



# MASTERS' CONFERENCE IN INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

"IP AND ACCESS"

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MINORITY OPINION

Registration for the event is  
open and shall close on February  
29, 2024.

JUDGMENT HAS BEEN RELEASED

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# MINORITY OPINION

Minority Opinion is an individual speaking event where the participants argue for the dissenting opinion of one of the judgments with the "IP and Access" theme. Participants should research and present reasons as to why the dissenting opinion should take precedence over the majority opinion. We encourage participant to go beyond the judgment and do further research to present their case.

## **1. JUDGMENT**

**[ERIC ELDRED et al. v. ASHCROFT, ATTORNEY GENERAL](#)**

Citation: 537 U.S. 186 (2003)

## **2. INSTRUCTIONS**

- The minority/dissenting opinion of the given judgment is to be justified in the Summary of Justification.
- Participants shall draft their justification based on the United States Copyright Law and the Constitution of the United States.
- Participants are required to submit a Summary of the Justification by **February 29<sup>th</sup>, 2024**.
- The Participants will be evaluated based on both the submission of a written Summary of Justification and the presentation of the same.
- Participants can present for a maximum of 8 minutes and an additional 2 minutes will be allotted for questioning by the judge(s).
- Participants are free to structure their justification as they deem fit, though we advise them to have 1-2 mins of introduction and conclusion.
- Participants cannot exceed the time provided and, subject to the judge's discretion, may be marked negatively.
- Participants are required to maintain formal language throughout the competition.
- Participants must ensure formal drafting within the specified parameters, including a maximum word limit of 1500, Times New Roman 12 font, and a line spacing 1.5.

- Participants shall ensure that footnotes in the Summary of Justification is as per Bluebook – 20<sup>th</sup> edition.

### **3. SCORING**

Each round would be judged based on the following criteria:

<b>SCORING CRITERIA</b>	<b>SCORES</b>
Knowledge of Judgment	20
Style, Structure, and Overall Presentation	10
Additional research and logical reasoning	10
Ability to answer question	15
Time management	5

### **4. ELIGIBILITY**

The competition is open to all interdisciplinary UG students, PG students, Research scholars, Industry Professionals, and Faculty.

### **5. SUBMISSION**

The Participants shall submit the Summary of Justification through the following [Google Form](#).

### **6. REGISTRATION**

The registration fee for the event is

- EACH PARTICIPANT/ ATTENDEE: 700 INR
- EACH FACULTY/ INDUSTRY AS A PARTICIPANT: 2000 INR
- EACH INTERNATIONAL PARTICIPANT: \$37 / 3000 INR

The Participants shall make a preliminary registration for the event via [Google Form](#) and should also ensure that they also complete the [CEP Registration](#) on or before February 29<sup>th</sup>, 2024. It is to be noted that BOTH preliminary registrations through [Google Forms](#) and [CEP Registration](#) are mandatory.

Further details on registration will be furnished on the [Instagram page](#) and the [Linktree site](#).

### **7. AWARDS**

- The Top 3 participants will qualify for the prize.