



**1ST JUS LEX NATIONAL TRIAL ADVOCACY AND JUDGEMENT
WRITING COMPETITION, 2018**

August 31 – September 2, 2018



RULES AND REGULATIONS

Organised by
**SAVEETHA ACHOOL OF LAW,
SAVEETHA INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL AND TECHNICAL SCIENCES (SIMATS),
CHENNAI.**

RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. KNOW ABOUT THE INSTITUTION:

Saveetha School of Law, Saveetha Institute of Medical and Technical Sciences (SIMATS) established in 2009 aims to strive for Quality Legal Education and maintains higher standards of Legal Research and Training. With its academic autonomy together with flexibility for innovation in teaching in pursuant of excellence, the School is striving to emerge as one of the Best Institutions in the field of Legal education. With the vision, to excel in imparting quality oriented legal education relevant to the social order and human development. Our journey has been remarkable and has grown in leaps and bounds in every possible angle. SSL also encourages students' active participation in various extra - curricular activities such as Moot Court, Client Counselling, Community outreach programmes, Mock Trial, Seminars. Besides teaching, the School imparts special skills to the students relevant to their professional pursuit and makes them as a holistic personality.

2. AIM AND PURPOSE:

- To nurture professionalism and in growth of the institution, Saveetha School of Law has stepped forward with the initiative of organizing its “**1st JUS LEX NATIONAL TRIAL ADVOCACY COMPETITION, 2018**” which is emerging as a flagship program of our institution aiming at imparting the students with a real-life acquaintance of criminal proceedings followed by Trial Courts in India.

3. ELIGIBILITY:

- Students pursuing their bachelor's degree in the current calendar year in a three-year course or five years course in law from any recognized school/ college/ university are eligible to participate in the competition.

4. PARTICIPATION:

Participation is restricted to maximum of 24 teams, selected on a first-come-first-serve basis. The confirmation regarding the participation will be intimated once the participation is confirmed.

5. DATE AND VENUE:

The competition will be held from **31st August to 2nd September, 2018 at Saveetha School of Law, SIMATS, Chennai, Tamil Nadu**. Teams are required to be present by 2.00pm at the venue of the competition on 31st August, 2018

6. TEAM COMPOSITION:

Each team shall be composed of **minimum of 2 members and maximum of 3 members**, the number cannot be modified under any circumstances. No change in team composition shall be permitted once the registration of the team has been confirmed by the institution. No additional/observer member shall be entitled to hospitality or certificate. **No cross teams are allowed.**

7. LANGUAGE: The competition shall only be in English language.

8. DRESS CODE: Advocates attire (including neckband and gown)

9. REGISTRATION:

The teams must register themselves by sending an e-mail at juslex.ssl@saveetha.com. **latest by 15th July 2018**. *A scanned copy of the duly attested Registration form along with the payment of registration fees shall be attached with the mail.* ("Registration- along with the college/institution name - subject of the mail) Participants will receive an acknowledgement-cum-approval as a confirmation of their registration & participation periodically after registration.

Registrations without the scanned copy of the duly attested Registration Form from the college/institution/ university will NOT be entertained. Once a registration is done, no change in the names will be possible. However, in exceptional circumstances, if a change in name is inevitable, a fresh registration has to be made along with a scanned copy of the duly attested

Registration Form from the college/institution/ university clearly explaining the reasons for the change and with authorized signatory & seal of the college/institution /university, before the last date of registration.

The duly attested hard copy of the Registration Form should be submitted to the host university at the time of Registration, without fail.

HARD COPY OF REGISTRATION AND DEMAND DRAFT:

Original Demand Draft and Hard copies of the Registration form (ANNEXURE A) must reach the Institution by 23rd July 2018, upon the acceptance of which the registration would be complete. All Documents for the purpose of the competition shall be sent to

Saveetha School of Law,

VND Nagar, Poonamallee,

Chennai – 600056, Tamil Nadu

Titled “1st Jus Lex National Trial Advocacy and Judgement Writing Competition”.

10. Registration Fee

The participating teams are required to submit registration fee of Rs. 4500/- by way of Demand Draft in the favor of “**SAVEETHA SCHOOL OF LAW, CME**” PAYABLE AT **CHENNAI**. Nonpayment of registration fee shall result in cancellation of the registration of the participating team.

11. TEAM CODE

Upon confirmation of the participation, teams will be allotted a unique team code which they must use from there onwards for all kinds of communication made to the organizers. Teams will not be allowed to use the name of their institution, once the team code has been allotted. such disclosure shall invite penalties including disqualification. The decision for the same shall be at the discretion of the Organisers.

