

**SEMINAR DEPARTMENT**

**PRESENTS,**

**REVISITING THE BENCH**

**1<sup>ST</sup> EDITION OF INTER- COLLEGE COMPETITION 2021-22**

**VISION FOR THE COMPETITION:**

1. Through this competition, the Seminar Department, DES SNFLC, envisions to imbibe the art of writing judgments among students and encouraging them to abide by the stipulated timelines. The students are given the exposure of assuming the role of a 'JUDGE'.
2. The primary aim is to boost various skills amongst the students, such as – enhanced research, possible criticism against the existing judgment, addition of contemporary legal reasoning coupled with the existing one, substitution by a new judgment - to name a few.
3. The greatest vision of this competition is to provide an enriching experience of dual-tasking i.e. creative lawyering and innovative judging, to all students.
4. Students are also guided to practice the art of judgment writing within the bounds of judicial process, enabling their judgments to be guidelines or tipping points which the judiciary in real time may employ.

**PURPOSE OF THE COMPETITION:**

1. To develop a judicious mind.
2. To apply legal concepts with clarity of thought.
3. To promote the spirit of rule of law and justice.
4. To interpret the law in a justifiable manner with a view to meet ends of justice.

**RULES OF THE COMPETITION:**

1. The college will provide the name of the case and its judgment along with the rules of competition. The said case will be based on the theme of the seminar.
2. The participants are expected to amass their analysis by using any material i.e. prior as well as after to the date of the judgement.

3. The participants may write a majority opinion, concurring opinion or a dissenting opinion. One of the main objectives of this competition is to sharpen the reasoning ability of the students and developing critical analytical thinking of the participants.
4. Revisiting the bench and writing the judgement does not necessarily mean that a contradictory view needs to be taken.
5. The participants are not supposed to copy paste or simply change the language of the existing judgement. The purpose of this competition is to enrich the quality of legal research, reasoning and propositions.
6. The participants may participate individually or as a team in this contest. If they are participating as a team then the said team should Consists of 2 members, i.e. 1 Speaker and 1 researcher.

### **STRUCTURE OF THE COMPETITION:**

#### **The competition has 3 segments,**

- Preliminary Round- Stage I- Submission of written drafts i.e. Judgement
- Preliminary Round- Stage II- The shortlisted participants shall give oral presentation the written submission of Judgement
- Final Round-Oral presentation - Top 3 will be qualified from preliminary round- before a distinguished examiner will shortlist 2 entries from this round - Winner and runner up.

#### **Preliminary Round- Stage I**

- The student participants are expected to send their judgement draft on or before 24<sup>th</sup> May, 2021 @5.00 Pm
- The results of this round will be declared on 28<sup>th</sup> May, 2021 i.e. in the inaugural function of National Seminar
- Top 8 participants will be qualified
- The qualified students will proceed for next round i.e Preliminary Round Stage-II

#### **The Draft of the Judgment shall be divided into five Sections:**

1. Facts
2. Relevant Legislations

3. The arguments of the petitioner
4. The arguments of the respondents
5. Issues
6. Reasoning of the court

The format is only by way of suggestion and restructuring is permissible. During the reconstruction of the arguments and the reasoning; the participant shall also undertake legal research on the matters left out or given less significance to in the Judgment.

#### **SUBMISSION GUIDELINES:**

1. Language- English
2. Word limit – 3000 words (including foot notes)
3. Format – MS-Word
4. Font – Times New Roman
5. Font size- 12 for text, 10 for footnotes
6. Page numbers – bottom centre
7. The word limit is 3000 words in the Judgement.
8. A cover page stating the name of the competition, the name of your institution and the names of Participant, with the signatures of each student author. The cover page should also bear the ‘Mode of Payment’ for the competition, and the Receipt No. of the same.
9. The Students should submit their copy before 24<sup>th</sup> May, 2021 @5.00 pm through email at [desnationalseminar@gmail.com](mailto:desnationalseminar@gmail.com)

**Preliminary Round- Stage II-** The shortlisted Students of preliminary round- stage I are expected to give oral presentation in stipulated time. This round will be also knocking out round. Only 3 top scoring students will be shortlisted for next round i.e. for final round. The Participant will get 5 mins for his/her presentation and Q and A of panellist in this round.

#### **The structure of the same shall be:**

1. The arguments of the petitioner;
2. The arguments of the Respondents; and
3. Reasoning of the court

Requisite modifications may be made by the students. Each participant/ each team shall be allotted 05 minutes to make the presentation and for Q&A.

**Final Round – Oral Presentation -** Student judge whose judgments are shortlisted shall make oral presentations of their drafts.

**The structure of the same shall be:**

1. The arguments of the petitioner;
2. The arguments of the Respondents; and
3. Reasoning of the court

Requisite modifications may be made by the students. Each participant/ each team shall be allotted 15 minutes to make the presentation, and 5 mins shall be reserved for Q&A.

**Important dates:**

Sr. No	Particulars	Date
1.	Problem release i.e. name of case <b>Ch. Tika Ramji and Ors. Vs. The State of Uttar Pradesh and Ors. AIR1956 SC 676.</b> (For rules please visit website)	10/05/2021
2.	Registration open (with payment)	11/05/2021- 20/05/2021
3.	<u>Preliminary Round- Stage I-</u> Submission of the written draft through email	24/05/2021
4.	<u>Preliminary Round- Stage II-</u> oral Presentation of shortlisted participants	28/05/2021- in afternoon- along with preliminary round of statute analysis competition
5.	<u>The Final Round-</u> oral presentation of finalists	29/02/2021- 9.00 am

**Name of Case: Ch. Tika Ramji and Ors. Vs. The State of Uttar Pradesh and Ors.  
(AIR1956 SC 676.)**

**Registration Fee- Rs 1000/-**

**Prize amount**

1. **Winner- Rs. 4000/-**

2. **Runner Up- Rs. 2000/-**