



# **ADHIVAKTA PARISHAD, DELHI HIGH COURT UNIT**

## **SECOND NATIONAL VIRTUAL CRIMINAL MOOT COURT COMPETITION**

**(12<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER ---17<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER,2021)**

### **RULES OF THE COMPETITION**

#### **1. GENERAL**

##### **1.1 Team Composition**

Each team shall comprise of maximum three (3) members only, consisting of two (2) speakers and one (1) researcher and minimum two members consisting of two speakers.

##### **1.2 Eligibility**

Participation is restricted to bona-fide law students either enrolled in the 3-year LL.B Law course or the 5-years Integrated Law course. Participation is limited to only one team per college or university.

##### **1.3 Official Language**

The official language of the Competition is English. All Competition Rounds including the submissions (memorials) will be in English.

##### **1.4 Dress Code**

The dress code for the participants during the Rounds of the competition shall be Black and White formals.

#### **2. REGISTRATION**

**2.1** All Law colleges must provisionally register themselves by simply sending an email before **10<sup>th</sup> September,2021** on **adhivaktaparishaddelhi1@gmail.com** with the following details:

Name of the team members ( if available),

Name of Law College

Phone number and Email id of the Coordinator of team/college.

**2.2** Only one team will be allowed from each law college. There is no need of an authorization letter from the law college but, if second team comes from the same college with an authorization letter, preference will be given to the team with an authorization letter. So, it is advisable to get an authorization letter from the college.

**2.3** There is no Registration Fee.

**2.4** All teams shall be given a “**Team Code**” by the Organizers on completing their



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registration. Thereafter the teams shall use their designated “Team Code” for all correspondence with the Organizers.

**2.5** The assigned “Team Code” must be used by the teams during the submission of Memorials and during all the Rounds of the Competition.

### **3. Qualification:**

**3.1** The Competition shall consist of two rounds (i) Memorial Selection Round & (ii) Oral Rounds

**3.2** The Top 40 teams with the highest memorial scores will be entitled to participate in oral rounds.

### **4. ORAL ROUNDS**

The Oral rounds shall be held over a period of six days (including Inauguration Day) and will comprise (a) Two Preliminary Rounds (b) Pre-Quarter Final Round (c) Quarter Final Round, (d) Semi-Final Round (e) Final Round of Arguments.

### **5. Preliminary Rounds**

**5.1** There will be **TWO** Preliminary Rounds.

**5.2** After preliminary round, top 16 teams will be selected **from Winning Teams** (“Winning Team” mean team whose Round Total is greater, than its Opposing Team in preliminary round) for Pre-Quarter Final Rounds on the basis of their total marks received in the preliminary rounds.

**5.3** In the event of a tie in the Round Total of the top 16 teams, the team with a higher Memorial Score will be qualified for Pre-Quarter Final Round.

**5.4** In case the tie persists, the decision of the judges will be deemed to be final.

### **6. Pre Quarter final rounds**

**6.1** Sixteen (16) teams shall advance from the Preliminary Round of Arguments to the Pre-Quarter-Final Round of Arguments.

**6.2** For the purpose of pairing the (16) teams that advance to the Pre-Quarter-Final Rounds, the team seeded first in the Seeding Chart will be paired opposite the team seeded Sixteen in the Seeding Chart (Seed 1 vs. Seed 16), the team seeded second in the Seeding Chart will be paired opposite the team seeded Fifteen in the Seeding Chart (Seed 2 vs. Seed 15) and all other teams will be paired in such a manner.

**6.3** The Pre-Quarter-Final Round shall consist of one Mooting Round & will be a “Knock-Out” Round where the winner of each Pre-Quarter-Final Round pairing will advance to the Quarter-Final Round.



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6.4 A team shall be credited with a win in the Quarter-Final Round if their Round Total is greater than that of the Opposing Team.

### **7. Quarter-Final Rounds**

7.1 Eight (8) teams shall advance from the Pre-Quarter-Final Round of Arguments to the Quarter-Final Round of Arguments.

7.2 For the purpose of pairing the (8) teams that advance to the Quarter-Final Rounds, the team seeded first in the Seeding Chart will be paired opposite the team seeded eighth in the Seeding Chart (Seed 1 vs. Seed 8), the team seeded second in the Seeding Chart will be paired opposite the team seeded seventh in the Seeding Chart (Seed 2 vs. Seed 7) and all other teams will be paired in such a manner.

