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RULES OF THE COMPETITION

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OFFICIAL DATES

PARTICULAR	DATE
Release of Moot Proposition (Case Study)	13 th August 2019
Last date for provisional registration:	01 th September 2019
Date for Final Registration:	7 th September 2019 (11:59 P.M. IST).
Last day to apply for clarifications to the Moot Problem	11 th September 2019
Release of clarifications (if any)	12 th September 2019
Dispatch of Team Codes to participating teams	15 th September 2019
Deadline for submission of Moot Memorial (Soft Copy)	27 th September 2019
Deadline for submission of Moot Memorial (Hard Copy):	05 th October 2019
Oral rounds:	10 th -12 th October 2019
Researcher's Test	10 th October 2019

RULES OF COMPETITION

GENERAL INFORMATION:

1. The 3rd Chandigarh University Moot on Competition Law, 2019 (Competition) shall be held from 10th - 12th October, 2019 at Chandigarh University, Mohali.
2. The Organising Committee (OC) shall function as the point of contact, and any changes in the Rules of the competition shall be notified by email to all participating teams.
3. The competition shall be conducted in accordance with the rules mentioned hereunder, participants are required to comply with the rules and procedures prescribed herein.
4. The official email for all correspondence with respect to the competition is mootcourtsociety.uils@cumail.in.

1. DEFINITIONS

- 1.1. “**Applicant(s)/Appellant(s)/Petitioner(s)**” means that side of the Team which argues on behalf of the Applicant(s)/Appellant(s)/Petitioner(s) at any given point in the competition.
- 1.2. “**Bench**” means the panel of judges of an Oral Pleading Session collectively.
- 1.3. “**Bluebook**” means the Bluebook Method of Citation (20th edition).
- 1.4. “**Clarifications**” mean the clarifications and corrections to the Moot Problem issued pursuant to Rule 5 of the Rules of the competition. They shall form part of the Moot Problem.
- 1.5. “**Compendium**” means a compilation or collection of legal or other authorities that a Team seeks to rely upon during the Oral Pleading Session.
- 1.6. “**Competition**” means the 3rd National Moot Court Competition, 2019 “Vaktavya”.
- 1.7. “**Identity**” means any fact pertaining to the identity of the Team, its members, or the Institution/College/University represented by the Team and the state or region where such Institution/College/University is located, and includes any identification marks/ seal of the Team or the Institution/ College/University represented.
- 1.8. “**IST**” means Indian Standard Time.
- 1.9. “**Official Website**” means the website of the competition.
- 1.10. “**Oral Pleading Session**” means the oral pleadings before a Bench as explained in Rule 8 of the Rules of the Competition.

- 1.11. **“Oral Score”** means the score given by a judge in accordance with Rule 9 of the Rules of the Competition.
- 1.12. **“Orator”** means one of the two designated speakers in a Team.
- 1.13. **“Organizing Committee”** or **“OC”** means the committee, including any other persons specifically authorized in this respect, appointed for the administration and conduct of the Competition and all events leading to the Competition.
- 1.14. **“Rebuttals”** mean the set of arguments/challenges that the Applicant(s)/ Appellant(s)/ Petitioner(s) shall raise at the end of the main pleadings of all the Orators.
- 1.15. **“Reply to Rebuttals”** means the defense presented by the Respondent(s) in response to the Rebuttals.
- 1.16. **“Researcher”** means that member of the Team who is not an Orator.
- 1.17. **“Researchers’ Test”** means a written test conducted during the Competition in accordance with Rule 7.8 of the Rules of the Competition.
- 1.18. **“Respondent(s)”** means that side of the Team which argues on behalf of the Respondent(s) at any given point in the Competition.
- 1.19. **“Scouting”** means any person observing the Oral Pleading Session of a Team other than that of the Team such person is associated with.
- 1.20. **“Team”** means the registered representatives of any Institution/College/University participating in the Competition and shall include only those members as specified in Rule 2.3 of the Rules of the Competition.
- 1.21. **“Team Code”** means the code assigned to a Team through draw of lots.
- 1.22. **“Waiting Area”** means the area designated by the OC where participants shall report prior to the commencement of their Oral Pleading Sessions.
- 1.23. **“Written Submissions”** means the memorandum of written submissions submitted by any Team as per Rule 6 of the Rules of the Competition.
- 1.24. **“Written Submission Score”** means the score determined in accordance with Rule 9 of the Rules of the Competition.

