First PIP Competition, 2012

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Topic

Should the process of creating an invention or work determine its protectability as an intellectual property?

Entries close on October 1st, 2012

Entries should not be more than 5,000 words (inclusive of footnotes & references)

Prizes*

First : ₹25,000 ($500)
Second : ₹12,500 ($250)
Third : ₹7,500 ($150)

* Please note the winning entry will be eligible for publication at the NUJS Law Review

All queries have to be addressed to iptls@nujs.edu

Judges

Entries will be adjudged by a 5 member panel consisting of renowned international experts in the field of intellectual property.

Professor David Vaver
Professor of IP Law, Osgoode Hall Law School

Professor Lionel Bently
Director of the Centre for IP Law, University of Cambridge

Judge Randall R. Rader
Chief Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit

Professor Graeme Dinwoodie
Director of the Oxford Intellectual Property Research Center, University of Oxford

Professor Shamnad Basheer
MHRD Chair Professor in IP law at the National University of Juridical Sciences, India

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TERMS & CONDITIONS

1. ELIGIBILITY

Students currently enrolled in accredited full time programs in law anywhere in the world (where the program of study counts as their first degree in law). Students pursuing LLM’s or higher degrees in law are not eligible.

2. Only one entry may be submitted per student. Co-authorship is permitted so long as the co-authors are also individually eligible under the terms of this competition.

3. WORD LIMIT

a. Entries should not be longer than 5,000 words (inclusive of footnotes & references).
b. Entries exceeding the word limit would be automatically disqualified.

4. SUBMISSION FORMAT

Entries should have a cover page containing the following:

a. Full name;
b. Institution, date of birth, degree & year of study; and
c. Email address & telephone number.

5. Entries should be submitted in .doc format with the following specifications:

a. Font Type : Times New Roman
b. Spacing : 1.5 inch spacing
c. Font Size : 12 points

6. Entries should conform to either the Blue Book (19th ed.) or OSCOLA (format can be freely downloaded at www.law.ox.ac.uk/oscola).

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8. CLOSING DATE

The closing date for entries is October 1, 2012 at 12:00 PM (IST).

9. MODE OF SUBMISSION

Entries have to be mailed to iptls@nujs.edu. Late submissions will not be considered.

10. JUDGES

Entries will be adjudged by a five member panel consisting of international and national experts in intellectual property laws. The decision of the panel is final.

11. RESULTS

The results of the competition will be notified on or before November 15, 2012.

12. COPYRIGHTS

By entering the competition, the author undertakes to:

a. Grant an exclusive license in the entry to the organizers until the announcement of results, and
b. Seek prior consent from the organizers for any use of the prize-winning entries including any subsequent publication or distribution after the announcement of results.

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PROFESSOR DAVID VAYER
Professor of IP Law, Osgoode Hall Law School, York University

Prof. Vayer is Emeritus Professor of IP & IT in the University of Oxford and a former Director of Oxford IP Research Centre. He has advised governments and written extensively on national and international IP law and policy. Among his works are Intellectual Property Law (2nd ed., 2011) and a 5-volume edited work Intellectual Property: Critical Concepts in Law (2006). Prof. Vayer is the editor of Intellectual Property Journal and has been awarded the Pattishall Medal for Teaching Excellence in Trademark and Trade Identity Law, presented every four years by the International Trademark Association.

http://www.osgoode.yorku.ca/faculty/full-time/david-vayer

PROFESSOR LIONEL BENTLY
Director of the Centre for IP Law, University of Cambridge

Prof. Bently completed his B.A. (Law) from Pembroke College, Cambridge in 1986. He has delivered numerous invited lectures in universities across the globe including the Darwin Lecture Series and Annual Manges Lecture at Columbia University in 2007. He was the Co-ordinator to the WIPO Standing Committee Report on Patents in 2010 and a member of the Copyright Expert Panel. He is the co-author of one of the leading treatises on intellectual property law and the Series Editor to the Cambridge Studies in Intellectual Property.

http://www.law.cam.ac.uk/people/academic/l-a-f-bently/1109

JUDGE RANDALL R. RADER
Chief Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit

Judge Rader was elevated from the United States Claims Court (currently U.S. Court of Federal Claims) in 2010. He is the author of innumerable path breaking IP decisions and the co-author of one of the leading commentaries on Patent Laws.

http://www.cafc.uscourts.gov/judges/randall-r-rader-chief-judge.html

PROFESSOR GRAEME DINWOODIE
Director of the Oxford Intellectual Property Research Centre, University of Oxford

Prof. Dinwoodie holds an LLB from Glasgow University, an LLM from the Harvard Law School, a JSD from the Columbia Law School. Before returning to the UK in 2009 to take up the IP Chair at Oxford, he taught at several U.S. law schools. In 2008, Professor Dinwoodie was awarded the Pattishall Medal for Excellence in IP Teaching. He has served as a consultant to WIPO and UNCTAD and is the current President of the Association of Teachers and Researchers in Intellectual Property Law (ATRIP).

http://www.spc.ox.ac.uk/Staff/69/Staff.html?StaffId=266

PROFESSOR SHAMNAD BASHEER
MHRD Chair Professor in IP law at NUJS, India

After an undergraduate degree from NLS, Bangalore, Prof. Basheer completed the BCL and MPhil at the University of Oxford with distinction as a Wellcome Trust scholar. He has won several awards in the past for his articles on Indian patent law. He is the founder of SpicyIP, one of India’s leading IP blogs and IDIA, a movement to foster access to legal education for the underprivileged.

He was nominated last year as one of the intellectual property experts on the global advisory council of the World Economic Forum (WEF).

http://www.nujs.edu/faculty/shamnad-basheer.htm

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