



Fali Nariman Memorial Legathon Legislation Drafting Competition

OVERVIEW

- ▶ Vidhi Utsav – The Festival of Law & Legal Literature Festival is excited to announce its **Fali Nariman Memorial Legathon Legislation Drafting Competition**.
- ▶ This competition offers a platform for talented individuals to come together and engage in the process of creating and drafting legislative bills. Legislative drafting allows individuals to deepen their understanding, application, and interpretation of the law while enhancing their ability to identify current challenges in legislation and suggest implementable solutions.
- ▶ The competition aims to provide a platform for brilliant minds to conduct analytical research on laws across different jurisdictions and to propose intellectually driven provisions that can be implemented within the Indian legal framework. This competition encourages the exchange of ideas and experiences and invites law students to draft proposed legislation.

TOPIC FOR THE COMPETITION

“Public Service Efficiency Act: Standards, Metrics, and Enforcement”

- ▶ In an increasingly interconnected world, efficient public service delivery is essential to ensuring the well-being of citizens and fostering trust in government institutions. However, delays, inconsistencies, and gaps in service quality can impact lives and undermine the social contract. This legislation drafting competition challenges participants to craft a legislative framework that mandates clear, enforceable standards for essential public services, establishes performance metrics, and empowers oversight mechanisms to ensure accountability.
- ▶ **Objective:** Participants will design a comprehensive “Public Service Efficiency Act” aimed at ensuring that government agencies meet defined service standards. The proposed legislation should:
 - Identify core public services (e.g., healthcare, education, infrastructure maintenance, water, and sanitation) that require standardized service delivery metrics.
 - Define clear, measurable performance standards and timelines for these services.
 - Incorporate an accountability structure, outlining the roles of agencies in monitoring and enforcing standards.
 - Propose penalties and incentives to encourage compliance and maintain service quality.

ELIGIBILITY

The Competition is open to all law students pursuing LLM or LLB. (3-Year or 5-Year course).

TEAM COMPOSITION

- ▶ Participants may register as individuals **or** in a team of two.
- ▶ Only one entry is permitted from a college or university. Multiple teams from a single university or college are not allowed.

REGISTRATION PROCESS

- ▶ Participants shall register themselves for the competition by submitting the following form:
<https://forms.gle/WKtHDHtxKpXbGeBN8>
- ▶ Maximum Participation of 10 teams will be allowed. The participation will be allowed on a first come-first serve basis.
- ▶ Participants should submit the “Statement of Objects and Reasoning” while filling up the form.

COMPETITION OVERVIEW

1. Participants/Teams have to submit a Statement of Objects and Reasoning while applying for the competition. The draft of Statement of Objects and Reasoning shall not be more than 500 words.
2. Drafts received from the participants/teams shall be reviewed by the team of experts. Only 5 teams will advance to the next stage. The teams shall be informed via email about their progress to the next stage.
3. The participants/teams then shall prepare a draft of the legislation with a PowerPoint presentation covering the highlights of their drafts. The presentation may include a summary or abstract explaining the purpose and key provisions of the draft and visual aids (flowcharts, timelines, etc.) to clarify how the law would be implemented and enforced.
4. The draft of the legislation with presentation shall be reviewed by a panel of experts which will include a retired judge, bureaucrat, policymaker and an academician.
5. The results of the competition shall be announced at Vidhi Utsav – The Festival of Law and Legal Literature on Saturday, 22nd February, 2025 at Constitution Club of India, New Delhi.

AWARDS

- ▶ **Winner** : The Individual/Team shall be awarded a prize of INR 25,000/- (Indian Rupees Twenty Five Thousand Only).
- ▶ **First Runners up** : The Individual/Team shall be awarded a prize of INR 15,000/ - (Indian Rupees Fifteen Thousand Only).
- ▶ **Second Runners up** : The Individual/Team shall be awarded a prize of INR 10,000/ - (Indian Rupees Ten Thousand Only).

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

1. The Draft shall be in English language only.
2. The Draft shall not exceed more than 25 pages, excluding the cover page.
3. The Draft should not reveal the identity of participants, in any manner whatsoever. While submission, only the team code which will be given by the organizers should be mentioned as a mark of identity.
4. Formatting –
 - a. Font Style - Times New Roman
 - b. Font Size - 12
 - c. Line Spacing - 1.5
 - d. Alignment - Justified
 - e. Paragraph Spacing - 0 pt. before and after
 - f. Margin - One inch margin on all sides.

5. Submission shall be made in .pdf formats only. No other format would be considered and will lead to direct disqualification.
6. Teams are requested to send their soft-copies on or before the provided date on the given subject matter only.
7. The submission must be made with the subject "SUBMISSION FOR LEGATHON LEGISLATIVE COMPETITION (Team Code-XX)" at info@oakbridge.in
8. Submission after the given deadline would lead to disqualification of the participant(s).
9. Clarifications shall be sent to info@oakbridge.in with the subject "CLARIFICATIONS FOR LEGATHON LEGISLATIVE COMPETITION- (Team Code-XX)".

FORMAT OF DRAFT LEGISLATION

1. Statements of Objects and Reasoning
2. The Preamble
3. The Short title and Long Title
4. The Enacting Clause
5. Extent and Commencement Clause
6. Definitions
7. The Operative Section
8. Procedural Provisions
9. Penalties and Offences (if required)
10. Provisions regarding Delegated Legislation (if any)
11. Repealing and saving clauses (if any)
12. Miscellaneous provisions

MARKING CRITERIA

PARAMETERS	MARKS
Logical Presentation of Ideas & Effective Use of Headings	20
Clear, Concise and Unambiguous Writing Skills	20
Understanding Essential Legal Issues Presented	20
Formatting, Neatness, & Other Drafting Structure	20
Language, Grammar & Style	20

CONTACT

For any further queries, please write to info@oakbridge.in with the subject "QUERY FOR LEGATHON LEGISLATION DRAFTING COMPETITION".

IMPORTANT DATES

PARTICULARS	DATES
Registration Starts	04 st January, 2025
Registration Ends	18 th January, 2025
Release of Team Codes	21 nd January, 2025
Last Date to Seek Clarifications	22 nd January, 2025
Result of First Screening	30 th January, 2025
Submission Date of Draft	15 th February, 2025
Result Declaration	22 nd February, 2025