2. ELIGIBILITY AND TEAM COMPOSITION:

- 2.1. The Competition is open to all students, enrolled bonafide at the time of the competition on a regular basis in an undergraduate LL.B. degree course or its equivalent conducted by any recognized Institution/College/University in India. Students enrolled in postgraduate or diploma courses are not eligible to participate.
- 2.2. A recognized Institution/College/University shall be entitled to send only one Team for the Competition.
- 2.3. Each Team shall comprise of three members. Two members of the Team shall be designated as Orators and the third member shall be designated as the Researcher.
- 2.4. Any additional member or Team Coach accompanying a Team shall not be recognized and will not be entitled to a certificate from the OC.

3. REGISTRATION:

- 3.1. Each Team must register by filling up the Registration Form along with the registration fee as provided on or before 07 September 2019 (11:59 P.M. IST).
- 3.2. A scanned copy of the duly filled Registration Form with signature and seal of the authority shall be mailed on mootcourtsociety.uils@cumail.in .
- 3.3. Once a Team registers by completing the formalities given in Rules 3.1 and 3.2 of the Rules of the Competition, a Team Code shall be assigned to it by 05 September, 2019.
- 3.4. Any changes in the contact details of Team members must be notified to the OC with immediate effect. This obligation to inform shall continue throughout the course of the Competition, unless such a Team withdraws or is disqualified from the Competition.
- 3.5. Online registration form is available: <https://form.jotform.me/92283069586469>

Sr. No.	Fee Particular	Amount
01.	Registration fee for 'VakTavya'	4000/- (Per Team)
02.	Accommodation fee	500/-

- 3.6. Payment Details Shall be available on request after provisional registration through mail on mootcourtsociety.uils@cumail.in .

4. ANONYMITY OF TEAMS

- 4.1. Teams shall not reveal their Identity in any form, except by means of the Team Code assigned to them in accordance with Rule 3.3 of the Rules of the Competition.
- 4.2. Teams shall not, in any way, reveal their Identity in the Written Submissions or in the course of the Oral Pleadings Session. The Written Submissions shall not bear the logo, name, etc. of the team, its members or the Institution/College/University represented by the Team.
- 4.3. Any material, including the Compendium, books, bare acts, or any other reference material, carried into the courtroom for the Oral Pleading Session, whether presented to the Bench or not, shall not reveal the identity of the team and will be devoid of any identification marks/ seal of the Team or the Institution/College/University represented. If anything on the material carried into the courtroom reveals the Team's Identity, the Team shall render the same unrecognizable to the satisfaction of the OC prior to leaving the waiting area.
- 4.4. Any violation of Rules 4.2 or 4.3 of the Rules of the Competition may attract disqualification of the Team from the Competition or any other penalty as determined by the OC. The decision of the OC in this regard shall be final and not subject to challenge.

5. CLARIFICATIONS TO THE MOOT PROBLEM

- 5.1. Teams may seek Clarifications via e-mail to mootcourtsociety.uils@cumail.in latest by 11th September, 2019 (11:59 P.M. IST).
- 5.2. All Clarifications shall be mailed by 12th September, 2019. (This date is subject to change).

6. WRITTEN SUBMISSION

- 6.1. Each Team is required to prepare Written Submissions for both sides, i.e., the Applicant(s)/Appellant(s)/Petitioner(s) and the Respondent(s) of the case.
- 6.2. A Written Submission shall be identified solely by the Team Code assigned to the Team pursuant to Rule 3.3 of the Rules of the Competition. The Written Submissions shall not, in any way, disclose any fact pertaining to the Identity of the Team, its members, or the Institution/College/University represented by the Team.

6.3. A Written Submission shall consist of the following mandatory heads:

- a. Cover Page
- b. Table of Contents
- c. List of Abbreviations
- d. Index of Authorities
- e. Statement of Facts (not exceeding 2 pages)
- f. Statement of Jurisdiction
- g. Issues Raised
- h. Summary of Arguments (not exceeding 2 pages)
- i. Arguments Advanced (not exceeding 20 pages)
- j. Prayer (not exceeding 1 page)

6.4. The Cover Page of a Written Submission must contain the following information:

- a. The Team Code in the upper right-hand corner
- b. The name and year of the Competition
- c. The name of the case
- d. The side for which the Written Submission has been prepared
- e. Name of the forum resolving the dispute.

