



ASIAN LAW COLLEGE

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VIRTUAL NATIONAL MOOT COURT COMPETITION

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS

on

11th and 12th September, 2020

RULES AND REGULATIONS

Organized by

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1. RULES OF ORAL SUBMISSIONS:

- (a) Language of Oral Submissions: All oral pleadings must be in English.
- (b) Maximum Time: In the Preliminary Rounds, Semi-Final and Final, each team will get a maximum of 25 minutes to put up their arguments, which will include the rebuttal/sur-rebuttal time. It is left to the discretion of the individual teams to divide the time among the members, which in any case shall not be less than five minutes or more than 15 minutes for an individual speaker.
- (c) Online Mooting Etiquettes: Only the respective team members, judges, bailiffs and members of the organizing Moot Court Committee may be present in the online Court Rooms. No faculty designate or observer of participating colleges/institutions/universities shall be allowed to join the virtual mooting sessions. In the Virtual Court Rooms, all participants shall keep their videos turned on until and unless they face serious network disruptions in which case they can turn off their videos till the time they face such disruptions. Their microphones must be in mute position till they are required to speak.

2. RULES OF WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS:

- (a) Language of Written Submissions: All written pleadings must be in English.
- (b) Memorials: Teams have to prepare memorials for both the sides, i.e. Petitioners and Respondents. Written memorials must be typed on A4 pages in Times New Roman font with 12 font size and with 1.5 line spacing. The footnotes must be in Times New Roman font with 10 font size and with 1.0 line spacing. A page margin of one inch on all the sides must be maintained.

The Memorials must comprise the following sections:

- Cover Page – The Cover Page must be coloured differently for the Petitioner(s) and Respondent(s).
Brown Cover – Petitioner
Blue Cover – Respondent
- Table of Contents
- List of Abbreviations
- Index of Authorities
- Statement of Jurisdiction
- Facts
- Issues
- Summary of Arguments
- Arguments Advanced; and
- Prayer

Memorials for either the Petitioner(s) or the Respondent(s) shall not be less than 15 pages and shall not exceed 25 pages, including the cover page. The 'Arguments Advanced' section shall not be less than five pages and shall not exceed 15 pages. Any standard citation method may be used for footnotes. Speaking footnotes in the Memorial is not allowed.

Any issue or pleading not discussed within the body of the Memorials must not be raised in the virtual Court(s).

(c) Penalty: The following is the penalty criterion:

S. NO	PENALTY CRITERION	PENALTY
1.	Non-inclusion of any of the memorial sections	3 mark for each section
2.	Non-conformity to the minimum and maximum number of pages	5 marks
3.	Violation of the prescribed font, font size or line spacing.	0.5 mark per violation, subject to a maximum penalty of five marks

(d) Submission: The registered teams shall submit soft copies of their memorials for both the sides based on the Moot Problem by e-mail to events@alc.edu.in by 23:59 hours of 6th September, 2020. The participating teams, while submitting their memorials in MS-Word (with .doc or .docx extension) and pdf format via e-mail, must name their respective memorials as P for Petitioner or R for Respondent accompanied by the team code. Say, for example, if a code for a particular team is 1, the MS-Word or pdf file for the Respondent should be named as 'R1' and the MS-Word or pdf file for the Petitioner should be named as 'P1'. The memorials shall nowhere mention any particulars, for example, the names, contact numbers, email addresses, etc., of the participants.

(e) Format of the Competition:

