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IN VERBA LEGIS II:

NATIONAL DRAFT CHAMPIONSHIP, 2026

— ◆ ON ◆ —

TRANSGENDER JUSTICE

VOX IDENTITATIS

(VOICE OF IDENTITY)



“
WORDS
THAT BIND,
MASTERING
LEGAL ARTISTRY
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CHAIRMAN'S DESK MESSAGE



Dear Participants,

It is with immense pride to announce that the Second Edition of the In Verba Legis II: National Drafting Championship, 2026, hosted by Erode College of Law, is in hybrid mode this year. Building upon the success of last year's competition, we now turn our collective focus to a theme of profound contemporary relevance: transgender justice.

Legal drafting is not merely an academic exercise; it is an art of giving credible voice to rights, identities, and aspirations through the precision of language. In addressing the challenges faced by the transgender community, drafting acquires a deeper ethical dimension and transforms statutes into instruments of dignity, equality, and inclusion. This competition is designed to sharpen students' analytical skills, refine their command of statutory language, and inspire them to craft documents that uphold justice for all.

All participants are encouraged to approach this challenge with courage and compassion. Let your words reflect clarity, fairness, and respect for human identity. Remember, the true strength of a lawyer lies not only in argument but also in the ability to draft with integrity, where every clause carries the weight of justice and every provision safeguards human dignity.

My appreciation goes to our faculty coordinators and student volunteers whose dedication has made this event possible. Let all the participants embrace this opportunity to learn from one another, and let your drafting illuminate the path toward equality.

All your submissions echo the values of excellence, inclusivity, and justice that define Erode College of Law.

**With warm regards,
Mr. Sindhu Ravichandran,
Chairman, Erode College of Law.**

MESSAGE FROM VICE CHAIRMAN'S DESK



Dear Students,

Greetings to all the participants of In Verba Legis II: National Drafting Championship 2026, organised under the aegis of Erode College of Law.

Legal drafting is not merely a technical exercise; it is the art of shaping rights, responsibilities, and remedies through the precision of language. In engaging with the complexities of transgender justice, participants are called upon to draft with empathy, clarity, and a deep commitment to equality. Every clause you frame and every provision you articulate has the potential to advance dignity and fairness in our legal system.

At Erode College of Law, we believe that drafting is where the ideals of justice meet the realities of practice. This competition is designed to challenge your analytical abilities, refine your drafting techniques, and inspire the students to transform principles into enforceable instruments of law. It is our hope that through this experience, you will not only sharpen your professional skills but also cultivate a vision of law that is inclusive and humane.

I commend each of you for stepping forward to participate in this prestigious event. Approach this challenge with dedication, intellectual rigour, and a sense of responsibility toward justice. Let your submissions reflect both technical excellence and moral conviction. I wish the In Verba Legis II: National Drafting Championship 2026 would inspire the journey of drafting for justice.

**Best regards,
Mrs. Gayathri Ravichandran
Vice Chairman**

JOINT SECRETARY'S DESK MESSAGE



Dear Students,

Greetings to all the participants of In Verba Legis II: National Drafting Championship, 2026, hosted by Erode College of Law. As we embark on this second edition of our prestigious competition, I wish to remind every participant that discipline is the cornerstone of academic excellence. Without discipline, even the most brilliant ideas lose their clarity and impact.

This competition is not only a test of your drafting skills but also of your ability to conduct yourselves with respect, order, and fairness. The practice of law demands precision, responsibility, and adherence to rules—qualities that must be reflected in your submissions and in your participation. I encourage you to approach this challenge with seriousness, integrity, and a commitment to both personal and professional discipline.

May this event inspire you to combine structured thought with creative expression, and may your drafting reflect the values of responsibility and excellence that define the importance of the competition, conducted by our institution.

**Best regards,
Mr. V.G. Arun Balaji
Joint Secretary**

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL



It is my privilege to welcome you to the In Verba Legis II: National Drafting Championship, 2026, conducted in hybrid mode under the aegis of Erode College of Law. This year's theme, Transgender Justice, calls upon us to reaffirm our commitment to human rights, inclusivity, and academic integrity.

Legal drafting is more than a technical skill; it is a moral responsibility. Every word you choose and every clause you frame has the power to safeguard dignity and advance justice. In engaging with the complexities of transgender rights, you are not only refining your professional abilities but also contributing to the larger cause of equality and fairness in society.

Erode College of Law upholds academic integrity as the foundation of true scholarship. I urge each participant to ensure that your work is original and principled and that it is reflective of the highest standards of legal education. Let this competition be a platform where law becomes an instrument of justice, and drafting becomes a means of protecting human identity and rights.

