



Bangalore Institute of Legal Studies

National Seminar

ABOUT BILS

Bangalore Institute of Legal Studies (BILS) was established in the year 1993 by BHS Higher Education Society mainly at the instance of Shri. N.B.Bhat, IPS (Retd.), who is the Vice President of BHS HES and the Dean of BILS. Over the years, we believe, BILS has established itself; and is attracting bright students from all over the country, from Kashmir to Kanyakumari. At the maiden Convocation of Karnataka State Law University, held in November 2014, our students secured the 1st, 5th and 10th ranks. The students of BILS have continued the tradition and secured five ranks- 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 6th ranks in the year 2015 and four ranks – 3rd, 4th, 8th and 10th in the year 2016.

As a premier law institute, we have always believed it is important to bridge the gap between classroom learning and practical life. Our commitment is to provide each of these students with an excellent legal education on par with the best law schools in the country in an environment of high discipline, ethics, and values. Complementing our institution's strong academic rigour, is a broad range of programs unequalled in providing our students with opportunities to gain hands on, practical legal experience. We are happy to announce that BILS is hosting **BILS NATIONAL SEMINAR, 2017, a seminar exclusively for law students and a first of its kind in Bangalore.**

About the Seminar

Evolution of the Right to Privacy in India

It is well known that the framers of the Indian Constitution allowed for the definition of Article 21, right to life and liberty, to remain amorphous permitting its liberal interpretation. The Supreme Court has thus been able to champion the cause of fundamental rights by constantly reshaping the contours of this Article in the ultimate interest of the people of India.

On August 24th 2017, a historic nine judge bench of the Supreme Court, unanimously and unequivocally, held that the Right to Privacy is a fundamental right. The 547-page judgement in Justice KS Puttaswamy (RETD.) and ANR v Union of India & ors. is akin to a treatise on human rights and a paragon of judicial activism. Through this judgment, they held that “privacy is a core of human dignity” and also enumerated its facets including within its ambit ‘individual autonomy, sexual orientation, and data or informational privacy.’ The judgment consciously refrains from an exhaustive enumeration so as to allow its interpretation to remain “resilient, flexible and adaptable.” Hailed by all and sundry as a landmark decision, its implications though are yet to be fully understood.

The National Seminar hosted by the Bangalore Institute of Legal Studies aims to deliberate upon this jurisprudential milestone. It also aims to examine its impact on the daily lives of the people in this country ranging from eating habits, online behavior, sexual preference and even welfare scheme benefits.



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Sub Themes

- Case study of Justice KS Puttaswamy (RETD.) and ANR v Union of India & ors.
- Analysis of the development of the Right to Privacy in India.
- Comparative study of Right to Privacy in India and abroad.
- Implication of the Right to Privacy judgement on
 - a. Data Privacy – Facebook and Whatsapp data sharing.
 - b. Welfare Schemes – Aadhar being linked to welfare benefits
 - c. Decriminalization of homosexuality – Section 377 of the IPC
 - d. Marital rape and Restitution of Conjugal Rights
 - e. Big data analytics – Both private sector and governmental
 - f. Sections of Cr.P.C and Evidence Act – Search and Seizure
 - g. Biometrics and the Right to Privacy

- Viability of the Right to Privacy in India.
- Critical analysis of the constitutionality of the Right to Privacy.

Call for Papers

We cordially invite Law Students, to submit their Research Papers on the sub-themes to be covered in different Technical Sessions during the National Seminar on the Evolution of Right to Privacy in India. Please note that the sub-themes are mere suggestions for the authors of the papers.

Guidelines for Submission

1. The competition is open to students who are studying the 5 year integrated LL.B. course or the 3 year LL.B. course during the current academic year. The college/university must be affiliated to the Bar Council of India.
2. Papers can be co-authored. However, a maximum of two authors per entry is allowed.
3. The author(s) shall specify in the Abstract & Full Paper:
 - a. Title of the paper with the relevant theme (if applicable)
 - b. Name(s) of the Author(s)
 - c. Name of the College/University
 - d. E-mail address and Contact number
4. The Abstract and final paper should be in .doc or .docx format. Titles should be in Font Times New Roman, and bold with font size 14 and all capitals. Subheadings can be bold in size 12 and the first letter can be capitalised. The text of the paper should be in font size 12 in Times New Roman format. Line spacing should be 1. Footnotes should conform to the Harvard Blue Book Format, font size 10, Times New Roman and no line spacing. Paper submission must accompany a certificate by the author(s) that the paper is his/her original work and has neither been published nor submitted for publication elsewhere.
5. Authors are requested to send their abstract of **300 words** (which should not have footnote) in soft copy format on or before **20th October 2017**. through an email



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- to: bils.seminar@gmail.com. The Abstract should be accompanied with a scanned copy of the Demand Draft or the NEFT Details. Please refer to the important dates section for the relevant submission deadlines.
6. The final papers should not be less than 3000 words and should not exceed 6000 words and should be submitted by **25th October, 2017** via e-mail addressed to bils.seminar@gmail.com.
 7. Papers are to be presented by the authors at the seminar held on the **31st of October, 2017**. Details pertaining to presentation of the paper will be communicated to the authors of the accepted papers only by e-mail.
 8. The manuscripts will be reviewed by the review panel. The decision of the reviewers will be final and binding regarding acceptability of paper as well for deciding the 'best paper'. The decision of the reviewers on the acceptability of the paper will be intimated through email only.
 9. This schedule will be strictly followed. The organizers will not entertain any requests for extension of the deadlines.
 10. Registration fees are Rs. 500/- per author, per paper. The Registration fees need to be remitted in the form of a Demand Draft payable to "The Principal", Bangalore Institute of Legal Studies. For NEFT Transactions details are given below. In case of any NEFT Transactions the e-mail accompanying the submission of the abstract should have the Transaction Number in it.
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 11. The details of the Seminar are also available on:
 - a. www.bils.ac.in
 - b. <https://bilsnationalseminar.wordpress.com>

Important Dates

Theme – 9th October, 2017

Abstract Submission – 20th October, 2017

Final Paper Submission – 25th October, 2017

Date of the Seminar – 31st October, 2017

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Prizes

Non- BILS Participants

First Prize – Rs. 5,000

Second Prize – Rs. 3,000

Third Prize – Rs. 2,000

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