



BITS PILANI – K.K.BIRLA GOA CAMPUS'

WAVES – 2014

In association with

G.R. KARE COLLEGE OF LAW

Presents

LEX OMNIA MOOT COURT – 2014

RULEBOOK

1. Eligibility and Participation:

- 1.1. All Law Colleges and Law Schools recognized by the Bar Council of India are eligible to participate in the competition
- 1.2. The team shall comprise of two mooters and two researchers, all of whom shall be regular bonafide students of the institution. Only students from amongst the under graduate five year integrated LL.B. degree and three year Degree law programmes are eligible. Students pursuing Masters Degree in Law or any post graduate degree in Law are not eligible to be team members. Only ONE team from each Law College/School shall be permitted to register.
- 1.3. Invitation for the competition shall be subject to a maximum participation of 32 teams on an **elimination based on the memorials.**
- 1.4. Accommodation shall be provided for 30th October, 31st October, 1st November and 2nd November, 2014.
 - Accommodation and Certification shall NOT be provided to a fifth team member.
 - Teams are requested to arrive in GOA by **morning on 30th October 2014.**
 - The orientation session for Lex Omnia will be conducted at 6 P.M. on the 30th of October, 2014.
- 1.5. A mail is to be sent to the coordinators of Lex Omnia – 2014 at **lexomnia@bits-waves.org** to confirm the status of participation of the college, before sending the registration form by post.
- 1.6. A Registration Fee of Rs 300 (Rs. 300 apart from the Waves event registration fee) is payable along with the attached Registration Form. The Registration Fee should be in the form of a Demand Draft in the name of **‘Director-BITS Pilani KK Birla Goa Campus’** payable at **‘SBI BITS Pilani Goa’** Branch.
- 1.7. The duly completed Registration Form (along with the Demand Draft) must be sent latest by **25th September 2014** at the following postal address:

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ROOM NO. 220, AH-4

BITS PILANI GOA CAMPUS, ZUARINAGAR

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In addition, teams must also send a scanned copy of the duly completed Registration Form via e-mail to lexomnia@bits-waves.org

- 1.8. No change in the names of the participants shall be permitted after the receipt of the Registration Form, except at the sole discretion of the Organizers.
- 1.9. The two designated mooters shall be the speakers and shall put forth oral arguments in the competition and the researchers shall not be permitted to put forth oral arguments.
- 1.10. The dress code for the participants during the rounds of the competition as well as other functions of the Competitions shall be western formals for gentlemen and western or Indian formals for ladies.
- 1.11. Each team shall be provided a 'Team Code' and the same must be used for all purposes during the competition.

2. Memorial Requirements and Evaluation

- 2.1. Each participating team shall prepare written arguments (memorials) on both sides – Claimant and Respondent of the moot problem.
- 2.2. The memorials shall have a soft cover and must be firmly stapled and firmly taped
- 2.3. The cover page of the Memorial must follow the colour scheme:
 - Blue for the Claimant cover page
 - Red for the Respondent cover page
- 2.4. All memorials shall be in the English language and compulsorily contain the following requirements:
 - A memorial shall be printed on one side of the A4 size page only. The text font for the main body shall be 12, Times New Roman with font spacing of 1.5 and text font for the footnotes shall be 10, Times New Roman with font spacing of 1.0. The margins shall be 1.5 inch on the left side and 1.0 inch on other sides.
 - The character spacing should be normal and neither expanded nor condensed.
 - The memorial shall contain the following:
 - a. Cover Page
 - b. Table of Content
 - c. Table of Abbreviation;
 - d. Index of Authorities;
 - e. Statement of Jurisdiction;
 - f. Questions Presented;

- g. Statement of Facts;
 - h. Summary of Pleadings (in maximum of 20 pages);
 - i. Pleadings/Arguments Advanced;
 - j. Conclusion/Prayer for Relief;
- The memorial shall not contain any Annexure / Photographs / Sketches / Exhibits / Affidavit etc.
 - The participating team shall not disclose their identity in any way whatsoever in the memorial. Any violation of this clause will lead to disqualification.
 - All teams must send 8 (Eight) copies of the Memorial for each side and also mail a copy to **lexomnia@bits-waves.org** in PDF Format.
 - A covering letter must be enclosed with the Memorials specifying the name of the College/University of the participating team
 - Memorials must reach the following address latest by **10th October 2014 [5:00 p.m. IST]**. Delay in the submission of memorials will attract a penalty of 2 marks per day up-till a period of one week (7 days). A delay beyond the stipulated 7 days, will make the team ineligible the “Best Memorial” award.
 - The teams are also requested to intimate the posting details (date, time, mode, etc.) to the following email address : **lexomnia@bits-waves.org**
 - Memorial will be evaluated for the total of 100 marks as under by a team of judges:

S.No	Marking Criteria	Marks Allocated
1.	Proper cause title, statement of jurisdiction and presentation of questions	5+5+10
2.	Interpretation of facts	15
3.	Application of relevant law to the case	15
4.	Coherent and logical written arguments advanced	20
5.	Logical use of case law	20
6.	Legality of Reliefs prayed for	10
	Total	100

- Memorial marks will be used only for memorial prizes. However, in case of a tie in oral round rankings, memorial evaluation will be considered to identify the higher rank.

