



Faculty of Legal Sciences
Organizes
**2nd Leila Seth Memorial Inter - University Judgment Writing
Competition 2023**

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Shoolini University of Biotechnology & Management Science
Solan (H.P.) India- 173229

BIOGRAPHY OF JUSTICE LEILA SETH:

Leila Seth was born in October 1930 in Lucknow and was the first woman to top the London Bar exam in 1958. She joined the bar in 1959. In the same year she also graduated as an IAS officer. Upon topping the Bar in England, Seth was referred to as “Mother-in-Law” by a London newspaper, which carried a photograph of a young and attractive Leila Seth with her infant son, born only a few months before the exams. At the same time, other newspapers expressed their grief about how out of 580 students who took the Bar Exam, a married woman topped it. In 1978, she was appointed as the first woman judge on the Delhi High Court. In 1991, she was appointed the Chief Justice of Himachal Pradesh.

Justice Seth was also a part of various enquiry commissions, one of which was responsible for studying the effects of the television serial, Shaktiman (about a popular superhero) on children. Shaktiman was a popular TV series for children and it was the center of controversy because many children set themselves on fire or threw themselves off buildings hoping that Shaktiman would come and rescue them. Justice Seth was also part of an enquiry into the death of businessman Rajan Pillai, known as the “Biscuit Baron”, who was found dead in police custody. She was also part of the Law Commission of India till 2000, and was responsible for the amendments to the Hindu Succession Act which gave equal rights to daughters in joint family property. She was also part of the judicial committee headed by J. S. Verma, a former Judge of Supreme Court, to suggest amendments to criminal law to sternly deal with sexual assault cases following the Nirbhaya case.

Leila Seth's autobiography was published by Penguin India in 2003. In *On Balance*, she talks about her early years of homelessness and struggle, her straying into law while in England with her husband Prem, and later practicing in Patna, Calcutta and Delhi; and her happy marriage of over fifty years, including the experience of bringing up three remarkable children: writer Vikram Seth, peace activist Shantum and film-maker Aradhana. Also dwelt upon are her views regarding corruption, discrimination and delay in the legal system; some judgments dealing with education and with inter-personal and constitutional law; and her experiences as a member of the 15th Law Commission.

ABOUT THE SHOOLINI UNIVERSITY

Shoolini University derives its name from *Maa Shoolini*. Shoolini means ‘*the root of knowledge, wisdom, creation, preservation and annihilation*’. Shoolini University is a *root of knowledge* through extensive research, *wisdom* through new initiatives, *creation & preservation* through patent filing and *annihilation* by introducing disruption through technology and innovative approaches to curriculum.

The Founder and Chancellor Dr. P.K Khosla establish Shoolini University with a **vision to be a Global top 200 university**. At present, the University as a young and research-focused university founded and run by academicians is UGC approved, NAAC & NBA accredited along with World and Asian University Rankings.

According to the **QS World University Ranking 2023**, Shoolini University is positioned 801 - 1000 globally and ranked 431 globally in citation per faculty member. According to **QS Asian University Ranking 2022**, Shoolini University is positioned 251-260 in Asia and ranked as best private university. Ranked 1st in India in citation per paper by **QS Asian University Ranking 2022**.

Shoolini University secured **Diamond University Rating** by **QSI-Gauge, 2022**, for Platinum Innovation, Governance and Structure, Social Responsibility and Facilities and ranked 89 among all the India University by **NIRF 2023**. **SCIMAGO Ranking 2023** positioned university 17th among all India Institutions and ranked 18 among all India Institutions in **Nature Research Index**. According to **h-index**, Shoolini University is ranked second among all India Private Universities established since 2009.

The **Impact Rankings 2022**, ranked university between 101-200, ranked 2nd in SDG7: Affordable and clean Energy and 6th in clean water and Sanitation. Shoolini University is an “**excellent band**” in **Atal Rankings** for Institutions on Innovation and Achievements. University is also Ranked 3rd in India among all academic institution in **patent filing by the India Patent Office 2019**.

ABOUT SCHOOL OF LAW

School of law is the youngest department at the Shoolini University founded in year 2017.

School of Law is committed to perfection in teaching, learning and research. It aims to create pioneers in the field of law who can make a difference with their high impact analytical skills and innovative talent both at Bar and Bench.

School of law brings together various disciplines of law and integrative studies in a thriving academic environment with Ph.D in Human Rights, Ph.D in Legal Sciences, and Ph.D in Cyber Law, Ph.D in IPR, Ph.D in ADR, LL.M one year Program, LL.B and BA. LL.B.

The School of Law provides opportunities to study from top legal luminaries, guide with ample of opportunities to participate in moot courts and Legal Aid clinics & MUNs.

About 2nd Leila Seth Memorial Inter-University Judgment Writing Competition:

The Concept of Judgment Writing has been prevalent for quite some time in the legal fraternity. A participant is encouraged to think like a Judge and reach a well-reasoned and innovative conclusion to render a suitable Judgment. The participants are expected to base their judgments on a thorough and diligent appreciation of the factual matrix. The competition encourages innovative judgments that have meticulously examined and applied relevant legal concepts.

Format of the Judgment:

a) Cover Page: This page should consist of the following essentials:

- Unique Participation Code (top right corner)
- Name of the Competition
- Name of the Court
- Case Number
- Name of the Parties: (for e.g., ABC v. Union of India).
- Advocates appearing on the behalf of the Parties
- **Note: Any hypothetical name, for the purposes of this point, could suffice.*
- Presiding Officer
- Date of Delivery of Judgment

b) Body:

- Precise Facts of the Case
- Issues to be determined
- Arguments of the two Parties
- Statements of the Witnesses and Evidence Produced (if any)
- Analysis of the Arguments, Evidence and Conclusion based on the relevant facts.

c) Conclusion:

- Decision of the court based on the analysis of the law and evidence
- Reasons for the decision.
- Statement of the court on awarding of the remedy/order/Sentence.
- The Judgment was written and read over in open court on Date.

d) The Judgment must be submitted as follows:

- i. Language- English
- ii. Page limit – Max. 12 - 15Page.
- iii. Page numbers – bottom center

vi. The citation methodology to be followed is Bluebook (20th Ed.)

Evaluation Criteria:

Each Judgment shall be assessed individually and independently by 3 Judges. Judges shall be from legal fraternity (Professors from esteemed institutions, Advocate or Retired Judge). Every draft will be marked on a maximum of 100 (one hundred) marks by each judge on the basis of criteria mentioned in the rules.

Marks distribution for the judgment shall be as follows:

Sr. No.	Criteria	Marks
1	Enumeration of Facts & Identification of issues	15
2	Statement of contents	20

3	Citing of relevant laws viz. Case laws, statutes and opinion of jurist	20
4	Format, Presentation, style, Clarity, appearance and overall impression	20
5	Critical analysis, Analytical reasoning and Conclusion	25
	Total	100

Registration Process:

Whoever wants to register for the competition please register through the given registration link.

Note:

Registration starts: 15th September, 2023

Last Date of registration: 30th September, 2023

Last Date for payment of fee: 30th September, 2023

Registration fee: 750 /- (Excluding boarding and lodging).

Registration Link: <https://forms.gle/CVfAHTorNtXEHggs9>

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