7.3 The Quarter-Final Round shall consist of one (1) Mooting Round and will be a “Knock-Out” Round where the winner of each Quarter-Final Round pairing will advance to the Semi-Final Round.

7.4 A team shall be credited with a win in the Quarter-Final Round if their Round Total is greater than that of the Opposing Team.

### **8. Semi Final Rounds**

8.1 Four (4) teams shall advance to the Semi-Final Rounds of Arguments from the Quarter-Final Rounds of Argument.

8.2 The Semi-Final Round shall consist of one (1) Mooting Round and will be a “Knock-Out” Round as well where the winner of each Semi-Final Round pairing will advance to the Final Round of Arguments.

8.3 A team shall be credited with a win in the Semi-Final Rounds if their Round Total as defined in Clause 8.2 is greater than the opposing team.

8.4 Two (2) teams shall advance to the Final Rounds from the Semi-Final Rounds. The Final Round pairings will be according to a draw of lots.

### **9. Final Round of Arguments**

The Final Round shall also consist of one (1) Mooting Round which will be a “Knock Out” Round where the team with the higher Round Total as defined in Clause 8.2 shall be declared as the Best Team.

## **10. MEMORIALS:**

### **10.1 Format Specifications**

All teams must submit typed Memorials fulfilling the following specifications:

10.1.1 Memorials shall contain the following:

- (i) Index.
- (ii) Index of Authorities.
- (iii) Statement of Jurisdiction.
- (iv) Synopsis of Facts.
- (v) Summary of Arguments.
- (vi) Body of Arguments.
- (vii) Conclusion / Prayer.

10.1.2 The Memorial shall not be more than forty-five (45) pages, including the Body of Arguments, which shall not be more than twenty-five (25) pages.

10.1.3 Each team must submit the Memorial **for the State and the Accused** in PDF Format.

10.1.4 The cover page of the Memorial must follow the following colour scheme: **Blue: State cover page and Red: Accused cover page.**

10.1.5 The Memorial shall be typed on A4 size page in Font type: Times New Roman, Font size: 12, Double Spacing & 1-inch margin on all sides. Footnotes: Font size 10, no double spacing.

10.1.6 The Memorial must not contain any Annexure/ Photographs / Sketches / Exhibits / Affidavit etc. Violation of the said provision will subject the team to disqualification.

10.1.7 Memorials not following any of the above specifications will be penalized.

### **10.2 Deadline for Submission of Memorials**

10.2.1 All teams must send via email, the soft copy of their memorials, which must be a 'pdf' file extension, by 11:59 p.m. IST on **3th October, 2021** on [adhivaktaparishaddelhi1@gmail.com](mailto:adhivaktaparishaddelhi1@gmail.com)

The subject of the email must be:

***Memorial for "Mention Team Code"***

10.2.2 In light of the current pandemic, we ask all teams to not send hard copies of their memorials.

### **10.3 Anonymity**

10.3.1 Identity of the team or the names of the participants must not be revealed in the Memorial in any manner whatsoever and all teams must send the Memorial with a separate covering letter specifying the name and contact details of the Team Members and their designated Team Code.

10.3.2 Teams disclosing their identity through the Memorials in any form will be subject to disqualification.

10.3.3 The name of the institution should not appear on any compendium or submission that needs to be submitted to the bench. In this case, the team will not be allowed to submit the compendium or will be subject to negative marking.

## **11. MARKING CRITERIA FOR THE MEMORIALS**

**11.1** The Memorials will be judged by a special panel of Judges.

**11.2** The following will be the Marking Criteria and the Marks Allocated to each category:

<b>Sr. No.</b>	<b>Marking Criteria</b>	<b>Marks Allocated</b>
<b>1</b>	Depth and Quality of Research	30
<b>2</b>	Proper and Articulate Analysis & Clarity and Organization	20
<b>3</b>	Knowledge and Application of Facts	15
<b>4</b>	Grammar and Style	15
<b>5</b>	Referencing	10
<b>6</b>	Presentation	10
	<b>Total</b>	<b>100</b>

## **12. ORAL SUBMISSIONS**

**12.1** The oral rounds shall be conducted on a virtual platform.

**12.2** As specified hereinabove in clause 1.1, each team shall have two speakers who shall divide the oral submissions between themselves.

