Centre for Trade and Investment Law

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR RECRUITMENT OF LEGAL PROFESSIONAL

A. ABOUT THE ORGANISATION

The Centre for Trade and Investment Law (CTIL) was established by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Government of India, to enhance the capacity within the Ministry of Commerce and Industry and other agencies, and provide legal and technical inputs on international trade and investment law issues. CTIL functions as a think tank and an advisory centre in relation to legal issues falling under the World Trade Organisation (WTO), free trade agreements, and other international economic law issues.

In order to support the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, CTIL intends to engage 16 lawyers at the levels of Young Professional and Associate, to work on trade-related issues across multilateral agreements and bilateral agreements (including Trade in Goods; Trade in Services; Trade and Sustainable Development; Intellectual Property Rights, Geographical Indications, innovation, and Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises; Trade Remedies and Dispute Settlement; Regulatory Practices, Competition, Government Procurement, Anti-Corruption, Transparency, etc.; Rules of Origin, Trade Facilitation, and Non-Tariff measures; Investment Protection; and Agriculture).

B. VACANCY

CTIL is looking for highly motivated, qualified lawyers, to join immediately, on a contractual basis, for the following roles:

- 1. Young Professional; and
- 2. Associate; and

The candidate must meet the eligibility criteria listed in Part C and D of this notification. Based on the requirements of the Department of Commerce, selected candidates will be deputed to the Trade Policy Wing, Trade Negotiations - Multilateral, and Trade Negotiations - Bilateral Wing in the Department of Commerce.

C. GENERAL ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Candidate must be an Indian national who holds a master's degree in law.¹

Candidate must have excellent legal professional skills, with a demonstrated interest and/or experience in international law, international trade law, investment law, and related fields listed in Part A. Candidate must also have strong written and spoken communication, and presentation skills in English. Candidate must be able to provide sound and rigorous legal analysis, and must have strong research, drafting and legal analytical skills, specifically in the fields listed in Part A.

Candidate should also satisfy the specific eligibility criteria listed in Part D, in addition to the above. PQE in Part D refers to Post Qualification Experience, i.e., work experience that has been obtained following the candidate's successful completion of a degree in law. In other words, time spent while

¹ For the candidate's having degrees from universities/institutes from outside India, Times/QS ranking of such universities/institutes will be taken into account.

pursuing post-graduation will not count towards PQE. Experience includes up to three years for Ph.D. holder, provided that no work experience is counted during those three years. Experience in international negotiations, dispute settlement processes, and any of the listed areas in Part A is desirable.

D. CATEGORY SPECIFIC ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

CATEGORY	ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA	UPPER AGE LIMIT (AS ON 01.02.2023)
Young Professional	PQE of minimum 01 year.	35 years
Associate	 PQE of minimum 03 years; Minimum 01 year relevant experience (sectoral/research/teaching experience in trade or investment law, or a related discipline) is required. 	45 years

E. EMOLUMENTS AND TENURE

All selected candidates will be appointed on a contract basis, for one year, with the possibility of further extension based on performance. The selected candidates will be paid a fixed monthly remuneration as follows:

CATEGORY	REMUNERATION (Rs.)
Young Professional	60,000
Associate	80,000 – 1,45,000

F. APPLICATION PROCESS

Interested candidates that satisfy the above listed eligibility criteria are invited to apply only through the links below, latest by **28 February 2023 (Tuesday)**.

- 1. Young Professional: http://docs.iift.ac.in/recruit/solo.asp?jcode=YP_FEB2023
- 2. Associate: http://docs.iift.ac.in/recruit/solo.asp?jcode=ASSOCIATES_FEB2023

Only applications received via the above links will be considered. Candidates who are considered ineligible for their applied position may be considered for a different position, based on an evaluation of their application. Only shortlisted candidates for the second round (written test and interview) will be contacted via email. The written test will assess the candidate's competence and skills in the domain of international trade law, international investment law or generally in the wide discipline of international economic law.
