



# SRI LANKA LAW COLLEGE NOTICE

## Mr.R. Senathi Rajah Memorial Legal Essay Competition - 2024

Abstracts are invited from those interested in the above competition: -

- Prizes for the winners will be book vouchers worth LKR 25,000, LKR 15,000 and LKR 10,000

**Criteria: -**

- Applicants must be registered students of Sri Lanka Law College as of February 19, 2024.

**The Essay: -**

1. The essay must not exceed 2,000 words.
2. Content must be of interest to a broad segment of the profession.
3. Analysis and reasoning.
4. Originality, and creativity; and
5. Compliance with the guidelines.

Applicants must submit an abstract (limited to 100 words) describing the paper before **August 12, 2024**. Once the abstract is approved, applicants must hand over the essays to the Principal Office, Law College (*please mention the Competition that you are applying on an envelope*) and email softcopies to [scholarships@slc.ac.lk](mailto:scholarships@slc.ac.lk), on or before **September 12, 2024**.

Principal's Office  
July 12, 2024

## Guidelines for the Legal Essay Competition in Memory of Mr. R. Senathi Rajah

1. The prizes awarded for the above scholarship shall consist of book vouchers worth LKR 25,000, 15,000, and 10,000 for the first, second, and third places respectively.
2. Candidates applying for the Legal Essay competition should submit an essay in English, not exceeding 2000 words on the topic of **The Role of Courts and Judicial Activism for a country facing an Economic Crisis**.
3. Candidates should submit an abstract (limited to 100 words) describing the paper before August 12, 2024. Once the abstract is approved, applicants should submit the essay according to the guidelines given. The completed essay should be submitted in two hard copies and an electronic copy of the essay on or before September 12, 2024.
4. The essay should have a clear structure with an introduction, body paragraphs, and a conclusion. The content should present well-reasoned arguments and be supported by evidence and examples.
5. The format stated below must be followed.
  - Word limit - not exceeding 2000 words (excluding citations, sources, and references)
  - Language – Standard English
  - 1.5 Spacing, Alignment Justified
  - Font to be used for the entire document – Calibri
  - Font for text (Body – Normal) Size 12, Main Headings: Size 14 (Bold and Underlined), Sub Headings: Size 12 (Bold), Footnote: Size 10
  - The hard copy must consist of a cover page containing the following information.
    - Title of the Essay (must appear on the cover page)
    - Name of the student, academic stage at the Law College, Registration number
6. The hard copy of the essay should not consist of any plastic cover.
7. The work must be original and, in a form, fit for publication but not previously published.
8. Essays must have only one author. Joint essays will not be accepted.
9. All sources (published or unpublished) used or relied on must be acknowledged, using footnotes or otherwise.
10. Any evidence of plagiarism will disqualify the essay. All references should be mentioned using any recognized citation method (APA, Harvard)

#### 11. Evaluation Criteria:

- Originality and Creativity – The essay should consist of an innovative and broad perspective of ideas related to the topic.
- Content – Should be presented with well-structured and clear evidence
- Analysis and reasoning – The content should be critically evaluated
- Writing style – The essay should consist of proper vocabulary and a strong command of English.
- Adherence to Guidelines – The essay should comply with all specific guidelines.