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About NLUO

The National Law University Odisha (NLUO) was established in the year 2009 under The National Law University Orissa Act, 2008 (Act 4 of 2008) passed by the Odisha State Legislature and commenced its academic activities in the academic year 2009-10.

The University has received recognition from the University Grants Commission (UGC) under Section 12(B) of the UGC Act, 1956, and has been receiving grants under the XIIth Plan. The degrees offered are recognised by the Bar Council of India. It is also an associate member of the UGC-INFLIBNET, and a participant in the National Knowledge Network under the Ministry of Information Technology and Communication, Government of India.



Nyayakarta

"Nyayakarta": Empowering Justice Through Legal Aid

Nyayakarta, a synthesis of 'Nyaya' (justice) and 'Karta' (facilitator), embodies the essence of our mission: to bridge the gap between legal services and those in need. This flagship event, inaugurated by the Pro Bono Club of National Law University Odisha, stands as a beacon for the legal fraternity.

As guardians of justice, we recognize that access to legal aid is not merely a service—it is a fundamental pillar of an equitable society. Nyayakarta aims to cultivate this ethos among law students and professionals alike, reminding us of our noble duty to extend a helping hand to the marginalized and uninformed.

This platform serves as a crucible for redefining legal aid, encouraging participants to:

1. Express innovative ideas
2. Cultivate legal acumen through immersive experiences

Through a series of intellectually stimulating events, Nyayakarta offers not only the opportunity for professional growth but also substantial rewards and exclusive benefits.

Join us in this transformative journey as we strive to create a more just and informed society, one case at a time."

About Pro Bono Club, NLUO

Pro Bono Club, NLUO strives to enhance the efficiency and quality of pro bono legal services by fostering collaboration between law students, practicing advocates, and civil society organizations. We aim to instill a sense of social responsibility among young legal minds, encouraging them to actively contribute to the community by providing legal assistance to disadvantaged individuals. Through a range of activities, we seek to expand access to justice, promote legal awareness, and support alternative dispute resolution mechanisms, thereby strengthening the culture of pro bono service in the legal fraternity.



PIL Drafting Competition

01

Competition Overview:

In this competition, participants will be presented with a set of facts, simulating real-life situations where public interest is at stake. The Participant's task will be to analyze these facts, identify the legal issues involved, and draft a PIL that could be presented before a court of law (as per the problem statement to be released before the competition).

Competition Procedure:

The Problem Statement will be shared with the Participants 1 hour before the competition.

The participants have to draft a PIL in a virtually proctored session.

Who can participate?

Students enrolled in a 5-year integrated law program and a 3-year law program are eligible to apply for this event.

Registration Fees: Rs 800/-

Fee Payment Procedure

Click here to register

Last date to Register - 18.09.2024

Date: 21st September, 2024

Time: 11 am

Mode: Virtual

Prize Money

WINNER - RS 6000/-

RUNNERS UP - RS 2500/-

Submission guidelines for PIL Drafting Competition

Submission Guidelines

- Each participating team must submit one PIL draft.
- If a participating team wishes to include any annexures to support their arguments in the draft (such as reports, commentaries, news clippings, pictures, etc.), they should compile all relevant annexures into a compendium and submit it along with the memorial.
- All the PIL drafts must be submitted in the emailed Google form and be named : "PIL Draft, Team Code _____"
- Submissions made after the deadline will not be considered for evaluation and will result in the disqualification of the participating team, as well as forfeiture of the contribution made.
- Any submission with any name or reference of the participants will be disqualified.
- Submitting plagiarised content will lead to disqualification; participants must ensure their work is original.
- If the drafts of two or more participants or teams are found to be substantially similar, both teams will be disqualified.

