



RULES AND REGULATIONS

I. THEME AND DATE

- The problem for the 4th NLIU – Justice R.K. Tankha Memorial National Moot Court Competition 2014 is based on emerging competition law issues. The Competition shall be held from 28/02/2014 to 02/03/2014 at the National Law Institute University, Bhopal.

II. LANGUAGE

- The competition shall be conducted in English language only.

III. ELIGIBILITY

- The Competition shall be open for students who are pursuing three or five-year LL.B. Degree Course in the Universities. LL.M. Degree Course students are not eligible to participate in the Competition.

IV. TEAM COMPOSITION

- Each team shall consist of a minimum of two members and a maximum of three members. This team composition cannot be altered under any circumstances.
- Every team shall consist of two speakers. Teams may have only one researcher. No observer/additional member can be part of a team in any capacity. If any fourth member is accompanying the team, he/she will not be allowed to sit and observe the oral rounds, will not be provided accommodation/food and will not be given a certificate by the organizers under any circumstances whatsoever.

V. REGISTRATION

- Registration fee of **Rs. 3000 per team** (only one team per University or one team per college where more than one college is affiliated with a University) will have to be paid by each team. The payment will have to be made in the form of a ***demand draft*** in favour of '*The Director, National Law Institute University, Bhopal*', payable at Bhopal.
- A soft copy of the duly filled ***registration form*** and the ***demand draft*** should reach the organizers latest by February 07, 2014. The form should be printed, signed (and





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sealed), scanned and mailed to mca.nliu@gmail.com with the subject as “*Registration Form for 4th NLIU – Justice R.K. Tankha Memorial National Moot Court Competition 2014*”.

- A hard copy of the duly filled **registration form** and the **demand draft** should reach the organizers latest by February 08, 2014 at the following address:

Dr. Kondaiah J.

Faculty-in-charge, Moot Court Association

National Law Institute University

Kerwa Dam Road, Bhopal, M.P. - 462 044

VI. SUBMISSIONS

- Each team shall be assigned a code upon registration.
- There shall be two preliminary rounds, a Quarter Final, a Semi Final and a Final.

VII. RESEARCHER’S TEST

A researchers test will be conducted on 28th February, 2014 at 8pm.

VIII. PRELIMINARY ROUNDS

- Draw of lots for preliminary rounds will be conducted on 28th February, 2014.
- Preliminary rounds will be held on 01st March, 2014.
- There will be two preliminary rounds of arguments per team.
- No two teams shall face each other more than once in the preliminary rounds.
- No team shall face the same bench more than once. In the event that a team faces the same bench/judge more than once, they shall inform the organizers regarding the same before the first speaker is called upon the podium, failing which they shall forego their right to object at any later point in time.
- In determining the winners of preliminary rounds the memorial scores will be added to the score of oral rounds. Eight teams will qualify for Quarter Final rounds.
- Teams with two wins in the Preliminary Rounds will go to the Quarter Final Rounds. If there are *more than eight teams* having two wins each, the teams with two wins each will be ranked according to their Memorial scores and the top eight teams so





ranked will go to the Quarter Final Rounds. If there are *less than eight teams* having two wins each, the teams having two wins each will go through to the Quarter Final Rounds. For the remaining places, the teams having less than two wins each will be ranked according to the sum of their scores in both the Preliminary Rounds and their Memorial scores (both), and the top teams thus ranked will be sent to the Quarter Final Rounds.

IX. SEMI-FINALS/FINALS

- The Semi – finals & Finals shall take place on 02nd March, 2014.
- The quarter final and the semi final rounds shall be knock out rounds.
- Memorial scores will not be added to the overall scores in any of the knock out rounds.

X. MEMORIALS

The following requirements for memorials must be strictly followed. Non-conformities will be penalized.

- Teams have to submit memorials for both the parties to the dispute.
- Six (6) copies each, of the memorials for both the sides shall be submitted by the teams during registration on 28th February 2014.
- Softcopies of the memorials are also to be mailed at **mca.nliu@gmail.com** with subject as “Memorial Submission for the 4th NLIU – Justice R.K. Tankha Memorial National Moot Court Competition 2014”. The last date for submission of softcopies of the memorial is 20th February, 2014. Submissions made after 20th February, 2014 will entail a negative penalty of 1 mark from each side per day.
- No memorial will be accepted after 25th February, 2014.
- Content of the hard copy must be same as that of the soft copy. Failing which team will be penalized and may even be disqualified.
- Memorials shall be judged on the following criteria:
 - Knowledge of Facts - 15 marks





