



RAJIV GANDHI SCHOOL OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LAW

INDIAN INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY, KHARAGPUR

ORGANIZES

**NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON
LEGAL EDUCATION, PROFESSION
AND INTEGRATING PRO BONO
CULTURE FOR BETTER ACCESS
TO JUSTICE**

APRIL 8th – 9th, 2023



About the Conference-

The aim of the Conference is to provide a platform for students, researchers, academicians, legal practitioners and other stakeholders to add value to the existing bank of knowledge and ideas about the much warranted reforms in Pro Bono culture of India. Pro Bono Legal Services in India have mostly remained as an unorganized activity taken up by individual lawyers, NGOs and law firms. Apart from that, Pro Bono services are also imparted selectively on those pressing concerns which receive attention from masses. This conference is about protecting the illiterate, the unheard and the unfortunate members of this growing society, through a Legal Aid System where justice is available, accessible and affordable.

Eligibility-

The Conference is open to academicians, students, researchers, practitioners, and other stakeholders interested in the subject.

Call for Papers-

Pro Bono Club, RGSOIPL, IIT Kharagpur, invites papers from legal professionals, academicians, practitioners, research scholars, administrators, students, social activists and the representatives of governmental and nongovernmental organizations to present their research papers on the following sub-themes:

- Towards a Socially Relevant Legal Education to Inculcate Pro Bono Culture for Better Access to Justice
- Engagement of the Bar, Bench, the Law Universities in Developing Pro Bono Culture in India
- Indian Law Firms and Pro Bono Practices
- Exploring Newer Technologies for Advancing Access to Justice and Clinical Legal Education
- Inculcating the Culture of ADR and Client Centered Lawyering in Pro Bono Services
- Reflecting on Article 39A of the Indian Constitution in the 75th Year of India's Independence.

Note: – Author(s) are at their discretion to choose any other sub-theme for their paper that corresponds to the principle agenda of the Conference. Joint authorship is allowed up to two persons.

Submission and Formatting Guidelines:

- Abstract: An abstract of 250–300 words outlining the central theme(s) of the paper.
- Paper: Sole or Co-authorship of not more than 2 authors.
- Length: Papers should be between 4500 and 6000 words (excluding footnotes).
- English: Follow British spelling and punctuation conventions.¹
- Font Size and Style: Kindly use Times New Roman 12 point for the main text and 10 point for footnotes.
- Headings: The heading should be used as per the following style:
 - First heading: 14 pt, Bold, Center
 - Second heading: 12 pt, Bold, Left aligned
 - Third heading: 12 pt, Italics, Centre
- Line Spacing: The line spacing of main text of paper should be 1.5. The line spacing between footnotes should be 1
- Indent: Left and Right indent should be 0.5 on both sides
- References: OSCOLA 4th Edition.
- Quotations/ Quotation Mark: Quotations over 50 words should be indented. Double quotation marks should be used; single quotation marks should be used only for quotes within a quotation. Plagiarism: The paper would be published only after standard plagiarism test. The authors are also requested to attach an undertaking of originality.

Abstract shall be submitted to this Link by 5 February, 2023:

<http://bit.ly/RgProBonoConference>

¹ At least 1 author should be physically present during Conference days.

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Accommodation

Accommodation will be provided in New Technology Guest House on payment basis as per the following (request to be made during Abstract Submission):

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Important Dates-

- Last Date for Abstract Submission: 5 February, 2023
- Last Date of Communication of Acceptance of Abstract: 8 February, 2023
- Last Date for Registration and Payment in IIT Portal: 16 February, 2023
- Submission of Full paper: 02 April, 2023
- Date of Conference: 8 and 9 April, 2023.

For Queries-

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