



NATIONAL CRIMINAL TRIAL ADVOCACY COMPETITION 1.0

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A competition to cultivate, enhance, appreciate, honor and reward the trial legal skills amongst our law students. It is to simulate real trial court's scenarios, imparting training to participants in legal practices and to promote competitive spirit to ensure the development of advocacy finesse.



Introduction

Undergraduate law degree program has seen major changes in last one decade. It is no longer a traditional degree program. Over period of time it has crossed the boundaries of the class-room teaching-learning tradition and has brought the real-life simulations within the curriculum of the program. This blend of class-room teaching-learning and beyond class-room simulations has made the program unique in its own. Now a days, every law graduate as well as the legal profession itself expects that the student is profession-ready when he/she completes the program. Considering this all, the Lloyd Law College has come up with a unique learning activity, i.e., NTAC, for the students to participate in it, to let them learn the practical aspects of criminal matters via simulation exercises, and to find themselves ready for the profession after completing entire cycle of the NTAC.

The NTAC shall be an annual event; one cycle of the competition will take 06 months to complete in which participating student will be playing various roles, like, Duty Officer @ Police Station, Investigation Officer, Public Prosecutor, Defense Counsel, victim of an offence, accused, & ors. It will be conducted in multiple stages completing one cycle of any criminal matter starting from reporting matter to the police to delivery of verdict by the trial court. It will begin with recording of information by the Duty Officer in General Diary and will conclude with final arguments before Trial Court. All the participating students themselves will have to play all the said roles.

The NTAC is a time taking and exhaustive exercise; sometime it may become difficult for the participating students to give their best due to their engagement in various curricular activities at their colleges that also require attention and devotion. But if the participating student has interest in criminal law, and he/she wants to litigate in the criminal matters in future, then no time constrain can stop him/her to complete one entire cycle of this learning process.

The NTAC is more a learning activity than a competition. It has been structuralized in a way as it is a competition, otherwise it's only & only a learning activity that shall be realized by all the participants also as soon as it progresses to the next stage.

Aim & Objective

The NTAC provides a platform to the participants to learn and hone their advocacy skills. Primarily it aims at following:

- Participants shall learn practical aspects of criminal trial process;
- Participants shall learn and hone their advocacy skills;
- Participants shall be profession-ready once they complete one cycle of the NTAC.



Process of Application

Registration: <https://bit.ly/ntacform>
Rule Book: <https://bit.ly/ntaccode>

Applicant must be a student of a law college/university. Application shall be invited by the organizers one month prior when the competition begins. One month shall be taken to scrutinize and select the applicants. Mere submission of application by a student shall not ensure participation in the competition. Process of selection along-with parameters of selection process is shared in the Rules on Selection.

NTAC is not a team event, applicant shall be participating as an individual participant. He/she himself/herself will play all the roles that are required to be played in the competition. Hence, individual application shall be invited.

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As stated above, the competition shall be conducted in multiple stages that will be similar to any real-life criminal matter. Considering requirement of reasonable time for any participant to prepare his/her case for next stage, invariable but reasonable time break is given between any two stages of the competition.

The NTAC is an extension of L-TAC (Lloyd Trial Advocacy Competition) which was an Intra-College Competition. NTAC is a competition with territorial extension to the whole country, whereas L-TAC started in 2018 that was limited to Lloyd Law College only.

After achieving the goals behind the idea of L-TAC with its 3 successful editions so far, the Lloyd Law College is proud to extend the series to a bigger platform and hence, the Lloyd Law College has designed the NTAC in the year 2021 to let law student across the country to enjoy participating in it.

However, NTAC is based on the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 (Act No. 2 of 1974) but for the purpose of Competition, NTAC have its own Procedure and Rules. Therefore, Code of National Trial Procedure 2020 [CNTP] is a Special Code and shall have the same effect as that of Special Law defined in Section 41 of Indian Penal Code (Act 45 of 1860).

STAGES OF THE COMPETITION

EVENT	TENTATIVE DATE	
Application And Selection Process		
Notification	Online	24 November, 2021
Online Application – Last Date	Online	10 December, 2021
Personal Interview Round	Online	17-18 December, 2021
Declaration of Results	Online	20 December, 2021
Final Registration & Payment of Fee	Online	Within One Week of Declaration of Results
Orientation & Briefing Session	Online	Within One Week of Closing of Registration

Pre-Investigation Process		
Meeting the First Informant, filing of FIR and Report u/s 157 Cr.P.C.	Online	One Week from Orientation Session
Filing of Police Report (Charge-sheet) u/s 173 before competent court	Online	One Month from Filing of F.I.R.

