

DAKSH LEGISLATION DRAFTING CHALLENGE 2014

It is with great pleasure that we announce the Second Legislation Drafting Competition, 2014. The success of last years' competition prompted us to look toward making this Competition an annual event. The participants last year, ranging from High School students to law undergraduates showed us the vast potential of this generation to understand various aspects of the law.

This year, we are introducing a second round to the Competition. The top 5 (five) teams, based on scores, shall each appear before a panel consisting of judges and the remaining 4 (four) teams, in a Parliamentary set-up to defend their draft Bill and submit to questions. The team offering the best defense shall be awarded additional prize money, to be announced at the Valedictory Ceremony.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE COMPETITION ARE AS FOLLOWS:

September 1, 2014	Release of Topics
September 20, 2014	Last date for Registration via e-mail to drafting@dakshindia.org . (E-mail to specify members names and place of study.
October 15, 2014	Last date for enquiries. All enquiries to be sent to drafting@dakshindia.org .
October 30, 2014	Release of responses to all queries/ clarifications.
January 5, 2015	Last date for submission of soft copies of the draft legislations (in .pdf format)
January 10, 2015	Last date for submission of hard copies of the draft legislations
January 25, 2015	Release of results
To be communicated at the time of release of results	Defense of draft legislation and Valedictory Ceremony

**DAKSH LEGISLATION DRAFTING CHALLENGE: ASSESSMENT CRITERIA AND
SUBMISSION GUIDELINES**

Assessment Criteria

Criteria	Marks Allocated
Practicality and ingenuity of ideas	25
Structure of legislation	15
Language and style	15
Usage of evidence / statistics	20
Identification of need	25
Total	100

Submission Guidelines

1. This competition is open to all students at the high school, undergraduate level and above.
2. Participating teams may have a maximum number of 3 (three) members.
3. Participants must submit an explanatory note (“**Note**”)with a background to the subject area in which the legislation/ amendment is proposed, along with the problems that the legislation seeks to cure. The explanatory note must emphasise the desirability, practicality and utility of the proposed reform. The Note shall not exceed 3000 words.
4. The draft legislation/ amendment shall be no longer than 15 pages, and must, as far as possible, adhere to the standard ordering of headings in Indian legislations.
5. The legislation should compulsorily have:-
 - a. A long title
 - b. Preamble and/or Statement of Objects
 - c. Short title
 - d. Provision on applicability
 - e. Provision/s on definitions
 - f. Penal provision/s

6. Participants may refer to pending bills or existing statutes for guidance on drafting, if required. [i.e. <http://www.prsindia.org/>]
7. Any incidence of plagiarism will lead to instant disqualification.
8. All submissions need to be submitted in double spacing with size 12, Times New Roman Font.
9. The top three submissions will receive Law books as prizes by Eastern Book Company and SCC Online along with cash prizes and other benefits.