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**NATIONAL VIRTUAL MOOT COURT**  
**COMPETITION**

**INTRODUCTION**

Resembling the shift in the trend from the traditional system of physical to virtual, we present the most sought-after flagship event of Law Tryst' 21, National Virtual Moot Court Competition. Indulge in the enthralling feeling of being a part of a virtual court hearing and have an opportunity to engage with and evolve yourself in thinking about the legal issue, enhance your advocacy, legal research and drafting skills. Showcase your teamwork and imbibe various proficiencies from your fellow peers, opponents and judges whilst demonstrating your interest in advocacy and establishing your competence as an advocate to prospective employers.

When the going gets tough, the tough get going. So, work your way up to be the best one in practice by testing your skills in this virtual moot court competition.

**BACKGROUND OF MOOT PROPOSITION**

It is said that "Change is the only constant in life" and that change applies to every aspect of humanity as well as technology. One such enormous change is the field of technology is-Digitalization. It can be averred that Digitalization, which is a boon to mankind in the contemporary era, in itself, has not only changed the face of the world but has also transformed various aspects of human life. With its advent in the modern world, the internet and social media being the glamour of digitalization have become an inseparable part of our daily lives. They have paved the way for economic growth, global connectivity at finger tips and have aided in finding solutions for the grave problems which earlier never saw the light of the day in our society. You can find almost anything and everything on the world wide web that too in a fraction of a second which truly is a remarkable feat achieved by mankind.

But just like every coin has two sides, the rapid advancements in technology are also posed with the darker side of misuse of the magnificent augmentation which overshadows the boon of this marvellous technological development. Since the glorious discourse of natural rights which has been celebrated globally over the past centuries and the phenomenon of protection of human rights and fundamental rights has always been the imperative obligation in all democracies the extent of social media over human life has become an issue of concern. One has constantly questioned the fundamental right of personal liberty and privacy on social media platforms after critically analysing the statistics with respect to “Data Privacy” and “Cyber Crimes”. Scholars and technicians are of the view that data protection is not just a safety frame but it is integral to the enjoyment of freedom by humanity.

The Republic of Buranda, a Democratic Nation, is one such country that is struggling to balance its cyber laws against the ongoing explosion of cyber-crimes, theft and sale of stolen data. Right to privacy is a fundamental right enshrined in the Constitutions of various countries across the globe, including the Republic of Buranda. This fundamental right is multifaceted. Data Privacy is fundamental to the survival of social and personal identities of all human beings but what happens when the veil of protection is lifted? The present moot proposition highlights the dangers of exposing ourselves to the supposedly ‘free and safe’ world of the world wide web.

The Constitution and policy framework of the Republic of Buranda are Pari Materia to the Republic of India.

1. Antilia Institute of Excellence in Management (AIEM), a reputed and leading name for management education in Republic of Buranda is a deemed-to-be University established in the year 1991. It offers UG, PG and PhD level courses in over 16 streams and is considered to be the premiere institute for MBA/PGDM Programs. The said institute is popularly known as AIEM University and the main campus is situated in the CANNON State of Buranda. It has been accredited by the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) with a CGPA of 3.46 on a 4- point scale.
2. To maintain a track record of all of its students with respect to attendance, submissions and examinations, AIEM University has allotted a Special Identification Number (SIN) for each of its students which contains all their personal information as well as their contact details. This SIN acts as a student identity card granting them access to all institute related software and programmes.
3. Pitzie. Pvt. Ltd. is an organization which provides a wide range of solutions and services including assessments and proctoring solutions for conducting cheating free online examinations. Its proctoring technology uses both Artificial Intelligence and live human beings as proctors to prevent the scope of cheating in examinations. They use facial and keystroke recognition systems to verify the test taker and live human beings who act as one-to one proctor to monitor the candidates via their webcams.

