- shall be reimbursed to the counsel without production of details. In case the expenses exceed Rs. 500/- the counsels shall be required to produce vouchers therefor. However, the rates that would be paid by TCIL for such expenses shall not exceed the following limit:
 - Photocopy -Rs 2/- per page
 - Scanning-Rs 2/- per page,
 - Affidavit attestation-Rs 50/- per affidavit,
 - Typing charges for pleadings – Nil (as included in fee structure only)
 - Steno/Typing charges for annexures etc. – Rs. 50/- per page
 - Certified copy of orders/Court fee- as per receipt
4. Local conveyance charges (in Delhi NCR) is inclusive in fee structure i.e. no separate fee/reimbursement would be made for travelling in Delhi NCR.
5. When two or more cases together involve, substantially identical questions of law and/ or fact, one of such cases will be treated as the main case and the others as connected case and the fees in such cases will be regulated as under, provided that the cases are heard together.
 - (i) Full fee would be admissible for appearance in the main case and 50% in each of the connected cases, subject to a maximum of one additional full fees, i.e. not more than twice the amount of full fees in the main case would be admissible irrespective of number of cases.
 - (ii) If substantially identical affidavits, counter affidavits, complaints, written statements grounds of appeal applications and other pleadings are drafted in connected cases, or drafting fee will be admissible in the main cases and only 20% separate drafting fee per case will be admissible in connected cases.
6. For the purpose of payment of fees as per Fee Schedule:
 - (i) For law firms: the Advocate of the Firm having more than 10 years of experience/practice in the Courts after the date of enrolment as Advocate shall be treated as a Senior Counsel while all other Advocates would be treated as Junior Counsels.
 - (ii) For Individual Advocates : the Advocates would be treated as Senior Counsel or Junior Counsel based on their application and empanelment with TCIL.