

ABOUT P.E.S. LAW COLLEGE

People's Education Society was established in 1933 by the founding trustees of the Society, Late Shri. S. K. Patil (Eminent Social Leader), Late Charandas Meghji (Industrialist) & Late Dr. D. N. Kale. The Society established two schools & later on a Junior College as a further natural progressive step. The society has established the PES Law College offering the Five Years Law Course in the academic year 2012-13. The College is located at the prime location of Dadar (West) which is very near to the Dadar Station of Western & Central Railway. It also has the advantage of having BEST buses going in all the directions of Mumbai.

PES Law college organizes various intra, as well as inter-collegiate events receiving great response. It also organizes various guest lectures on legal awareness related to, numerous topics educating budding lawyers apart from other academic and extracurricular activities. This steady and gradual progress shall continue as the college grows.

The Law College hosts academic festivals like the 'Juvenum Fest' and 'Adv. B. P. Apte Memorial Intercollegiate Mock Trial And Judgment Writing Competition' every year at a national level. The students of the Law College have participated and won trophies at various intercollegiate events such as 'Debate', 'Elocution', 'Paper Presentation', 'Parliamentary Debate', 'Moot Court',

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'Legislative Drafting', etc. The students are actively involved in sports and extracurricular activities, along with academics and have won awards in skits and street play competitions. The college has also setup a 'Placement Cell' to provide opportunities to the students to pursue their internship.

The PES Law College will have an exclusive building in the near future, with an area of about 49,000 sq. ft. with a modern Library, Computer Laboratory, Seminar Rooms, Moot-Court Room, Audio-Visual Room & Auditorium.

ABOUT ADV. B. P. APTE:

One of the most important contributors to the legal fraternity in the recent times was an eminent lawyer, Additional Advocate General of State of Maharashtra and Parliamentarian late Adv. Balasaheb Apte, who facilitated and mentored the establishment of PES Law College. He envisioned a unique education institute which will be called as Centre of Legal Studies which will undertake the study and research in law concerning various fields such as Constitutional Law, Commercial Law, Cyber Law, Family Law, International Law, etc. It will also be an arbitration and mediation centre catering to the needs of individuals as well as the corporate sector. It is with Adv. Balasaheb Apte's efforts and vision that the institute took a step forward and has ever since tried to accomplish his dream of a State of the Art college of law. This

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Mock Trial competition has been named after the founder and visionary of our college, Adv. Balasaheb Apte. The People's Education Society's Law College will soon be known as Adv. Balasaheb Apte College of Law.

**ABOUT ADV. B. P. APTE MEMORIAL MOCK TRIAL AND
JUDGMENT WRITING COMPETITION:**

Mock Trial Competition is a new age competition wherein a make-believe court room is setup and law students are required to examine the witnesses for a mock case. A trial is conducted in a manner as per the actual court procedure. In this competition the students are expected to show their talent through communication, confidence and spontaneity. In a Judgment Writing Competition participants are required to step into the robes of a Judge and present a judgment on the mock case.

The college hosts an inter-collegiate Mock Trial Competition at a national level every year.

In August 2013 the college hosted its first Mock Trial Competition. The event was a great success with nearly thirteen law colleges participating in the competition. Advocate Pravartak Pathak and Adv. Satish Sonalkar judged the competition. Pravin Gandhi College of Law won the Winner's Trophy. Students of Thane Law College and NMIMS School of Law won individual prizes for Best Speakers.

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In September 2014 this mock trial competition was held at a national level in the memory of Adv. Balasaheb Apte. Students from states of Punjab, Kerala, Delhi, Tamil Nadu and from various law colleges of Maharashtra participated in the completion. Adv. Eknath Sawant, Adv. Prashant Sawardekar, Adv. Sameer Tendulkar and Adv. Devendra Andewar judged the Preliminary Round of the competition and the Final Round was judged by Sr. Adv. Rajendra Desai and Sr. Adv. Satish Sonalkar. The chief guest of the event was Hon'ble Mr. Justice (Retd.) D. G Deshpande who enlightened the students and participants with his experience in the field. Smt. K. G. Shah Law School, Mumbai won the Winner's Trophy and Children's Welfare Centre Law College, Mumbai were Runner's Up. Students of Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law, Punjab and Symbiosis Law College, Pune won individual prizes for Best Speaker and Best Judgment respectively.

This academic year of 2015-16, our college has planned and commenced preparations for this event to be held in September, 2015. In view of the overwhelming response we received in the earlier years, the college expects an even greater participation and shall host this event on an even larger scale

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RULES AND REGULATIONS

PES Law College will host an Inter-collegiate Mock Trial and Judgement Writing Competition, on 11th, 12th & 13th September, 2015 at PES Law College, Dadar (West).

1. LANGUAGE:

- The competition shall be in English.

2. DRESS CODE:

- The dress code shall be Advocate's attire (black and white formals for gentlemen and black and white Western or Indian formals for ladies). Participants shall make their own provisions to comply with the dress code.

