

LAWGGING

RULES FOR THE BLOGGING COMPETITION 2012-13

1. THE ENTRY

- 1.1 Every individual is entitled to submit a blog. Only *one* entry per individual is allowed in one category. The same person may submit separate blogs for both categories.
- 1.2 Only one article per blog will be evaluated.
- 1.3 The Blog can be a pre-existing blog which the blogger already has. In the event of submission of pre-existing blogs, kindly refer to Section 3.
- 1.4 Entries must strictly fit in either of the categories as given under Section 4.
- 1.5 The Blog must be accessible to the public.

2. THE BLOG

- 2.1 Blogs must be written by the person individually and *no co-authorship* is allowed.
- 2.2 The Blog can be made using any platform such as Blogger, Wordpress, Weebly, etc.
- 2.3 Images, photographs, caricatures, cartoons, etc, can be used in the article. If these are not created by the blogger but have been taken from any other source, due credit must be given to the source.
- 2.4 Videos cannot be a part of the article that has to be evaluated.
- 2.5 Cross-referencing and linking to other sources is allowed.
- 2.6 The maximum length of an article should be 1000-1500 words. The blog must not contain any offensive comment which may qualify as obscene, discriminatory, racist or others.
- 2.7 Plagiarism would lead to disqualification.

3. PRE-EXISTING BLOG

- 3.1 All the rules under Section 2 apply.
- 3.2 A blogger is free to submit an existing Blog.

3.3 The Blog must solely be owned by the blogger and must not have contributions from any other person.

3.4 The blogger may write a new article or submit an article already written subject to the article falling under one of the categories.

3.5 If submitting an existing blog for evaluation, the blogger must clearly earmark the article which needs to be evaluated for the purpose of this competition.

3.6 The number of followers of the blog is irrelevant.

4. CATEGORIES/ TOPICS

4.1 The theme of the Lawgging Competition is *Openness and Accessibility on the Internet*.

This *includes but is not* limited to censoring on the internet, rights of copyright owners, increasing access to knowledge through diverse means such as mobile applications, etc. The article can be based on either Openness or Accessibility and need not incorporate both components.

4.2 The two categories under which articles on the blog can be written are:

4.2.1 **LEGAL**: This article has to target a *legal issue* related to the theme and the blogger may give his own views which should be supported by appropriate authorities such as statutes, case-law, law reports, etc. (Some examples of issues which the blogger can target are the most debated SOPA, PIPA and cold storage; Intermediaries Guidelines, 2011 or the blogger may choose to remark on the Google Books case. Time to flaunt your lawyerly skills!)

4.2.2 **FICTION**: The blogger is free to use his imagination and can weave a story which should depict the theme and present the views of the author. (You can set it in an imaginary world or you can make things happen in this one. Unleash your imagination and blog about how Openness and Accessibility on the Internet should function according to you.)

5. JUDGING

5.1 The presentation of the blog and the article will be judged separately. The judging of both has been divided into smaller components.

5.2 The article would be judged on its content, links used and quality of writing which would include ease of reading, language used and clarity of expression.

5.3 The blog will be judged for creativity which includes attractiveness of the blog. It would also be judged on designing and managing the material and its presentation thereof.

5.4 There is a component on overall presentation.

6. SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

6.1 The blogger must email the link to his blog to ltech.nls@gmail.com by **11:59 PM** on 25th September, 2012.

6.2 The subject of the email should be **Lawgging Competition: Category under which submission is being made.**

6.3 The email must, in addition to the link and category under which submission is being made, contain the *Name of the blogger, Name of the blog, College Name, Year and Contact Number.*

7. PRIZES

7.1 All blogs in each category would be judged by 2 judges.

7.2 The blogger who scores the highest cumulatively would be declared the winner of each category.

7.3 In case there is a tie, the judges would rate the blog on a scale of 3 without any scores. The blogger with a higher rating out of 6 points will be adjudged as the winner.

7.4 The decision of the judges would be final.

7.5 The winner for each category would be awarded **Rs.5000 (five thousand) only.**

8. CLARIFICATIONS AND DISPUTES

8.1 In case of disputes, the decision of the Law and Technology Committee, National Law School of India University, shall be final and binding.

8.2 For any further clarifications contact:

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8.3 You can send in your clarifications at ltech.nls@gmail.com.