4. In April 2020, the Republic of Buranda announced a nationwide lockdown to curb the spread of the deadly SARS-CoV-2 virus which had plagued the entire world. This compelled all institutes to conduct their examinations online to ensure that students' careers were not affected. AIEM decided to conduct their MBA examinations online and decided to engage the services of Pitzie. Pvt. Ltd. to proctor and supervise the MBA examinations.
5. An agreement to that effect was drawn between AIEM and Pitzie. Pvt. Ltd. detailing out the terms and conditions which included a condition that the data of students including their personal and contact information, along with their photographs would be shared with Pitzie. Pvt. Ltd. to enable identification and authentication of candidates when they login for the exams. It was decided that the company would be using both AI bots and live proctors to provide one to one supervision during the examination. As per the agreement entered into between the AIEM and Pitzie. Pvt. Ltd, it was expressly stated that it was the responsibility of Pitzie. Pvt. Ltd. to keep the data of the students secure and not use it for exploitation, cold calling or any other manner whatsoever. It was also mandated that the company cannot share the data with anyone within or outside the organization or with any other third parties for any purposes not pertaining or otherwise except for conducting the online examinations.
6. For the examination, students were required to keep their web cameras on to enable human proctors and AI bots to monitor their body language and surroundings. To log into the examination room, students were to scan and upload a picture of their Identity Cards and enter their SIN which would then be corroborated by Pitzie. Pvt. Ltd.'s software by going through the student database provided to them by the institute.
7. On 29th June, 2020, during the examination, some female students, namely Sanchi, Kanchan, Asha, Retu, Tanya, started receiving messages from the human proctors on the exam platform to adjust their cameras. These female students noted that their cameras were at an appropriate angle but the proctors kept messaging them incessantly to adjust their camera at an inappropriate angle. The female students who were focused on their examinations felt very scared and vulnerable and some of them couldn't even finish their exams. After the examination was over, some of the proctors started sending requests and messaging these female students on social media apps commenting on their bodies, commenting about their attire during the examination, and passing highly inappropriate, lewd and suggestive comments about these female students. These miscreants started to blackmail these female students and made them believe as if they had access to all their private information and suggested that they would harass them using that information. Some of the male students started receiving messages that their phone number, email id and Aadhaar number was being used in Aashan Bank for applying for loans.
8. The female students became restless and were totally terrified with the said horrendous experience. They started to feel extremely vulnerable, scared, exposed and fearful of

their safety and more importantly, how this would affect their identities. Some of these students were from other cities and had no immediate support to help them move to safety. These female students felt extremely helpless and were deliberating how this would pan out if they were to expose this harassment.

9. The students complained about this to the management of the AIEM, but the management did not take the complaints seriously at first as they thought this was an isolated incident. In the compelling circumstance the students were constrained to take further steps and in accordance of the same, they posted screenshots of the lewd messages received by them from these human proctors online and also shared proof of how their data was being misused in ways to harm and disturb their lives. The institute and the proctor company started receiving huge backlash and after a huge amount of pressure from the media and the citizens, the institute issued a statement that they had formed a committee to investigate into the incidents and hold all those who were responsible to be liable. Pitzie. Pvt. Ltd issued a statement that they were also investigating the incident and claimed that their company vets all human proctors before hiring them.
10. Pitzie. Pvt. Ltd conducted an investigation and fired the four proctors namely Salim, Raju, Prakash and Shlok who were found to be harassing the female students misusing the data of the male students. AIEM registered a First Information Report (FIR) with the Moonshine district Police Station and named Pitzie. Pvt. Ltd and the four alleged proctors who had misused data and harassed the students. They filed the FIR under various offences namely breach of contractual agreement with the company, breach and misuse of data, online harassment and stalking and berating the character of these female students.
11. The police officers from Moonshine police station conducted a thorough investigation and filed a charge sheet with the Moonshine sessions court. The charge sheet was filed under sections 43A, Section 66 D, 66E, Section 72A, of the (Buranda) Information Technology Act, 2000 and Sections 354C, 354D, Section 503, Section 509 of the Buranda Penal Code and Section 73 of Buranda Contract Act. The charge sheet named Pitzie. Pvt. Ltd and the four proctors namely Salim, Raju, Prakash and Shlok as accused parties.
12. A thorough trial was conducted by the Moonshine Sessions Court and the Hon'ble Court was pleased to acquit the company and all 4 accused of all the charges. AIEM filed an appeal against the order of the Sessions Court in the Hon'ble High Court of Cannon. The bench of Hon'ble High Court of Cannon allowed the said appeal and after hearing all parties, held Pitzie. Pvt. Ltd liable for breach of contract and for violation of various provisions of Information Technology Act as well as failure to provide adequate data security. The Hon'ble High Court also held all four proctors namely Salim, Raju, Prakash and Shlok guilty of all the charges under sections mentioned in the original charge sheet filed with the Moonshine Sessions Court.