3. ELIGIBILITY: PES LAW COLLEGE

- Bonafide LL.B. students pursuing 3 or 5 years degree courses during the academic year 2015-2016 are eligible to participate. The students must be deputed by their respective colleges. Only students below the age of 30 years shall be allowed to participate.

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4. **TEAM COMPOSITION:**

- Each participating college/ university shall send only one team.
- Each team shall consist of a maximum of two members. This number cannot be modified under any circumstances.
- Each team will be provided with a unique team code by draw of lots during the Orientation on Friday, 11th September 2015 at 4:00 p.m. The Team shall not disclose the identity of their college at any stage. Such disclosure shall invite penalties including disqualification. The decision for the same shall be at the discretion of the judges and organizers.
- The students taking part in the events must remain present for all the three days of the competition and must carry their college identity cards with them.

5. **REGISTRATION:**

- The Registration Form is attached herewith. The participants shall register their entries by emailing the duly filled Registration Form on or before, 17th August 2015, from their college email-id to mcapeslc@gmail.com.
- The registration fees shall be Rs. 1000/- payable by Demand Draft in favor of **“People’s Education Society’s Law College”**.

- A scanned copy of the Registration Form duly signed by the Principal/ Prof. In-Charge, along with the demand draft should reach **PES Law College, Prin. N. M. Kale Marg, Gokhale Road (S.), Dadar (W.), Mumbai 400 028**, by post on or before 24th August 2015.
- No change in the names of participants shall be permitted after the receipt of the Registration Form, except at the sole discretion of the organizers.
- Teams should clearly mention the participants' names, contact number and year of study.
- PES Law College shall not provide travelling expenses to the participants. However, breakfast, lunch and tea shall be provided to the participants.

6. ACCOMMODATION:

- Organizers shall provide lodging and boarding facilities to participants only from 11th September 2015 (check in at 6:00 p.m.) to 13th September 2015 (check out at 8:00 a.m.).
- If participants wish to stay on the night of 13th September, then they should do so at their own costs.
- Participants requiring accommodation should fill the "Accommodation" section provided in the Registration Form attached herewith.
- An additional fee of Rs. 1500/- shall be payable by Demand Draft in the name of "**People's Education Society's Law College**" by participants requiring accommodation. This amount is inclusive of the stay, all meals and transport to and from the place of accommodation and venue of competition.

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- Separate accommodation shall be provided for male and female participants.
- Any misconduct or misbehavior of any participant shall be strictly dealt with and may lead to disqualification.

7. COMPETITION ROUNDS:

There shall be three rounds of the Mock Trial competition, viz. two preliminary rounds, a semi-final round and a final round; and a Judgement Writing competition.

Two different cases shall be provided: (i) One for the Preliminary and Semi-Final Rounds; and (ii) Another for the Final Round.

Candidates will be judged on the basis of their knowledge of law and evidence, persuasiveness, logic and reasoning, clarity, articulation and examination skills.

Preliminary Round:

- i. The preliminary rounds will be held on Saturday, 12th September 2015. Reporting shall be at 08:00 a.m.
- ii. Each team shall be examining for the prosecution as well as for the defense. The opposing teams shall be decided by draw of lots on the day of the Orientation, i.e. Friday, 11th September 2015 at 4:00 p.m.
- iii. No team shall face each other more than once in the preliminary round.
- iv. Both the teams shall be provided with 15 minutes to brief their witnesses, before beginning of the trial.

- v. The time provided to each participant shall be maximum 5 minutes for examination-in-chief, maximum 15 minutes for cross-examination and maximum 5 minutes for closing statement. However the timings may be extended at the sole discretion of the judges and organizers.

Marks of EACH **PRELIMINARY ROUND** shall be the cumulative total of the marks awarded to both the participants of a team.

• **Semi-Final Round:**

- i. Two teams from every courtroom, securing highest marks in the preliminary rounds shall qualify for the semi-final round. The code numbers of the teams qualifying for the semi-finals shall be declared on Saturday, 12th September 2015 after the preliminary round.
- ii. The semi-final round will be held on Sunday, 13th September 2015 from 09:00 a.m. onwards.
- iii. Each qualifying team shall be examining either for the prosecution or for the defense.
- iv. Each team shall be provided with 15 minutes to brief their witnesses, before the beginning of the trial.
- v. The maximum time provided to each participant shall be as follows;
Opening statement by prosecution – 5 minutes
Opening statement by defense – 5 minutes
Examination-in-chief by prosecution – 10 minutes
Cross-examination by defense - 30 minutes
Examination-in-chief by defense – 10 minutes
Cross-examination by prosecution – 30 minutes

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Closing statement by prosecution – 10 minutes

Closing statement by defense – 10 minutes

The timings may be extended at the discretion of the judges and organizers.

