

THE "L" WORD BLOG  
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**1<sup>st</sup> NATIONAL PIL DRAFTING  
COMPETITION, 2020**

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**RULE BOOK**

## **1. ABOUT THE ORGANIZATION**

The “L” Word is an open-access blog which gives a platform to the young budding minds of the legal fraternity to share their beautiful and creative legal thoughts and thereby giving them the opportunity to broadcast their ability and skill in legal writing. This Blog is still in its nascent stage and as an endeavor to become the beacon of legal education by encouraging the synthesis of knowledge and best practices we wish to create vast pool of knowledge and wisdom for our readers to help them open up their minds.

This blog welcomes blog submissions on contemporary legal issues on rolling basis. We accept submission from students, academicians, lawyers, judges and other esteemed members of the legal fraternity.

## **2. ABOUT THE COMPETITION**

Public Interest Litigation (PIL) is one of the most indispensable parts of the Indian Legal System. The National PIL drafting competition aims at giving the budding mind of the legal fraternity an opportunity to understand the practical dynamics of PIL. The objective of the Competition is to improve and deepen the level analytical and critical thinking by involving the participants in some real-life practical problems. The participants would be required to draft one PIL memorial on **any one** of the given propositions.

## **3. ELIGIBILITY AND TEAM**

### **3.1 Eligibility**

- The Competition shall be open for the students currently pursuing their Bachelor’s Degree in law i.e. 3-Year LL.B. course or 5-Year LL.B. course from any recognized university/school in India.
- There is no restriction on the number of entries from any college or university.

### **3.2 Team Composition**

- ‘Individual participation’ OR ‘participation in a team of two’ is allowed.

- In one team, participants from different universities or schools or colleges are also allowed.
- The substitution of any Team Member is not allowed after the registration deadline except in extenuating circumstances and only with permission of the Organizer

#### 4. HOW TO REGISTER

- The participating teams can register themselves by filling this Registration Form [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdULy3XZWA46mE5Vzi\\_Wd2atXRq4wE\\_kpgA6bO5RdrS4h-7Wg/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdULy3XZWA46mE5Vzi_Wd2atXRq4wE_kpgA6bO5RdrS4h-7Wg/viewform?usp=sf_link)
- There shall be a nominal non-refundable registration fee of Rs. 150/- for Single participant and Rs. 200/- for the team of two.
- The participants have to pay the registration fee in the manner hereinafter provided.
- The payment screenshot must be attached within the registration form.
- After the successful registration, each participant or team shall be allotted a **unique team code** for further references.

#### 5. PAYMENT DETAILS

- Payment has to be made by scanning the QR Code within the registration form *with any UPI App (Paytm/ Phonepe/Google pay etc.)*
- If you are facing any problem in making the payment, kindly email us at [events.thelword@gmail.com](mailto:events.thelword@gmail.com) we could suggest some other methods for your convenience.

#### 6. IMPORTANT DATES

S. NO.	Event	Date
1	Registration Opens	August 3, 2020
2	Last Date to Register	August 23, 2020
4	Last date for the submission of Draft PILs	September 3, 2020
5	Declaration of Results	September 12, 2020

## 7. QUERIES AND CLARIFICATIONS

- All the queries and clarifications must be addressed to official mail id of the organizers and the subject of the mail **must read as “PIL COMPETITION QUERY”**.
- No query without the subject “PIL COMPETITION QUERY” would be entertained.
- There is **NO** last date to raise any clarifications
- No queries otherwise than through a mail, shall be entertained whatsoever the case may be.

## 8. MEMORIAL GUIDELINES

### 8.1 Submission of PIL Memorials

- Each participating Team must prepare ONE PIL memorial.
- If a participant/team wishes to submit any annexures to support his/her arguments contained in the memorial [for instance Reports, Commentaries, New Clippings, Pictures, etc.] a compendium of all the relevant annexures must be prepared and should sent along with the memorial.
- All PIL memorials must reach us on this email address: [events.thelword@gmail.com](mailto:events.thelword@gmail.com) till 11:59 P.M., September 3, 2020 with the Subject of the email as “PIL Memorial of Team Code- ‘ABC’”
- **Any submission made after the deadline specified shall attract a penalty of deduction of 0.5 marks per hour from the aggregate marks.**
- No entry made after 24 hours of the deadline shall be accepted at any cost.
- In case the memorial of two or more participants/teams is found “exactly identical” to each other, both the participants/ teams shall be disqualified.

