

Online Legal Essay Writing Competition 2025 by Lawfer

Lawfer is delighted to announce the **First Online Legal Essay Writing Competition 2025**, an initiative to encourage critical thinking, original research, and academic writing in the field of law. The competition is open to law students, researchers, academicians, and legal professionals across India, providing them with a platform to engage in contemporary debates at the intersection of law, technology, and society.

The competition aims to foster scholarly dialogue, enhance legal writing skills, and provide recognition to emerging voices in the legal fraternity.

Theme of the Competition

“Should AI Tools Be Allowed in Legal Practice?”

Artificial Intelligence (AI) has become a transformative force across industries, including healthcare, education, finance, and governance. Within the legal sector, the use of AI tools such as legal research assistants, contract review software, predictive analytics, and even AI-powered drafting platforms is steadily gaining traction.

However, these developments raise critical questions:

- Should AI tools be permitted in legal practice in India?
- Would they strengthen access to justice or compromise ethical and professional responsibilities?
- Could the use of AI in legal proceedings threaten the sanctity of human judgment and fairness, or should it be embraced as an inevitable evolution?

Participants are encouraged to critically analyze the theme with reference to **Indian law, judicial perspectives, regulatory frameworks, and global best practices**, while also engaging with ethical, professional, and technological considerations.

Eligibility Criteria

The competition is open to the following categories of participants:

- **Students (1st year & above, UG/PG in Law or Allied Disciplines):** Registration Fee ₹299
- **Researchers, Scholars, Academicians, and Legal Professionals:** Registration Fee ₹499

Objectives of the Competition

1. To promote **legal research and writing culture** among law students and early-career professionals in India.
2. To provide a **national platform** for discussions on the impact of Artificial Intelligence on Indian law and the justice delivery system.

3. To create opportunities for recognition, publication, and professional growth through Lawfer.

Prizes and Recognition

First Prize

- Cash Award of **₹5,000**
- Internship Opportunity with **Lawfer**
- **Publication of the Winning Essay** on the Lawfer Website
- **Feature on Lawfer's Social Media Handles and Newsletter**
- **Letter of Recommendation (LOR)**

Second Prize

- Cash Award of **₹2,500**
- Internship Opportunity with **Lawfer**
- **Feature on Lawfer's Social Media Handles and Newsletter**
- **Letter of Recommendation (LOR)**

Third Prize

- Cash Award of **₹1,000**
- Internship Opportunity with **Lawfer**
- **Feature on Lawfer's Social Media Handles and Newsletter**
- **Letter of Recommendation (LOR)**

All Participants

- **E-Certificate of Participation**

Competition Details

- **Mode:** Online
- **Word Limit:** 2000 – 2500 words (excluding footnotes)
- **Last Date for Submission:** 20 Sept 2025
- **Declaration of Results:** Oct 2025
- **Mode of Submission:** [g-form link]

Submission Guidelines

1. Essays must be **original, unpublished, and not under consideration elsewhere.**
2. Plagiarism exceeding **10% will result in immediate disqualification.**
3. Formatting requirements:
 - Font: *Times New Roman*
 - Font Size: *12*
 - Line Spacing: *1.5*
 - Alignment: *Justified*

- Margins: *1 inch on all sides*
- 4. Citation Style: *Bluebook 20th Edition* or *ILI Citation Method*.
- 5. The essay must include a **cover page** containing the author's name, designation (student/researcher/professional), institution/organization, and contact details.

Contact Information

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