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**Dear Sir/ Madam,**

The Centre for Criminal Laws of Government Law College, Ernakulam is organizing an All India Trial Advocacy Competition from 17 January, 2025 to 19 January, 2025. The Problem, rules and regulations are enclosed herewith.

We, the Principal, Faculty, Staff and Students of the Government Law College, Ernakulam have the honour and privilege to invite you to participate in the competition. The Confirmation of registration of the team from your esteemed institution shall be made on or before 27 December, 2024 through the google form enclosed herewith.

<u><b>Principal</b></u>	<u><b>Convenor</b></u>	<u><b>Co-ordinator</b></u>
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## ABOUT THE COLLEGE



**His Highness The Maharajas Government Law College, Ernakulam, is an iconic law school situated in the heart of the vibrant city of Kochi in Kerala. The college is situated on the banks of the enchanting Vembanad Lake and is near to Marine Drive and the High Court of Kerala. The institution, established in 1874, was the first law college in the state of Kerala and one of the earliest in the country. Today, the enchanting campus comprises stately buildings, a mix of old and modern architecture. The state-of-the-art library comprises 37,000+ volumes, 22 periodicals, and subscriptions to most online Journals. The college is a centre for graduate, postgraduate and doctoral legal education, offering courses in 3-year and 5-year LLB and LLM. These courses are recognised by the UGC, the Bar Council of India and affiliated to the Mahatma Gandhi University in Kottayam. The college has, over the years, produced several eminent jurists, distinguished senior lawyers, bureaucrats and other professionals who have made their mark not just in India, but across the world. Some of the illustrious alumni of this college include the former Chief Justice of India, Hon'ble Justice K. G. Balakrishnan, Judge of Supreme Court Justice K. M. Joseph, former Chief Justice of Kerala Justice K. K. Usha, former Advocate General of Kerala K. P. Dandapani, Padma Shree Prof. (Dr.) N. R. Madhava Menon, Padma Shree Mammooty and several others.**



# ABOUT THE CENTRE FOR CRIMINAL LAWS



The Centre for Criminal Laws at Government Law College, Ernakulam, is a dedicated academic body focusing on the study, research, and practical application of criminal law. Established in 2014-15 under the watchful eyes of the current Principal Dr. Bindu M. Nambiar, it has aligned with the college's vision of providing specialized legal education. The Centre aims to equip students with comprehensive knowledge and practical skills in criminal law, a field known for its complexity and dynamism.

In line with its objective of fostering practical learning, the Centre introduced its first National Trial Advocacy Competition in 2017, a pioneering initiative to enhance students' criminal trial skills. In its infancy, this competition was graced by prominent personalities such as the Honourable Justice K.T. Sankaran, the then Director of the National Judicial Academy, as well as the Honourable Justices B. Kemal Pasha, Abraham Mathew, and Sunil Thomas, who were serving as High Court Judges of Kerala at the time. They also officiated as judges during the competition.

Additionally, the Centre has organized seminars, workshops, and symposiums centered around criminal law, such as on Disability, Migrant labourers, Women Rights and Juvenile Justice, further reinforcing its commitment to the academic and practical development of future legal professionals in the field of criminal law.



## ABOUT THE COMPETITION

# ALL INDIA TRIAL ADVOCACY COMPETITION 2025

The All India Trial Advocacy Competition (AITA) is more than a competition; it embodies the college's enduring commitment to shape future leaders in the legal profession. Since its launch in 2017, it has provided young law students with a stage to step into the shoes of courtroom lawyers.

The first edition in 2017 was an extraordinary success, becoming one of India's premier platforms for trial advocacy while drawing immense participation from law schools across the nation. Building on this momentum, the upcoming second edition of AITA holds further significance as it commemorates 150 years of legacy and legal excellence that Government Law College, Ernakulam, has stood for.

Apart from honing advocacy skills, this event strives to nurture teamwork, strategic planning, and confidence. Furthermore, AITA aims to bridge theoretical knowledge with practical application, thereby preparing students for a career in litigation.





