

Moot Court Activity

1. Aim and Purpose:

To provide exposure to the students, at the backdrop of the court system in India.

Moot court competition shall create an awareness among students about legal system in India and upgrade their documentation skill. To provide a real-life experience cum training in doing cutting edge research and presenting ground breaking arguments. Experience of legal system procedures shall remove their fear of legal system and help them in future to overcome challenges in their life.

2. Definitions:

Compendium means the compilation of research work prepared by the participating teams for the reference of the Bench.

Informant means the side representing the informing party.

Opposite Party means the side representing the defending party.

Rebuttals refer to the challenges presented by the Claimant in response to the Respondent's submissions.

Sur-Rebuttals refer to the defence presented by the Respondent to the rebuttals.

Written Submission means the memorials that are to be submitted consisting of the arguments of the participating teams.

3. MEMORIAL SUBMISSION:

Each team is required to prepare written submissions representing both the sides, Informant and Opposite Party of the case. **Written Submissions to be prepared from Both Sides.** Each team must prepare Written Submissions for both sides to the dispute.

Written submissions should be made in the following format:

- i. Main body Specifications:
 - Printed on: A4 sized paper
 - Font: Times New Roman
 - Font Size: 12
 - Line spacing: 1.5
 - Alignment: Justified
- ii. Footnote specifications:
 - Citation
 - Font: Times New Roman
 - Font size: 10
 - Line spacing: 1
 - Alignment Justified
- iii. Margin: 1 inch margin on all sides.
- iv. Print should be taken on **both sides and in black ink only.**

The memorial should consist of the following content:

- i. Cover Page /Case Title
- ii. Table of Contents
- iii. Index of Authorities (The Index of Authorities must list all the authorities cited in the Written submission. The Index must indicate the page number(s) and/or the paragraph number(s) of the Written submission in which the authority is cited;)

- iv. Statement of Jurisdiction
- v. Statement of Facts (The Statement of Facts must contain a concise statement of the relevant facts of the dispute. As far as may be, the Statement of Facts should be limited to the stipulated facts and legitimate inferences which can be drawn from those facts. Statement of Facts shall not exceed 2 pages.)
- vi. Statement of Issues
- vii. Summary of Arguments/Pleadings (The Summary of Arguments should contain a summary of the substance of the arguments, and should not merely be a reproduction of the various headings and sub-headings of arguments. The Summary of Arguments shall not exceed 2 pages.)
- viii. Arguments Advanced
- ix. Prayer/Conclusion

The Memorials must not contain any Annexures/ Photographs / Sketches/ Exhibits / Affidavits etc.

Cover Page:

The cover page of the memorials should have the following details:

- i. Colour: **Blue** for Informant & **Red** for Opposite Party
- ii. Team Number
- iii. The year of the Competition
- iv. The name of the Case
- v. The Party on behalf of which the written submission has been prepared
- vi. Name of the forum resolving the dispute

There is an overall limit of 30 pages on the memorial, wherein the arguments advanced should be limited to a page limit of 18 pages.

Evaluation criteria for Written Submissions:

Last date for Memorial Submission (hard copy) **13th March 2025 before 3.00pm.**

Each memorial shall be evaluated based on the following criteria.

- 1 Knowledge of Laws and Facts
- 2 Grammar and Style of Presentation
- 3 Application of Laws and Facts
- 4 Proper Articulate Analysis and Organization
- 5 Use of Authorities and precedence's
- 6 Proper citation and correct format
- 7 Originality in presentation
- 8 General Impression and Clarity of Thought

4. ORAL Submission:

- Each team shall comprise of TWO speakers. Court language shall be English.
- Two Rounds shall be held, wherein each team shall be provided with an opportunity to argue from both sides.
- Each team shall be allotted with a total of **10 Minutes for Oral Arguments**, inclusive of rebuttals and sur-rebuttals. Teams are at a discretion to divide the allotted time amongst the speakers, subject to a **maximum of 5 minutes for one speaker**. An extension of time may be granted at the discretion of the Judges.
- Each team shall communicate their division of time to the Court Officer, prior to the commencement of the Oral Arguments.
- Teams may provide the Bench with a compendium, provided the same is permitted by the Bench.

- During the course of oral submissions the participants cannot submit to then court any material containing pictorial representation whatsoever. Further the participants will not be permitted to make any audio/visual representation nor will they be allowed to use personal computers, laptops and any other technical or mechanical device during their oral submissions.
- Speakers shall not be allowed to pass annexures to the judges; instead the teams may make a compendium of annexure that shall be given to the judges before the start of the proceedings.
- The order in which the teams shall present their arguments is as follows:
 - a. Appellant Speaker 1
 - b. Appellant Speaker 2
 - c. Respondent Speaker 1
 - d. Respondent Speaker 2
 - e. Rebuttal: Appellant - Any one of the two Speakers
 - f. Sur-rebuttal: Respondent - Any one of the two Speakers.
- Sur-rebuttal may be permitted only at the discretion of the Judges.
- The Researcher shall not be permitted to address the Court during the Oral Rounds. The Researcher may however, be permitted to pass notes to the Speakers at the discretion of the Judges. Such notes shall be passed through the court clerks present in the court room.
- Teams are not permitted to raise issues in the Oral Rounds that have not been submitted in the Written Submissions.
- The exchange of Written Submissions shall take place prior to the Oral Pleading Rounds.

For the purpose of calculation of total marks, the marks awarded for the written submissions shall be added to the oral round score.

- **Evaluation Criteria for Oral Arguments**
Each team shall be evaluated on the following criteria:
 - 1 Identification and Articulation of Issues
 - 2 Interpretation of Facts and Its Application
 - 3 Application of legal principles, use of Authorities and precedents
 - 4 Style, Poise and Court Mannerism
 - 5 Clarity of Thoughts and logical structure of Arguments
 - 6 Presentation Skills and Time Management

Scouting: Scouting by any team or an individual member of the team is strictly prohibited and shall be subject to immediate disqualification from the Competition.

Dress Code: Formal. Preferably the following:

- i. Females: White Kurta, Black Salwar and Black Dupatta or White Shirt and Black Trousers along with the Black Coat and Tie.
- ii. Males: White Shirt, Black Trousers, Black Tie along with Black Coat and Black Shoes.