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MESSAGE

It gives me great pleasure to note that All India Law Students Association (AILSA) is organizing its flagship event, National Legal Essay Competition - 2014.

It is my belief that these students will shoulder the responsibility of a healthy judicial system, and this event certainly is targeting inclusion of law students across the country.

I would like to congratulate and extend my best wishes to the Office Bearers, Organizing Committee members of the competition, and the Members of the Association for organizing an event on such a large scale and reach.

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(Shri Dr. Adish C. Aggarwala)



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Manas Dowlani
President, AILSA

“The power of a pen outshines the power of speech and action” is the belief behind the National Legal Essay Competition-2014. A conventional yet extremely rewarding platform is being put forward through NLEC'14, under the umbrella of All India Law Students Association. It provides an opportunity to students of law to etch their thoughts on paper.

Lawyers are more often than not associated with speech. In order to change this pre conceived notion, NLEC'14 proffers a whole new dimension to the characters of budding lawyers through the “power of the pen”. NLEC'14, moreover, brings together young minds from all across India sharing legal opinion and laying the cornerstone of a changing legal scenario.

As the President of AILSA, it gives me great pleasure to announce this edition of National Legal Essay Competition. I wish all the participants the very best of luck.

Mr Manas Dowlani

President, AILSA

You may reach out to me directly at: www.facebook.com/manasdowlani

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All India Law Students Association (AILSAS) is a non-profit association constituting students, academicians and lawyers from different parts of India, working together to establish a healthy development of justice and equality in India. AILSA is dedicated to the promotion and welfare of law students all over India. It strives to establish a platform for interaction with similar organizations at an international level for the benefit of student community.

AILSAS provides law students with opportunities to interact with legal professionals in both national and international arena. On regular basis the association conducts academic conferences, seminars, free legal aid, and academic conventions. Through the association, student activists and law professionals are constantly working together to fulfil the national demand for legal support.

To find more about us and our activities, please visit: www.lawstudentsindia.org

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NATIONAL LEGAL ESSAY COMPETITION 2014 (NLEC'14)



NLEC'14 or National Legal Essay Competition is the flagship event organised by AILSA. It provides a platform to the students enrolled in

law schools and colleges all over the country to express their views on topics based on different avenues of the legal field.

NLEC offers an educational exposure through a research based learning approach. It encourages research in the emerging areas of law among the participants. In view of this approach, the topics provided are broad, interesting and diverse. This shall enable the participants to choose from a wide range of issues and will boost the level of participation as well.

AILSA has tried to go beyond the mundane subjects to throw light on the dynamic facets of law, and students by way of participating in this competition would be able to enhance their overall personality and hone their professional skills.

Therefore, AILSA brings forward a golden opportunity through NLEC '14 for law students nationwide to be a part of an enriching and resourceful learning experience.

To find more about NLEC'14, please visit: www.nlec2014.com

NLEC'14 CORE TEAM



Amrita Vyas

(Coordinator)

Amrita is very focussed, which at times compels her to play the role of a 'babysitter'. She is always on time, and will greet you with her signature smile.



Adrish Majumder

(Co-coordinator)

A diligent chap, determined, and hardworking is how we define Adrish. Every possible opportunity makes his day even busier. He is a proud member of AILSA..



Aditi Sinha

Head - Research

Working hard, meeting deadlines and keeping things in place, is what Aditi does best. A sitcoms fanatic, she is a talking machine on the go. Aditi "Social-Bee" Sinha.



Siddharth Bagga

Head - PR

An enthusiastic and subtle person with a basket full of commitments. He can put you in the corner within seconds, and is no less than a mature man maintaining work-life balance.



Stuti Khosla

Head - Creatives

Quick-witted and sharp, there is not much that can escape her scrutiny. Regardless of the work given to her, the end result always brings a smile to your face.



Udit Singh

Head - Marketing

Sweetness and 'Out of the box' ideas, Udit's tools to turn a serious meeting into a fun discussion. She certainly knows how to make the day colourful, now matter how dull it may seem.

Students from various years alike, the NLEC'14 Core Team led by Ms. Amrita Vyas, worked tirelessly day and night, under the supervision of the AILSA President to make this event a grand success.

TOPICS

1. NOTA: Progress or Regress of democracy?
2. Are One Person Companies (OPCs) glorified sole proprietorship?
3. Can rights be limited under the garb of religion? Analyse with reference to the Shabnam Hashmi case and Article 44 of the Constitution of India.
4. Patent Thickets: A prickly bush to pass through?
5. Comment on the powers of RBI under section 9 of the Banking Laws (Amendment) Act, 2012.