13. Being aggrieved with the order of the Hon'ble High Court, Pitzie. Pvt. Ltd and the four accused namely Salim, Raju, Prakash and Shlok filed a Special leave to Appeal under Article 136 of Constitution of Buranda in the Hon'ble Supreme Court of Buranda which is listed for final hearing on 22nd April 2021.

Prepare arguments for both sides.

The laws of Republic of Buranda are parimateria with the laws of Republic of India

**Disclaimer:** The facts and circumstances in this moot court problem are purely fictional and do not intend to or attempt to resemble any incident or any person living or dead. Any resemblance to any incident or person, if any, is merely coincidental. The said moot proposition is provided exclusively for academic purpose for the said moot court competition.

# **RULES OF NATIONAL VIRTUAL MOOT COURT COMPETITION**

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## **DEFINITIONS**

The following terms shall have the corresponding meanings unless otherwise specified:

**‘Competition’** shall refer to the Law Tryst National Virtual Moot Court Competition, 2021.

**‘Competition Problem’** shall refer to the facts and issues released by the organizers of the Competition with its clarifications and corrections.

**‘Competition Rules’** shall refer to the official rules of the Competition as per the brochure annexed with the moot proposition.

**‘Court Clerk’** shall refer to the person who will be assisting the Judge in submitting any submissions, showing the timer, and assisting the teams with the time limit.

**‘INR’** shall refer to Indian Rupee.

**‘Memorial/Memorandum’** shall refer to the written submissions submitted by the participating teams as per the competition rules.

**‘Official Email’** shall refer to the official communication email id of the Law Tryst National Virtual Moot Competition, i.e. [Jcellawtrystmootcourt@gmail.com](mailto:Jcellawtrystmootcourt@gmail.com).

**‘Online/virtual platform’** shall refer to Microsoft Teams Application.

**‘Organizers’** means the Organizers of the Law Tryst National Virtual Moot Court Competition, Jitendra Chauhan College of Law, Mumbai.

**‘Organizing Committee’** (hereinafter to be referred to as O.C.) shall refer to the committee appointed for the administration and conduct of the Competition including any other authorized persons, and of all events leading up to the Competition.

**‘Participants’** means the Speakers and the Researcher of the Participating Team.

**‘Participating Team’** means the team which has registered itself for the competition as per the Rules given below.

**‘Participating College/University/Institution’** shall be presumed to be the parent institution of the Participating Team.

## **SCHEDULE**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Particulars</b>
3 <sup>rd</sup> June 2021	Last date for clarifications
10 <sup>th</sup> June 2021	Last Date for Submitting the Softcopy of the Memorial
23 <sup>rd</sup> June 2021	Draw of lots

## **DATE & VENUE**

The National Virtual Moot Court Competition will be held on 24<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> June 2021 on Microsoft Teams.

## **DRESS CODE**

- Participants shall be dressed in formal attire only.
- The male participants are required to wear a full suit - comprising of a black formal blazer, formal trousers, full-sleeved white shirt and a black tie.
- The female participants are required to wear Western or Indian courtroom formals.

## **LANGUAGE**

The National Virtual Moot Court Competition shall be conducted in the English language.