**12.3** During the course of the Oral Submissions no speaker shall reveal his/her identity or the identity of his/her college/university by any means whatsoever. Thus, all participants must join the session using their team code and speaker code. In the event any participant reveals his/ her identity or the identity of his/ her college/ university, the team shall be marked negatively as deemed appropriate by the judges.

**12.4** Each team will have a maximum of 30 minutes to present their Oral Submissions in Preliminary, Pre-Quarter Final and Quarter Final rounds and 45 minutes in Semi Final and Final rounds. This would include the time that each team may want to reserve for their rejoinder/ surrejoinder. A sur-rejoinder is not a matter of right and can only be given to the participants at the discretion of the judge.

**12.5** At the commencement of each session of Oral Submissions each team must notify the Court Officer the amount of time that the team wants to reserve for their rejoinder/sur-rejoinder. A maximum of 5 minutes can be reserved for the rejoinder/sur-rejoinder, which can only be reserved for any one speaker.

**12.6** No speaker will be permitted to address the Court for more than 20 minutes in Preliminary, Pre-Quarter Final and Quarter Final rounds and 30 minutes in Semi Final and Final rounds. This also includes the time reserved for rejoinder/sur-rejoinder.

**12.7** At the commencement of each session of Oral Submissions each team shall notify the Court Officer as to the division of time between the 2 speakers.

**12.8** Five (5) minutes and one (1) minute before the completion of the allocated time for each speaker there will be a message in the chat box, and at the completion of the allocated time for each speaker there will be a final message.

**12.9** If any speaker continues to speak after the completion of his/ her time, the additional time which he/ she speaks for will be deducted from the time allocated to his/ her co- speaker, or from the time allocated for the rejoinder and sur-rejoinder, as the case may be.

**12.10** Oral submissions made under the rejoinder/sur-rejoinder shall be made by only one speaker.

**12.11** Judges, at their discretion, may extend oral argument time up to a maximum of 10 minutes per team.

**12.12** In case of any dispute, the final decision as to the time structure and the right to rejoinder / sur-rejoinder will be that of the Bench Judges. (Rejoinder: Rebuttal).

**12.13** All teams will be allowed to share their screen in order to make reference to any case law and authorities which they intend to share during the course of their Oral Submissions. Teams must note that they will not be permitted to share any material with the judges if such material bears their name or the name of their College/University.

**12.14** During the course of oral submissions, the participants cannot submit to the court any material containing pictorial representation whatsoever.

### **13. ONLINE PLATFORM RULES**

**13.1** The participants must ensure that they have a strong internet connection with good audio and video facilities. They must use laptops or PC for the oral rounds. The use of cell phones is prohibited.

**13.2** The background of the participants on video shall be plain and shall not contain any symbols or any representations.

**13.3** The participants (speakers) must ensure that any noise or audio other than the voice of the participant should not disturb the other participants during the online oral rounds. It is advisable to plan and prepare for the online oral rounds in advance accordingly.

**13.4** Participants shall be permitted to use the screen sharing feature for making their submissions. Participants are required to use latest version of Firefox or Google Chrome. Participants are not permitted to use Safari.

**13.5** The teams must ensure that they do not disclose the identity of their college at any stage during the competitions. Any kind of canvassing shall lead to the disqualification of the teams.

**13.6** At the time when one participant is speaking, others are expected to keep their microphones on mute.

**13.7** If internet connection of any team gets disturbed, Judge will be allowed to wait for maximum 10 minutes for the net connection to get improved, but if technical problem persists for more than 10 minutes, opposite team will be declared winner *ex-parte*.

**13.8** The participants must not start the session before the host. The Meeting ID, Password and Link to each session shall be shared with the participants before each round.