PRIZES

Total Giveaways: Worth ₹ 26,70,000

Free Participatory Prize : 500 units of Lexis-Nexis India student user ID on first-come-first-serve basis for 1 month worth ₹5,000 each.#

- 1st Prize : Worth ₹ 50,000**

Cash	: ₹ 10,000
Online Certificate Course (IALM)	: ₹ 10,000
Books (Lexis Nexis India)	: ₹ 10,000
Discount on London Study Tour^	: ₹ 13,500
3 yrs. Subscription (Lex Witness)	: ₹ 1,500
Internship under Dr. Adish C. Aggarwala*	

- 2nd Prize : Worth ₹ 40,000**

Cash	: ₹ 7,000
Online Certificate Course (IALM)	: ₹ 7,000
Books (Lexis Nexis India)	: ₹ 7,000
Discount on London Study Tour^	: ₹ 13,000
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- 3rd Prize : Worth ₹ 30,000**

Cash	: ₹ 4,000
Online Certificate Course (IALM)	: ₹ 4,000
Books (Lexis Nexis India)	: ₹ 4,000
Discount on London Study Tour^	: ₹ 12,500
1 yrs. Subscription (Lex Witness)	: ₹ 500
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- Consolation (5 units) : Worth ₹ 10,000 each**

Online Certificate Course (IALM)	: ₹ 2,000
Books (Lexis Nexis India)	: ₹ 2,000
Discount on London Study Tour^	: ₹ 6,000

Winning essays shall be published in the **Annual AILSA Journal**.

The winners will be given the prizes in the **Prize Distribution Function**. Exact date and location of the prize distribution shall be announced later.

The top three winners shall be **reimbursed 3AC railway fare**** and will be hosted for 1 night on CP basis.

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^ Discount on London Study Tour 2014 is subject to selection and payment by an individual for the same. The selected winning participant shall be reimbursed the said amount on a later date.

* The internship offered shall be of One (1) month and stipend offered is ₹5,000. The office of Dr. Adish C. Aggarwala reserves the right to refusal on account on no-vacancy.

** Up to a maximum of ₹4,000 per team.

RULES OF THE COMPETITION

RULES FOR SUBMISSION:

- The word limit for the essay is 3000 - 6000 words (excluding footnotes).
- The cover page of the submission should contain the following details only:
 - Unique Submission Number
 - Title of the Essay
 - Abstract of the Essay (250 words)
- The cover page and/or main body of the essay should not carry any mention of the name, contact details, or the name of the institution. In any other case, it shall lead to immediate disqualification.
- Co-authorship to a maximum of 2 individual authors is permitted.
- Format of submission should be as per the rules of the competition.
- It shall be required from each person to submit 3 hard copies, along with 1 soft copy on CD/USB Drive; to be sent to the following address:

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C/o All India Law Students Association W.I.R.O
505 – 506, Marine Chambers,
Near S.N.D.T University,
New Marine Lines,
Mumbai – 400 020

- The soft copy of the essay should be submitted in MS Word file (.doc/.docx).
- All students are expected to acknowledge the primary source(s) of information.
- Multiple entries by an individual shall not be permitted, and shall lead to disqualification.
- Last date of Submission shall be 15th April 2014.
- The result for the competition shall be declared on 31st May 2014.

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GENERAL RULES:

- The competition shall be open to all students pursuing the 3-year or 5-year Law Course from any institution recognised by the Bar Council of India, in India.
- Any essay found to be plagiarised shall be disqualified. (Max. limit 10%)
- Winning essays shall be published in the AILSA Annual Journal.
- The participants are responsible for the originality of the work and agree to indemnify AILSA from and against any claims, suits and damages based on any claim of copyright infringement or plagiarism or unauthorized use.
- If at any point in time it comes to light that an infringement or plagiarism has taken place the certificates issued will be revoked, the prize called back & the said occurrence will be mentioned on the web and through media.
- Any previously published material shall not be accepted.
- Footnotes may not be substituted as endnotes, for it shall lead to disqualification.
- In case of a tie, the decision shall be reserved by NLEC Core Team.
- Each person shall be required to fill the Online Form to obtain his/her USN, and send duly filled-up registration form, available for download on the website.

