



National Intellectual
Property Law
& Development

on the occasion of World Intellectual Property Day April 26, 2016

First National Intellectual Property Law & Development Essay Competition

THEME

The theme of the essay competition is to explore the relationship between intellectual property, human rights and development. The essay must come within any of the themes below:

Copyright and access to knowledge; the Marrakesh Treaty for persons with print disabilities; Copyright and libraries; copyright and education; copyright exceptions and limitations; user rights; flexible norms such as fair use/fair dealing

Freedom of speech and expression; copyright and digital technologies; the public domain; open content licensing; open access; Creative Commons; Open Educational Resources (OERs); copyright and competition law

Patents and access to medicines; generic medicines, compulsory licences; neglected diseases

Trademarks; geographical indications; domain name dispute resolution

IP and trade; LDCs; TRIPS; TPP; bilateral trade agreements; investment law; ISDS

IP and development; WTO Doha Declaration on TRIPS and Public Health; WIPO Development Agenda; the politics of IP

IP and human rights; UN Special Rapporteur in the field of cultural rights-Copyright Policy and the Right to Science and Culture

IP and Constitution: IP as property rights, free speech, music piracy and market failure.

PRIZES

FIRST PRIZE

Receive Rs. 15000 prize money and winning certificate
The winning essay may be published online.

SECOND PRIZE

Receive Rs. 9000 prize money & certificate
The second prize essay may be published online.

THIRD PRIZE

Receive Rs. 6000 prize money & certificate

GUIDELINES

The competition is open to all students in Nepal pursuing graduate, postgraduate courses in the fields of Law, Management, Business, Arts, Health, Social Sciences or Human Rights. The author is responsible to submit proof of enrollment as a student.

- The language of the essay shall be English only.
- A strict policy on academic fairness will be followed and submissions should not be plagiarized or published earlier. Such a case will result into disqualification.
- Up to two co-authors from the same institution is allowed.
- There is no registration fee for submission.
- Essays should be submitted as Microsoft Word attachments, Times New Roman font of size 12 with maximum 4,000 words including 100 words abstract and excluding footnotes and reference to ipwritingcompetition@gmail.com
- Entrants should include their full name, email address, contact telephone number, institution and course information.
- The deadline for submission is on 10 July 2016. Any questions should be directed to the email address: ipwritingcompetition@gmail.com
- The winners will be announced on 25 August 2016. Certificates and prizes will be awarded at a later date (details to be announced in due course).
- All entrants will be awarded with Certificate of Participation.

EVALUATION PROCESS

The organizers believe in a fair and transparent evaluation process. There are three main stages of evaluation:

- The first stage of evaluation consists of checking eligibility requirements, and running a plagiarism check on the essays. Each submission will be anonymised and given a unique number.
- At the second stage, Upreti & Associates will evaluate the essays according to the evaluation criteria. Shortlisted essays will be sent to the judging panel for the final stage.
- The final stage of evaluation will be done by a panel of experts.
- The judging panel, in consultation with the organizer, will review the essays and select three winners. In assessing papers, reviewers will take into account the following a) knowledge of the subject matter b) analysis c) extent of research and creativity d) clarity and organization e) style, grammar, and proper citation of sources.
- By making the submission, the participant agrees to grant Upreti & Associates and implementation partner a worldwide, irrevocable, non-exclusive, royalty free license to use, reproduce, adapt, publish, translate and distribute the submission on any platform.
- The organizer reserves the right to amend rules of the competition at any period during the competition. In such scenario, participants will be notified by email.
- In case of any dispute, decision of Upreti & Associates shall be final & binding.

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