- There will be no exchange of memorials between the team prior to the competition. The same will be done prior to the oral rounds amongst the competing teams as explained in the orientation program. The teams will be assigned their respective sides through a draw of lots.
- After the completion of the Competition, the Organizers shall reserve the right to use the memorials submitted by the participating teams, as they may deem appropriate.

3. Conduct of oral arguments and Competition Procedure:

- 3.1. The competition shall consist of Preliminary Round and Advanced Rounds.
- 3.2. Details of marking scheme for the oral rounds will be provided in the Orientation session to be conducted on Day 0.
- 3.3. Each team shall compulsorily present oral arguments for both sides – Claimant and Respondent in the preliminary rounds, in accordance with lots chosen by the representative of the team at the Orientation Session.
- 3.4. Each oral round shall consist of 90 minutes of arguments. The argument shall be in English language. The Claimant and the respondent shall be allotted 45 minutes each including time for rebuttal/surrebuttal, distributed between each of the two mooters. The rebuttal/surrebuttal has to be done by one mooter only and it cannot be claimed as a matter of right.
- 3.5. The Advanced Rounds shall consist of two knock out rounds, viz. Four Quarter-Finals and Two Semi-Finals.
- 3.6. The Final Round shall determine the winner and the runners up.
 - a. In order to qualify for quarter final rounds the top eight teams based on oral rounds will be selected, provided the team has won both preliminary rounds;
 - b. In case there are less than eight teams having won both preliminary rounds then the team with highest marks with win in either preliminary round will be considered.
 - c. In case of a tie, memorial marks will be considered.
 - d. The scheme for allotting claimant and respondent in the quarter finals round will be as under for the following rankings:
 - i. 1st (Claimant) v. 8th (Respondent)
 - ii. 2nd (Claimant) v. 7th (Respondent)
 - iii. 3rd (Claimant) v. 6th (Respondent)
 - iv. 4th (Claimant) v. 5th (Respondent)
 - e. Winners in the quarter final rounds will be qualified for the semifinal rounds and allotted claimant and respondent as per the following rankings:

- i. 1st (Claimant) v. 4th (Respondent)
- ii. 2nd (Claimant) v. 3rd (Respondent)
- f. The final round will comprise of the winners of the two semifinal rounds and claimant and respondent side will be decided by lots.

4. Awards

- 4.1. There will be an award and a cash prize for the Winners and the Runners up.
 - o Cash prize for the Winners will be Rs. 15000 and for the Runners up is Rs. 10000.
- 4.2. There will be a cash prize of Rs. 5000 for the Best Mooter.
- 4.3. There will be a cash prize of Rs. 3000 for the Best Memorial
- 4.3. The Best Speaker Award will be determined by the aggregate score of all rounds that the participant has argued divided by the number of rounds.
- 4.4. All participants will be presented with Certificates of Participation and all the winners of awards as specified in Clause 4 will get Certificates of Merit.

5. Miscellaneous

- 5.1. No member of any team or any individual connected with any team will be permitted to hear the arguments in any court room in which that team is not one of the contesting teams whilst that team is still in the competition. The Organizers shall take strict action, including disqualification from the competition, against any team found to be scouting through a team member or through any other means.
- 5.2. All Participants are expected to maintain decorum in Court during the rounds of the competition and are expected to conduct themselves in a manner befitting the legal profession.
- 5.3. The Organizers reserve the right to take appropriate action for any unethical, unprofessional and immoral conduct.
- 5.4. The Organizers decision as regards the interpretation of rules or any other matter related to the competition will be final.
- 5.5. If there is any situation which is not contemplated in the rules, the Organizers decision on the same shall be final.
- 5.6. The Organizers reserve the right to vary, alter, modify, or repeal any of the above rules if so required and as they may deem appropriate.

6. Requests for interpretation of the case study and the Rules of the competition:

6.1.All the requests for interpretation of the case study and rules of the competition must be directed to MANAGER, WAVES – 2014. The last date for seeking all clarifications is **30th September 2014.**

6.2.All such requests must be sent via an email to **lexomnia@bits-waves.org**, with the subject of the email as “REQUEST FOR INTERPRETATION”

7. Disclaimer

The Material in the moot court problem is not intended to and does not attempt to resemble any incident or any person living or dead. All material in the problem is fictitious and any resemblance to any incident or person, if any, is not intended, but merely co-incidental.

8. Contact Details

Kindly direct all postal correspondence to

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