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- Proper and Articulate Analysis - 20 marks
 - Extent and use of Research - 30 marks
 - Grammar, Style and Coherency - 20 marks
 - Formatting and Citation of Sources - 15 marks
 - Total - 100 marks
- All memorials submitted must conform with the following general requirements and a team will attract negative marking for failure to keep within the limitation as described below :
 - i. Memorials must be printed on A-4 paper with black ink and must be neatly bound.
 - ii. The font of the body of the Memorial must be Times New Roman, size 12, with double line spacing. The size of footnotes/endnotes, if any, must be in Times new Roman font size 12 with line spacing of 1.5.
 - iii. Each page must have a margin of at least an inch on all sides.
 - iv. The memorials should not be covered with a plastic cover or be spiral bound or combed bound. They should either be stitched or stapled properly. Use of butter paper, plastic sheets, spiral binding etc. is strictly prohibited.
 - v. The Memorial should not exceed 25 typed pages and shall consist of the following parts:
 - Cover Page
 - Table of Contents
 - Index of Authorities
 - Statement of Jurisdiction
 - Statement of Facts
 - Statement of Issues
 - Summary of Arguments
 - Arguments Advanced
 - Prayer





- vi. Arguments Advanced must not exceed 15 pages in any case.

XI. ORAL ROUNDS

- Identity of the institute must not be revealed/ disclosed in any manner in the memorials.
- A uniform style of citation should be followed in the memorial throughout. Teams are advised to use the Harvard Blue Book Format. Footnotes shall contain only the citation, and shall not contain comments or quotes. The teams may submit a compendium of cases and other materials referred to in the memorials at the time of Registration. The compendium should not disclose the identity of the institution anywhere.

XII. SCOUTING

- Teams shall not be allowed to observe the orals of another team. Scouting is strictly prohibited.
- Scouting by any team shall entail instant disqualification.

XIII. AWARDS & CERTIFICATES

- **Winning Team Award:** The winning team will receive a trophy and a prize of Rs. 1,10,000 (Rs. 75,000 by cheque and Book Vouchers worth Rs. 35,000).
- **Runners - up Award:** The 1st runners up will get a trophy and a prize of Rs. ,75,000 (Rs. 50,000 by cheque and Book Vouchers worth Rs. 25,000)
- **Best Student Advocate :** The best student advocate in the preliminary round will get trophy and prize of Rs. 25,000 (Rs. 15,000 by cheque and Book Vouchers worth Rs. 10,000).
- **Best Memorial:** The team with best memorial will receive trophy and a prize of Rs. s. 20,000 (Rs. 15,000 by cheque and Book Vouchers worth Rs. 5,000).
- **Best Researcher:** The Best Researcher will receive a trophy and a prize of Rs. 20,000 (Rs. 15,000 by cheque and Book Vouchers worth Rs. 5,000).
- Certificates for participation will be given to all the participants.
- Separate Certificates will be provided to the Quarter-Finalists and Semi-Finalists.





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- All certificates and awards will be presented to the participants **only** at the Valedictory Ceremony on 2nd March, 2014 from 5.30pm – 7.30pm. The participants are advised to finalize their travel plan accordingly.
- The certificates will not be provided to any participant who is not present at the Valedictory Ceremony and the same will not be sent by post/courier to participant under any circumstances whatsoever.

XIV. ANONYMITY

- The student counsels shall not state their names during the oral rounds, and must use the team Code.
- All team members must refrain from disclosing the identity of their institution at any time and in any manner, during the oral rounds.
- Non compliance with this Rule will result in immediate disqualification of the team.

XV. ACCOMMODATION

- Accommodation will be provided to all the teams.
- For any additional members of any team the host university will not be responsible for his/her accommodation.
- Accommodation will be provided from 28th February 2014 (8am) till 3rd March, 2014 (10am). Teams arriving before 28th February, 2014 (8am) and staying after 3rd March, 2014 (10am) will have to arrange for their accommodation themselves.
- Conveyance will be provided to all the teams from the Station/Airport on their arrival to the accommodation. Please note that this will only be done from 6:00 a.m., 28th February, 2014. So teams are advised to plan their travel accordingly.
- Conveyance will be provided to all the teams to and from the university to the accommodation.
- No conveyance shall be provided under any circumstance for dropping any team to the Station/Airport.





- Food for all the days of the competition will be provided to all the teams.
- Teams must send their *travel plans along with the registration form*.

XVI. CLARIFICATIONS

- The moot problem is the way it is, with full application of the principal of “**as is, there is...whatever where is**”. No queries or requests for clarifications will be entertained.
- *Clarifications regarding matters other than the moot problem may be sought from any of the following:*
 - Mr. Kapil Duggal, Convenor, Moot Court Association, Ph. +91 9098939689.
 - Mr. Vipin Upadhyay, Co-Convenor, Moot Court Association, Ph. +91 8109168107.

