



School of Law

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**NATIONAL PLEADING &
DRAFTING COMPETITION**

— Organised By —

Trial Advocacy and Litigation Centre

— In Collaboration with —

Centre for Constitutional Law Studies

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ABOUT BENNETT UNIVERSITY

The Times Group established Bennett University in 2016 with a vision to provide quality education and establish itself as one of the best private universities in India to impart interdisciplinary education. It was established by the Act of the State Legislature of Uttar Pradesh as a private university. The six schools with 30+ programs and 70+ leading specialisations in Engineering, Management, Media, Law, and Liberal Arts have positioned it as one of the top universities in India. This has made it a sought-after destination for fortune companies and leading corporates in a short period, picking talents with prominent placement records. The serene 68-acre campus is extremely popular among the students as the university encourages 'fun learning' and 'life outside the classroom' with a vision of innovation.

ABOUT SCHOOL OF LAW

Bennett University established the School of Law with a vision to strive for excellence in teaching, research, and advocacy towards Justice for all by shaping thought leaders in public policy of National and International dimensions. The school at present is offering B.A., LL.B.(Hons.), B.B.A., LL.B. (Hons.), LL.M., and Ph.D. programs and imbibes the best practices in terms of curriculum, pedagogy, and innovation in teaching methods. Invested and promoted by the largest media enterprise, the School of Law is committed to educating the pioneers of the future through leaders in the field of law, the ones who can think out loud and clear on matters of justice and progress.



About Trial Advocacy And Litigation Centre

The centre namely 'Trial Advocacy and Litigation Centre' is established with the purpose to promote research and awareness about the justice delivery system of the country. TALC is responsible for promoting research on various aspects of justice administration including role and function of the authorities involved and the processes and procedures to ensuring justice. It endeavours to provide in-depth understanding of the working of the justice administration to the students and work towards creating awareness about the rights and obligations of the all the stakeholders involved in the system.

About Centre for Constitutional Law Studies

The Centre aims to lead research in persistent and contemporary issues in Constitutional Law and Public Law (including Administrative Law) and political theory. It will seek to develop expertise in different methodologies and multi-disciplinary interests spreading across environmental studies, women & child rights, human rights, comparative public law, empirical socio-legal studies, and law and economics. Diverse concerns including issues of justice, violence, accountability, coercion and policy implementation can promote research at the Centre through various research projects, seminars, and critical approach towards social legal approach.



About Competiton

National PIL Drafting competition is an event or contest that encourages participants, typically law students or legal professionals, to create legal documents known as PILs. PILs are a crucial tool for promoting social justice and protecting the rights of citizens. Drafting a PIL requires a comprehensive understanding of legal principles, a deep knowledge of the subject matter, and strong drafting skills. The purpose of this competition is to explore different approaches to PIL drafting and to identify best practices that can help lawyers and activists enhance their skills. Public Interest Litigation is a specific type of legal action that addresses issues of public concern or interest. These competitions are designed to promote legal advocacy for the betterment of society by allowing participants to draft PILs on important social, environmental, or human rights issues. The primary goal of these competitions is to inspire participants to use their legal skills to address real-world problems, advocate for social justice, and contribute to positive societal change.

Theme

The Trial Advocacy and Litigation Centre was established to promote excellence in trial advocacy and litigation and to provide resources and support to those who practice law. The Centre's mission is to enhance the quality of understanding of the Criminal justice delivery system by providing education, training, and networking opportunities for trial lawyers.

This competition will provide a valuable learning opportunity for all participants and contribute towards the advancement of the legal profession

TOPIC: PIL ON THE RIGHT TO CLEAN AND GREEN ENVIRONMENT OF UNBORN CHILD

Competition Rules and Guidelines

Eligibility:

- The competition shall be open for the students currently pursuing their bachelor's degree in Law i.e. 3-Year LL.B. course or 5-Year LL.B. course from any recognized University/College in India.
- Only 24 teams for competition shall be entertained on A First come First serve basis

Team Composition:

- “Individual Participation” as well as “Participation in a team of two” is allowed.
- Participants from two different universities cannot form a team.
- The substitution of any Team Member is not allowed after the registration deadline except in extenuating circumstances and only with permission of the Organizer.