## **PARTICIPATION, ELIGIBILITY & TEAM COMPOSITION**

1. The competition is open to all students, enrolled bona fide on a regular basis in an undergraduate course (3 yrs./5 yrs. Law Program recognized by BCI) /postgraduate course (Conducted by all recognized Colleges/Institutions/Universities).
  2. There are no restrictions on the number of teams participating from each college.
  3. Each team shall comprise a minimum of two and a maximum of three members. In a Team consisting of two members, both the members shall be designated as Speakers. In a Team comprising three members, two members shall be designated as Speakers and the third member shall be designated as a Researcher.
  4. All research work, writing and editing must be solely the product of team members.
  5. Each team shall be assigned a Team Code by the Organizing Committee for identification purposes. The name of participants will not appear on or within the Written Submissions.
- No change in the names of the participants shall be permitted after the receipt of registration forms.



Note: No team shall contradict the composition mentioned above. No faculty member, coach, or a designated observer shall be allowed to join the chat room during the session.

### **MEMORANDUM/ MEMORIAL**

1. Each Team participating must prepare a Memorandum/ Memorial for both sides i.e., on behalf of the Prosecutor/Applicant/Petitioner and on behalf of the Defendant/Respondent.
2. The participating teams must submit soft copies of their memorials to e-mail id '**jcclawtrystmootcourt@gmail.com**' and CC the same copy to '**jcclawtrystcommunications@gmail.com**' in the form of PDF by **10<sup>th</sup> June, 2021 till 11.59 p.m.**
3. Any memorial sent after the deadline shall be subject to negative marking (as specified in the criteria of marking column) or rejection with regards to the late submission. The memorials shall not contain any photographs, sketches, exhibits, etc.
4. The participants shall send the copies of their memorandum/ memorials only through Email and no other modes.
5. The memorials should be given a page number in the right-hand corner.

#### **The Memorial must contain the following:**

- Cover Page;
- Table of Contents;
- List of Abbreviations;
- Index of Authorities;
- Statement of Jurisdiction;
- Statement of Facts;
- Statement of Issues;
- Summary of Arguments/pleadings;
- Arguments Advance;
- Prayers.

### **IMPORTANT POINTS**

1. The Memorial's first page should be typed in '**BLUE**' for the Petitioner and in '**RED**' for the Respondent.
2. The Table of Contents must be hyperlinked for the ready reference of the Judges.
3. There will be negative marking for delayed submission, which shall be deducted at once from the total Memorial score obtained by the team.
4. Relevant articles/materials/case laws may be provided as a compendium, which must also be submitted with the Memorial.
5. The compendium, if any, must be neatly framed and prepared in a similar way to the Memorial, should contain relevant page numbers, and must not contain any reference to the name of the participants or College or University or Law School.
6. Copies of articles/materials/case laws that are not appended to the Memorials or referred to in the Memorials may not be relied upon at the time of oral arguments.
7. No team shall be allowed to pass any additional material to the judges while presenting their oral arguments.
8. Teams will NOT be marked on the compendium if any, while judging their Memorials.

### **EXCHANGE OF MEMORIALS**

1. There shall be an exchange of Memorials between the respective opposing teams during the draw of lots.
2. The teams are prohibited from making any marks on the exchanged Memorials.
3. The teams are prohibited from making any copies of the exchanged Memorials.

## **EVALUATION OF MEMORIALS**

Every Memorial will be marked on a total of 100 marks and the team Memorial marks will be the average of the total of both sides. The following shall be the marking scheme:

1.	Application of facts	20 marks
2.	Identification, structuring and presentation of issues	20 marks
3.	Application of legal principles, authorities and precedents	20 marks
4.	Ingenuity and logical reasoning	20 marks
5.	Lucidity and writing skills	10 marks
6.	Proper footnoting and formatting	10 marks
7.	Penalty (negative marking) for delayed submission of memorial	As per the penalties table as specified below