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MISCELLANEOUS RULES:

- Copyright to all the essays sent as entries for this competition shall rest with AILSA; however, authors shall be given due credit in the by-line.
- AILSA, assumes no responsibility for lost, delayed or incomplete entries or technical malfunction of.
- NLEC'14 Core Committee shall provide soft copies of the Certificates of Participation to all authors via email; anyone desirous of receiving a hard copy of the same should attach a Bank PO/DD of ₹100 in favour of "All India Law Students Association" payable at "New Delhi".
- Any participant desirous of his/her Statement of Marks, may obtain so by issuing a Demand Draft of ₹100, in favour of "All India Law Students Association" payable at "New Delhi" and send it to the Western India Region Office.¹ Such score sheets shall be sent by courier/Registered Post.
- NLEC'14 Core Team, reserves the absolute right to cancel, defer, or postpone indefinitely, the competition in the event of the accruing of any incident, natural or man-made.
- NLEC'14 Core Team will reserve all rights to modify any of the above mentioned terms and conditions as they deem appropriate.
- If there arises any situation that is not contemplated in the Rules, or any disputes arising in connection with competitions, eligibility, submissions of entry, marketing criteria, results; the decision on the same by NLEC'14 Core Team shall be final and binding.

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¹ Refer [Pg.4](#)

RULES OF FORMATTING:

Page Margins : 1 inch on all sides

Body of Essay

- Font Type : Times New Roman
- Font Size : 12 pts.
- Line spacing : Double spacing with '0 pts.' before and after.
- Alignment : Justified

Footnotes

- Font Type : Times New Roman
- Font Size : 10 pts.
- Line spacing : Single spacing with '0 pts.' before and after.
- Alignment : Justified
- Style : ILI Delhi Rules of Footnoting

RULES OF REVIEW:

- Entries will be reviewed by a distinguished panel of impartial judges and academicians.
- Essays will be judged anonymously.
- Entries will be judged on the following criterion:
 - Originality of Content : 20 marks
 - Formatting and Presentation : 15 marks
 - Quality of Research : 25 marks
 - Argumentation : 25 marks
 - Use of Authorities and Citations : 15 marks

PROCEDURE FOR REGISTRATION



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQs)

Q Is the competition strictly restricted only to those who are pursuing law course?

A. Yes, only students enrolled for 3 years or 5 years integrated law course in institutions approved by the Bar Council of India are eligible to participate. In any such other case, the submission will be subjected to disqualification.

Q Is there any registration fee for the event?

A. No, there is no registration fee for the competition.

Q If the participant fails to submit soft copy on USB/CD along with hard copies, shall it be subjected to disqualification?

A. Yes.

Q How many essays can a single participant submit?

A. As per the Rules of the competition, a participant is allowed to make only one submission. In case of multiple submissions, the participant shall be disqualified.

Q Does the participant need to list all the sources in his/her submission?

A. Yes, the participant has to acknowledge all the sources used and should mention the same in respective footnotes. The footnoting should be as prescribed in the rules.

Q Can a participant cancel or modify his/her essay after submission?

A. No, it is not allowed to cancel, modify or rewrite essay after submission.

Q What language should the essay be submitted in?

A. The essay should be submitted in English language. No other vernacular or foreign language is allowed and will therefore be subjected to immediate disqualification.

Q What file format should the soft copy of essay be submitted in?

A. The essay should be submitted in MS Word (doc. or .docx) format only. Additionally, the submission should not include any pictures, clip arts, logos and any such supplementary material.

Q Can a participant get a hard copy of his/her certificate?

A. Yes, the participant can receive a hard copy of their certificate by courier/Registered Post. For that purpose, the participant has to issue a Demand Draft of ₹100, in favour of “All India Law Students Association” payable at “New Delhi” and send it to the Western India Regional Office.²

Q How shall the participants be informed of their results or present status of their submissions?

A. The results shall be declared on **31st May 2014**. Separate intimation will be sent to the winners via email or phone.

Q Will the selected submissions be published by the authority?

A. AILSA reserves all rights and copyrights to all submissions and may use it for publications or any other use as deemed fit by it. However, authors shall be given credit in the by-line.

Q Will the participants receive any feedback regarding their submissions?

A. No form of feedback shall be provided to the participants.

² Refer [Pg. 4](#)

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CONTACT DETAILS

A team posing dynamic and enterprising ability is working around the clock to ensure that NLEC'14 executed and achieved, to spell out a spotless performance. For any information or clarifications you may contact:

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We would be contactable from Monday to Friday - 10 am to 6 pm on the details mentioned above. On this note, we wish you Best of Luck and look forward to your submissions.



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Quality of Research	___/25
Argumentation	___/25
Use of Authorities and Citations	___/15
TOTAL	___/100

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