Registration and Payment:

- The participating teams can register themselves by filling out the Registration Form: <https://forms.gle/JDcWodYzUnehPFJJ6>
- Participants will need to register online, and a registration fee of Rs. 600 will be applied.
- **Payment Link:** <https://www.bennett.edu.in/bu-payments/>
- **USER ID - Sol_Constitution_Week**
- Participants are to select SOL CONSTITUTION WEEK, from the drop-down menu of purpose, on the payment portal.
- The payment screenshot must be attached to the registration form.
- After the successful registration, each participant or team shall be allotted a unique team code for further reference.
- The last day to register for the competition is 9th November 2023.
- All the queries and clarifications must be sent to the official mail ID of the organizers i.e. “tal.c.sol@bennett.edu.in” and the subject of the mail must read as “PIL COMPETITION QUERY”. No query without the subject “PIL COMPETITION QUERY” would be entertained.

Submission Guidelines

TOPIC

PIL drafts must be submitted in the prescribed format, on the topic i.e., **PIL on the Right to Clean and Green Environment of Unborn Child** by the specified deadline.

- If a participant/team wishes to submit any annexure to support his/her arguments contained in the Draft [for instance Reports, Commentaries, etc.] a compendium of all the relevant annexures must be prepared and should be sent along with the memorial or attached to the PIL Draft itself.
- All PIL drafts must be sent to the email address: talc.sol@bennett.edu.in and cc'ed to l20balb060@bennett.edu.in by 10th October 2023, 11:59 PM with the Subject of the email as “PIL Draft, Team Code”
- Any submission made after the deadline will not be considered for evaluation.
- Any submission with any name reference of the participant will be disqualified.
- This National PIL drafting competition is online.

CONTENTS OF THE PIL

The PIL is to be filed before the Supreme Court of India

The PIL Memorial must contain all of, and only, the following components:

1. Cover Page (Appropriate Court, Jurisdiction, Writ Petition Number, Title)
2. Synopsis of the Petition
3. Table of Content
4. Description of Parties
5. Jurisdiction
6. Statement of Facts
7. Statement of Issues
8. Grounds [Arguments Advanced]

9. Prayer for Relief
10. Closing Statements (Declaration, Notes)
11. Affidavit- Affidavit in support of the petition
12. Annexures (for e.g. photos, news report, statistical report, RTIs

- All the drafts must be submitted in both Microsoft Word Document format (.doc/.docx) and PDF Format (.pdf) [i.e. each team is required to send 2 files- One in MS Word format and one in PDF format].
- The body of the submissions must be in the font “Times New Roman” with font size 12, with line spacing of 1.5 and justified. (The Font size for the Headings can be formatted as per the choice of the participants)
- The Footnotes shall be in Times New Roman, size 10, single line spacing, justified. The participants must follow Bluebook Citation 20th Edition throughout their submission.

JUDGING CRITERIA

- Participants will be given a specific timeline to draft their PILs and submit them online.
- A panel of judges will evaluate the submissions based on the quality of research, legal arguments, and other criteria.
- The top 8 PIL drafts will be selected by our panel of judges. These drafts will be presented online in front of the judging panel.
- The judging panel will evaluate the submissions based on their formatting of the submission, clarity on the subject matter, originality and relevance, legal merit, research quality, and presentation skills.
- A particular position shall be given to only one team. In the event of a tie between two teams, the determination of ranks shall be done on the basis of (i) Knowledge of law and facts of the proposition.
(ii) Proper and articulate analysis.
(iii) Extent and use of research.

Synopsis of PIL

1. In the bustling metropolis of Delhi NCR, Jane Doe, a resilient woman in her third trimester of pregnancy, finds herself abruptly gripped by a stroke. Perplexed by this unforeseen health scare, she seeks medical counsel to uncover the root cause. To her dismay, the doctor attributes the stroke to the detrimental atmospheric conditions and high levels of air pollutants prevalent in the region.

2. The doctor's solemn explanation about the potential risks — stroke, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, cancers of the respiratory system, aggravated asthma, and lower respiratory infections — intensifies her worries. Faced with the alarming revelation that both short- and long-term exposure to air pollution can provoke a spectrum of illnesses, endangering not just her own health but also that of her unborn child, Jane is stricken with concern.