I extend my appreciation to the faculty and student organizers for their dedication, and I wish all participants all the success in this journey. Let your submissions embody both intellectual excellence and deep respect for human dignity.

**Best regards,
Dr. S. Gajendraraj,
Principal, Erode College of Law**

ABOUT COLLEGE

Erode College of Law was established as a premier institution imparting legal education. The college is affiliated with the Tamil Nadu Dr. Ambedkar Law University, Chennai, and recognized by the Bar Council of India, New Delhi. With a strong commitment to excellence, the college provides a vibrant and inclusive environment that fosters intellectual growth and development. Its comprehensive curriculum is enhanced by practical training opportunities, including jail and court visits, project work, and lecture series. The college also periodically organizes moot court competitions, crime scene investigation competitions, and legal drafting competitions, inviting distinguished judges and legal professionals to participate, thereby offering students valuable exposure to real-world legal scenarios. This well-rounded approach has earned the Erode College of Law a reputation for creating well-prepared and competent legal professionals. The institution takes pride in being a top placement and internship-offering college year after year.



RESEARCH AND DRAFTING COMMITTEE -ECL

The In Verba Legis II: National Drafting Championship, 2026, organized by the Research and Drafting Committee - ECL, conceived the noble objective of advancing justice through the art of legal drafting. With the theme of “**Transgender Justice**”, the competition underscores the transformative power of statutory language in safeguarding rights and ensuring equality. Legal drafting is not merely a technical exercise; it is the disciplined craft of translating principles into enforceable provisions that uphold dignity and fairness. By engaging in this championship, participants are called upon to refine their analytical skills, master the precision of legal expression, and contribute meaningfully to the development of a just and inclusive legal order.



ABOUT THE DRAFTING COMPETITION

The Online Legal Drafting Competition 2026, organized by Erode College of Law is a prestigious event designed to provide law students with an opportunity to enhance their legal drafting skills. This is not only testing their knowledge of substantive and procedural laws but also their ability to construct well-structured and persuasive legal documents.

IMPORTANCE OF DRAFTING

Every written word in a legal profession is precious, as it has the power to advocate, inform, instruct, and persuade. Hence, Drafting legal documents needs mastery of the same, which can be only done through practice.

VALUABLE ROLE OF LEGAL DRAFTING HELPS TO IMPROVE:



Precision in Communication



Foundation of Legal Practice



Persuasive Skills



Compliance & Professionalism



Error Reduction



Strategic Advantage



Time & Cost Efficiency



Client Satisfaction





THEME

“TRANSGENDER JUSTICE”

ABOUT THE THEME

THE VERBA LEGIS II:

2ND NATIONAL LEVEL LEGAL DRAFTING COMPETITION IS CENTERED AROUND-

“PENNING A DIGNIFIED TOMORROW: TRANSGENDER JUSTICE & INDIA'S DEVELOPMENT”

This competition encourages participants to draft Public Interest Litigations (PILs) that address the urgent need for transgender justice in India. It provides a platform for law students to engage in meaningful legal discourse, analyze contemporary debates, and propose impactful legal interventions that uphold dignity, equality, and health rights.



KEY AREAS TO FOCUS:

- Legal Framework & Contemporary Debate
- Health & Well-being
- Religious and Cultural Perspectives
- Social Justice & Development



“The problem proposition corresponding to the theme of the drafting competition will be communicated to each registered team individually via email, once the registration process has been successfully completed.”



GENERAL RULES

- **Eligibility:** Open to all law students enrolled in 3- year or 5- year LLB program from BCI recognized University.
- **Team Composition:** Participants shall register individually or in teams of two. Each team must submit **ONLY ONE** Submission.
- **Registration:** The registration shall be done through the Google Formlink provided in the brochure.
- The payment screenshot must be attached in the registration form. After the successful registration, each participation or team shall be allotted a unique team code for further references.

Note: The substitution of any team member is not allowed after the registration deadline except in an extra-ordinary circumstances with prior permission of the organizer.



PAYMENT:

Single Author: **Rs.500/-** only.

Co-Author: **Rs. 650/-** only.



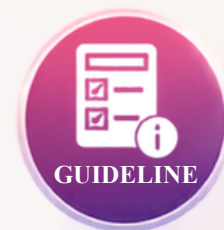
SUBMISSION GUIDELINES & RULES

MEMORIAL STRUCTURE:

The PIL is to be filed before the Supreme Court of India and must contain only the following components:

1. COVER PAGE, WHICH INCLUDES:

- The Unique Team Code in the upper right-hand corner.
- The Name of the Case.
- Table of Contents
- Table of Abbreviations
- Index of Authorities
- Statement of Jurisdiction
- Statement/Synopsis of the facts
- Statement of issues
- Summary of Argument/Pleadings
- ARGUments Advanced/Pleadings
- Prayer
- Table of Annexure



(Page limit: Restricted to 10 to 12 pages only).