## **FORMAT SPECIFICATIONS**

### **1. Main Text:**

1. Font type: Times New Roman
2. Font size: 12
3. Line spacing: 1.5
4. Body of text: Justified

### **2. Headings**

- a) Font type: Times New Roman
- b) Font size: 14

### **3. Cover Page**

- a) Font type: Times New Roman
- b) Font size: 16

#### **4. Footnotes/endnotes**

- a) Font type: Times New Roman
- b) Font size: 10

#### **5. Team Code:**

The team code must be ascribed on the top right corner of the cover page including all the other pages. The Written Submission shall nowhere contain any particulars of the team, except the Team Code. The memorial shall be rejected if there is any mention of personal details for example: *Name, Contact number, Email id, University name etc.*

#### **6. Length**

The limitation on length must be kept in check on the basis of the following stipulations:

- i The statement of facts, including the headings, shall not exceed more than 2 pages.
- ii The summary of pleadings shall not exceed more than 2 pages.
- iii The total length of the pleadings, including the headings, conclusion/prayer for relief and footnotes, shall not exceed more than 30 pages. (9500 words)

#### **7. Compendium**

The participants are requested to submit the compendium along with the Memorandum/Memorials to the Organizing Committee through email in PDF file only.

The participants need to make sure that the compendium contains a proper index which should include sr. no., citation, party name and highlight the relevant paragraph in the judgment which is cited.

The participants should make sure that the identity of the college name, the institution should not be disclosed in the compendium.

**Note:** Failure of submission of the memorial or an attempt at sending a different or shortened or corrected version of your pleadings as the soft copy would result in disqualification of the team from the competition.

### **RULES OF THE COMPETITION**

The competition shall consist of the following rounds:

- i. Preliminary Round
- ii. Semi Finals Round
- iii. Final Round

- The participant should enter the online platform using the following names **Speaker 1(X)**, **Speaker 2(X)** and **Researcher (X)**. (Here X is referred to the team code).
- The speaker is allowed to proceed only after receiving the signal from the court clerk.
- The participants must keep their **Camera ON** during the competition however they must keep their **Mic OFF** until it's their turn to speak.
- The backdrop of the participant should have a white background or a plain wall without any portraits or any symbolic representation in the background.
- The participants should be clearly visible and they should sit in a well-lit room.
- The researcher must play an active role in providing/sharing any precedents or judicial decision in regard to the case however is not allowed to speak on behalf of the respective speakers.
- The participants shall maintain proper conduct during the competition. Any kind of misbehaviour will result in negative marking or subject to disqualification.
- The link for the meeting shall be provided by the Organizing Committee and the participants are instructed not to share the link with anyone under any circumstances. They shall join the link for the meeting 10 minutes before the commencement of the competition.
- The participants while logging in to the platform for the competition shall not use his/her name or any pseudo name.
- The participants are to keep his/her microphone off when it is not their turn to speak. Participants are not allowed to interrupt the other participant while they are speaking and if they are found to interrupt while they are speaking it will attract negative markings.
- **The participating teams must ensure, prior to the competition that their microphone and camera are in good working condition and have clear audio/ video quality.**
- **The participants should ensure that they have good internet connectivity throughout the competition. In case of a loss in internet connectivity, each team will be given 5 minutes to reconnect, failing to do so, the other speaker of that particular team has to conclude/ or complete the submissions.**
- The researcher might present evidence while his team is presenting their arguments. The researcher can do so by sharing his screen or uploading it in the chat section.
- Once a team has started their arguments the court clerk will start the time count and issue notification via message in the chat section and a placard display on his screen, the researcher shall keep note of that. **In case the team exceeds their allotted time, it will attract negative marking.**

## **COURTROOM COMMUNICATION**

**NOTE: Microsoft Teams** will be used as a platform for the whole competition.

Written communication during the Oral Round shall be limited to e-communication among team members via “Chat-box” or “Conversation” features on the app. No other verbal/nonverbal communication may take place.

