



# AMITY LAW SCHOOL

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## NATIONAL LEGISLATIVE DRAFTING AND REVIEW COMPETITION 2020

### COMPETITIONS

■ LEGISLATIVE DRAFTING

LEGISLATIVE REVIEW ■

## About Competition

Amity Law School is enthusiastic to invite you to be a part of National Legislative Drafting and Review Competition 2020.

The event shall comprise of two National-Level Competitions:

**National Legislative Review Competition** and **National Legislative Drafting Competition** which will witness the participation of students, law professionals from various parts of India.

The competition seeks to provide a platform for the exchange of ideas and experience between students and legal professionals across India. These competitions would serve as academic stimulations and harness skills like drafting, critical thinking, writing skills and teamwork, making them better professionals.



## About Amity Law School

The vision of the Amity Law School is to strive to be an internationally recognized leader in socially relevant legal research and education in India and Commonwealth States. In pursuing its vision, the Amity Law School has as its mission, the creation and sustenance of a research based academic environment that is grounded in values of social justice and excellence. The values of the Amity Law School are fully aligned with those of the University with a view to create a culture that reflects these values.

**We cherish:** Academic freedom, creative and innovative thought, ethical standards and integrity, accountability and social justice; and.

**We foster:** An inquiry-led and evidence-based approach to creating knowledge; and Academic citizenship, whereby we commit ourselves to harnessing our intellectual abilities in the interest of our nation and humanity.

**We recognise that:** In a resource-constrained world where vast disparities remain, the Faculty must endeavour to produce graduates who appreciate the importance of community engagement, entrepreneurial endeavours and innovative actions in generating employment and development in our local communities.

## **NATIONAL LEGISLATIVE REVIEW COMPETITION**

No law is good law if it does not cater to the needs and requirements of the society and to cater to the requirements of the society, a law needs to be up to date. Therefore, the work of the lawmakers does not end with the enactment of a statute. Lawmakers need to make sure that the legislation is not outdated and reviewed time to time. For instance, the Indian Penal Code did not provide for offences such as molestation, acid attack, dowry death etc. which were added to the Code after it was properly reviewed in 2013. Moreover, review of a legislation is also necessary to ensure that the legislation is in consonance with the Constitution and has not become redundant with the passage of time.

There are several laws in India that are outdated and need to be reviewed immediately. Also, there are laws and prospective legislations which are claimed to be unconstitutional because of their provisions. The task of reviewing a legislation has not been taken up voluntarily by the lawmakers till now unless there is direction by the Supreme Court or an incident that urges the review of a legislation.

This competition aims to provide an opportunity to the students of law to interpret the below mentioned legislations, analyze them and prepare a provision for review of the legislation, suggesting which provisions are outdated and which provisions are contrary to the Constitution of India.

### **Legislations to be Reviewed (Choose anyone)**

1. Citizenship (Amendment) Act, 2019
2. The Personal Data Protection Bill, 2019
3. The Transgender Persons (Protection of Rights) Act, 2019
4. Criminal Law (Amendment) Act, 2018
5. Finance Bill, 2019

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## **Rules and Regulations of the Competition**

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### **Eligibility for Participation**

The competition is open to all students/professionals pursuing/completed Post-Graduation in Law or Graduation (either pursuing 3 years' or 5 years' Law Course/s) from any recognised University or Legal Institution, within India.

## **Team Composition**

Each team may comprise of a maximum number of 2 Members and minimum 1 Member.

## **Registration Fee**

For Single Author: 500 INR

Co-Author: 900 INR

## **Registration**

Interested students are required to duly fill the Registration Form mentioned below.

Single Author: [Click here to Register](#)

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## **Format of the Review of the Legislation**

The review of the legislation should include the review of the following parts of the legislation (unless the legislation does not have that part):

- i. The Long Title
- ii. The Preamble
- iii. The Enacting Clause
- iv. Extent and Commencement Clause
- v. Definitions
- vi. The Operative Section
- vii. Exceptions and Exemptions Clause
- viii. Procedural Provisions
- ix. Offences
- x. Penalties
- xi. Provisions regarding Delegated Legislation

## **Formatting Requirements**

- The language for the competition will be strictly 'English'.
- The Page layout should be A4.
- The draft should be in Times New Roman in 12 font size. The Footnotes shall be in Times New Roman in Font size 10. A line spacing of 1.5 for the main text and 1.0 for the footnotes is to be adhered.

- Citation style must be uniform throughout the draft and the Bluebook 20<sup>th</sup> Edition citation must be followed.
- The length of the review should not exceed 7000 words.
- The cover page of the submission should include the Long Title of the Bill along with the name of the Participant(s) and the Team Code allotted.

### **Submission Guidelines**

Participants have to send the soft copy (.doc or .docx) of their submission Legislation Review on or before 25<sup>th</sup> April 2020 by 23:59 IST at **competitionals@gmail.com**. The Subject of the mail should strictly be Legislative Review Competition (Team Code).

**Note: Any submission after the above-mentioned deadline shall be subject to a penalty of 10 marks for every day exceeded.**

### **Important Dates (Extended)**

- Last Date of Registration – 15th April 2020
- Releasing Team Codes – 20th April 2020
- Last Date of Submission – 25th April 2020
- Announcement of Result – 5th May 2020

### **Prizes**

All Participants will receive a Participation Certificate which shall be sent by the Organizers to the respective Colleges of the Participants on the official College address provided. Cash prize, trophies/memento and certificates shall be provided for the following positions:

- **Best Review:** Cash Prize + Memento + Certificate of Excellence
- **Runners up:** Cash Prize + Memento + Certificate of Excellence
- **Second Runners up:** Cash Prize + Memento + Certificate of Excellence

Certificate of Merit will be provided to the Top Ten Participants (Excluding Top-Three)

Certificate of Participation will be provided to all the participants upon successful participation

Shortlisted submissions will be sent to the **Ministry of Law and Justice** via Amity Law School, Gurugram.

## **NATIONAL LEGISLATIVE DRAFTING COMPETITION**

Legislation is a typical connotation of politics and politics revolves around the polity, i.e. the people. Day in and day out, people sit in their homes, offices and even classrooms criticising the Government and the ineffectiveness of the legislations drafted by the Government. Everyone has the rational thinking required to draft a legislation and, therefore, it is essential that all the people come together like a think tank and draft the most effective legislation. Legislation is the primary source of law and the only effective way to implement the Rule of Law.

Drafting a legislation is an extremely onerous task and requires proficiency. It is usually difficult to express with exact precision anything that may be easily conceivable by mind. This is the skill of a legislation drafter who is expected to pen down every word with the exactness to create a nexus between the legislation and the intention behind it. Like goldsmiths, drafters have to give the most accurate shape to the statutes by the appropriate arrangement of words and punctuations. Even a great policy can turn out to be a bad law because of ambiguity or incorrect placement of words. Therefore, presence of mind is the key to a successful legislation.

### **Topic**

#### **Implementation of Two-Child Policy**

Population, in India, has augmented drastically in the 70 years of independence and it is a big impediment in the development of the nation. To curb population, the Government is planning to adapt a two-child policy, according to which spouses with more than two children will not be allowed to serve in the Government. The policy is extremely vital and the Government also needs to ensure that personal liberty and Fundamental Rights of the people are not curtailed by this policy, vis-à-vis, amending the Constitution to implement this policy.

*A separate legislation needs to be drawn to implement this amendment. For example, Indian Population Regulation Bill, 2020*

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### **Contact**

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