



2nd GNLU – ONGC International Essay Competition on International Contracts

Theme: 'Identifying and Comparing the trends in International Contract Laws and Probing the Critical Issues for Multinational Contracting Parties'

The 2nd edition of the GNLU – ONGC International Essay Competition on International Contracts is being organized for the year 2015 on the theme ***“Identifying and Comparing the trends in International Contract Laws and Probing the Critical Issues for Multinational Contracting Parties”***. The essay competition this year aims to provide a platform for the students of law to express their views on various aspects and trends of International Contract Laws across the world so that the students are encouraged to provide a comparative view on these current trends and also identify the critical issues facing the international transactions or more importantly between multinational contracting parties. The sub-themes of the competition further ensure to provide global relevance and encourage the participants to analyze and convey their thoughts and probable solutions on the given topics.

Sub-Topics / Sub-Themes:

- The UNIDROIT Principles of International Commercial Contracts and its role in multinational contracting
- Standard Forms of Contracts, its adaptation across the world and the International Transactions
- Distinctions between Civil and Common Law with respect to Contract Laws across the globe
- Reasonableness of a Contract: An overview in various countries of the world
- Issues pertaining to International Transactions and the role of multinational entities
- Problems of International Trade / Transaction of Goods / Services: Remedies to the issues pertaining to cross border transactions
- Role of the United Nations and other international regulatory bodies in cross border transactions
- Protection of interest / rights of the multinational contracting parties: The role of UNCISG / UNCITRAL
- Formation and Enforcement of Trade Contracts and its Problems in the light of International Trade
- International Commercial Contracts and Protection of the Interests of Multinational Contracting Parties
- Jurisdictional issues in International Transactions, The Contract Law and the rights of contracting parties

Eligibility:

The competition is open to all students from India and/or abroad, pursuing full time undergraduate or post graduate Law Programme from a recognized University/College/Institution.

Guidelines for Submission:

- The essays must be submitted in English Language only.
- The essays should be typed in Times New Roman, Font Size 12 with line spacing of 1.5.
- The margins should be 1” or 2.54 cm on all sides.
- The footnotes must be in Times New Roman, Font size 10 and line spacing of 1.
- The citation must be according to OSCOLA Format (http://www.competition-law.ox.ac.uk/published/OSCOLA_Guide.pdf or Harvard Bluebook 19th Edition.
- The minimum word limit for the essay is 3000 words and maximum word limit is 5000 words (including footnotes).
- The essay can be co-authored (maximum number 2); however, each participant has to register separately.
- Multiple entries by the same author are not permitted.
- Only original work is invited and any kind of plagiarism will lead to disqualification.
- The essays published elsewhere or selected for publication shall be disqualified.
- The essays can be sent in ‘.doc’ or ‘.docx’ format only.
- The participants are required to send the following details in a separate word document along with the essay with a covering letter:

Name:

Address:

Name of the College / Institute / University:

Programme Enrolled & Year:

Email:

Contact No.:

- Scanned Copy of College / University ID Card must also be sent along with the submission.

Deadline for submission:

The essays must be submitted in soft copy and sent by email to essay@gnlu.ac.in with the subject line ‘2nd GNLU – ONGC International Essay Competition on International Contracts’ on or before 10th August 2015.

Declaration of Result:

The winners will be notified by email and on the GNLU website on 1st September 2015.

Prizes:

1st Prize: Rs. 7,000/-

2nd Prize: Rs. 5,000/-

3rd Prize: Rs. 3,000/-

Certificates will be issued to the Winners as well as to all participants.

Important Note:

- The essays submitted shall be the property of Gujarat National Law University.
- A Committee of Experts shall be the Jury to select the winning entries.
- The top 3 essays may be published in the Journal of GNLU.
- GNLU reserves the rights to modify any of the terms and conditions as it deems fit.
- GNLU reserves the right to cancel, defer, or postpone indefinitely, the competition in the event of the accruing of any incident, natural or man-made.
- The participants shall agree to indemnify GNLU from and against any claims, suits and damages based on any claim of copyright infringement or plagiarism or unauthorized use.
- The decision of the Committee or Jury with regard to the competition, eligibility, submissions, selection criteria, results, or any other matter shall be final and binding.