- (a) Team Composition: Each team shall consist of a minimum of two members and maximum of three; two members, shall be designated as Mooters and one member as a Researcher. However, a team consisting of only two Mooters may be allowed. Also, under exceptional circumstances, the researcher may be allowed to moot, although such a change in the team composition must be informed beforehand.
- (b) Identification Requirements: Since it is a virtual moot, all participants must bear with them at least one identity document for any probable verification during the Mooting sessions.
- (c) Internet Requirements: Participants are advised to use a stable internet connection (a 4G or a WiFi) during the virtual mooting sessions. They are also advised to use Laptops/Desktops and not Mobile Phones during oral pleadings. The organizers shall not be held responsible for any glitches arising out of poor network or other technical issues. However, the organizers may provide a reasonable time (about 5 to 10 minutes) to come back to a Virtual Court Room if a participant is logged out because of poor network connectivity.
- (d) Language for Communication: Communication for all official purposes of the online Moot Court Competition is English.
- (e) Dress Code: The dress code for the participants during the online Moot Court sessions shall be formal wear.
- (f) Number of Participating Teams: Altogether 12 teams (which may include home team) may participate in the online Moot Court Competition.
- (g) Rounds: There will be two Preliminary Rounds of arguments followed by the Semi-final and a Final Round. The Preliminary Rounds will be conducted on 11.09.2020 on a knock-out basis. Out of the teams that qualify the Preliminary Rounds, four teams would qualify for the Semi-finals based on the aggregate score (memorial marks plus marks secured through oral pleadings) in the Preliminary Rounds. The Semi-final and Final Rounds will be conducted on a knock-out basis on 12.09.2020. The Finals will be followed by a valedictory session where prizes would be distributed to the winning and runner-up teams and to the best Mooter.
The decisions of the adjudicators regarding the outcome of any of the Rounds shall be final.
- (h) Preliminary Rounds: The preliminary rounds will start after the Inaugural Session on 11.09.2020. The teams will be arranged and grouped based on a draw of lots just before the start of the inaugural session. The lots so drawn will determine who will contest against whom and for which side the respective teams would put up their oral arguments. The cumulative results based on the aggregate score of the participating teams in the knock-out Preliminary Rounds will be declared on the evening of 11.09.2020. The four teams that are on the top of the order of merit shall qualify for the Semi-finals and shall be ranked accordingly.
- (i) Semi-final and Final Rounds: The Semi-final and Final Rounds will be conducted on 12.09.2020. Petitioner and Respondent side shall be decided by a draw of lots just prior to the beginning of the

Semi-final Rounds and the Final.

- j) Marking and Evaluation: Each written memorial will be marked accordingly on the basis of the laid-down criteria. Oral arguments will be marked by each online Court for each participant and team. Each individual's marks for oral arguments will be added with the memorial marks. The marking and evaluation pattern is as follows:

(a) Memorial Evaluation:

S.No.	Evaluation Criteria	Marks Allocated
1	Knowledge of facts and laws	10
2	Application of the relevant laws	10
3	Analysis and interpretation of the case in light of the facts and laws	10
4	Clarity and organization of thought and expression	10
5	Grammar and usage	10

(b) Evaluation of Oral Pleadings:

S.No.	Category	Marks
1	Knowledge of Facts	20 marks
2	Application of law to facts	20 marks
3	Ingenuity and ability to answer questions	15 marks
4	Presentation Skills	15 marks
5	Time Management and Organisation	10 marks
6	Court Etiquettes	10 marks
7	Logical coherency in Arguments	10 marks

- (c) Marking Scheme: 50 marks are allocated to Memorials and 100 to Oral Pleadings.

k) Prizes:

- (a) Winning Team: Rs. 4,000/- (Four Thousand Only) and e-certificates.
(b) Runner Up: Rs. 2,500/- (Two Thousand Five Hundred Only) and e-certificates.
(c) Best Mooter: Rs. 2,000/- (Two Thousand Only) and e-certificate. (The Best Mooter would be adjudged based on his/her performance his/her oral pleadings in the Preliminary rounds.)
All participants will receive e-certificates for their participation.
- l) Disqualification of Teams: The organizers of this online Moot Court Competition may disqualify any team if it is not found to adhere to the Rules of this Competition. It may also disqualify a team for any of its unethical or unprofessional conduct.
- m) Amendment of the Competition Rules: The organizers of this online Moot Court Competition may amend the Competition Rules. However, any such amendment shall be brought to the notice of the participating teams.
- n) Resolution of Disputes: Any disputes arising out of the said online Moot Court Competition shall be resolved by the HOD, ALC in consultation with the Faculty Convener(s), Moot Court Committee. The decision of the HOD shall be final and binding.

IMPORTANT DATES:

S.No.	Events	Dates
1	Last Date of Registration	31-08-2020
2	Last date of memorial Submission	06-09-2020
3	Preliminary rounds	11-09-2020
4	Semi-final and Final	12-09-2020

CONVENERS/CO-ORDINATORS:

Faculty Convener: Mr. Amit Nagar, Contact No. 9968000120

Faculty Co-Convener: Mr. Dhawal Singh, Contact No. 9667704478

STUDENT CO-ORDINATOR:

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Nishi Gupta, Contact: 9717426998

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Participation fee: Rs. 1200/- for each team is to be electronically transferred to the following account.

Online payment link-

<http://onlinepayment.alc.edu.in/other-payment.php>

Bank Name : Punjab National Bank

Name : Asian Law College

A/C 3702002100044373

IFSC Code : PUNB0370200

Address : Sec-18, Noida, 201301 (u.p.)

Bank Name :- Central Bank of India

Name :- Asian Law College

A/c No. 3541897069

IFSC Code :- CBIN0283172

Add. RWA, Sec. 15A, Noida 201301 (U.P.)

Registration Link: <https://forms.gle/ocDtzHkGdzUjNWJXA>



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