## **GOVERNMENT LAW COLLEGE, ERNAKULAM**

Park Avenue Road, Ernakulam, Kerala, Pin- 682011

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**Date: 12-12-2024**

**Respected Sir/ Madam,**

**The Government Law College, Ernakulam which is celebrating 150th year of its proud existence, announces, with greatest delight, the conduct of the 2nd All India Trial Advocacy Competition from 17th to 19th of January 2025 at the college premises. It is our immense pleasure and privilege to invite you to participate in this event.**

**We request your good self to send a team comprising of two speakers and a witness trainer representing your esteemed institution for participating in the competition. We would be obliged to you if you could confirm your participation on or before the 27th of December 2024 through Google Forms link provided in the regulations.**

**With the sesquicentennial backdrop, we are eagerly looking forward to hosting you at the Second All India Trial Advocacy Competition, 2025 at The Government Law College, Ernakulam.**

**Thanking You**

**Sd/-**

**Dr. Bindu M Nambiar Principal**



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**RULES AND REGULATIONS**

**1. THE COMPETITION**

The 2<sup>nd</sup> All-India Trial Advocacy Competition, 2025 [The Competition] would be held from the 17<sup>th</sup> to the 19<sup>th</sup> of January, 2025 at the Government Law College, Ernakulam, Park Avenue, Ernakulam, Kochi-682011

**2. AIM AND PURPOSE**

The Competition would be conducted for the purpose of nurturing and creating opportunities for developing the skills of cross examination and litigation in trial courts and for acquainting the trial proceedings to the law students.

**3. ELIGIBILITY**

- a. Members of the team must be **UNDERGRADUATE** students pursuing a recognized LL.B. programme (which may be a three-year course or a five-year course) from a Law College / Law School / Universities / Departments of Law [The Institution] in India recognized by the Bar Council of India.
- b. Only ONE team can register from a particular Institution for participation in the competition.

**4. TEAM COMPOSITION**

- a. Each team shall consist of a maximum of 3 members. The composition shall be of two speakers and one witness trainer. The team shall notify such an arrangement during the time of registration.
- b. Any subsequent changes shall be informed to the organizers, on or before 28 December 2024.



- c. Such a team shall not during any stage of the competition rearrange the position of its members to form any new combination.
- d. If a fourth member is brought by the teams, s/he shall not be permitted to sit with or assist the teams during the rounds. Certification shall not be awarded to the fourth member.
- e. No coach/assistant/person shall be permitted in the room during the conduct of the trial other than the participants.

## 5. REGISTRATION

- a. The teams will have to register themselves by completing and submitting the Registration Form through <https://forms.gle/XYwDEV54P64y45gE9> no later than 23:59 pm IST on 27th December, 2024.
- b. Registration after the given date shall not be accepted, under any circumstances.
- c. Registration Forms will have to be completed and submitted with all material particulars by the teams. Please note that incomplete Registration Forms shall not be accepted.
- d. The registration fee per team is INR 3000/-
- e. Upon completing the payment, a team shall attach the proof of payment as is provided for in the registration form. The registration fee is non-refundable.
- f. The following are the details of the bank account for payment of the registration fee:  
**Name of the Bank & Branch: PUNJAB NATIONAL BANK**  
**Account holder Name: MOOT CLUB GOVT. LAW COLLEGE ERNAKULAM**  
**Account Number: 4271000100107762**  
**IFSC Code: PUNB0427100**
- g. Upon successful completion and submission of the Registration Form, the team will receive an email from the Organizers informing them of their successful Registration. If such an email is not received by a team within 48 hours of their registration, a team may send an email with its registration details to **glcetrialsadvocacy@gmail.com** and a response will be sent by email by the Organizers within 3 (three) working days informing the team of its successful Registration.



h. The teams successfully registering online as aforesaid will be provided a Unique Registration Number ['URN'] which will be mentioned in the email informing the team of their registration. The email will be sent to the email address provided by the teams in the contact details forming part of the Registration Form.

i. Once each team has been provided the URN, this number will have to be mentioned by the team in all future communication(s) with the Organizers.

j. A maximum of 20 teams will be allowed to participate on a first come first serve basis.