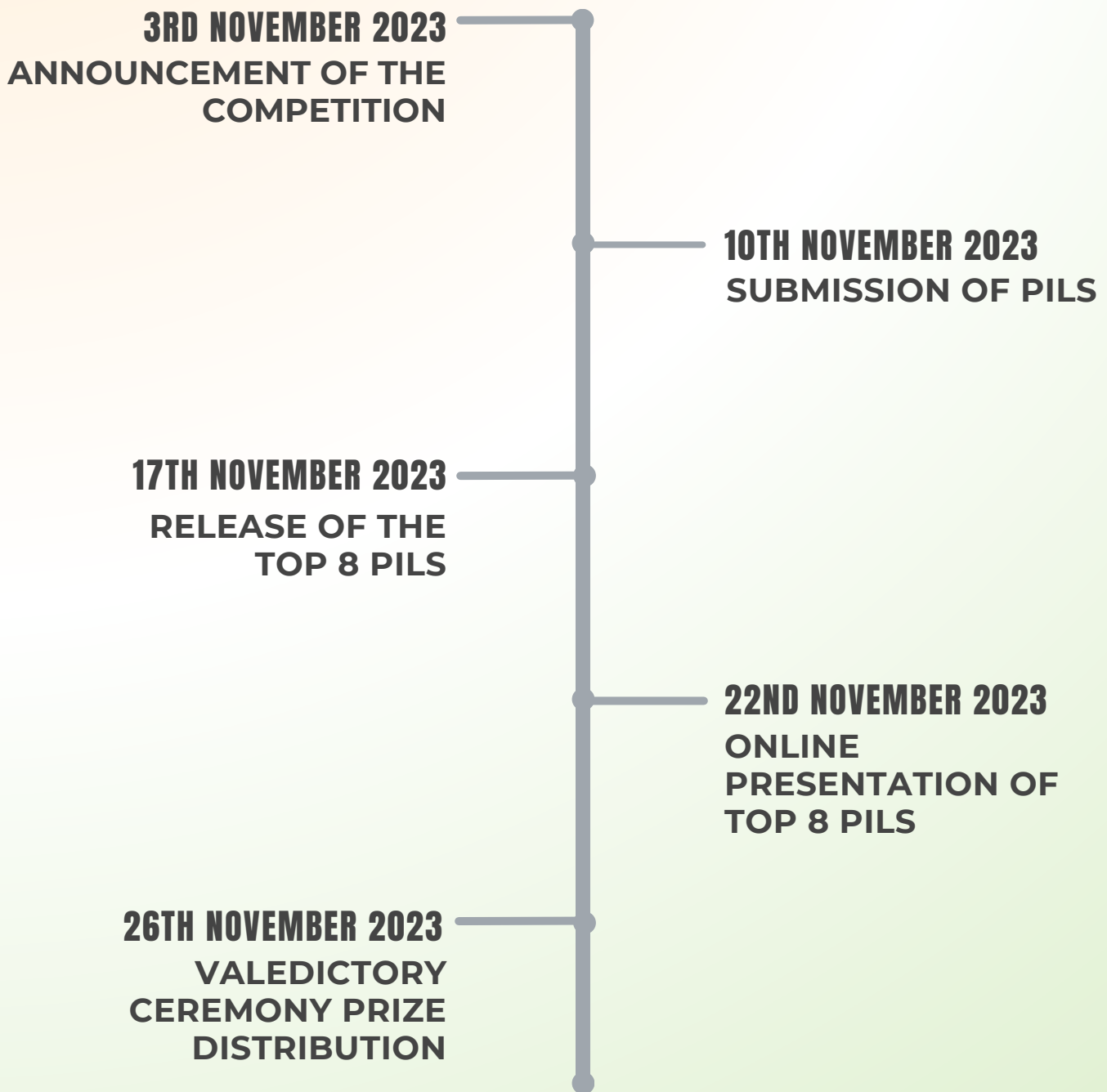
3. Driven by a mother's instinct to protect her child's well-being, Jane resolves to take a stand. With the unwavering support of the environmental advocacy group "Environment for Baby," she embarks on a journey to seek justice through a Public Interest Litigation (PIL). Their collective goal is to challenge the status quo and advocate for the fundamental right of every unborn child to a clean and green environment.

4. The PIL aims to hold authorities accountable for failing to ensure a safe and healthy environment, urging systemic changes and stringent measures to mitigate air pollution. Through this legal pursuit, Jane becomes the voice for countless unborn children whose futures are imperiled by the adverse environmental conditions.

5. Jane's courageous endeavour through the PIL not only signifies a fight for justice but also serves as an inspiration for a society determined to build a cleaner, safer world for generations to come.

TIMELINE

HAVE A LOOK BELOW FOR ANY KEY DATES
AND INFORMATION REGARDING THIS
COMPETITION



PRIZES AND AWARDS

Prizes will be awarded to the winners, including prize worth of Rs. 10,000.

1. Winner – Rs. 5000 Worth
2. Runner Up – Rs. 3000 Worth
3. Best Petition – Rs. 2000 Worth

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