6.5. List of abbreviations and Index of Authorities

- 6.5.1 The List of Abbreviations shall include all abbreviations and acronyms (such as “SEBA”, “SC”, etc.) used in the Written Submission, but shall not include the following symbols: “%”, “&”, “\$”, “¶”, “₹”. If any abbreviation does not appear in the List of Abbreviations or vice versa, every instance wherein it is used in the Written Submission shall constitute a violation of this rule.
- 6.5.2 All authorities cited in the Written Submission must be included in the Index of Authorities and vice versa. If any authority cited in the Written Submission is not included in the Index of Authorities or vice versa, every instance wherein it is used in the Written Submission or the Index of Authorities, as the case may be, shall constitute a violation of this rule.
- 6.5.3 The List of Abbreviations and Index of Authorities (including the headings within the Index of Authorities) must be in alphabetical order.

6.6 Footnotes and Citations

6.6.1 Teams shall cite all authorities in the Written Submission using footnotes as per Bluebook (20th Edition). A few sample citations are given below:

Example:

Acceptable footnote: A v. B, AIR 2015 SC 50, 12-23 [hereinafter A].

Unacceptable footnote: A v. B, AIR 2015 SC 50, 12-23 [hereinafter A] (holding that the basic structure of the Constitution cannot be amended).

6.6.2 Footnotes should be limited only to citations and in no case shall footnotes contain additional information or arguments.

6.7 The Written Submission shall not contain any annexure, photographs or any other representation of like nature.

6.8 The Written Submission (including the preliminary pages and excluding the cover page) shall adhere to the following mandatory specifications:

- a. Paper size: A4
- b. Font type: Times New Roman
- c. Font size: 12
- d. Line spacing: 1.5
- e. Body of text: Justified
- f. Margin: 1 inch on all sides
- g. No borders

For footnotes, the formatting specifications are:

- a. Font type: Times New Roman
- b. Font size: 10
- c. Line spacing: 1
- d. Paragraph spacing: 0
- e. No additional space between 2 footnotes
- f. Body of text: Justified

6.9 Presentation of the Written Submission

6.9.1 Hard copy of Written Submission shall be spiral bound only.

6.9.2 The cover page of the soft copies and hard copies of the Written Submissions shall comply with the following color scheme:

Applicant(s)/Appellant(s)/Petitioner(s) – Blue

Respondent(s) – Red

6.10 Each Team shall send a soft copy of the Written Submissions, via electronic mail, on or before 27th September, 2019 (05:00 P.M. IST) to mootcourtsociety.uils@cumail.in and shall comply with Rule 6.11 of the Rules of the Competition.

6.10.1 Any soft copy submission made after 27th September (05:00 P.M. IST) will be considered a late submission and shall be penalized with 1 mark for each day of delay till 01st, October 2019 (07:00 P.M. IST).

6.10.2 Any soft copy submission after 01st October 2019 (after 07:00 P.M. IST) shall not be accepted and the Team will not be allowed to participate in the Competition, except at the discretion of the OC. The decision of the OC shall be final in this regard.

6.10.3 Where a Team makes multiple soft copy submissions, the last in time shall be considered for the purpose of Rules 6.10.1 and 6.10.2 of the Rules of the Competition

6.11 It is the responsibility of each Team to ensure that the electronic copies of the Written Submissions:

6.11.1 Can be opened and read with Adobe Acrobat Reader Version 8 and Microsoft Word 97-2003 Document (through use of compatibility mode) or a later version and do not contain any virus;

6.11.2 Are submitted as four (4) separate file attachments: two (2) as Written Submission for the Applicant(s)/Appellant(s)/Petitioner(s) (one each in PDF and Microsoft Word (.docx/.doc) format) and two (2) as Written Submission for the Respondent(s) (one each in PDF and Microsoft Word (.docx/.doc) format).

6.12 **Five (05) hard copies of the Written Submissions** for each side (05) for the Applicant(s)/Appellant(s)/Petitioner(s) and 05 for the Respondent(s)) should reach the OC by 05th October (05:00 P.M. IST) at the following address:

**The Chairman, Organising Committee 'Vaktavya'
University Institute of Legal Studies (UILS), Block 5
Chandigarh University,
NH-95, Ludhiana - Chandigarh State Highway,
Mohali (Punjab) – 140413
Contact No: +91-8868068244**

- 6.12.1 Each Team shall send a cover letter clearly specifying the Team Code assigned to such Team and details of the Team members and the Institution/College/University represented, along with the Written Submissions.
- 6.12.2 Any hard copy submission that reaches the OC after 05th September (after 05:00 P.M. IST) will be considered a late submission and shall be penalized with 1 mark for each day of delay till the day such hard copy submission reaches the OC.
- 6.12.3 Delay caused by courier services shall not be considered by the OC in determining the penalty under Rule 6.12.2 of the Rules of the Competition. Teams are required to send the soft copies and hard copies of the Written Submissions well in time, taking all contingencies into account.
- 6.13 The hard copies of the Written Submissions must be identical to the soft copies of the Written Submissions sent by the Team. Any violation of this rule shall attract penalty as determined by the OC. The decision of the OC in this regard shall be final and not subject to challenge.