## **6. STRUCTURE**

a. The Competition shall consist of the Preliminary, Quarter, Semi-Final and Final Rounds.

- Preliminary rounds: There will be two preliminary rounds per team, one for the prosecution and another for the defence. Each team will face a different bench in their second round of the competition. The draw of lots for the preliminary rounds will be made immediately after the inaugural function on 17 January 2025.

- The qualification to the quarter- finals will be based on the aggregate points of the prosecution and defence rounds in the preliminary rounds. Top 8 teams shall qualify to the quarter rounds.

- The winners of the quarter- finals will proceed to the semi- finals

- The winners of the semi-final will proceed to the Finals.

b. A team is NOT required to submit memorials in the competition.

c. The language of the Court shall strictly be English.

d. The institution shall provide witnesses. Teams may examine all or a minimum of 4 witnesses of the total number of witnesses listed herein within the stipulated time allotted to the respective teams.

e. Team should, before the commencement of the competition, notify the court officers, as to which of the witnesses they would examine in the course of trial. A team may withdraw any of the witnesses included in the list with the leave of the court.



f. The institution will generally brief the witnesses. However, the teams will have an opportunity to brief the witnesses. Witnesses to be briefed shall be assigned to the prosecution team 40 minutes prior and to the defence team 30 minutes prior, to the commencement of their respective rounds.

g. If a team scheduled to take part in a round does not appear for 10 minutes after the scheduled start of the round, a walkover shall be declared in favour of the team present.

## **7. TIMING**

### **a. Preliminary round timing:**

Each team will get 45 minutes to present their case. The maximum time allotted for each time will be divided in the following format :

• Opening statement of the prosecution	<b>05 minutes</b>
• Opening statement of the defence	<b>05 minutes</b>
• Examination in chief by the prosecution	<b>12 minutes</b>
• Cross examination by the defence	<b>20 minutes</b>
• Examination in chief by the defence	<b>12 minutes</b>
• Cross examination by the prosecution	<b>20 minutes</b>
• Closing statement of the Prosecution	<b>08 minutes</b>
• Closing statement of the defence	<b>08 minutes</b>

Each of the speakers shall conduct either the chief or the cross examination and deliver either the opening or closing statement. It is mandatory that each speaker shall compulsorily conduct examination and deliver either opening or closing statements. The order of speakers and the examination and statement they would present, is to be intimated by the teams before the commencement of the rounds and cannot be altered at any subsequent stage.



**b. Semi-final and final timing:**

Each team will get 55 minutes to present their case. The maximum time allotted for each time will be divided in the following

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| • Opening statement of the prosecution    | 05 minutes |
| • Opening statement of the defence        | 05 minutes |
| • Examination in chief by the prosecution | 15 minutes |
| • Cross examination by the defence        | 25 minutes |
| • Examination in chief by the defence     | 15 minutes |
| • Cross examination by the prosecution    | 25 minutes |
| • Closing statement of the Prosecution    | 10 minutes |
| • Closing statement of the defence        | 10 minutes |

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c. The judges shall have the discretion to exceed the time limit for each round, but shall not exceed 05 minutes.

## **8. SCORING**

a. The awards for the Best Trial Advocate, Second Best Trial Advocate, Best Witness trainer, Second Best Witness Trainer shall be determined on the basis of the marks awarded for the preliminary rounds

b. The Best Witness trainer and Second Best Witness Trainer shall be determined on the basis of an interview conducted on 17th of January, 2025. The team member designated as Witness Trainer shall only be allowed to participate in the interview.

c. A bench comprising TWO JUDGES selected from a panel of judges drawn from an array of judicial officers, advocates and academicians will preside over each of the Preliminary Rounds.



