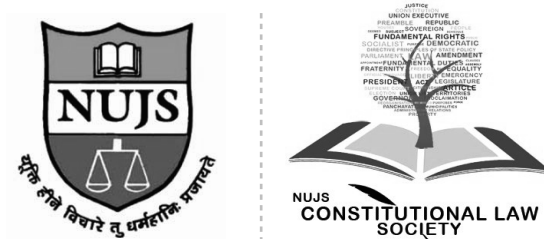


SECOND LEGISLATION DRAFTING COMPETITION

The extent to which the media can infringe the privacy of newsworthy individuals in light of compelling public interest.



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Topic for the Competition - Invasion of privacy of newsworthy persons by the media in light of compelling public interest.

Introduction

The National University of Juridical Sciences Constitutional Law Society (“Constitutional Law Society”) is pleased to organise the 2nd Legislation Drafting Competition (“Competition”) on the topic “*Invasion of privacy of newsworthy persons by the media in light of compelling public interest*”. Through this academic event, we aim to encourage students to delve into the current debate regarding privacy and provide a comprehensive solution through legislation.

Participants are expected to define the term ‘newsworthy person’. We recommend that participants conduct research on issues such as sting operations, phone tapping, hacking of private accounts, and stalking. They should focus on surveillance of newsworthy individuals in private and public spaces, including situations where the newsworthy individuals did not expect an invasion of their privacy. Furthermore, the draft should ideally consider issues such as handling of private information of these newsworthy persons (for instance, their sexual orientation, health issues etc). These are basic guidelines which participants should use to expand the scope of their legislation, so long as it remains within the overall theme of the Competition.

General Rules

1. This event is open to students (undergraduate/post-graduate) from all colleges in India.
2. In addition to the proposed legislation (“draft”) document, every team must include an Author’s Note (maximum 2 pages) as part of their submission. The note should summarise the proposed legislation and highlight any salient features.
3. The formatting specifications are:
 - Font: Time News Roman
 - Font Size: 12
 - Spacing: 1.5
 - Margin: One inch on all sides
 - Paper size: A4

- Maximum no. of pages: 25 (excluding the Author's Note).
 - Citations, if any, should be in the form of footnotes following a uniform format.
4. The participation fee is Rs. 200 per submission. Please refer to the Procedure for Registration.
 5. A Team shall have **one** or **two** members only. Cross-institutional teams (teams consisting of members from two different colleges) are allowed.
 6. All submission will undergo strict online plagiarism checks.
 7. Special consideration will be placed upon originality, applicability and feasibility of the draft legislation, extent of research and most importantly, the scope of the draft.
 8. All entries will be marked anonymously. Every Team shall be allotted a team code after registering for the Competition, and the team members shall only use their code during the Competition. No Team or Team member shall disclose their identity anywhere in their submission. Non-compliance with this rule may result in immediate disqualification.
 9. A Team may request clarifications by emailing legislationdrafting@gmail.com. The last date for seeking clarifications is November 15th, 2015. All clarifications will be published by November 20th, 2015 on the Constitutional Law Society page www.facebook.com/ConstitutionalLawSocietyNujs.
 10. The copyright in the legislative draft submitted by the participating teams shall vest with the Constitutional Law Society. Further, The Constitutional Law Society shall not be responsible for any liability accrued to any person or for any loss caused to any person because of the content of the legislative draft submitted.
 11. In case of any dispute, the decision of the Constitutional Law Society will be final.

Procedure for Registration

1. Each Team must register with the Constitutional Law Society by sending an email to legislationdrafting@gmail.com containing the name of the member(s) of the team, name of the institution and year of study with a scanned copy of the institutional identity card. The last date for registration for the Competition is 15th November, 2015. On successful registration, each team will be issued further instructions and will be allocated a unique team code.
2. Teams are required to pay Rs 200 as participation fee within 5 days of receipt of the unique team code. The participation fee has to be transferred via electronic transfer, details for which are given on the following page.

Details for electronic transfer:

Name of A/C Holder “KSHITIJ MAHESHWARI”

A/C No for NEFT: “066300101007838”

IFSC Code: “CORP0000663”

Account Type: Savings

Procedure for Submission

All Teams must send electronic copies of their legislative draft and Author’s Note in “.docx” (Microsoft Word) and “.pdf” formats by email to legislationdrafting@gmail.com by 11:59 PM on December 7th, 2015. A total of four attachments are required with every mail.

It is the responsibility of each Team to ensure that the “.docx” copy of the submission can be opened legibly with Microsoft Office 2010 or Microsoft Office 2007 and the “.pdf” copy of the submission can be opened legibly with Adobe Acrobat Reader.

The electronic copies shall be named according to the team code. For example, a team having team code “XYZ” shall name the “.docx” version of its Legislation draft as “XYZ.docx”, and the “.pdf” version as “XYZ.pdf”.

The “subject” of the submission email should clearly state the unique team code.

Please ensure compliance to maintain anonymity. Non-compliance may result in disqualification.

Important Dates

Date	Event
15th November 2015	Last date for registration
15th November 2015	Last date for asking for clarifications
20th November 2015	Clarifications will be issued
7th December 2015	Final Submission

Awards

1. The “Winning Team” will be awarded a Winner’s Certificate issued by the West Bengal National University of Juridical Sciences and the Constitutional Law Society and a Cash Prize of Rs. 6,000.

2. The team placed second will be awarded a Runner Up Certificate issued by the West Bengal National University of Juridical Sciences and the Constitutional Law Society and a Cash Prize of Rs. 2,000.
3. A “Certificate of Merit” issued by the West Bengal National University of Juridical Sciences and the Constitutional Law Society shall also be awarded to the next 7 best teams.
4. A “Certificate of Participation” will be issued to all the participants of the Competition in electronic format by the Constitutional Law Society.