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NOTICE FOR EMPANELMENT OF SENIOR STANDING COUNSELS

Applications are invited from advocates of substantial standing and repute and with good academic credentials for Empanelment as **Senior Standing Counsels** for representing the income tax matters before **the Hon'ble Punjab & Haryana High Court and other judicial fora.** Tentative number of empanelment is **04.** Normally, the Empanelment time period is 3 years. The Empanelment is subject to CBDT instruction No. 7/2016 dated 07.09.2016. Copy of this notice is also available on the department's website i.e www.incometaxindia.gov.in and www.incometaxchandigarh.org.

2. The existing Senior Standing Counsels on the current panel, appointed vide CBDT's order in F.No. 278/M-17/2023-ITJ dated 17.01.2024, whose period of Engagement is till **16.01.2027,** may apply for the Empanelment of Senior Standing Counsels, if they desire re-Engagement. However, the Senior Standing Counsels who have been appointed vide CBDT's order in F.No. 278/M-8/2022-ITJ dated 02.09.2022 need not to apply afresh under this notice, as a separate process for fresh empanelment against the vacancies arising from the expiry of the said panel has already been undertaken and the proposal is awaiting approval of the CBDT.

3. Eligibility conditions as per CBDT instruction:

Senior Standing counsel

a) Should be eligible to appear before the High Court as an advocate and
b) Have a minimum experience of five years of handling direct tax matters before the High Courts or ITAT as an advocate.
OR
Have been a Junior Standing Counsel of the Department for three years
OR
Have been an officer of the Income-tax Department who is eligible to appear before the High Court as an advocate and has retired/resigned from the post of the Addl. Commissioner/Director of Income-Tax or any equivalent post after occupying such post for at least three years or any higher post or who has been a member of ITAT, provided that he has not been removed/dismissed or compulsorily retired from service on account of disciplinary action and no disciplinary proceeding under service rules or pension rules is pending against him.

3.1 The cutoff date for eligibility conditions is **30.09.2026.**

4. The prescribed proforma for the application A1 & A2 (as applicable) along with terms & conditions for Empanelment are available on the department's websites www.incometaxindia.gov.in and www.incometaxchandigarh.org. The applications along with required documentary proofs/ credentials must be submitted through Registered Post or by hand, in a closed envelop, addressed to Joint Commissioner of Income Tax (Judicial), NWR, Aayakar Bhawan, Sector 17E, Chandigarh - 160017. Subject "Application for Empanelment of Senior Standing Counsel" must be written on the envelope.

5. Applications not in prescribed proforma or incomplete/ deficient in any respect are liable to be rejected. Canvassing would lead to disqualification.

6. Last date for receipt of the applications is **21.12.2026** up to **6:00 PM**. Applications sent by post may be sent well in time so as to reach this office on or before the last date.

Joint Commissioner of Income Tax,
(HQ)(Judicial), Chandigarh

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Copy to notice to:

1. The Registrar, Hon'ble Punjab & Haryana High Court, with the request to have it notified on notice board.
2. The Registrar, NCLT, Chandigarh Bench with the request to have it notified on notice board.
3. The Assistant Registrar, Income Tax Appellate Tribunal, Chandigarh with the request to have it notified on the notice board.
4. The Authority of Advance Ruling. New Delhi with the request to have it notified on the notice board.
5. The President, Bar Association of Hon'ble Punjab & Haryana High Court, Chandigarh with request to circulate it among members of the Bar.
6. The Bar council of Punjab & Haryana, Law Bhawan, Sector-37-A, Chandigarh.
7. The Web Manager, O/o the DIT (systems), Vaishali, to upload it on the website of the department.
8. The CCIT, Panchkula/Amritsar/DGIT (Inv.), Chandigarh/PCIT-1, Chandigarh/CIT(TDS)-1&2, Chandigarh /CIT (Exemption), Chandigarh/Addl. CIT (International Taxation), Chandigarh with request for display on notice boards in Income Tax Office in their region and to give wide publicity.
9. The ITO (Admn-1) (HQ), O/o the Principal Chief Commissioner of Income Tax, NWR Chandigarh for display on notice boards in Income tax office in Chandigarh.

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