2. The student shall be drafted in English language only.

3. The participants who disclose their name and particulars will be Disqualified



SUBMISSION DEADLINE AND EMAIL:

- All PIL memorials must be submitted via email to **legaldraftingcommittee@gmail.com** on or before **11:59 p.m. 7th September 2026**.
- The subject of the email should be formatted as: **“PIL Memorial of Team Code- ”[team code]”**
- Any submission received after the specified deadline will be subjected to penalties, as outlined below.

LATE SUBMISSION PENALTY

- Submissions made after the stated deadline will attract a penalty of 1 mark per hour for each hour beyond the deadline.
- No submissions will be accepted after 24 hours at the deadline under any circumstances.



PLAGIARISM CHECK

- All submitted memorials will undergo Plagiarism and AI check to ensure originality, and accepted margin upto **20% for Plagiarism and 10% for AI.**
- All submitted memorials must be accompanied by a plagiarism report. **Memories submitted without the plagiarism report will be qualified.**
- The report must be generated using Turnitin software, reports from any other software will not be accepted or evaluated.
- If two or more participants/teams are found to have submitted identical memorials, both will be disqualified from the competition.

FORMATTING GUIDELINES



- File Formats:
- All drafts must be submitted in two formats: Microsoft Word Document (doc or .docx) and PDF Format .pdf)
- Each participant/team is required to submit two separate files: one in MS Word format and one in PDF format.
- The plagiarism report must be attached as the first page of the memorial in PDF format.





FORMATTING SPECIFICATIONS FOR BODY OF THE PIL

- Page size - A4 or legal size is preferred.
- The font must be Times New Roman.
- Title: Times New Roman, Size 14, Bold, centre aligned and in CAPITALS.
- Headings: Times New Roman, size 14, bold, underlined, left-aligned and in CAPITALS.
- Sub-headings: Times New Roman, size 12, bold and underlined.
- Content/Text: Times New Roman, size 12, line spacing 1.5 and justified alignment.
- The footnotes shall be in Times New Roman, size 10, single line spacing.
- Do not add any border, background colour, images, or watermark in the draft.
- Citation style: Authorities and references in the footnotes must be cited in accordance with the Indian Law Institute citation style.



FILE NAMING CONVENTION:

- The files should be named clearly for easy identification. Suggested naming convention:

“PIL Memorial of Team Code- [Your Team Code as per provided]”.



PENALTIES & DEDUCTION



Following are the grounds for penalties and deduction of marks.

- **Breach of Anonymity:** Any violation of anonymity will result in disqualification.
- **Missing/Incorrect Sections:** 2 marks will be deducted for each missing or incorrect section or provision.
- **Cover Page Errors:** 1 mark will be deducted for each missing or incorrect detail on the cover page.
- **Incorrect Font Style:** 1 mark will be deducted for each instance of incorrect font style in the main body.
- **Incorrect Line Spacing:** 1 mark will be deducted for each instance of incorrect line spacing in the main body.
- **Incorrect Font Size:** 1 mark will be deducted for each instance of incorrect font size in the main body.
- Please adhere to all submission and formatting guidelines to avoid penalties

IMPORTANT DATES



- REGISTRATION STARTS. : 10/08/2026
- LAST DATE OF REGISTRATION : 24/08/2026
- PROBLEM SEND TO REGISTERED PARTICIPANTS : 25/08/2026
- LAST DATE OF SEEKING CLARIFICATION : 31/09/2026
- RELEASE OF CLARIFICATIONS : 03/09/2026
- SUBMISSION DEADLINE. : 07/09/2026
- ANNOUNCEMENT OF RESULTS : 21/09/2026

EVALUATION CRITERIA



CRITERIA	MARKS
Proper and Articulate analysis.	20
Extent and Use of Research.	20
Clarity and Organisation.	20
Grammar and Style of Writing.	20
Correct Format and Citation.	20
TOTAL	100



REWARDS



First Place : Cash Prize of ₹5,000

Second Place : Cash Prize of ₹3,000

Third Place : Cash Prize of ₹2,000

Note : E - certificate will be provided to all the registered participants.

REGISTRATION FEES



For Single Author : ₹500 /- only.

For Co - Author : ₹650 /- only.

REGISTRATION LINK



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