

2nd Judgment Writing Competition by The Law Communicants

JUDGMENT WRITING COMPETITION, 2021

VIRTUAL EVENT



ORGANISED BY:

THE LAW COMMUNICANTS

Last Date of Submission

28th July, 2021

RULES AND REGULATIONS

TIMELINE OF THE COMPETITION:

Release of the proposition	02/07/2021
Last date of registration	23/07/2021
Last date of seeking clarifications	25/07/2021
Submission of the Judgment	28/07/2021
Declaration of the Results	03/08/2021

AIM AND PURPOSE:

- The Judgment Writing Competition has been conceived with the aim of promoting researching abilities of law aspirants and the creative skills of interpreting and applying various legal provisions and drafting judgment.
- The Judgment Writing Competition will have the following principles and purpose:
 - (i) To introduce law aspirants to the mechanism of judicial drafting;
 - (ii) Application of various legal provisions in a particular set of facts; To develop the principles of justice, equity and good conscience in the mind of budding legal professionals;
 - (iii) To promote the spirit of rule of law and justice; and,
 - (iv) To interpret the law in a justifiable manner to meet ends of justice

TEAM COMPOSITION:

Each team shall consist of a minimum of 1 member and a maximum of 2 members.

- The participant shall be a student in any 3 years or 5-year law course or any other undergraduate or postgraduate law degree, from any institution. The team composition may not be altered after registration.
- Registration Fees for Judgment Writing Competition is **INR 500/- per team**.

FORMATTING GUIDELINES:

- The font of the entire body of the judgment must be '**Times New Roman**' with the font size of **12**.
- There shall be no footnotes or endnotes in the entire document, the authorities must be cited within the main body of the judgment itself.

- A line spacing must be kept at **1.5** points, uniformly throughout the document.
- The document must be neatly bordered from all the 4 sides.
- The Team Code and the Name of the Court must be in '**Bold**' in the cover page
- Any verbatim copying of any part of the judgment or the legal provision must be italicized and written within inverted commas only.
- The margins of the document must be set in '**Normal**' leaving **1"** all four sides.
- The size of the document must be in '**A4**' size.

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

The judgment must be submitted online, through registered mail of the participants and should conform to the following guidelines:

- The judgment shall not exceed 12 pages, including the cover page.
- The team is required to cite authorities similar to judgments of courts. The teams must adhere to the 20th Bluebook citation format.
- The judgment shall conform to the format as mentioned below.
- The submission must be made in both .doc and PDF format via the Google Form.
- The name of the file should be the team code followed by the format of the file (e.g. if The team code is TC5, then the file name must be 'TC5_PDF' or 'TC5_DOC')

FORMAT OF THE JUDGMENT

Every judgment must mandatorily incorporate the points mentioned below, in the body of the judgment, failing which the participants may attract deductions:

- a) First Page
- b) Team Code
- c) Name of the Court
- d) Title, Number of the Case
- e) Date of Delivery of Judgment
- f) Nature of the Case(s) (Civil/Criminal/Writ)
- g) Any other relevant information team wishes to incorporate on first page similar to Judgments of the Indian Courts.
- h) Facts / History & Procedural History of the Petition / Suit / Appeal
- i) Admissibility / Maintainability of Petitions / Suits / Appeals
- j) Issues & Points for Determination
- k) Framing Specific Questions for determination
- l) Reference to Precedents, Other Sources (both authoritative & persuasive)

- m) Decision on issues framed or points formulated
- n) Decretal / Operative Part.

EVALUATION CRITERIA

The judgment shall be evaluated on the following parameters:

a) Adherence to Format of the Judgment	10 marks
b) Adherence to the Formatting Guidelines	10 marks
b) Clarity and coherence in the language	10 marks
c) Inclusion & Interpretation of Facts	10 marks
d) Identification of Issues involved	10 marks
e) Application of legal provisions	10 marks
f) Arguments of both the parties	10 marks
g) Ratio Decidendi & Justification of choice for the final decision	10 marks
h) Suggestive improvements in Indian law perspective	10 marks
i) Final sentencing and innovation in interpretation	10 marks

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION

- The judgment is to be submitted to admin@thelawcommunicants.com in both **docx and pdf** latest by **11:59 P.M. IST, July 28, 2021**.
- Only one submission per team is allowed. Multiple submissions will lead to disqualification.

CLARIFICATIONS:

- The Participating teams can request for clarifications to the proposition on or before July 25, 2021, by sending an email to admin@thelawcommunicants.com

REGISTRATION:

- a) Last date of Registration is **23rd July, 2021**
- b) The Registration fee for the competition is **Rs. 500/-** and the same shall be paid to the below mentioned details:
- c) Paytm (9968957864)
- d) Google Pay (9968957864) keyur.tripathi05@okhdfcbank
- e) Phone Pay (9968957864@ybl)