Cognizance & Framing of Charges		
Cognizance u/s 190 Cr.P.C. (Order shall be passed by the Magistrate)		Two Weeks from Filing of Police Report
Result – Cognizance Stage	Online	One Week from Cognizance Stage
Exchange of Case-File with Defense Counsel (for Framing of Charge Stage)	Online	Two Days from Results (Cognizance Stage)
Arguments –Framing of Charge	Online	Two Weeks from Exchange of Case-File
Result – Framing of Charge Stage	Online	One Week from Closure of Arguments on Framing of Charge

Prosecution Evidence Stage		
Prosecution Evidence (Examination-in-chief, Cross-Examination, and Re-Examination of Witnesses; Production of Evidence to get it Exhibited)	Online	Three-Four Weeks from Exchange of Case-files for PE
Result – PE Stage	Online	One Week from Closure of PE Stage
Exchange of Case-file for DE Stage	Online	Two days from Result (PE Stage)



Defence Evidence Stage		
Recording Statement of Accused u/s 313 Cr.P.C.	Online	Two Weeks from Exchange of Case File for DE Stage
Defense Evidence (Examination-in-chief, Cross-Examination, and Re-Examination of Witnesses; Production of Evidence to get it exhibited)	Online	Four Weeks from Exchange of Case File for DE Stage
Result – Defense Evidence Stage	Online	One Week from Closure of DE Stage
Exchange of Case-file for Final Arguments	Online	Two days from Result (DE Stage)

Final Arguments Stage		
Filing of Memo of Arguments u/s 314 Cr.P.C.	Online	Two Weeks from Exchange of Case-file for Final Arguments
Final Arguments	Offline@ Lloyd Law College	One Week from Submission of Memo of Arguments
VALEDICTORY @LLOYD LAW COLLEGE		On the Day of Final Arguments

--: REGISTRATION PROCESS :-

All participants registering till 10th December 2021 will participate in Screening Process



Declaration of Results of Screening Process



Filing of DAF (Detailed Application Form) and Payment of Refundable registration Fee of Rs. 3000/-



Confirmation of Registration and Issuance of Enrollment Numbers



Award / Reward / Prize



- i. Any award / reward / prize shall be distributed / disbursed only after completion of the competition;
- ii. In case of withdrawal / non-participation by any participant, he/she shall no longer be eligible for receiving any award / reward / prize that he/she might have won till that stage of the competition;
- iii. In case of termination of the participant from the competition, he/she shall no longer be eligible for receiving any award / reward / prize that he/she might have won till that stage of the competition;
- iv. In case of forfeiture of entitlement to any award / reward / prize of any participant, then it shall be awarded to the participant who is next in Merit List of that stage;

E.g., Mr. A is entitled to cash prize of Rs. 2100/- at framing of charge stage, and his entitlement is forfeited at DE stage, then said prize money shall be awarded to the participant who will be next in Merit List of charge stage.

The competition offers following award / reward:

S.No.	Stage of the NTAC	Category	Award / Reward
1	Final (Final Arguments)	Winner	Total Prize Money will be of Rs. 1,50,000/- (Kindly see the Note*)
2		1st Runner-up	
3		2nd Runner-up	
4		2nd Runner-up	
5		Best Public Prosecutor	Rs. 11,000/-
6		Best Defense Counsel	Rs. 11,000/-
7		Best Case-file	Rs. 5100/-
8		2nd Best Case-file	Rs. 4100/-
9	Semi-Finals (Defense Evidence Stage)	Best Witness (Defense)	Rs. 2100/-
10		2nd Best Witness (Defense)	Rs. 1100/-
11		3rd Best Witness (Defense)	Rs. 1100/-
12	Quarter-Finals (Prosecution Evidence Stage)	Best Witness (Prosecution)	Rs. 2100/-
13		2nd Best Witness (Prosecution)	Rs. 1500/-
14		2nd Best Witness (Prosecution)	Rs. 1500/-
15		3rd Best Witness (Prosecution)	Rs. 1100/-
16		3rd Best Witness (Prosecution)	Rs. 1100/-
17	Pre-Quarter Finals (Framing of Charge Stage)	Best Charge-sheet Report	Rs. 3100/-
18		Best Investigation Officer (On the basis of performance of the IO as PP)	Rs. 2100/-

* It will be shared with 04 Finalists commensurate to their Final Score. E.g., Final Score of 04 Finalists is: 80/100, 75/100, 72/100, & 65/100; total prize money of Rs. 1,50,000/- will be shared in the ratio of 80:75:72:65.

