



# 1ST NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL LAW PIL DRAFTING COMPETITION, 2024

*Organised by*

**CENTRE FOR RESEARCH IN  
ENVIRONMENTAL LAW**

*In Collaboration with*

**CENTRE FOR CONSTITUTIONAL  
LAW**

**DNLU**

*Last date of Registration & Submission is 15th  
November 2024*

**Registration Fee for  
Non-DNLU Students:  
Single Authorship: Rs. 500 /-  
Co-Authorship: Rs. 800 /-**

**Prize money to the top 3  
Winners & Certificate of  
Merits to the top 10  
Winners!**

*For Further Information, Please feel free to reach out to us!*

## **ABOUT THE DHARMASHASTRA NATIONAL LAW UNIVERSITY, JABALPUR**

The Madhya Pradesh Dharmashastra National Law University, Jabalpur (M.P.) was established in the year 2018 by Madhya Pradesh National University Act 24 of 2018, with the object of advancing the cause of legal education and achieving excellence as a university for imparting value-based legal education. The university emphasis learning advocacy skills with professional ethics by providing suitable simulation exercises. The Hon'ble Chief Justice of MP High. Court is the Chancellor of the university.

## **ABOUT THE CENTRE FOR RESEARCH IN ENVIRONMENTAL LAW**

The Centre for Research in Environmental Law (CREL) is an endeavour of the Dharmashastra National Law University (DNLU), Jabalpur, M.P., India to respond to the need for legal scholarship and research in the areas of environmental law. The Centre strives to promote outstanding research in Environmental Law. In lieu of this, CREL through its various initiatives, programmes and platform provides an opportunity for all the legal and social science fraternity and environment enthusiasts to share their experiences and opinion on contemporary issues of Environmental concern.

## ABOUT THE CENTRE FOR CONSTITUTIONAL LAW

The Centre for Constitutional Law was established in the year 2020, ever since its establishment, the centre has been working to generate debate and discourse on various nuances about constitutional law. It has been an active participant in the University's ecosystem. The Centre for Constitutional Law is a student-run organization, which seeks to work towards sparking an interest in the legal fraternity about the crucial role of constitutional law. The Centre was established to cultivate the spirit of rights awareness and instil in individuals the significant learning's of constitutional law to enable understanding of legal intricacies. In its small time of existence, the Centre has been able to stir discussions on the rights of vulnerable sections of the society. Conduct lectures on pertinent and contemporary topics and has been an active member of the ecosystem of the Dharmashastra National Law University.

# ABOUT THE PIL DRAFTING COMPETITION ON ENVIRONMENTAL & CONSTITUTIONAL LAW

Understanding the nuances and intricacies of PIL drafting is crucial for any aspiring environmental lawyer or advocate. PIL drafting requires a comprehensive understanding of environmental statutes, international treaties, scientific principles, and legal precedents. It demands meticulous research, analytical skills, and the ability to craft cogent and persuasive arguments that resonate with judges and policymakers.

Moreover, PIL drafting fosters critical thinking, creativity, and innovation. It encourages lawyers to think outside the box, explore alternative legal remedies, and devise novel approaches to address emerging environmental issues and challenges. By honing their PIL drafting skills, legal professionals can make a meaningful impact in the field of environmental law, contributing to the development of robust legal frameworks, precedents, and strategies that protect and preserve our natural heritage for future generations.

PIL in environmental & constitutionallaw is not merely a legal exercise but a potent tool for environmental advocacy, policy reform, and social transformation. Therefore, acquiring proficiency in PIL drafting is indispensable for anyone committed to advancing the cause of environmental protection and stewardship through the legal system.

## **ABOUT THE ELIGIBILITY CRITERIAS & TEAM COMPOSITION**

**Eligibility:** Open to all law students from recognised law schools, faculties, and universities offering law-related degrees.

**Team Composition:** Teams can consist of one or two members. Cross- university teams are allowed.

## **ABOUT THE REGISTRATION FEES**

**Registration fee for Non-DNLU Students:**

**Single author: Rs. 500 /-**

**Co-author: Rs. 800 /-**

**Registration fee for DNLU Students:**

**Single author: Rs. 250 /-**

**Co-author: Rs. 400 /-**

**Account details: -**

**Account Name:- Dharmashastra National Law University-Research and Seminars**

**Account No.: - 6291000100013591**

**IFSC code: - PUNBo629100**

**Branch Name: - Jabalpur**

**Note: Registration fees are non-refundable.**

# ABOUT THE SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

**1. Language: All drafts must be in English (UK/India).**

**2. Format:**

- **Font: Times New Roman, size 12, 1.5 line spacing.**
- **Citation: Harvard Bluebook (20th edition).**

**3. Components:**

- **Cover Page**
- **Table of Contents**
- **Table of Abbreviations**
- **Index of Authorities**
- **Statement of Jurisdiction**
- **Statement of Facts**
- **Issues Raised**
- **Summary of Arguments**
- **Arguments Advanced**
- **Prayer**
- **Annexure and Exhibits**

**4. Document Format: MS Word & PDF (Both the files will have to be uploaded).**

## ABOUT THE PERKS & PRIZES

- Cash prize of Rupees 10,000, 7,000 & 5,000 shall be awarded to the 1st, 2nd & 3rd position holders respectively.
- Certificate of Merit to Top 10 teams.
- Top 4 teams will be awarded Certificate of Excellence.
- Certificate of Participation to all the participants.
- A certificate of Excellence will be provided to the team with Best Written Submission.

Only one team shall be given one position.

In the event of a tie between two teams, the determination of ranks shall be done on the basis of:

1. Knowledge of law and facts of the proposition.
2. Proper and articulate analysis.
3. Extent and use of research.
4. Last, if and only if the tie is not resolved by the aforementioned parameters, ranks will be determined on the basis of a coin toss, or other digital randomization method.

## ABOUT THE SUBMISSIONS & REGISTRATION LINKS

Registration for Competition to be done through [this link](#).

Submissions link will be shared upon final registration.

## CRITERIAS FOR EVALUATION

- **Clarity and Structure of Argument**
- **Originality and Uniqueness**
- **Legal Knowledge and its application on the facts of proposition**
- **Presentation and Formatting**
- **Extent and use of research**

## PENALTIES

Penalties will be imposed by deducting marks in the following manner:

- **For late submission: 2 marks**
- **For Non-adherence to any submission guidelines: 2 marks on each non-adherence**

**NOTE:** In any case of Dispute, the discretion of Centre would prevail.



## ABOUT THE IMPORTANT DATES

- Release of Proposition: 10th October 2024
- Last Date of Seeking Clarification (if any): 22nd October 2024
- Release of Clarification: 25th October 2024
- Last Date of Registration & Fee Payment: 15th November 2024
- Last Date of PIL Draft Submission: 15th November 2024
- Result Declaration of Memorial Submission Round: 2nd December 2024

## CONTACT US

In any case of query or doubt, feel free to mail us at [crel@mpdnl.u.ac.in](mailto:crel@mpdnl.u.ac.in) or contact us at:

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*Happy Drafting!*