7. STRUCTURE OF THE COMPETITION

- 7.1. The Competition shall be conducted over a period of three days from 10th – 12th October, 2019. The Inaugural Function, Orientation of Participants, Preliminary Round 1 and Researchers' Test will be held on 10th October 2019.
- 7.2. The Researchers' Test shall be conducted in accordance with Rule 7.8 of the Rules of the Competition.
- 7.3. The Competition shall consist of the following Oral Pleading Sessions:
- a. The Preliminary Rounds;
 - b. The Quarter-Final Rounds;
 - c. The Semi-Final Rounds; and

d. The Final Round.

7.4. The Teams participating in a Round will be provided with a copy of the opposing Team's Written Submission prior to the Oral Pleading Session. These must be returned to the OC in their original condition after the Oral Pleading Session, if the copy provided is a hard copy. The Preliminary Rounds will be held on 10 and 11 October 2019. There will be two Preliminary Rounds and each Team shall argue once as the Applicant(s)/Appellant(s)/Petitioner(s) and once as the Respondent(s).

8. RESEARCHERS' TEST

8.1 The Researchers' Test shall be conducted on 10th October 2019.

8.2 Participation in the Researchers' Test is mandatory for all Teams and failure to participate may result in disqualification, subject to the discretion of the OC.

8.3 Only the Researcher, as designated under Rule 2.3 of the Rules of the Competition, shall write the test and such Researcher shall not be allowed to address the Bench during the Oral Pleading Sessions.

8.4 The duration of the Researchers' Test shall be 1 hour and it shall be in the Multiple Choice Question format.

8.5 Researchers' Test shall test the knowledge of the laws involved as well as the factual details of the Moot Problem and the application of the relevant laws to the circumstances in the Moot Problem.

8.6 No notes, bare acts, books or any other material, or electronic aid shall be permitted during the Researchers' Test.

9. EVALUATION CRITERIA

9.1 Evaluation Criteria for Written Submissions

9.1.1 Written Submissions will be marked on a scale of 100 marks as per the following criteria:

S. NO.	MARKING CRITERIA	MAXIMUM MARKS
01.	Knowledge of Law and Facts	20
02.	Interpretation of law and Application to facts	10

03.	Identification and Articulation of Issues and Jurisdiction	10
04.	Use of Authorities	10
05.	Authoritativeness and Persuasiveness	10
06.	Organization of Arguments & Clarity of Thought	10
07.	Originality Innovation	10
08.	Presentation Style	10
09.	General Impression	10
TOTAL		100

9.2 Evaluation Criteria for Oral Pleading Sessions

9.2.1 The Oral Pleading Sessions will be marked on a scale of 100 marks per judge as per the following criteria:

S. NO.	MARKING CRITERIA	MAXIMUM MARKS
01.	Knowledge of Law and Facts	10
02.	Appreciation and Application of Facts	10
03.	Interpretation and Application of Law	10
04.	Use of Authorities	10
05.	Response to Questions	10
06.	Organization of Arguments & Clarity of Thought	10
07.	Argumentative Skills and Creativity	10
08.	Reference to Written Submissions in the course of Oral Pleadings	10
09.	Dressing & Court Mannerisms	20
TOTAL		100

9.1.2 The decision of the Bench regarding the allocation of marks shall be final.

9.1.3 To ensure uniformity, each Judge will be briefed in advance regarding the marking criteria.

10. PRIZES AND AWARDS:

10.1 Prizes and awards shall adhere to the following scheme:

S. NO.	CITATION	PRIZES AND AWARDS
01.	Winning Team	Trophy + INR 51,000 (cash prize)
02.	Runner-Up Team	Trophy + INR 21,000 (cash prize)
03.	Best Memorial (Written Submission)	Trophy + INR 07,000 (cash prize)
04.	Best Orator in the Preliminary Rounds	Trophy + INR 05,000 (cash prize)
05.	Best Researcher	Trophy + INR 05,000 (cash prize)

10.2 The Best Orator in the Preliminary Rounds shall be determined as per the Oral Score awarded to each Orator in the Preliminary Rounds of the Competition.

10.3 The Best Researcher shall be determined as per the Researcher's Test.

10.4 All members of each Team shall be awarded Certificates of Participation and all the winners of the awards specified in Rule 10.1 of the Rules of the Competition shall be awarded Merit Certificates. Semi-Finalist and Quarter-Finalist Teams shall also be awarded Merit Certificates.

