



Eastern Coalfields Limited

(A Govt. of India Undertaking & a Subsidiary of Coal India Limited)

NOTICE INVITING APPLICATIONS FOR EMPANELMENT OF ADVOCATES IN EASTERN COALFIELDS LIMITED

Applications are invited for the empanelment of Advocates and Law Firms on panel of Eastern Coalfields Limited (ECL) to represent, defend and protect the interest of ECL and its officers/officials before various courts/quasi-judicial forum in different states/cities of India, primarily in West Bengal ,Jharkhand, , Bihar, Odisha and Delhi. Advocates/Law Firms so empanelled would also be responsible for providing Eastern Coalfields Limited with legal advice and legal opinion as and when requested for.

Eligibility Criteria

1. Applicant must be an Advocate enrolled under a Bar Council as per Advocates Act, 1961.
2. Law Firms may also apply, however , only through an Advocate enrolled under a Bar Council as per Advocates Act, 1961 and duly authorised by the said firm. In such a case, all the terms and conditions for empanelment of an individual Advocate shall apply mutatis mutandis to them.
3. As on 01.01.2023, applicant is required to have minimum professional/court practice experience as under:-
 - a) For empanelment for Supreme Court of India- Five years experience in Supreme Court.
 - b) For empanelment for the High Court of India/Appellate tribunals- Five years experience in High Court.
 - c) For empanelment for the Subordinate Courts/Tribunals- Five years experience in Subordinate Courts/Tribunals.

The above-mentioned period of experience shall be reckoned from the date of enrolment mentioned on the Certificate of Enrolment issued by Bar Council in case of empanelment for High Courts or Subordinate Courts/Tribunals

4. Applicant should be familiar with various branches of law, civil-criminal, and in particular those concerning mining laws including coal mines, land acquisition laws, competition law, constitutional law, company law, forest and environmental law, service law, labour law, contract law , commercial law, property laws and taxation etc.
5. For considering empanelment for the Supreme Court, generally those Advocates who are regularly practicing in Supreme Court of India including Advocates-on-Record (AOR) of the Supreme Court would be considered, if they are otherwise found to be competent and suitable.

6. Applicant must possess excellent communication skills, drafting skills and court craft.
7. Due weightage shall be given to Advocates having experience in handling cases of Central Public Sector Enterprises and Government Departments.
8. Applicant against whom any disciplinary action is pending, any criminal case filed, debarred/penalised by any Bar Council, or who has committed any act which is unbecoming of an advocate as per Advocates Act, 1961 shall not be eligible to apply for empanelment as the same constitutes a ground for disempanelment.

Mode of Application

1. Interested advocates/Law Firms may apply **only through online mode of filing application** through the following link on ECL's Website:
www.eclnet.co.in/oas_advocate/
2. In no case application received in other forms will be entertained.
3. Interested advocates/Law Firms should apply for empanelment, only if they fulfil the "**Eligibility Criteria**", else their application will be rejected without assigning any reasons. Documents (self-attested scanned copies) uploaded must be clear and legible. Seals/ Stamps/ Signatures/ Names/ Authorities/ Dates must be clearly visible.
4. Applicants must mention the forums (Courts) where empanelment is being sought in the online application. Applicants may apply for more than one forum, if eligible. Please see "**Eligibility Criteria**" for minimum experience of practice. However, the applicant must be practising regularly in the forum for which empanelment is being sought and must maintain a fully functional working office in the precinct of the forum, as on the date of application. Applicants who are AOR, Supreme Court of India are required to upload relevant certificate in this regard.
5. The applications received shall be scrutinized by management of ECL. Thereafter, written communication will be made to recommended advocates alongwith terms & conditions of empanelment and schedule of fees seeking their acknowledgment & acceptance to the same in the prescribed format. The process of empanelment shall be complete when ECL receives a duly signed acceptance letter in prescribed format from the advocate. The terms and conditions of the empanelment need be accepted in full.

Tenure of Empanelment

- 1) The initial empanelment will be for three years from the date of receipt of acceptance of empanelment from advocate. Performance would be reviewed periodically and at least annually.
- 2) However, on completion of the term and satisfactory performance of the advocate, empanelment may be renewed by ECL for a further period of two years on mutually acceptable terms and conditions.
- 3) ECL reserves the right to terminate empanelment of any advocate at any time without assigning any reason.



Queries Regarding Empanelment /Online Application

For any clarification/information regarding the empanelment of Advocate/Law Firms and online applications, query may be sent by email at : hodlegal.ecl@coalindia.in.

Period of Online Application

Filing of online applications for empanelment commences from 27.01.2023 (00:00 hours) and closes on 26.02.2023(23:59 hours). No applications shall be accepted thereafter.

Note: Applying for empanelment at ECL does not confer any Right / guarantee / assurance whatsoever, regarding their final empanelment. ECL reserves its right to change, amend or modify any of the terms and conditions of this notification. The changes, amendment or modification, if any, will be notified to all concerned on the company's website.

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