



ILS Centre for Arbitration and Mediation (ILSCA)
1st National Arbitration Award Writing Competition
18th February 2019

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Introduction

The ILS Centre for Arbitration and Mediation is organising its 1st Arbitral Award Writing Competition on the 18th of February, 2019. The main objective of the Competition is to enable the participants to sharpen their research and writing skills in the field of arbitration. Further, the objective of the competition is to provide law students an opportunity to draft an arbitral award and thereby acquire an in-depth idea about Arbitration. It is the aim of the organizers to encourage the young legal minds of India to opt for an Alternative form of Dispute Resolution i.e. Arbitration. The participants will witness in the first half of the day, senior advocates practicing in the field of arbitration argue the case from both the sides in the mock arbitration session prior to the competition. On the basis of the same, the participants will have to write an arbitral award in the second half of the day. The award will be assessed by experts in the field.

Competition Brief

Program of the competition is as follows:

- Case for the competition will be circulated a week before the competition. This year's theme is '**Construction Arbitration**'.
- The brief consisting of other documents, will be circulated a day or two before the day of the competition.

- Practicing senior counsels will argue the matter before an arbitrator. Participants will hear these arguments. The arbitrator will respond to questions from participants. Participants will write the award.

Writing the award

Keeping in mind the novelty of such an event, ILSCA has organized a **one-day training program on 17th February, 2019** for participants to understand the workings of an arbitration. The basic training is designed to provide an understanding to the participants with the proceedings, practice and procedures applicable to an arbitration. The training will also shed light on drafting an arbitration clause and arbitral award. Participants who wish to participate in the Award Writing Competition must compulsorily attend this Training Program. This training is a prelude to the arbitration award writing competition.

This training on the 17th of February will cover the following topics;

- (i) Writing of arbitration clause
- (ii) Drafting of pleadings which includes:
 - 1) Submissions and drafting of Submissions
 - 2) Reply and general format of Replies
 - 3) Evidence affidavit before an arbitrator i.e. Affidavit in lieu of Evidence
 - 4) Cross and Chief questions and their format
 - 5) Expert testimony and Arbitration
 - 6) Interim award related pleadings
- (iii) Consideration for drafting arbitral award.

Prizes: Two best awards will receive cash prizes.

Schedule of the competition

Distribution of case: 12th February 2019, Will be available on college website- www.ilslaw.edu

Distribution of other documents: 15th February 2019, Will be available on college website- www.ilslaw.edu

Competition: 18th February 2019 – 2 p.m. to 5 p.m., Lunch will be provided to participants.

Rules for Registrations for the Competition

1. The registration for the Arbitration Award Competition will be open till **14th February 2019**. The Registration link is available on www.ilslaw.edu
2. The selected Applicants shall pay the Registration fee of Rs. 3,500/- (inclusive of GST). The payment is to be done by accessing this link- www.ilslaw.edu
3. The registration for the competition shall be deemed complete only on the payment of registration fees.
4. The Participants are expected to carry a physical copy of the payment receipt along with their respective college ID cards on the day of the competition. Failure to do the same shall result in disqualification.
5. The Participants will be allotted a particular Participant Code and they shall be identified with their respective codes only. Any disclosure of their identity by them till the completion of the Competition thereafter shall lead to their disqualification.

Eligibility Criteria

1. Any student from a Law College or Law University of India may participate in the Competition;
 - 5-years course law student
 - 3-years course law student
 - LL.M. course student
2. No restriction is placed on the number of students representing from each university/ institution.
3. The Competition is not open to Teams and only individuals are allowed to participate.

Other rules for the competition

1. The award should be based on the training provided on the previous day, the mock arbitration session conducted before the competition, and the arguments put forth by lawyers; and the interventions by the arbitrator.
2. The Award should be creative, innovative and legally and logically sound. There is no specific format and therefore it shall be written as a flowing narrative. The Participants are further expected to write an award on an issue by issue basis and their respective arguments.

3. The Participants will have the privilege of authoring an arbitral award in favor of either the claimant or the respondent. However, such decision shall be reasoned, and analyzed properly.
4. The above-mentioned points are merely directive in nature and it shall be open for the participants to write an arbitral award using their discretion within the boundaries of the prescribed rules of the competition.
5. On the day of the competition, the participants will witness the arguments from both the sides of the problem. The participants will be deemed as arbitrators and hence are expected to listen to the arguments from both the sides and shall be given an opportunity to clarify their doubts in relation to the case problem after the arguments are presented.
6. After, the said Question & Answer session, participants will be given a time of 3 hours in total to do a further research and write the final arbitral award.
7. It shall be open for the participants to access the online research portals. Furthermore, the library of ILS Law College shall be made available to the participants to facilitate their research.
8. The Participants are expected to apply their mind to the facts of the case and write the most legally sound arbitral award.
9. Participants may bring and use their own laptops or any other reference material. Participants will be allowed to use the college library. Please bring an ID proof along, for entry into the library.
10. The award must be written by hand and completed within the time provided.
11. Basic stationery will be provided to students to write the award. Students should write on the stationery provided only.
12. Anyone found to have prepared award in advance will be disqualified from the competition.
13. Decision of the Organizing Committee shall be final in relation to any conflict in the interpretation of the aforesaid rules.
14. Participants who enroll but do not turn up at the competition, or do not effectively complete their award will not be refunded any fee paid.
15. **Language:** Award must be written in English.
16. **Duration:** 3 hours
17. **Dress code:** Formal (White and black).

Marking Scheme:

S. No.	Criteria	Marks
1.	Statement of facts	20
2.	Statement of case of each party and incorporation of arguments	20
3.	Reasoning of the award	20
4.	Form, organization and structuring	15
5.	Language, clarity and precision	15
6.	Relief and orders	10
Total Marks : 100		

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