Penalties & Deductions

- Breach of anonymity – Disqualification from the competition.
- Missing or Incorrect insertion of section or provision – 2 marks each.
- Missing or unnecessary information on the cover page – 1 mark each.
- Incorrect font style in the main body of the memorandum – 1 mark each.
- Incorrect line spacing in the main body of the memorandum – 1 mark each.
- Incorrect font size in the main body of the memorandum – 1 mark each

Contents and formatting guidelines for PIL Drafting Competition

Content of the PIL

- The PIL is to be filed before the Supreme Court of India.
- The PIL Memorial must contain all of, and only, the following components:
 - Cover Page which should contain:
 - (a) The Unique team code in the upper right-hand corner.
 - (b) The name of the case;
 - Table of Contents
 - Table of Abbreviations
 - Index of Authorities
 - Statement of Jurisdiction
 - Facts of the Case o Issue(s) Raised
 - Summary of Arguments/Pleadings
 - Arguments Advanced/Pleadings
 - Prayer
 - Table of annexure
 - There is no restriction on the number of pages.

Formatting Guidelines

- All drafts must be provided in two formats: Microsoft Word Document (.doc/.docx) and PDF Format (.pdf), which means that each participant should submit two files – one in MS Word format and one in PDF format.
- The body of the submissions must be in the font “Times New Roman” with font size 12, having line spacing of 1.5 and justified. (The Font size for the Headings can be formatted as per the choice of the participants).
- The Footnotes shall be in Times New Roman, size 10, single line spacing, justified.
- The participants must follow a uniform citation throughout their submission.

Devil's Advocate Competition

02

Competition Overview

The participant will be asked to challenge and critique a given judgment(s). In the process, the participant needs to showcase their skills in critical thinking, legal reasoning, and persuasive argumentation.

There is a unique twist we have added to the segment. A participant must exclude a specified set of precedents in both their written memo and oral arguments of which they will be informed via email along with the problem judgement.

Participants are required to prepare a detailed memo outlining their arguments and citing relevant precedents. A Google Forms link will be provided on September 18, 2024, where participants must upload their memo—no extensions will be granted. Additional submission details will be communicated via email upon successful registration.

Competition Timeline

Last date to Register - 18.09.2024.

Release of Judgement(s) for the Round - 05.09.2024.

The deadline to submit memos for all the rounds is 18.09.2024.

Preliminary and Semi-Final rounds - 21.09.2024, 11 am onwards.

Final round - 22.08.2024, 11 am onwards.

Eligibility

Students enrolled in a 5-year integrated law program and a 3-year law program are eligible to apply for this event.

Dress Code

Male: Black Trousers, White Shirt, Black Blazer, Black Neck Tie and Black Formal Shoes.

Female: Black Trousers, White Shirt, Black Blazer, and Black Formal Shoes.

Registration Fees: Rs 800/-

Fee Payment Procedure

[Click here to register](#)

Prize Money

WINNER - RS 6000/-

RUNNERS UP - RS 2500/-

Submission guidelines for Devil's Advocate Competition

Memorials must be submitted adhering to the following mandatory sections:

1. Cover Page
2. Table of Contents
3. Index of Authorities
4. Issues Raised
5. Summary of Arguments (maximum 2 pages)
6. Body of Arguments (5 to 20 pages)
7. Prayer

Uniform citations in OSCOLA format is mandatory, with a penalty of 1 mark per page for violations.

Memo Specifications and Penalties

All drafts must be provided in two formats: Microsoft Word Document (.doc/.docx) and PDF Format (.pdf), which means that each participant should submit two files – one in MS Word format and one in PDF format. The memo should be prepared in Times New Roman font, size 12, with 1.5 line spacing, and 1-inch margins. Footnotes must use size 10 font with single spacing.

Penalties include:

Exceeding page limits: 1 mark deducted per extra page.

Omitting any mandatory section: 2 marks deducted per omission.

Violations of the cover page color scheme: 1 mark deducted per page.

Breach of anonymity or plagiarism: severe penalties, including disqualification from evaluation.

Submissions made after the deadline will not be considered for evaluation and will result in the disqualification of the participating candidate, as well as forfeiture of the contribution made.

Any discrepancies between the memo and oral submission may result in penalties.

Mode




PIL Writing Competition will be conducted virtually on 21st September 2024.

Devil's Advocate Competition will be conducted virtually from 21st September to 22nd September 2024.

Eligibility

The competition is open to all students pursuing LL.B. (3-year or 5-year course) from any recognized university across India.

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