

2nd NLIU-LAC PIL Drafting Competition

A. About NLIU-LAC: The NLIU - Legal Aid Clinic (“LAC”), which is driven by the ethos of Article 39A of the Indian Constitution, has been established under the aegis of the National Legal Services Authority.

It is a student-run initiative, which aims to provide free legal aid to the marginalized sections of the society. Our aim is to provide pro bono legal representation and advice to the weak and downtrodden sections of the society.

Additionally, we also organize various legal literacy workshops and training programs to spread legal awareness and to further the cause of legal literacy. All this has been made possible by the constant support of our collaborators, viz.:

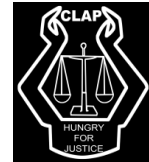
1. Madhya Pradesh State Legal Services Authority,
2. District State Legal Services Authority, Bhopal
3. Indian National Bar Association,
4. International Council of Jurists,
5. Committee for Legal Aid to Poor,
6. SCC Online,
7. EBC,
8. Live Law,
9. Red FM Bhopal, and
10. Everyday India.

B. About the 2nd NLIU-LAC PIL Drafting Competition

The NLIU-LAC in collaboration with Dept. of public relations of the M.P. government (**‘Jan Sampark’**) & the Committee for Legal Aid to Poor (**‘CLAP’**) is organising the 2nd edition of PIL Drafting Competition on the Constitution Day i.e., 26th of November 2021. The rules of the competition are:

i. Eligibility

· The competition shall be open for the students currently pursuing their bachelor’s degree in law i.e. 3-Year LL.B. course or 5-Year LL.B. course from any recognized university/college in India.



- There is no restriction on the number of entries from any college or university.

ii. Team Composition

- “Individual Participation” as well as “Participation in a team of two” is allowed.
- Participants from two different universities may also form a team.
- The substitution of any Team Member is not allowed after the registration deadline except in extenuating circumstances and only with permission of the Organizer.

iii. Registration Process

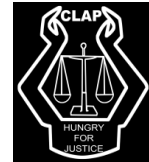
- The participating teams can register themselves by filling this Registration Form: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1AnfTfDWSI1M-U3Lh0MjyGUZgOa2pvmtLiP-cF60K2eM/edit>
- The participation fee is **Rs. 100** for one team.
- The participants have to pay the registration fee in the manner hereinafter provided.
- The payment screenshot must be attached within the registration form.
- After the successful registration, each participant or team shall be allotted a **unique team code** for further references.
- Last day to register for the competition is **16th November 2021**.

iv. Payment Details

- Subsequent to filling the registration form, payment of rupees 100 as registration fee has to be made to the number “7017854012” *with any UPI App (Paytm/ Google pay etc.)*
- If you are facing any problem in making the payment, kindly email us at “legalaidclinic@nliu.ac.in” so that we could suggest some other methods for your convenience.

v. Queries

- All the queries and clarifications must be sent to the official mail ID of the organizers i.e. “legalaidclinic@nliu.ac.in” and the subject of the mail must read as **“PIL COMPETITION QUERY”**.
- No query without the subject “PIL COMPETITION QUERY” would be entertained.
- The last day to raise a query is **18th November 2021**.
- Only queries sent through a mail shall be entertained.



vi. Submission Guidelines

(i) Topic of PIL

- The participants may submit a PIL draft on any issue of **contemporary relevance** that they deem fit.

(ii) Submission of PIL Drafts

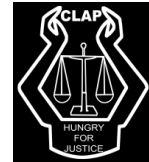
- Each Participating Team must submit **ONE PIL** draft.
- If a participant/team wishes to submit any annexure to support his/her arguments contained in the Draft [for instance Reports, Commentaries, News Clippings, Pictures, etc.] a compendium of all the relevant annexures must be prepared and should be sent along with the memorial.
- All PIL drafts must be sent on the email address: legalaidclinic@nliu.ac.in till **20th November 2021** midnight with the Subject of the email as **“PIL Draft, Team Code”**
- **Any submission made after the deadline will not be considered for evaluation, and will result in the cancellation of candidature as well as forfeiture of the registration fee.**
- **Any submission with any name reference of the participant will be disqualified.**
- Substantial Plagiarism shall amount to disqualification; therefore, the Participants must not submit plagiarised content (as the Drafts will be put through “Turnitin”). In case the draft of two or more participants/teams is found “substantially similar” to each other, both the participants/teams shall be disqualified.

(iii) Formatting Guidelines

- All the drafts must be submitted in both **Microsoft Word Document format** (.doc/.docx) and **PDF Format** (.pdf)[i.e. each participant is required to send 2 files- One in MS Word format and one in PDF format].
- The body of the submissions must be in the font “Times New Roman” with font size 12, with line spacing of 1.5 and justified. (The Font size for the Headings can be formatted as per the choice of the participants)
- The Footnotes shall be in Times New Roman, size 10, single line spacing, justified. Authorities shall be cited as per the 21st edition of the Bluebook.

(iv) Content of the PIL

- The PIL is to be filed before the Supreme Court of India
- The PIL Memorial must contain all of, and only, the following components:



- Cover page; which should contain;
 - (a) The Unique team code in the upper right-hand corner.
 - (b) The name of the case;
- Table of Contents;
- Table of Abbreviations;
- Index of Authorities;
- Statement of Jurisdiction;
- Facts of the Case;
- Issue(s) Raised;
- Summary of Arguments/Pleadings;
- Arguments Advanced/Pleadings;
- Prayer;
- Table of annexures.
- **There is no restriction on the number of pages.**

vii. Prizes

- Cash prize of Rupees 18,000, 12,000 & 9,000 shall be awarded to the 1st, 2nd & 3rd position holders respectively.

viii. Contact Information

- Email: legalaidclinic@nliu.ac.in
- Instagram: https://instagram.com/lac_nliu?igshid=u48mq0rw9hlx
- Facebook: <https://m.facebook.com/nliulac/>
- LinkedIn: <https://www.linkedin.com/company/legal-aid-clinic-nliu-bhopal>

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