### 8.2 Formatting Guidelines

- i. All the Memorials must be submitted in both **Microsoft Word Document format** (.doc/.docx) and **PDF Format** (.pdf) [i.e. each participant is required to send 2 files- One in MS Word format and one in PDF format].
- ii. The body of the submissions must be in the font ‘Times New Roman’ with font size 12, with line spacing of 1.5 and justified.  
(The Font size for the Headings can be formatted as per the choice of the participants)
- iii. The Footnotes shall be in Times New Roman, size 10, single line spacing, justified.

- iv. Harvard Bluebook (19th Edn.) style of citation must be resorted to throughout the memorials.

### **8.2.1 Penalties**

- The non-adherence of sub-rule i shall attract the penalty of 5 marks
- The non-adherence of sub-rule ii, iii, and iv shall attract the penalty of 1 mark each discrepancy.

### **8.3 Content of the Memorial**

The PIL Memorial must contain all of, and only, the following components:

- Cover page; which should contain
  - a) The Unique team code in the upper right-hand corner.
  - b) The name of the forum before which the proceedings are being conducted;
  - c) The year of the Competition;
  - d) The name of the case;
  - e) **The Cover Page should be Plain white and should not be coloured.**
- Table of Contents;
- Table of Abbreviations;
- Index of Authorities;
- Statement of Jurisdiction;
- Facts of the Case;
- Issues Raised;
- Summary of Arguments/Pleadings;

The Summary of arguments should contain a summary of the substance of the arguments, and should not be a mere reproduction of the various headings and sub headings of arguments.
- Arguments Advanced/Pleadings;

All legal arguments must be limited to the Pleadings/Arguments Advanced section of the Memorial. The Pleadings/Arguments Advanced and Prayer must not exceed 15 pages.
- Prayer.
- Table of annexures.

**NOTE: The overall length of the memorial shall not exceed 30 pages. Non-compliance shall result in a penalty of 2 marks for every additional page**

#### **8.4 Annexures (optional)**

- If a participant/team wishes to submit any annexures to support or supplement his/her arguments contained in the memorial [for instance: Reports, Commentaries, News Clippings, Pictures, videos etc.], it can be sent as files attached in the same email which contains the memorial. **HOWEVER**, the number of annexure must not exceed 12.
- Each annexure must be properly named as “Team Code- ‘*your code*’ Anx. 1” and a reference to that annexure must be given at relevant places in the footnotes of the memorial.

#### **8.5 Evaluation of the Memorial**

Each memorial shall be evaluated on the following parameters:

<b>Standard of evaluation</b>	<b>Marks</b>
Knowledge of Law and Facts of the proposition	20
Proper and Articulate Analysis	20
Extent and Use of Research	20
Clarity and Organization	15
Grammar and Style	15
Correct format and Citation style	10
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100</b>

#### **9. AWARDS**

- **First Position:** Cash Prize: Rs. 3000/- + Certificate of excellence + Gold Medal + Internship Opportunity (Six-month editorship **MAY** be offered in case of exceptional writing skills)
- **Second Position:** Cash Prize: Rs 1500/- +Certificate of Excellence + Silver Medal + Internship Opportunity (Six-month editorship **MAY** be offered in case of exceptional writing skills)
- **Third Position:** Cash Prize: Rs 500/- + Certificate of Merit + Bronze Medal + Internship Opportunity

- **Position 4-13:** E-Certificate of Merit
- All other participants would be entitled to receive E- participation certificates (E-certificate of appreciation CAN also be awarded in case of remarkable works)

NOTE: In case of team participation, the co-author to the winning entry, if any, shall share the prize with the first author.

## 10. CONTACT INFORMATION

- All queries can be sent on [events.thelword@gmail.com](mailto:events.thelword@gmail.com) or by filling the Contact form available on our website.
- Website: <https://www.thelwordblogg.com>
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