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HSF-NLU Delhi International Negotiation Competition 2024

Herbert Smith Freehills (HSF) and National Law University Delhi (NLU Delhi) are pleased to invite you to the ninth edition of the HSF-NLU Delhi International Negotiation Competition (INC) to be held on 30 August-1 September 2024 in Delhi.

The competition aims at providing an opportunity to law students of top universities across the globe to practice and improve their negotiation skills. It provides a platform for students to compete in a truly diverse and international environment. The competition is carefully structured to simulate legal negotiations, making it particularly useful for those students who aspire to be international lawyers.

Students participating in the competition will assume the roles of international lawyers in negotiating a series of legal problems. The problems will be based on real life examples and will comprise a common set of facts known to all participants and confidential information known only to the participants representing a particular side.

INC is an invitation-only competition.

Structure of the competition: Over 30 teams are expected to participate in the competition. There will be two preliminary rounds. Qualifying teams will then proceed to the advanced rounds, which will be knock-out rounds. The final round will take place between the winners of the advanced rounds. Each round will consist of a 60 or 90 minute negotiation session, which may be extended at the discretion of the judges, to make it akin to a real life experience.

Team composition: Each team will consist of two students.

Eligible students: All students who are enrolled in a full-time law degree (undergraduate or post-graduate) as of 30 August 2024 will be eligible to participate.

University representation: Only one team per University will be allowed to participate in the competition.

Judging: Each round is judged by a panel of one to three judges. Judges will include renowned lawyers and academicians.

Prizes: All participants will receive certificates of participation. The winners will receive a trophy to be held in their university and each member of the winning team will receive a cash prize. The runners-up will also receive a trophy and cash prize. There will be an award for the best negotiator and the best negotiation plan. A spirit of the competition award will also be given to the team that best displays the qualities of good negotiation.

Schedule

15 June 2024	Release of problem for the preliminary rounds
1 July 2024	Release of problem for the advance rounds
15 July 2024	Deadline for clarifications
31 July 2024	Submission of the negotiation plan
30 August 2024	Registration and welcome address
31 August - 1 September 2024	Preliminary and advanced rounds
1 September 2024	Finals and awards ceremony

The participants will be informed sufficiently in advance if there is any change in the schedule.

General information

Registration fees: A registration fee of INR 9,000 per team will be charged.

Travel expenses and accommodation: Each participant will be responsible for his or her own travel expenses. NLU Delhi will provide accommodation to the participants on the days of the competition at no costs.

Registration: Once you have confirmed participation, you will be requested to provide the team details.

Indian visa: It is recommended that international teams apply for the Indian visa at least 4-6 weeks before the competition dates. The Indian visa requirements will vary from country to country; thus it is advisable to visit the Indian embassy's/consulate's website for your country for further details.

For further information about the competition, please contact Dr. Kheinkor Lamarr and Dr. Dakshina Chandra (hsf.nc@nludelhi.ac.in).



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About National Law University, Delhi

At National Law University Delhi, our focus is to develop and advance interdisciplinary legal education and scholarship. We challenge normative pedagogy and believe in establishing and implementing new approaches towards teaching and learning.

As a leading research-oriented institute, we encourage unrestricted academic imagination in the belief that thinking outside the box leads to original, relevant and impactful research. Thus, we incubate research on

a range of diverse and unconventional ideas, including but not limited to, intellectual property, internet governance, forensics and criminal law. We take pride that our effective and impact-driven research has on numerous occasions received both national and international recognition.

Since our inception in 2008, we have become one of India's premier law universities. Our students have gone on to excel in diverse fields, such as academia, legal practice, administrative services and entrepreneurship. This is a testament not only to our students' drive, talent and intellect but to our sincerity and diligence as well.

We value and embrace diversity of thoughts, opinions, values and expressions. We believe that educational institutions should be fair and inclusive spaces that help everyone in achieving their true potential.

About Delhi

Delhi has been the seat of power in India for several rulers and many empires for about a millennium. The city's importance lies not just in its past glory as the seat of empires and magnificent monuments, but also in the rich and diverse cultures. Delhi is sprinkled with dazzling gems, captivating ancient monuments, fascinating museums and art galleries, architectural wonders, a vivacious performing-arts scene, fabulous eating places and bustling markets. Its excellent location, just a few hours from Taj Mahal, Rajasthan and the Himalayas, makes it an attractive destination for tourists across the globe. Delhi has also evolved as the education capital of the country with top institutions (such as the University of Delhi, Indian Institute of Technology, All India Institute of Medical Sciences, Jawaharlal Nehru University and the National Law University) making it their home.

For further details, please visit: www.incredibleindia.org and www.delhitourism.gov.in.