- d. A bench comprising THREE JUDGES selected from a panel of judges drawn from an array of judicial officers, advocates and academicians will preside over the Quarter Final and Semi Final Rounds.
- e. The Final round will be presided over by THREE JUDGES of the Hon'ble High Court of Kerala.
- f. Each court will assign marks to both individual participants and the team.
- g. The scoring parameters for oral rounds shall include
  - **Knowledge of facts**
  - **Logical reasoning, clarity and analysis of issues**
  - **Persuasiveness and defense to court**
  - **Understanding the laws of evidence and procedure**
  - **Timing in conducting the examinations**
  - **Eliciting favourable facts from witnesses**
  - **Innovative ideas**

## **9. SCHEDULE OF THE COMPETITION**

- a. Problem shall be released on 12 December, 2024
- b. Registration commences from 14 December, 2024
- c. The last date for registration will be on 27 December, 2024
- d. The team codes will be allotted by 30 December, 2024
- e. Last date for Clarification is 31 December, 2024
- f. Clarifications shall be released on 03 January, 2025
- g. Inaugural session will be held on 17 January, 2025
- h. Witness Trainer Interview will be held on 17 January, 2025
- i. The Preliminary Rounds and Quarters will be held on 18 January, 2025
- j. The Semi-Final and Final rounds will be held on 19 January, 2025
- k. Valedictory Session will be held on 19 January, 2025



## **10. AWARDS**

- Best Trial Advocacy team shall be awarded a merit certificate, trophy and a cash prize of INR 25000
- Second Best Trial Advocacy team shall be awarded a merit certificate, trophy and a cash prize of INR 15000
- Best Trial Advocate shall be awarded a merit certificate, trophy and a cash prize of INR 7500
- Second Best Trial Advocate shall be awarded a merit certificate, trophy and a cash prize of INR 5000
- Best Witness trainer shall be awarded a merit certificate, trophy and a cash prize of INR 7500
- Second Best Witness Trainer shall be awarded a merit certificate, trophy and a cash prize of INR 5000
- The Participation Certificates will be given to all participants.

## **11. MISCELLANEOUS**

- a. The dress code for the Competition shall be professional business attire and strictly black and white.
- b. In case of tie, the marks of the witness examination (examination in chief and cross examination) shall be referred to determine the qualifying team.
- c. Scouting: Teams will not be allowed to observe the oral round of other teams under any circumstances. It is strictly prohibited which may lead to disqualification. The researchers shall sit with the speakers at the time of orals and shall not attend the court session of any other team participating in the competition.
- d. The organizers will NOT provide accommodation and meals (excluding lunch during the days of competition) for the participating teams.



- e. A scanned copy of the travel plans of the teams shall be sent to [glcetrialladvocacy@gmail.com](mailto:glcetrialladvocacy@gmail.com) no later than 06th January 2025.
- f. The facilities in the library and the Cyber Station of the Government Law College, Ernakulam can be availed, but only for reference.
- g. Participants must use only their URN numbers for identification. The use of electronic devices such as laptops, tablets, or mobile phones is strictly prohibited during the rounds, including while the opposing team presents their arguments. Teams are advised to ensure their submissions are not reliant on electronic devices.
- h. Revealing the identity of a team's institution or its members during oral arguments or in the Memorial may result in disqualification at the sole discretion of the organizers.
- i. Compliance with the rules is mandatory. Any deviation may lead to disqualification, as determined by the organizers. The organizers will address any contingencies or grievances, and their decisions will be final. These rules are comprehensive but not exhaustive.

## 12. CLARIFICATIONS

Any clarifications regarding the competition may be sent to [glcetrialladvocacy@gmail.com](mailto:glcetrialladvocacy@gmail.com) with the subject "Request for clarification".

Clarifications through any medium other than emails i.e., Phone Calls / WhatsApp / SMS / DM on Instagram / Private messages on Facebook to organisers will not be entertained and taken into account.

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