



1st GNLU – ONGC International Essay Competition on International Contracts

Theme: Recent Trends in International Contract, Jurisdictional Issues and the Global Commercial and Investment Governance

The 1st ONGC – GNLU International Essay Competition on International Contracts on the theme “Recent Trends in International Contract, Jurisdictional Issues and the Global Commercial and Investment Governance” attempts to provide a platform for the law students for expressing their views on various aspects of International Contract and recent developments taking place across the globe in international transactions. The sub-themes / topics of the competition ensure to provide global relevance and encourage the participants to analyze and convey their thoughts and probable solutions on the topics.

Sub-Topics / Sub-Themes:

- Does the United Nations play any meaningful role or live up to the expectations of large majority of developing nations in the International Contract Formation?
- Cross-border transactions and role of UNCITRAL
- The UNCISG & UNCITRAL and International Trade Contracts
- Recognition and validity of Electronic Contracts: Legislative Landscape in common law and civil law countries
- Consumer Interest and Electronic Contracts: An Urgent Need for International Protocol
- International Regulations in Punitive Sanctions for the Breach of Contract
- Enforcement of awards resulting from dispute settlement of international contracts in Indian Courts
- Jurisdictional Issues in Settlement of Disputes of International Contracts: Latest Global Issues and Challenges
- International Commercial Contracts and Protection of the Interests of Parties: A Sector Approach, i.e Infrastructure, Maritime Employment, Manufacturing Goods, Multimodal Transportation
- Level playing field in negotiation and conclusion of international contracts between industrialised and developing countries
- Important trends from the case-law of OECD countries and learning lessons for developing countries

- International Contracts in Oil and Gas Sectors: Best Practices for the Public Sector Undertakings of India
- Can tangible, realistic and measurable yardsticks constituting the Sustainable Development or Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) be made mandatory element of international contracts?
- Importance of professional ethics and values in drafting, negotiating and concluding international contracts – Best Practices
- The role of Good Faith and Fair Dealing in International Contracts

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 ideally 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.
- 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 id:

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 jaston@gnlu.ac.in with the subject line '1st GNLU – ONGC International Essay Competition on International Contracts' on or before 25th March 2014.

Declaration of Result:

The winners will be notified by email and on the GNLU website on 15th April 2014.

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 shall 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.