12. TRAVEL PLAN

All the participating teams will be required to send a soft copy of the duly filed travel form on or before 18/08/2018

13. ACCOMMODATION & FOOD

Accommodation and food shall be provided to the teams by the organizers from 31st August 2018(3.00pm) to 2nd September, 2018 (3.00pm) All the facilities shall be provided only to the registered members of the teams and no additional member, parent, coaches, observer or faculty advisor shall be accommodated.

14. STAGES OF EVENTS:

The competition shall consist of

- A. Preliminary round,
- B. Quarter finals,
- C. Semi-finals and
- D. Final Round

A. Preliminary Rounds

1. There shall be two preliminary rounds of arguments per team. One for prosecution & another for defense.
2. Each team will face a different bench in their second round of arguments.
3. Top eight teams will qualify for the quarter finals.
4. Teams shall be provided with their opponent's memorial after each draw of lots.
5. Every team shall compulsorily return to their court officer, other side's memorial immediately after the conclusion of each preliminary round.

B. Quarter -Finals

1. Qualification to the Quarter -Final Rounds will be based on the following: Teams with top 8 aggregate marks of oral arguments of both the preliminary rounds, shall qualify for the Quarter Final Rounds. In case of a tie, the memorial marks will be taken into consideration.
2. Draw of lots will decide the competing teams in Quarter final rounds.
3. The teams will be provided their opponent's memorials only after the declaration of preliminary rounds results.
4. This shall be a knockout round

C. Semi – Finals

The top 4 teams from the quarter-finals will be qualified to the Semi Finals. Qualification to the Semi -Final Rounds will be based on the Highest marks of the respective courtroom. Draw of lots will decide the competing teams.

D. Finals

The winner of each Semi Final round will compete in the Final round. The Final round shall be held on 2nd September 2018.

15. RECORDING OF EVIDENCE

The team members should take note of the questions and answers during chief/cross examination.

16. JUDGEMENT WRITING

The Judgment writing competition will be held on 31st August, 2018 after the inaugural ceremony. The teams have the discretion to select a suitable member to appear for the competition and the same must be notified to the organizers prior to the competition.

17. WITNESSES

- The organizers will be providing the witnesses for the competition.
- All the witnesses will be allotted to each team after the orientation programme.
- Teams are required to use the assigned witnesses for the rest of the competition.
- Teams are required to notify the court officers before the commencement of each rounds, as to which witnesses they will be examining in the present round.
- Organizers are liable to provide only **4 witnesses** for the prelims, quarter final and semi-finals. Teams are free to brief any witness for any role that has been provided for in the case study.
- **Each team is required to examine a maximum of 4 witness during preliminary round,**
- **During the Final Rounds the teams shall examine all the witnesses.**
- Teams can brief their witnesses during the time allotted for briefing. The teams are restricted to contact the witnesses afterwards.

18. SCOUTING

The participating teams are restricted from observing the oral rounds of other teams, unless and until they are out of the competition. The researcher shall sit with their respective teams during the oral pleadings. Witnessing any incident of Scouting by the participated may result in Immediate Disqualification of the team from progressing the Competition.

The participating teams shall not disclose their institution at any time and in any manner, during their participation in the competition. Participants representing as counsel may introduce himself/herself to the court in the usual manner by stating their respective names. However, the participant's college affiliation shall not be indicated to the judges at any time through their appearance or carrying identifying material.

19. WRITTEN BRIEF

The following requirements for memorial must be strictly followed. Non-conformities will be penalized.

- 1) Each team must prepare memorials for both parties (i.e. Prosecution and Defense)
- 2) The briefs shall be consistent with the Criminal Procedure Code, 1973 (Revised)
- 3) Once the memorials have been submitted, no revisions, supplements, or additions will be allowed.
- 4) **SOFT COPIES** of the memorials for both sides must be e-mailed to juslex.ssl@saveetha.com with the subject titled "Memorial Submission" latest by 11:59 p.m. on **18th August 2018**. Soft copy mandatorily be in PDF format. A penalty of 1 mark shall be levied in case the written briefs are submitted in any other format or through multiple mails. Teams submitting the written briefs after the last date of submission shall be penalised a maximum of 1 mark for delay of each day.
- 5) **One Hard Copy** of both Prosecution and Defense Memorials must reach the host institution latest by 3:00 pm on 23rd August 2018 for the purpose of evaluation of memorial marks. Soft Binding (mandatory). Late submissions will result in 1 point penalty per day . **Five (5) copies, each of the memorials for Prosecution & Defense, must be submitted at the time of registration and draw of lots.**

The memorials have to be submitted on typed A4 size paper printed on one side and must contain:-

- I. TABLE OF CONTENTS
- II. INDEX OF AUTHORITIES
- III. STATEMENT OF JURISDICTION
- IV. STATEMENT OF FACTS (not more than 1 page)
- V. STATEMENT OF CHARGES
- VI. SUMMARY OF ARGUMENTS
- VII. ARGUMENTS ADVANCED (not more than 15 pages)
- VIII. PRAYER

