

# **National Book Review Writing and Case Comment Competition 2016**

**Organized by**

**Literary & Debating Committee**

**Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law, Punjab**

## **ABOUT THE RGNUL, PUNJAB**

**Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law (RGNUL), Punjab**, was established by the State Legislature of Punjab by passing the Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law Punjab Act, (Punjab Act No. 12 of 2006). The Act incorporated a University of Law of national stature in Punjab, thereby fulfilling the need for a Centre of Excellence in legal education in the modern era of globalization and liberalization.

## **ABOUT THE COMPETITION**

Literary and Debating Committee (LDC), RGNUL is pleased to announce its 1<sup>st</sup> National Book Review and Case Comment Competition. This event will test your analytical skills and prowess in reviewing a book and Landmark Cases. We agree that every book and Case has multiple facets, but for the purposes of this competition, only the legal analysis will be taken into account.

## **Rules and Guidelines for the Competition**

### **ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA**

The Competition is open to the students who are pursuing their B.A.LL.B./LL.M./Ph.D. or any other Undergraduate or Master courses (other than Law) in any university.

### **LIST OF BOOKS FOR BOOK REVIEW**

1. Legal Confidential: Adventures of an Indian Lawyer - Ranjeev C. Dubey (2015)
2. India's Legal System: Can it be Saved? (Interrogating India), S. Fali Nariman. (2006)
3. Offend, Shock or Disturb: Free Speech Under the Indian Constitution, Gautam Bhatia (2016)
4. The Turn of the Tortoise: The Challenge and Promise of India's Future, T N Ninan. (2015)
5. Before Memory Fades: An Autobiography, Fali S. Nirman (2012)
6. Maverick Unchanged, Unrepentant, Ram Jethmalani (2014)
7. Wings of Fire: An Autobiography, A.P.J. Abdul Kalam
8. Legends in Law - Our Great Forebears, Pai, V. Sudhish (2013)
9. A Textbook of Medical Jurisprudence & Toxicology, Jaising P. Modi (2015)
10. Law and Practice of Alternative Dispute Resolution in India - A Detailed Analysis, Anirban Chakraborty (2015)
11. The Upside Down Book of Nuclear Power: With Musings on Energy, Saurav Jha (2012)
12. Media Law and Ethics, M. Neelamalar (2009)

## LIST OF CASES FOR CASE COMMENT

1. Shreya Singhal v. Union of India AIR 2015 SC 1523
2. G. Sundarrajan v. Union of India and others (2013) 6 SCC 620
3. Kunal Saha v. Sukumar Mukherjee (2011) 13 SCC 98
4. ABC vs. State (NCT of Delhi) AIR 2015 SC 2569
5. Novartis AG v. Union Of India (2013) 6 SCC 1
6. Laxmi v. Union of India & Others (2014) 4 SCC 427
7. Lily Thomas v. Union of India (2013) 7 SCC 653
8. Voluntary Health Association of Punjab v. Union of India AIR 2013 SC 1571
9. Animal Welfare Board of India v. People for Elimination of stray troubles (2015) SCC 1193
10. Re-Inhuman Conditions in 1382 Prisons (2016) SCC 121

## SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

- ❖ Participants can choose any one book for Book Review or any one case for Case Comment.
- ❖ Authors can send the entries for both Book Review and Case Comment simultaneously.
- ❖ The Book Review and Case Comment must be written in English.
- ❖ Only one submission each for Book Review and Case Comment 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. In case of co-author separate Registration Form shall be sent for each.
- ❖ Only original Book Reviews and Case Comments 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. University will not be responsible for the act of plagiarism.
- ❖ Identification mark must not be found in any part of Book Review and Case Comment.
- ❖ Registration form must be sent along with Book Review and Case Comment in soft and hard copy.

### Length of Book Review and Case Comment

- ❖ The Book Review should not be more than 1000 words (excluding Footnotes).
- ❖ The Case Comment should not be more than 1000 -2000 words (excluding Footnotes).
- ❖ 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.

### Formatting Style and Requirements

Font	Times New Roman
Font Size	12
Line Spacing	1.5
Footnote Font Size	10
Footnote Spacing	1.0

## REGISTRATION FEES & HARD COPY SUBMISSION

Registration Fees for Case Comment	Rs. 500 per entry
Registration Fees for Book Review	Rs. 500 per entry
In case of Co –Authors	Rs. 800

Registration fees by demand draft in the name of “Registrar, RGNUL, Punjab” payable at Patiala must reach on or before **25<sup>th</sup> April 2016** on the address mentioned below along with the single side printed hard copy of the Book Review or Case Comment and Registration Form.

## ELECTRONIC SUBMISSION

The participants should mail at **ldc.rgnul2016@gmail.com** the following the attachments.

- ❖ Book Review and Case Comment in MS Word format with subject “Book Review or Case Comment”- Name of Author(s)
- ❖ Registration form
- ❖ Cover Letter containing name of participant, address, e-mail-id, contact number and name of college/university with address and class
- ❖ Identity card of the student

## PRIZES (For Case Comment & Book Review Competitions each)

First Prize – Rs. 3000/-

Second Prize –Rs. 2500/-

Third Prize – Rs. 1500/-

RGNUL Students will only be eligible for Publication and Certificate of Merit.

The name of the winners will be displayed on [www.rgnul.ac.in](http://www.rgnul.ac.in). Separate intimation will also be sent to each winner. **Certificate of Participation will be awarded to all the participants.**

## IMPORTANT DATES

Deadline for Submission	18 <sup>th</sup> April 2016
Result Declaration	25 <sup>th</sup> May 2016

**\* Late submissions will not be entertained.**

## PUBLICATION

Top 15 selected Book Reviews and Case Comments will be published in the form of an edited book with an ISBN No. with a reputed Book Publishing House. Complimentary copy of the Edited book will be given to all those authors whose Book Review and Case Comments are published.

**Eligibility of participants, evaluation and publication of Book Reviews and Case Comments and awarding of the prizes is within the sole and absolute discretion of Literary and Debating Committee, Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law, Punjab.**

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## REGISTRATION FORM

1. NAME : -----
2. CLASS : -----
3. AFFILIATED INSTITUTION : -----
4. OFFICIAL ADDRESS : -----  
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5. E-MAIL ID : -----
6. MOBILE NO : -----
7. TITLE OF BOOK REVIEW/CASE COMMENT : -----  
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8. REGISTRATION FEES: CASE COMMENT: Rs 500, BOOK REVIEW: Rs 500, CO AUTHOR: 800

9. FEES DETAILS:

NAME OF THE BANK:

DD NO:

DATE:

SIGNATURE