### **14. MARKING CRITERIA FOR THE ORAL SUBMISSIONS**

**14.1** Each Speaker will be marked on a total of 100 marks by each Bench Judge.

**14.2** The Round Total will be the aggregate of the total of the two (2) speakers.

**14.3** The following will be the Marking Criteria and the Marks Allocated to compute the Round Total for each team.



<b>Sr. No.</b>	<b>Marking Criteria</b>	<b>Marks Allocated</b>
<b>1</b>	Knowledge and Application of Relevant Law	25
<b>2</b>	Interpretation and Use of Facts	20
<b>3</b>	Ingenuity and Ability to Answer Questions	15
<b>4</b>	Style, Poise, Courtesy and Demeanour	15
<b>5</b>	Organization and Flow of Arguments	15
<b>6</b>	Reference to Memorials in the course of Arguments	10
	<b>Total</b>	100

**14.4** The decision of the judges as to the marks allotted to any team shall be final.

**14.5** So as to ensure uniformity in the marking system all the judges will be provided with a marking guideline.

## **15. JUDGES**

**15.1** Preliminary rounds, Pre-Quarter-Final rounds Quarter-Final rounds will be judged by Special panel of Advocates & District court Judges.

**15.2** Semi Finals round and Final round will be judged by either Senior Advocates or Judges from Delhi High Court & Supreme Court depending upon their availability.

## **16. AWARDS**

**16.1** The following awards shall be presented:

- i) Best Team
- ii) 2nd Best Team
- iii) Best Speaker
- iv) Best Memorial

**16.2** All participants will be presented with Certificates of Participation and all the winners of awards as specified in Clause 10.1 will be presented with Certificates of Merit and Trophy.

## **17. MISCELLANEOUS**

**17.1** 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.

**17.2** All Participants are expected to maintain decorum in Court during the rounds of the competition and are expected to conduct themselves in a mannerbefitting



the legal profession.

- 17.3** The Organizers reserve the right to take appropriate action for any unethical, unprofessional and immoral conduct.
- 17.4** The Organizers decision as regards the interpretation of Rules or any other matter related to the competition will be final.
- 17.5** If there is any situation, which is not contemplated in the Rules, the Organizers decision on the same shall be final.
- 17.6** 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.

## **18. REQUESTS FOR INTERPRETATION OF THE CASE STUDY AND RULES OF THE COMPETITION:**

- 18.1** All requests for interpretation of the case study and rules of the competition must be directed to Moot Court Team.
- 18.2** Such requests for interpretation must be sent via e-mail to [adhivaktaparishaddelhi1@gmail.com](mailto:adhivaktaparishaddelhi1@gmail.com) and the subject of the e-mail must read "Request for Interpretation"
- 18.3** The last date to seek clarifications to the Moot Proposition is **30th September, 2021.**

## **19. 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.

## **20. COPYRIGHT**

The copyright over the memorials submitted for participation in the competition is assigned by participants and shall also vest completely and fully in Adhivakta Parishad. The participants shall certify in writing the originality of materials contained therein and shall be responsible for any claim or dispute arising out of the further use and exhibition of these materials. Further use and exhibition of these materials, electronically or otherwise, shall be the exclusive right of Adhivakta Parishad and they shall not be responsible for any liability to any person for any loss caused by errors or omissions in this collection of information, or for the accuracy, completeness, or adequacy of the information contained in

these materials.

## **21. CONTACT DETAILS**

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# **FORMATTING STYLE**

## **BLUEBOOK (19<sup>th</sup> ed.)**

### **CITATION FORMAT EXAMPLES (FOR FOOTNOTES)**

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#### **GENERAL RULES**

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- Times New Roman, Size 10, 1 line spacing, Justified.
- Add full stop after every footnote.
- Months should be written in abbreviated forms: Jan., Feb., Mar., Apr., May, June, July, Aug., Sept., Oct., Nov., Dec.
- Tables given at the end of the Bluebook should be referred to for abbreviated forms.  
*Eg.* Abbreviations of geographical terms, periodicals, publishing terms etc.

#### **I. BOOKS**

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Volume No. (if any) NAME OF AUTHOR, TITLE OF THE BOOK pg. cited  
(Editors/Translators Name, edition cited year).

