

**RULES FOR THE
3rd NLS LAW AND TECHNOLOGY**



LEGISLATIVE ANALYSIS COMPETITION

BILLS AND ENTRY DETAILS

1. There are two topics for the consideration of the participants:

a) Draft Medical Termination of Pregnancy (Amendment) Bill, 2014

b) 2014 Amendment to *Karnataka Prevention of Dangerous Activities of Bootleggers, Drug-Offenders, Gamblers, Goondas, Immoral Traffic Offenders and Slum Gamblers Act, 1985* (“The Karnataka Goondas Act**”), with a special focus on the extension of the scope of legislations to “**copyright violation**”, “**video or audio pirates**” and “**digital offenders**”.**

2. The participant is expected to submit a paper on either of the two topics analysing the various issues (legal, economic, policy, etc.) vis-à-vis the subject matter. The account should be a comprehensive one and originality would be weighed in the participant’s favour.

3. The deadline for the submission of the paper is **5:00 PM on February 25, 2015**. **NO** submissions made after the deadline would be accepted.

4. The word limit for the paper is **2500 words** (to be followed strictly). The same would not include footnotes, bibliography, etc, and shall be applicable only to the main body of the submission. The font to be used is **Times New Roman, size 12** and the line spacing should be **1.5**. Footnote size should be **10** and line spacing of the same should be **1.0**. Substantive footnoting is *not* allowed.

5. Any source resorted to has to be duly cited. Any mode of citation would be acceptable as long as uniformity is maintained throughout the paper.
6. The cover page of the submission must contain the name of the Topic being analyzed and should clearly state the exact word count of the main body.
7. Names or other individual identifiers of the participant or any indication of the college or university, must not be mentioned anywhere in the submission.
8. Any kind of plagiarism would attract immediate disqualification. The submissions would be subject to a plagiarism-check mechanism.
9. Co-authorship is permitted upto two authors.
10. Non-compliance with any of the aforesaid rules can lead to disqualification or deduction of marks.
11. Only *one* of the co-authors shall be eligible for internship.

SUBMISSION DETAILS

1. The entries have to be mailed at **ltech.nls@gmail.com**. The submissions have to be made both in **MS-Word** as well as the **PDF format**.
2. The subject of the email should be '**Legislative Analysis Competition: Name of the topic analyzed**'.
3. The email must contain the **Name of the Participant, College Name, Year of Study** and **Contact Number**.

JUDGING AND CRITERIA

The nature of writing expected in a legislative analysis is slightly different from a conventional law review article or a comment on a judicial decision. Participants are expected to critically examine the legislative intent rather than merely identifying and describing it from a chosen perspective. Since the legislative process is meant to account for a broad range of interests, the analysis of the draft bill or the legislation should also reflect the participants' ability to examine the content from different points of view. Furthermore, the discussion of the specific provisions in the chosen bill must be neatly tied in to a broader stakeholder analysis.

PRIZES

1. The students with the best entries would be offered an opportunity to intern with **PRS Legislative Research Organization** (<http://www.prsindia.org/aboutus/objectives/>) and **Centre for Internet and Society** (<http://cis-india.org/>).
2. The best paper submitted would be considered for **publication** in the **Indian Journal of Law and Technology (IJLT)** at the Board's discretion.
3. Prizes to be won: **Rs. 5000 each for the best entry on either bill.**

MISCELLANEOUS

In case of disputes, the decision of the Law and Technology Society, National Law School of India University, shall be final and binding.

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