

Greetings of the Day!!

The Pro Bono Club, Hidayatullah National Law University takes immense pride in announcing the Online National Level Essay Writing Competition on the Advocacy of Pro Bono Initiatives and Access to Justice for the Professionals, Academicians, Researchers, and Students interested in the field of Legal Aid and Pro Bono Activities under Law.

The Essay Writing Competition focuses on finding the best possible ways of strengthening legal aid and access to justice with the ultimate goal of justice for all. It emphasizes enhancing the oratorical and written skills in the pursuit of justice.

The Theme of the Competition is – ***“Strengthening Legal Aid and Access to Justice Through Pro Bono Initiatives”***

The sub-themes are –

1. Integrating Pro Bono Initiatives in Legal Education
2. Facilitating Access to Justice through Pro Bono Initiatives
3. Potential of Pro Bono Work to improve Judicial Process
4. Role of Civil Society in Strengthening Pro Bono Initiatives
5. Importance of Pro Bono work in Professional Development
6. Reforms in the Pro Bono Regime in India and the Way Ahead

***Important Info – The competition promotes original and innovative ways of solving issues thus, only original submissions shall be made in word format only. The club reserves the right to do a plagiarism check through Turnitin and any plagiarized submission shall be summarily rejected.***

### **Awards**

1. The Essay securing the First Position shall be awarded a certificate and **Cash Price of Rs. 10,000 /-**
2. The Essay securing the Second Position shall be awarded a certificate and **Cash Price of Rs. 7000 /-**
3. The Essay securing the Third Position shall be awarded a certificate and **Cash Price of Rs. 5000 /-**

**4. All the Participants shall be receiving a Certificate of Appreciation and Participation.**

**Important Dates**

Last Date for Registration for the Competition – 10<sup>th</sup> February 2023

Last Date of Submission of Essays – 28<sup>th</sup> February 2023

Declaration of Results – 8<sup>th</sup> March 2023

**Important Links –**

Registration Form – <https://forms.gle/SonrqJASThu3toP67>

Submission Form – <https://forms.gle/fJ6zBoXDduMiZGZhY7>

**Rules and Regulations of The Competition -**

- *The competition is open for professionals, academicians, researchers and students of Law interested in the Legal Aid and Pro Bono Initiatives*
- *The submissions shall be made through the submission form only in word format (.docx format)*
- *Plagiarism above 15% shall be summarily rejected*
- *Co-authorship is not allowed*
- *Word Limit for the Essay is 2500 - 3000 words (excluding footnotes)*
- *Late Entries shall not be entertained*
- *Formatting Guidelines -*
  - The font shall be Times New Roman only, Size should be 12 for the contents and 10 for the footnotes*
  - The text should be justified with proper margin and alignment*
  - Footnoting shall be as per Bluebook 20th Edition*
- *A Review Committee shall review all the entries legitimately received*
- *The Pro Bono Club reserves the right to disqualify any entry as per its discretion*

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