

SURANA & SURANA INTERNATIONAL ESSAY COMPETITION, 2018

MEDIA AND COMMUNICATION LAWS: NATIONAL & INTERNATIONAL PERSPECTIVES

Organized by

Ramaiah College of Law, Bengaluru

in collaboration with

Surana & Surana International Attorneys, Chennai.

Rules and Guidelines for the Essay Competition

1. Eligibility Criteria

- The Competition is open to the students who are pursuing their B.A.LLB./LL.M./Ph.D./M.Phil. or any other Undergraduate or Master courses (other than Law) in any university across the world.
- If any student of the RCL is positioned amongst the top three, he/she will not be eligible for the top three prizes but will be felicitated in recognition of his/her performance with a special prize by Surana & Surana International Attorneys, Chennai at the valedictory function.

2. Themes for the Essay

The themes for the Essay Competition are:

- Media and Communication Law vis-à-vis Data Protection
- Media and Communication Law vis-à-vis Censorship
- Media and Communication Law vis-à-vis Sports
- Media & Communication Law vis-à-vis Privacy Issue

3. Guidelines for Submission

- The essay must be written in English.
- Only one submission is allowed per author. (Submissions both as co-author and single will be treated as multiple submissions. In case of such submissions the single submission will be

rejected and disqualified as an entry to the competition)

- Co-authorship to a maximum of two authors is permitted.
- The essays will be scrutinized through **anti-plagiarism software**. Only original essays will be considered for the competition. No part of it should have been published earlier nor should it be under consideration for publication or a contest elsewhere. Moreover, any form of plagiarism will result in disqualification of the essay. Neither RCL nor Surana & Surana International Attorneys, Chennai will be responsible for the act of plagiarism.
- Identification mark must not be found in any part of the essay.
- Registration form is to be sent along with the essay. The registration form must be signed and sealed by the Head of the Institution/University. (Available in download form on RCL Website). In case of unavailability of the head of the institution any senior faculty may sign the same. Or you may send the scanned copy of your Identity Card.
- In case of co-authors separate Registration Forms shall be sent for each.

Length of the essay

- The submission shall consist of an abstract and essay.
- The abstract should not be more than 200 words inclusive of title and keywords.
- The essay should not be more than 2000-2500 words (excluding footnotes, abstract).
- Footnotes must conform to the authoritative standard rules of legal citation and must include a description of each authority adequate enough to allow a reasonable reader to identify and locate the authority in a publication of general circulation.

Format requirement

Font Style	Times New Roman
Font Size	12 (Main Text); 10 (Footnotes)
Line Spacing	1.5 (Main Text); 1(Footnotes)
Margin	1” on all sides
Page Number	page “a of y” on right side of the page
File Name	Name of Author + Title of Paper
File Format	.doc/.docx
Citation	Bluebook (19th ed.)

Electronic Submission

- The participants should send the following attachments via E-mail.
- Essay in MS Word format with subject “RCL Essay Writing Competition”- Name of Author (s)
- Registration form
- Cover page containing name of participant(s), address, e-mail-id, contact number and name of college/university with address and class.
- Submission must be mailed at seminar@msrcl.org

4. Declaration of Results & Prizes

- All entries received for the competition will be evaluated by a Screening Committee and the top 25 entries will be sent to the Jury for the selection of the winners.
- The First Prize shall comprise of Surana & Surana Award Cash Prize of 25,000 and a certificate.
- The Second Prize shall comprise of Surana & Surana Award Cash Prize of 15,000 and a certificate.
- The Third Prize shall comprise of Surana & Surana Award Cash Prize of 10,000 and a certificate.
- The name of the winner will be displayed on the RCL Website. Separate intimation will also be sent to each of the winner. The winners will be given the prizes on the Prize distribution function, the exact date and location of which is to be announced later. Certificate of Participation will be awarded to all the participants.
- To avoid delay, scanned copy certificate will be emailed to all participants followed by its postal dispatch.

5. Important Dates

Last date for receiving the submission through E-mail.	31 st July, 2018
Declaration of results	November, 2018

6. Advisory Committee

Dr. S. Ravichandran

Head Academic Initiatives

Surana & Surana International Attorneys, Chennai.

Professor (Dr.) Manjusree Mishra

Principal

Ramaiah College of Law, Bengaluru.

7. Publication

- Top 15 papers will be published in the form of an edited book with an ISBN No. The list of these selected papers will be displayed on the RCL website. Author (s) of the selected essay will be given a consolation prize of 1000/- each along with the certificate of publications (except the top three winners of the competition).

8. Miscellaneous

- The administration of the contest for the purpose of determining the eligibility of a participant or essay, standard of essay, evaluation of essays and awarding of the prizes is within the sole and absolute discretion of RCL.
- RCL assumes no responsibility for delayed or incomplete entries or technical malfunction or server, traffic congestion or a combination thereof.
- Certificates not collected in person during the prize distribution ceremony will be posted at the respective authors university address only. RCL takes no responsibility for postal delay or damage.
- The rights of submitted essays including rejected and disqualified submissions will vest with Surana & Surana International Attorneys, Chennai and Ramaiah College of Law.

9. Evaluation Criteria

a. Understanding of Legal Issues:

Does the essay demonstrate understanding of the relevant legal issues?

b. Individuality of perspectives:

Does the essay show evidence of independent thinking on the part of the author(s)?

c. Quality of Analysis:

- Are the principle questions raised in the essay justified?
- Are the arguments logical and persuasive?
- Have counterclaims been considered?
- Are the assumptions of the essay if made, justified and proper?

d. Quality of Research:

- Good
- Average
- Poor

e. Suggestions & Recommendations:

Whether an appropriate solution or recommendation is made out at the end of the essay.

11. Contact Information

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REGISTRATION FORM

Title of the Essay:

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Name of the Participant (in Capital Letters):.....

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Single author or Co-author:.....

Male/Female:.....

Date of Birth:.....

Qualification:.....

Name of the University/Institution:.....

Correspondence Address:.....

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City:.....

State:.....

Pin Code:

Contact Number:

Email:

Signature of the Participant

Signature & Seal of the Head of the Institution