



**CALL FOR PAPERS  
EDITED BOOK ON  
LEGAL AID IN INDIA –  
PAST, PRESENT AND THE WAY FORWARD**

An Initiative by  
**PROBONO INDIA**  
and  
**GUJARAT NATIONAL LAW UNIVERSITY, GANDHINAGAR**

**CONCEPT NOTE**

Effective Legal Aid System plays crucial role in any judicial system of the country. Millions of people in the country are deprived from access to justice due to present legal system coupled with inefficient and ineffective legal aid system. In India, Constitution of India also guarantees for free legal aid and have dedicated act called Legal Services Authorities Act, 1987 to address the issue of legal aid and services. There are various issues and challenges with regards to legal aid system in India to be dealt with. To deliberate upon the various aspects alongwith possible recommendations related to legal aid, present project on edited book has been initiated.

**OBJECTIVE**

Main objective of the present publication is to discuss and deliberate various issues related to Legal Aid in India.

**CALL FOR CHAPTERS**

The present book will be having two parts in it one on specified themes and another one on State specific.

Followings are suggested themes but not limited to

**Part 1 – Sub-Themes**

1. Legal Service Authorities Act, 1987 needs revamp

2. Role of Government in Effective Legal Aid in India
3. Budgetary issues for Legal Aid in India
4. Legal Aid provided by Law School Based Legal Aid Clinics
5. Legal Aid provided by NGOs, Civil Society Organization
6. Legal Aid for Undertrial Prisoners in India
7. Legal Aid for Woman and Child in India
8. Legal Aid for SC & ST Citizen
9. Role of Indian Judiciary in Legal Aid
10. Critical Appraisal of Legal Aid Counsels in India
11. Clinical Legal Education and Legal Aid
12. Usage of Technology and Access to Justice with special reference to Legal Aid
13. Best Practices in Legal Aid and Awareness
14. Case Studies on Legal Aid Clinic, Legal Services Clinics, Govt. Initiatives

## **Part 2 – State Approach**

1. Legal Aid in Gujarat – Past, Present and Future
2. Legal Aid in Maharashtra – Past, Present and Future
3. Critical Analysis of Legal Aid in State of Maharashtra
4. Critical Analysis of Legal Aid in State of Gujarat
5. Other States and UTs in India

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## **PROPOSAL**

Proposals for scholarly book chapters (covering, empirical papers, theory testing, theory building, systematic literature review etc.) are invited on above themes from researchers and academicians. Submitted proposals will be reviewed and feedback will be provided to selected proposals. Authors of selected proposal will be required to submit the Full Chapter in given format once the proposal is accepted. The Full Chapters will be peer-reviewed by reviewers and selected Chapters will be published in the edited book on Legal Aid in India – Past, Present and The Way Forward.

The proposal should be of 2-3 pages (excluding cover page and author details). The suggestive structure of the proposal would be; a). Rational of the Study, b). Research Gap, c). Tentative Research Methodology, d). Possible Future Results and Outcomes, e). Contributions in Policy making/Theory building.

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### **IMPORTANT DATES**

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| Proposal Submission                    | August 15, 2023    |
| Notification of Acceptance of Proposal | September 10, 2023 |
| Full Chapter Submission                | November 30, 2023  |
| Communication of Review                | December 10, 2023  |
| Submission of Revised Chapter          | December 20, 2023  |
| Communication of Final Acceptance      | December 31, 2023  |

### **PUBLICATION DETAILS**

The edited book will be published by **Thomson Reuters**.

There would be no publication charges.

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