• **Final Round:**

i. Two teams securing highest marks in the semi-final round shall qualify for the final round. The code numbers of the teams qualifying for the finals shall be declared on Sunday, 13th September, 2015 after the semi-final round.

ii. The final round will be held on Sunday, 13th September 2015 from 3:00 p.m. onwards.

iii. Each qualifying team shall be examining either for the prosecution or for the defense, based on draw of lots

iv. Each team shall be provided with twenty minutes to brief their witnesses, before the beginning of the trial.

v. The time provided to each participant shall be as follows;

Opening statement by prosecution – 5 minutes

Opening statement by defense – 5 minutes

Examination-in-chief by prosecution – 10 minutes

Cross-examination by defense- 40 minutes

Examination-in-chief by defense – 10 minutes

Cross-examination by prosecution – 40 minutes

Closing statement by prosecution – 15 minutes

Closing statement by defense – 15 minutes

The timings may be extended at the discretion of the judges and organizers.

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8. JUDGEMENT WRITING COMPETITION:

- The Judgement Writing Competition shall be a part of the Adv. B. P. Apte Memorial Mock Trial & Judgement Writing Competition, 2015.
- All rules of the Adv. B. P. Apte Memorial Mock Trial & Judgement Writing Competition, 2015, along with the following rules shall be applicable.
- The Judgement Writing Competition shall be conducted on Saturday, 12th September 2015 at 5:30 p.m.
- Any one of the two participants shall participate in the Judgement Writing Competition.
- Judgement shall be based on the Mock Trial conducted in the Preliminary and Semi-Final and shall reflect the forum/ court in which the trial is set and argued.
- Participants shall be provided one hour to write the judgment.
- The judgement shall not exceed 1,500 words.

9. WITNESSES:

- Five witnesses will be provided by the organizers for the preliminary round and semi-final round.
 - Five witnesses will be provided by the organizers for the final round.
 - The prosecution shall be provided with **fifteen minutes** to brief their witnesses in the Preliminary Round and semi-final and **twenty minutes** in the Final, before the beginning of the trial.
 - Each witness is bound by the facts contained in his/her own witness statement, the Statement of Facts and/or any necessary documentation relevant to his/her testimony. Fair extrapolations may be allowed, provided reasonable inference may be made from the witness's statement. If, during examination, a participant asks a question which
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calls for extrapolated information pivotal to the facts at issue, the information is subject to objection under “unfair extrapolation.” A witness is not bound by facts contained in other witness statements.

10. AWARDS:

- Best Team – Winning Trophy and a cash prize of Rs. 20,000/-
- Runner Up Team – Runner Up Trophy and a cash prize of Rs. 10,000/-
- Best Speaker – Winning Trophy and a cash prize of Rs. 7,500/-
- Best Judgment Writing - Winning Trophy and a cash prize of Rs. 7,500/-
- Teams qualifying for the semi-final would be presented with a memento.
- All participants will be presented with participating certificates.

11. MISCELLANEOUS:

- Decisions of the judges shall be final and binding.
- Decisions regarding interpretation of any of the rules shall be taken by the organizers. This decision shall be final and binding on the participants.
- Rules should be strictly adhered to. Any deviation thereof can attract disqualification.
- Teams shall not be allowed to observe the examinations of any other teams. Scouting is strictly prohibited and shall result in disqualification.
- The organizers reserve the right to take appropriate action for any unethical, unprofessional or immoral conduct.

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- The organizers will resolve any contingencies that may arise and will be final arbiters regarding any doubts/grievances.
- Any reference to the identity of the participants or colleges can lead to disqualification of the participant/team.
- Participants must carry their College ID cards along with them to the competition.
- Video recording or taking photographs during trial is strictly prohibited.
- These Rules are not exhaustive and the college reserves its right to amend rules as may be necessary from time to time.
- Participants must report at PESLC at 4.00 p.m. on Friday 11th September 2015. All future communication in respect of the competition may be addressed to;
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TIME TABLE FOR THE COMPETITION

SR.NO	PARTICULARS/EVENTS	DATE/TIME
1	Last Date Of Registration Along With Soft Copy Of Registration Form	17 th August 2015
2	Last Date Of Registration Along With Hard Copy Of Registration Form And Demand Draft	24 th August 2015
3	Inauguration Ceremony/ Orientation/Draw Of Lots	11 TH September 2015 (4:00 p.m.)
4	Preliminary Round 1	12 th September 2015 (9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.)
5	Lunch	12 th September 2015 (12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.)
6	Preliminary Round 2	12 th September 2015 (1:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.)
7	Tea Break	12 th September 2015 (5:00 p.m. to 5:15 p.m.)
8	Judgment Writing	12 th September 2015 (5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.)
9	Semi-Final Round	13 th September 2015 (9:00a.m. to 12:00p.m.)
10	Lunch	13 th September 2015 (12:00p.m. to 1:00p.m.)
11	Final Round	13 th September 2015 (2:00p.m. to 4:00p.m.)
12	Prize Distribution/Valedictory Ceremony	13 th September 2015 (5:00p.m. to 6:00p.m.)

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