## **STRUCTURE OF THE COMPETITION**

- **The draw of lots:** The Draw of Lots will determine the side of a particular team i.e., Petitioner/Plaintiff or Respondent/Defendant. The Draw of Lots will also decide which team you will be competing against. This shall be conducted on 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2021 at 5 pm on Microsoft teams. The team codes will be provided to teams before the draw of lots but their sequence of participation will be decided thereon. For the preliminary round, the teams will be arranged and grouped based on the Drawing of Lots conducted virtually on Microsoft teams.
- For the Semi-Finals rounds of the competition, the Knock-out procedure will be followed based on the marks which a team earns.

**The Competition shall consist of three rounds:**

1. Preliminary Rounds; (where each team will present twice, once from each side, i.e., Petitioner and Respondent)
2. Semi Finals Round;
3. Final Round.

Each team will have a maximum of:

- **Preliminary Rounds: 20 minutes** in the Preliminary rounds for oral arguments, in which no single speaker shall be permitted to address the court for more than 12 minutes. Time will be allotted for the Judges to ask questions. The qualified teams will be informed by the O.C. regarding their qualification for the semi-finals round. A different link will be provided by the O.C. for the Semi-finals round.
- **Semi Final Round: 30 minutes** in the Semi-finals, in which no single speaker shall be permitted to address the court for more than 18 minutes. Time will be allotted for the Judges to ask questions. The results of the Semi Finals rounds will be announced on the same day. The qualified teams will be informed by the O.C. regarding their qualification for the Final round. A different link will be provided by the O.C. for the Final round.

- **Final Round: 45 minutes** in the Final, in which no single speaker shall be permitted to address the court for more than 25 minutes. The winning team in the Final Round will be announced on the same day during the valedictory function

**Note:** The above timing includes the timing for rebuttal. Sur-rebuttal shall be purely at the discretion of the Judges. Judge decision on the conduct of proceedings will be final in their respective virtual courtrooms.

### **SELECTION**

The top four teams who have scored the highest in both the Preliminary rounds shall proceed to the Semi-finals round. The Semi-finals rounds itself would be on a "knock-out' basis.

In case of a tie, the aggregate preliminary round score of the team would be considered. Even in the case of a tie for aggregate preliminary round score, the highest Speaker score for preliminary round would be considered. Four teams whose aggregate is the highest in both the Preliminary rounds and the Memorial shall qualify for Semi-finals.

### **DELAY IN APPEARANCE/PRESENTATION**

If a team scheduled to participate in the oral submissions of a round does appear for 5 minutes after the scheduled commencement of such round, the other team shall have to make oral submissions ex-parte. (Unless the delay is due to extreme unavoidable circumstances).

### **JUDGES' FEEDBACK**

Judges are encouraged to provide direct feedback to the teams regarding their performance at the completion of the Oral round. They shall not engage in any commentary which may reveal the contents of the Memorial or announce the winning team of the particular rounds.

## **EVALUATION OF THE ORAL SUBMISSIONS**

Speaker's score for the purpose of other rounds of the Competition shall be utilized as determined elsewhere in these Rules.

The evaluation would be done on the following criteria:

1.	Marshalling of facts and identifying issues	15 marks
2.	Application of legal provisions and principles	15 marks
3.	Logical structuring and reasoning	10 marks
4.	Ingenuity and originality	10 marks
5.	Articulation of issues	10 marks
6.	General presentation, time management and communication skills	10 marks
7.	Responses to questions posed	10 marks
8.	Use of authorities and precedents	10 marks
9.	Court etiquettes	10 marks
	Total	100 marks

The decision of the Judges as to the marks allocated to any team shall be final and binding.

## **PENALTIES**

<b>Sr. No.</b>	<b>Particular's quantum of penalty</b>	<b>Penalty points</b>
1	Delay in submission of Memorandum	-2 points per day
2	Resubmission of Memorandum	-5 points
3	Formatting violations including: Use of incorrect font, Use of incorrect font-size Use of improper line spacing Use of improper block quote Use of endnotes	-1 point per type of violation up to a Maximum of -5 points



