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FAUX PAS: ALTERNATIVE JUDGEMENT WRITING COMPETITION

GUIDELINES

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PROBLEM JUDGEMENT:

- The judgment to be re-written for the competition is – **Union of India v/s Naveen Jindal.**
- Equivalent Citations: - AIR (2004) SC 1559.

INCLUSION OF FACTS

- The participants are free to re-state the facts of the case as per their convenience however no other source other than judgement can be cited for covering the factual matrix of the case.
- The factual matrix must be adequately covered at the beginning of the judgment draft.

TIMELINE OF THE COMPETITION:

Release of the judgement	09/08/2021
Last date of registration	14/08/2021
Last date of Submission of the Judgment	14/08/2021
Declaration of the Results	15/08/2021

AIM AND PURPOSE:

- The Judgment Writing Competition by Centre for Excellence 2021, has been conceived with the aim of promoting researching abilities of law aspirants and the creative skills of interpreting and applying various legal provisions and drafting judgment.
- The Judgment Writing Competition will have the following principles and purpose:

i. To introduce law aspirants to the mechanism of judicial drafting;
ii. Application of various legal provisions in a particular set of facts;
iii. To develop the principles of justice, equity and good conscience in the mind of budding legal professionals;
iv. Drafting the judgment in an eloquent manner reflecting the clarity in their thoughts;
v. To promote the spirit of rule of law and justice; and,
vi. To interpret the law in a justifiable manner to meet ends of justice.

TEAM COMPOSITION:

- Each team shall consist of a minimum of 1 member and a maximum of 2 members.
- The participants shall be pursuing a 3-year LLB or 5-year integrated LLB programme from any college within India.
- The team composition may not be altered after registration.
- There **is no Registration Fees** for Alternate Judgment Writing Competition.

FORMATTING GUIDELINES:

- The font of the entire body of the judgment must be '**Times New Roman'** with the font size of **12**.
- There shall be no endnotes in the entire document, the authorities must be cited within the main body of the judgment itself or can be footnoted by adhering to the 20th Bluebook citation format.
- A line spacing must be kept at **1.5** points, uniformly throughout the document.
- The document must be neatly bordered from all the 4 sides.
- Any verbatim copying of any part of the judgment or the legal provision must be italicized and written within inverted commas only.
- The margins of the document must be set in '**Normal**' leaving **1"** all four sides.
- The size of the document must be in '**A4**' size.

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES:

The judgment must be submitted online, through registered mail of the participants and should conform to the following guidelines:

- The judgment shall not exceed **10 pages,** including the cover page.
- The team is required to cite authorities similar to judgments of courts. The teams must adhere to the **20th Bluebook citation format**.
- The judgment shall conform to the format as mentioned below.
- The submission must be made in **both .doc and PDF format via the Google Form**.
- The name of the file should be the **name of author or name of one the co-authors**/in case of co-authorship followed by **an underscore and AJW21.** For example **- Michael Scott_AJW21**
- There is strict plagiarism policy with plagiarism limit is 15%.12

FORMAT OF THE JUDGMENT

- Every judgment must mandatorily incorporate the points mentioned below, in the body of the judgment, failing which the participants may attract deductions:

I. First Page.
II. Name of the Court.
III. Title, Number of the Case.
IV. Date of Delivery of Judgement.
V. Nature of the Case(s) (Civil/Criminal/Writ)
VI. Any other relevant information team wishes to incorporate on first page to Judgements of the Indian Courts.
VII. Facts / History & Procedural History of the Petition / Suit / Appeal.
VIII. Admissibility / Maintainability of Petitions / Suits / Appeals.
IX. Issues & Points for Determination.
X. Framing Specific Questions for determination.
XI. Reference to Precedents, Other Sources (both authoritative & persuasive).
XII. Decision on issues framed or points formulated.
XIII. Decretal / Operative Part.

EVALUATION CRITERIA

- The judgment shall be evaluated on the following parameters:

a) Adherence to Format the Judgement 10 Marks
b) Adherence to the Formatting Guidelines 10 Marks
c) Clarity & Coherence in the Language 10 Marks
d) Inclusion & Interpretation of Facts 10 Marks
e) Identification of Issues involved 10 Marks
f) Application of Legal Provisions 10 Marks
g) Ratio Decidendi & Justification of choice for the final decision 10 Marks
h) Arguments from both parties. 10 Marks
i) Suggestive improvements in Indian law perspective 10 Marks

j) Sentencing and innovation in interpretation 10 marks

DEADLINE OF SUBMISSION

- The judgment is to be submitted via the google form in both **doc.x and pdf** latest by **11:59 P.M. IST**, **August 14, 2021**.
- In case of multiple submissions, the last submission by the participant before the deadline will be considered for evaluation and any submission received after the deadline shall not be considered for evaluation, and the team shall be disqualified.

CLARIFICATIONS:

- The Participating teams can request for clarifications to the proposition on or before August 14, 2021, by sending an email to

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SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES:

- The organizing committee and the host college shall have the final discretion in case of any dispute amongst the teams or any dispute regarding the results of the competition.
