

Judgment Writing Competition Rules
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1. Introduction

This Judgment Writing Competition is organized to enhance the understanding and application of Indian Criminal Law, particularly the **Indian Penal Code (IPC)**, **Criminal Procedure Code (CrPC)**, and the **Indian Evidence Act**. Participants will be required to draft a reasoned judgment based on the case provided, where they will analyze the facts, evidence, and legal issues, ultimately arriving at a decision.

2. Eligibility

- The competition is open to all law students currently enrolled in a **3-year or 5-year LLB & LLM program** from any recognized university or college.
 - Professionals such as **lawyers, judges, or academicians** are not eligible to participate.
 - The participants can participate individually. Group participation is not allowed.
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3. Registration

- Registration for the competition is mandatory. Participants must register by submitting the **Google Registration Form** via the link.
 - Registration will be considered complete once the participant receives a confirmation email.
 - The last date for registration is **24th June 2025**. Late registration will not be accepted under any circumstances.
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4. Case Material

- Participants will be provided with a **detailed case problem**, which includes:
 - Factual background

- Evidence collected (CCTV footage, forensic reports, testimonies, etc.)
 - Statements from key witnesses
 - Police report and investigation details
 - Legal issues for analysis
 - The case material is attached in the registration form.
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5. Competition Format

- The competition will be conducted in **one round** only and will be conducted online.
 - **Duration of the Competition:** The participants will have to draft the judgment after receiving the case material and have to submit the same on the email provided.
 - **Submission:** The judgment must be submitted by email to the designated email address before the deadline. (27th June, 2025 by 11:59 pm)
 - **Format for Submission:**
 - The judgment must be submitted in **Microsoft Word** format.
 - The length of the judgment should not exceed **3000 words**.
 - The font must be **Times New Roman**, size **12**, and line spacing should be **1.5**.
 - The judgment should be written in a formal, legal style, and must contain:
 - **Title of the Case**
 - **Facts of the Case**
 - **Issues for Determination**
 - **Arguments of the Prosecution**
 - **Arguments of the Defense**
 - **Legal Analysis**
 - **Reasoned Judgment**
 - **Conclusion**
 - **References (if any)**
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6. Judging Criteria

The competition will be judged based on the following criteria:

1. **Legal Knowledge and Understanding:** The ability to identify and discuss relevant provisions of the IPC, CrPC, and the Indian Evidence Act.
2. **Application of Law:** Proper application of relevant case law and statutory provisions to the facts of the case.
3. **Clarity of Argument:** The judgment should reflect logical reasoning and clear articulation of the decision.
4. **Critical Thinking:** The ability to critically analyze both the prosecution and defense arguments, and to assess the strength and weaknesses of the case.
5. **Organization and Structure:** The judgment must follow a structured approach, making it easy to follow, with proper headings and subheadings.
6. **Originality:** The judgment should be the participant's own work and should not be copied from any source. Plagiarism will lead to disqualification.
7. **Writing Style and Precision:** The judgment should be clear, concise, and professionally written, following legal language standards.

7. Submission Guidelines

- **Deadline for Submission:** Participants must submit their judgments within the given timeline. Late submissions will **NOT** be accepted.
 - **Mode of Submission:**
 - All submissions must be sent via email to the designated address: **solpp@avantika.edu.in**
 - The subject line of the email should be: "**Judgment Writing Competition Submission - [Your Name]**".
 - **File Naming Convention:** The file should be named as follows: **[Your Name]_Judgment** (e.g., **Name_Judgment.docx**).
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8. Evaluation and Results

- The submissions will be evaluated by a panel of judges, including prominent legal professionals and academicians.
 - The evaluation will be based on the criteria mentioned above.
 - The results will be declared within **7 days** from the date of submission. Participants will be notified via e-mail and the results will be published on the official website.
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9. Prizes and Recognition

- **Winner:** The winner will receive a **cash prize of INR 3,000/-** along with an e-certificate of excellence.
 - **Runner-Up:** The runner-up will receive a **cash prize of INR 1,500/-** along with an e-certificate of merit.
 - **Certificate of Participation:** An E-certificate of participation shall be given to all the participants.
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10. General Rules

1. **Confidentiality:** All case materials, documents, and communications related to the competition are confidential. Participants must not disclose any part of the case material or their judgment to anyone before the results are announced.
2. **Plagiarism:** Any instance of plagiarism will lead to immediate disqualification. The judgment should be the participant's original work.
3. **Disqualification:** The following actions will result in disqualification:
 - Late submission
 - Plagiarism or copying from any source
 - Failure to follow the prescribed format
4. **Clarifications:** Participants can contact the organizing committee for any clarifications regarding the case problem or competition format by sending an email to **solpp@avantika.edu.in**
5. **Decision of the Judges:** The decision of the judges will be final and binding. No further correspondence will be entertained.

11. Important Dates

- **Registration Deadline:** 24th June, 2025
- **Submission Deadline:** 27th June, 2025 before 11:59pm
- **Result Announcement:** 04th July, 2025

12. Contact Information

For any queries or clarifications, participants may contact the competition coordinators at:

- **Email:** solpp@avantika.edu.in

We look forward to your participation and wish you all the best as you embark on this challenging and exciting legal journey.