How the NTAC will function and be organized?

- Except Final Arguments, all the exercises / submissions shall be online only;
Final Arguments will be in physical/off-line mode at campus of Lloyd Law College only;
- Participants themselves will remain Investigation Officer and Public Prosecutor throughout their own case;
But, new defense counsel will be appointed at each stage of the competition;
E.g., there are 04 participants, Ms. A, Mr. X, Mr. Y & Mr. Z. Ms. A will remain I.O. and the P.P. throughout the competition in her own case; she may be appointed Defense Counsel in case of Mr. X at charge-sheet stage; then, at Prosecution Evidence stage, she may be appointed Defense Counsel in case of Mr. Z; then, at Defense Evidence stage, she may be appointed Defense Counsel in case of Ms. D; then, in the Final Arguments, she may be appointed Defense Counsel in case of Mr. Y.

Participants as Investigation Officer

Stage: 'Cognizance by the Police' to 'Submission of Police Report'

- All the 60 participants will play the role of Investigation Officer and submit Preliminary Documents (complaint + FIR + Sec. 157 Report) by designated date;
- Around 01 month time will be given for preparing the documents that an Investigation Officer would have prepared while investigating the matter;
- Police Report will be submitted by the deadline given by the organizers

Participants as Public Prosecutor and Defense Counsel

Stage: Arguments on Framing of Charge

Exchange of Police Report among the participants the following way:

- If there are four participants, Ms. A, Ms. B, Mr. C, & Mr. D; they will play role of PP in their respective case;
- Police Report of Ms. A will be shared with Ms. B; Ms. B's Police Report will be shared with Mr. C; Police Report of Mr. C will be shared with Mr. D; and Mr. D's Police Report will be shared with Ms. A;
- It means, Ms. A is PP in her own case, and she will be Defense counsel in Mr. D's case; rest of three will also play their respective roles accordingly;

Cause-List will appear like this:

Sl. No.	Title of the Case	Public Prosecutor	Defense Counsel	Date of Hearing
1	State v.	Ms. A	Mr. B	01.02.22
2	State v.	Ms. B	Ms. C	01.02.22
3	State v.	Mr. C	Ms. D	02.02.22
4	State v.	Mr. D	Mr. A	02.02.22

During competition, allotment of the matter to Defense Counsels will be done through On-line Chit System only; all the participants shall be invited to participate in the said process;

Stage: Prosecution Evidence

Exchange of case-file among the participants the following way:

- If there are four participants, Ms. A, Ms. B, Mr. C, & Mr. D; they will play role of PP in their respective case;
- Case-file of Ms. A will be shared with Mr. D; Ms. B's case-file will be shared with Ms. A; case-file of Mr. C will be shared with Ms. B; and Mr. D's case-file will be shared with Mr. C;
- It means, Ms. A is PP in her own case, and she will be Defense counsel in Mr. D's case; rest of three will also play their respective roles accordingly;

Cause-List will appear like this:

Sl. No.	Title of the Case	Public Prosecutor	Defense Counsel	Date of Hearing
1	State v.	Ms. A	Mr. D	01.02.22
2	State v.	Ms. B	Ms. A	01.02.22
3	State v.	Mr. C	Ms. B	02.02.22
4	State v.	Mr. D	Mr. C	02.02.22

Stage: Defense Evidence

Same process shall be repeated at this stage of the competition.

Stage: Final Arguments

Same process shall be repeated at this stage of the competition.

Kindly Note:

- I. Whenever case-file is exchanged, it will be ensured that no two participants are opposing counsels in their respective cases; e.g., it will not be allowed that Ms. A is Defense Counsel in Ms. B's case, and Ms. B is Defense Counsel in Ms. A's case;
- II. It will also be ensured that, as Defense Counsel, participant gets new case whenever case-files are exchanged; e.g., if Ms. A was Defense Counsel in Ms. B's case at framing of charge stage, then Ms. A will not be allowed to be Defense Counsel in same case at either of the future proceedings, i.e., Prosecution Evidence, Defense Evidence, & Final Arguments;
- III. In case of any conflict between the said two situations, 1st one shall be allowed to prevail.
- IV. It will be also ensured that two cases of the same participant is not scheduled on the same date; two cases can be scheduled on two consecutive dates, but not on the same date.

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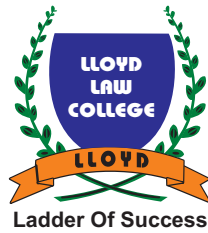
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