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Centre for Public Law

The First ILS National Alternate Judgment Writing Competition 2014-15

Participate in alternate judgment writing and sharpen your reasoning skills.

We are pleased to announce the First National Alternate Judgment Writing competition. Prizes for this competition are sponsored by the **Nani Palkhivala Foundation**.

This competition involves preparation of an alternative draft of a judgment by the participant on a case which has already been decided by the Supreme Court or a High Court.

Participant must be able to problematize an original existing judgment and should prepare an alternative judgment which should be considered as a substitute to the existing one by the Examiners of the competition. Participants need not restrict to the order or findings expressed in the original judgment; they may arrive at their own conclusion and order. Arguments and reasoning need not be restricted to that expressed in the original judgment.

The Original judgment

Vishwa Lochan Madan v. Union of India (2014) 7 SCC 707, AIR 2014 SC 2957.

Eligibility

Any Law College or Law University can send only one entry.

One or two students can represent an institution. The student author/s of the alternate judgment shall be pursuing the 5-year or 3-year LL.B. course or LL.M.

The Competition

The competition will have two rounds:

First Round – All alternate judgments received will be assessed, and 10 will be selected for the second round.

Second Round - Student authors of these 10 judgments shall make oral presentations of their drafts in the ILS Law College.

Oral presentations of 10 selected judgments shall be held during the 4th week of February. The exact dates will be communicated to the participants before 10 February 2015.

The Alternate judgment

The alternate judgment may be submitted as follows:

- **Language-** English
- **Word limit** - 4000 words (including foot notes)
- **Format** – MSWord
- **Font** - Times New Roman
- **Font size-** 12 for text, 10 for footnotes
- **Page numbers** – bottom center
- A **cover page** stating the name of the competition, the name of your institution and of each student author, and with signatures of student author/s
- The alternate judgment shall begin on the **next page**.
- Do not state any matter in the alternate judgment (except the cover page) that might **reveal the your identity or of your institution**.

Marks

Statement of facts	20 Marks
Statement of rival contentions and framing of issues	20 Marks
Citing of relevant laws viz. case-law, statutes and opinions of jurists	20 Marks
Critical analysis and problematizing the judgment and analytical reasoning	30 Marks
Presentation, style, clarity, appearance, and over-all impression	10 Marks
Oral Presentation	100 Marks

Registration

To register for the competition

- Prepare and print the alternate judgment
- Pay registration fees of Rs 501 in any of the following modes:
 - o By Demand Draft
drawn on a nationalised bank in favour of ‘Principal, ILS Law College’
 - o By Electronic Transfer to
Account Name: *Principal ILS Law College*; Account No: *490084060*;
Type: *Current*; Bank Name: *Indian Bank*; IFSC: *IDIB000D007*;
Branch: *Deccan Gymkhana*; Branch Code: *324*
(Do not forget take a transaction slip of the electronic transfer)
- Prepare a covering letter forwarding the alternate judgment, which letter shall be signed by the Head of the Institution or Department, stating
 - o the name of your institution,
 - o email and local address of your institution
 - o names, emails, mobile / telephone numbers of each student author,
 - o photographs and signatures of each student author.

- Send the covering letter, DD or printout of transaction slip, and the alternate judgment to
Centre for Public Law
ILS Law College,
Law College Road,
Pune 411004.
- Also send a soft copy of your alternate judgment in MSWord format by email to centreforpubliclaw@gmail.com, with “Alternate Judgment” in the subject of the mail.
- Your printed and soft copy of the alternate judgment, letter and payment must reach us **on or before 25 January 2015**

Prizes

Prizes are sponsored by the Nani Palkhivala Foundation.

- First prize – Rs 5000
- Second prize – Rs 3000
- Third prize – Rs 2000
- 2 Consolation prizes – Rs 1000 each

Certificates will be given to all participants who have submitted effective alternate judgments in the opinion of judges, whose decision in this respect will be final.

Note

The award of prizes and certificates is subject to approval of the examiners of the competition, and their decision shall be final.

ILS Law College will not bear or reimburse the travel expenses for presentation at the second round.

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