- *Arguments must not exceed 15 (fifteen) pages.*
 - *Font : Times New Roman*
 - *Font size : 12pts*
 - *Line spacing : 1.5*
 - *Margin: 1inch both sides*
 - *Footnotes size : 10pts*
 - *Citation followed : 21st Blue Book Citation*
 - *Page numbering should be on the top right side of each page.*
 - *Covers must be placed on briefs as follows: The Cause Title, Identity of brief as Prosecution (Blue Color) and Defense (Red Color).*
 - *Must not contain any Annexure, Photographs, Exhibits, Affidavits, Sketches.*
- Identity of the institution shall not be revealed anywhere in the memorial. Code numbers allotted to the team by the host institution should be mentioned. Violation of this provision shall result in penalties, including disqualification. The Host University's decision shall be final.*

20. JUDGING CRITERIA

Parameters for judging the teams are as follows

- Knowledge of facts
- Logic and clarity in reasoning
- Persuasiveness and deference to court
- Proper, articulate and systematic analysis of the issues arising out of facts
- Understanding the laws of evidence and procedure
- Ability to successfully conduct chief/cross examination within the allotted time
- Ability to elicit favourable facts from witnesses
- Ability to deal with unreceptive, argumentative or hostile witnesses - Ingenuity (ability to argue by analogy from related aspects of law)
- Knowledge of relevant provisions relating to penal laws - Written submission

21. QUERIES AND CLARIFICATIONS

All the queries and clarifications (regarding the case study) must be addressed to official mail id of the organizers and the subject of the mail must read as “QUERY” on or before 1st August 2018. A compiled list of queries and their clarifications will be released for all the teams by 5th August 2018. No queries directed to the contact person otherwise than a mail, shall be entertained whatsoever the case may be.

22. CERTIFICATES

Certificates will be awarded, only to the participants during the valedictory ceremony and under no circumstances will it be provided to any participants absent during the ceremony.

23. AWARDS

Based upon their performance during the rounds, participating students would be given following awards

Winning Team – Trophy and cash prize of ₹50,000

1st Runner-up Team – Trophy and cash prize of ₹25,000

2nd Runner-up Team – Trophy and Certificate

Best Student Advocate Male and Female – Trophy and cash prize of ₹5,000 each

Best Written Brief – Trophy and cash prize of ₹5,000

Best Judgment Writer - Trophy and cash prize of ₹5,000

Best witness 1st and 2nd - each 2500/-

24. DISCLAIMER:

The institution/society has full right reserved to modify and cancel any rules as it deems fit to the situation at any time in due course of the competition and the decision of the organisers shall stand final.



ANNEXURE- A

REGISTRATION FORM

(To Be Filled in Block Letters)

NAME OF THE INSTITUTION: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CONTACT NO: _____

EMAIL: _____

CONTACT PERSON

(PREFERABLY FACULTY-IN-CHARGE FOR THE MOOT COURT OF RESPECTIVE INSTITUTION)

NAME: _____

DESIGNATION: _____

CONTACT NO: _____

EMAIL: _____

TEAM DETAILS

TEAM MEMBERS:

SPEAKER 1

FULL NAME: _____

SEMESTER: _____

GENDER: _____

CONTACT NO: _____

EMAIL: _____

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Photograph

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AT THE BOTTOM

SPEAKER 2

FULL NAME: _____

SEMESTER: _____

GENDER: _____

CONTACT NO: _____

EMAIL: _____

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RESEARCHER

FULL NAME: _____

SEMESTER: _____

GENDER: _____

CONTACT NO: _____

EMAIL: _____

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DEMAND DRAFT DETAILS

D.D. NO: _____

DRAWN ON BANK: _____

FAVOURING: _____

DATE: _____

(PLEASE MENTION THE NAME OF THE INSTITUTION ON THE REVERSE
SIDE OF THE ORIGINAL DEMAND DRAFT)

DETAILS OF THE HEAD OF THE INSTITUTION

NAME: _____

SIGNATURE: _____

EMAIL: _____

CONTACT NO: _____

SEAL OF THE INSTITUTION:



ANNEXURE - B

TRAVEL PLAN

ARRIVAL DETAILS

DATE:

COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY NAME: _____

TIME: _____

MODE OF TRAVEL: _____

TRAIN/FLIGHT NO: _____

TRAIN/FLIGHT NAME: _____

DEPARTURE DETAILS

DATE:

TIME: _____

MODE OF TRAVEL: _____

TRAIN/FLIGHT NO: _____

TRAIN/FLIGHT NAME: _____

CONTACT PERSON: _____

CONTACT NUMBER: _____