*Eg:*

- 2 FREDERICK POLLOCK & FREDERIC WILLIAM MAITLAND, THE HISTORY OF ENGLISH LAW 205-06 (2d ed. 1911).
- CHARLES DICKENS, BLEAK HOUSE 49-55 (Norman Page ed., Penguin Books 1971) (1853).

#### *Rules & Exceptions*

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- Follow the font format as has been illustrated above, for e.g. name of author must be in SMALL CAPS.
- The first name must always be written before the surname.
- For two authors, write both their names separated by „&“.

- In case of citing a book that has been edited, write „ed. or „eds. after the name of the editor. If translated, write trans. after name of translator. If both, then first write editor’s name and then translator’s name.
- For more than two authors, editors or translators write the name of the author, editor or translator that appears first followed by “ et al.”
- Do not add „p“ or „pp“ before the page number. Just write the numerical.
- In case the book is being published by more than one publishing house, write the name of the publisher cited after the name of the editor in sentence case.

## II. JOURNAL ARTICLE

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**a) For consecutively paginated journals** (Where the periodical is organized by volume and page numbers continue throughout the volume, it is a consecutively paginated periodical)

Name of Author, *Title of Article*, Journal volume no. ABBREVIATION OF JOURNAL Page on which Article Begins, Page Cited (Year).

*Eg.*

- Charles A. Reich, *The New Property*, 73 YALE L.J. 733, 737-38 (1964).

### *Rules & Exceptions*

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- For two authors, write both their names separated by „&“.
- For more than two authors write the name of the author that appears first followed by “et al.”

**b) For non-consecutively paginated journals** (works appearing in periodicals that are separately paginated within each issue)

Name of Author, *Title of Article*, ABBREVIATION OF JOURNAL, date of issue as appears in the cover, at first page of work, page cited

*Eg:*

- Barbara Ward, *Progress for a Small Planet*, HARV. BUS. REV., Sept.-Oct. 1979, at 89, 90.

### III. NEWSPAPER ARTICLE

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Author's name, *Name of Article/ news report*, ABBRV. OF NAME OF NEWSPAPER, Month Date, Year, at pg. no.

*Eg.*

- Ari L. Goldman, *O'Connor Warns Politicians Risk Excommunication over Abortion*,  
N.Y. TIMES, June 15, 1990, at A1.

### IV. INTERNET

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(When an authenticated official or exact copy of source is available online, citation can be made as if to the original print source without any URL info appended.)

Name of the Author, *Name of article*, INSTITUTIONAL OWNER OF DOMAIN (Month date, year, time), URL.

*Eg:*

- Eric Posner, *More on Section 7 of the Torture Convention*, THE VOLOKH CONSPIRACY (Jan. 29, 2009, 10:04 AM),  
<http://www.volokh.com/posts/1233241458.html>.

#### *Rules & Exceptions*

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- Format for time as illustrated.
- Don't write *available at* or *at* before the URL.
- Write the entire URL as appears in the address bar of the browser, remove hyperlink.

## V. CASES

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### **a) Indian cases:**

Case name, (year of reporter) Vol No. Reporter Abbreviation, First page (year of decision if different from year of reporter (India, if not evident from context)

*Eg:*

- Charan Lal Sahu v Union Carbide, (1989) 1 S.C.C. 674 (India).

Reporters that depart from this format shall be written in their own format.

*Eg:*

- Jabalpur v. Shukla, A.I.R. 1976 S.C. 1207 (India).

### *Rules & Exceptions:*

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- Do not italicise the case name.
- If there are more than one parties, list only the first party.
- Italicise the procedural phrases, for e.g., *In re*, *Ex parte* etc.

## VI. STATUTES

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### **a) Indian Law**

Act name, Act No., Acts of Parliament, Year of Volume (India, if not evident from context).

*Eg:*

- The Copyright (Amendment) Act, 1992, No. 13, Acts of Parliament, 1992 (India).

### **b) Indian Constitution**

*Eg:*

- INDIA CONST. art. 1, cl. 2.

## VII. SHORT FORMS

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DICKENS, *supra* note 2.

Reich, *supra* note 3, at 739.

*Id.* at 740.

**SOURCE:** The Bluebook A Uniform System of Citation Nineteenth Edition