10.5 The OC reserves the right to make any changes to the above-mentioned rules.

11. ACCOMODATION AND TRANSPORTATION

11.1 Accommodation shall be provided to the participants only on the days of the Competition. Teams which intend to arrive prior to or leave after the specified dates are required to make their own arrangements.

11.2 No additional member or Team Coach's shall be allowed for any of the services.

11.3 OC shall be responsible for the transportation to and from the airport / railway station / bus station to the accommodation. They will be received by the OC at their respective places at as travel plan.

11.4 The OC will be responsible for transportation from the accommodation to the Competition venue.

12. MISCELLANEOUS

- The OC reserves the right to amend, modify, change, or repeal any of the Rules of the Competition. The OC shall communicate any changes made in the Rules of the Competition to the Teams.
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- The OC reserves the right to take decisions on any matter not mentioned in the Rules of the Competition. Any such decision taken by the OC shall be final and binding.
- The OC reserves the right to interpret any of the Rules of the Competition. Such interpretation shall be final and binding.
- If any one member of a team is notified or informed of any detail or information concerning the Competition, it shall be deemed as if the said team as a whole has been duly notified or informed.
- The copyright in the Written Submissions of Teams shall vest with Chandigarh University. We shall not be responsible for any liability accrued to any person or for any loss caused to any person because of the content of the Written Submissions.
- No audio recording or videotaping of oral pleadings is permitted without the permission of the OC, the Bench before which the team is scheduled to present, and the opposing Team. The OC reserves all rights to audio recording and videotaping, or any other form of audio or visual reproduction of any oral round or part thereof.
- If a Team believes that the Rules of the Competition have been violated at any stage of the Competition, the Team shall, within half an hour after the completion of the round in which the alleged violation has occurred, register a complaint with the **Dispute Resolution Committee (DRC)** of the Competition.
- Team(s) shall not approach the Bench with any complaints, under any circumstances whatsoever

13. Dress Code:

13.1. The participants shall adhere to following dress code when present in any court room during the Competition:

Girls: White shirt and black trousers or skirt along with black coat and black shoes or White salwar and kurta; and

Boys: White shirt, black trousers and black tie along with black coat and black shoes.

13.2. The participating teams shall also adhere to the above mentioned dress code while attending the inaugural and valedictory ceremonies of the Competition.

13.3. Non - compliance of the aforesaid rules shall result in deduction of the marks in oral rounds.

14. Dispute Resolution Committee:

Introduction:

The Dispute Resolution Committee (DRC) is constituted to ensure transparency in the competition and accountability of the host institution, i.e. University Institute of Legal Studies (UILS), Chandigarh University, with respect to any dispute in the 3rd National Moot Court Competition, 2019 'Vaktavya'.

About the members of the committee

The committee consists of five members, who are alumni of reputed and established law schools and who are very well acquainted with the culture of mooting have made their footmarks in research and strategy planning.

They are the guardians of the of UILS department. Known for their righteous approach to problem solving, they will ensure redressal of your grievances in just and unbiased manner throughout the competition.

The detailed information of each member is provided below:

Dr. Santosh Singh	As an active participant in shaping regulatory environment Dr. Santosh has an experience of academic leadership. He has been very keen towards research and planning with the profound profile, also dedicated in motivating the young minds.
Dr. Rajiv Bhalla	An Alumnus of Panjab University, Dr. Rajiv Bhalla is an experienced academician having an experience of 13 years in the field of corporate law. His comprehensive research work has been published by many reputed UGC approved Law Journals.
Dr. Sunil Kumar	Also an Alumnus of Punjab University, Dr. Sunil Kumar has a notable experience of 8 years in Procedural Law. His insight into law and legal research has been a guiding light for the legal aspirants.
Ms. Ankita Bali	A grad of NLIU Bhopal she has been a scholar at winning National Moot Court Competitions during her graduation period. The experience of doing Moots has given her the ascendancy for judging various National and International Moot Court Competition at various forums. She has been awarded by the Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh for her ardent efforts in the training program of Government of Uttar Pradesh.
Mr. Arun verma	With an experience of 10 years in the field of Cyber Law and Competition Law, Mr. Arun Verma has completed his Post Graduation from Kurukshetra University. His expertise in Corporate and Competition law is rewarding and he has also dedicated his efforts in policy making.

- All the decisions and direction approved by the aforesaid committee shall be binding for all the team participating in “**3rd National Moot Court Competition**”, ‘**VakTavya’ 2019**.

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