4	Failure to include all parts of Memorandum or inclusion of an unremunerated part, Failure to include necessary and correct information on Memorandum cover page.	-2 points for each part Excessive length: -2 points (one-time penalty)
5	1-100 words over 101-200 words over 6 points 201-300 words over 9 points 301-400 words over 12 points 401+ words over 15 points	-3 points -6 points -9 points -12 points -15 points
6	Excessive length: Summary of Pleadings	-2 points (one-time penalty)
7	Excessive length: Statement of Facts	-2 points (one-time penalty)
8	Breach of Anonymity of Teams	-2 points (one-time penalty)

### **AWARDS**

- Winning Team: The winning team of the final round
- Runner-up Team: The team which contested against the winning team in the final round.
- Best Memorial: The Memorials which secure the highest marks based upon the cumulative marks of both the Memorials submitted shall be adjudged as the Best Memorial
- Best Speaker: The speaker securing the highest marks based upon the cumulative marks of the Preliminary Rounds of the Competition will be adjudged as the Best Speaker.

### **CLARIFICATIONS OF THE COMPETITION PROBLEM OR RULES**

Teams may submit written requests for clarifications of the Moot Problem or these Rules. The last date for seeking clarifications shall be 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2021. The teams may submit requests for clarifications by email only. All clarifications to legitimate requests will be summarized and answered to the participating colleges/universities. If, however, the college/university has failed to provide the organizer with details of a contact person, the organizer would not be responsible for clarifications sought and corrections required.

## SCOUTING

- Scouting by the Speakers, Researcher or any other person affiliated with a team will lead to immediate disqualification of such team.
- Scouting shall be deemed to have happened if any person affiliated with a team is found:
  - Witnessing, hearing, observing, etc. the oral submissions in a round, except where the round is one in which the team to which he/she is affiliated is participating in; or
  - Reading a Memorial of a team except where:
    - a) It is of the team to which he/she is affiliated, or
    - b) The Memorials have been obtained on account of an exchange of memorials.
  - Prior to a Round of the team to which he/she is affiliated.

## ANONYMITY

Participants/Participating Teams shall not disclose their names and the identity of their respective institution/college/university at any time during the competition. Each team shall be issued individual codes at the time of registration and the same shall be the sole source of identity of the respective teams throughout the competition.

**Note:** All Participants shall refrain from wearing, using or carrying in any form, any identifying items, such as badges, blazers, pins or any other identifying material(s) with a college/university/library logo or seal.

## COPYRIGHT

The copyright over the Memorials submitted for participation in the competition is assigned by participants and shall vest completely and fully on the Organizers. 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 the Organizers and they shall not be responsible for any liability to any person for any loss caused by errors or omissions in the collection of information, or for the accuracy, completeness, or adequacy of the information contained in these materials.

## MISCELLANEOUS

- All the participants are expected to maintain the decorum in the court during the competition and are expected to conduct themselves in a manner befitting the legal profession.
- The organizers will resolve any contingencies that may arise and will be the final arbiters regarding any doubts/grievances. The decision taken by the organizers shall be final and binding.
- Acceptance of the above-mentioned rules and regulations is a pre-requisite to participation in the competition. The rules shall be strictly adhered to. The Organizers reserve the right to disqualify teams for deviating from rules. The Organizers will resolve any contingencies that may arise and will be the final arbiters regarding any doubts/grievances. These Rules are not exhaustive.
- Any reference to identity of a team's institution or individual team members, either during oral arguments or in the Memorial may lead to disqualification of the team.
- The organizers reserve the right to take appropriate action for any unethical/unprofessional and immoral conduct.
- The organizers' decision regarding the interpretation of rules or any other matter relating to the competition shall be final. If there is any situation which is not contemplated in the rules, the organizer's decision on the same shall be final and binding
- Organizers save the right to modify, alter, vary or repeal any of the above rules
- The Organizers shall not be responsible for any loss for interrupted internet connection during the competition. We request all the participants to arrange a stable internet connection. However, in case of an emergency a time of not more than 5 minutes shall be provided to the participants.
- The Organizing Committee's decision will be final in all matters concerning the competition.
- E-Certificates will be issued to all participants.

## **DISCLAIMER**

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