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## **About Lex Macula**

Lex Macula is registered under the Societies Registration Act of 1861. This is an initiative by students of several premier law colleges coming together to bring a change in the prevailing competitions for the students of the field.

We work across educational institutions to spread legal awareness and provide a platform to the students to develop their public speaking skills and also expand their knowledge in the field of law.

We focus on how the law aspirants and legal professionals can bring a change in the life of ordinary citizens by making them aware about the rights they have and the laws which exist, in order to prevent them from getting exploited. We at Lex Macula, aim to build an environment in which every individual is aware of his or her legal rights and responsibilities and seek to provide an edge to the law students to practically experience the situations at the ground level. Moreover, our focus is on providing them with adequate knowledge and confidence to raise the issues of utmost concern to the society and to enable them to tackle the said concerns through correct legal procedures.

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