

# UNIVERSITY INSTITUTE OF LEGAL STUDIES



*3<sup>rd</sup> ARGUENDO, LAW FEST*  
*3<sup>rd</sup> ALL INDIA GURCHARAN SINGH TULSI CRIMINAL LAW*  
*ANNUAL MOOT COURT COMPETITION, 2017*

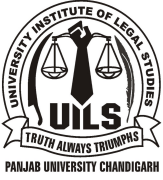
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## **RULES & REGULATIONS**

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The participation in the Competition shall be restricted to 24 teams only. The first 24 teams that confirm and complete the registration formalities shall be entitled to participate in the competition.

### **I. DATE AND VENUE**

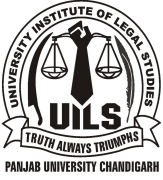
- i. The 3<sup>rd</sup> UILS National Trial Advocacy Competition, 2017 shall be organised by UILS, Panjab University, Chandigarh from 2<sup>nd</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> February, 2017.
- ii. The Competition shall be organised at the University Institute of Legal Studies, Panjab University, Sector 14, Chandigarh - 160014.

### **II. AIM AND PURPOSE**

The aim of the 3<sup>rd</sup>UILS National Trial Advocacy Competition, 2017 is to develop trial advocacy skills among law students as well as providing a practical approach to the legal profession.

### **III. ELIGIBILITY AND TEAM COMPOSITION**

- i. The Competition is open for students currently pursuing their bachelor's degree in law either from a 3 Year LL.B. Programme or a 5 Year LL.B. Programme. Only one team from each law school shall be entitled to participate in this Competition.
- ii. Each team shall consist of a minimum of 2 and maximum of 4 members. This number cannot be modified under any circumstances.



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- iii. There will be 2 speakers and 2 researchers for each team. It must be noted that the team may have 2 different sets of speakers for each side. The team shall notify such an arrangement

before the commencement of the rounds to the court officers. Thereafter, no rearrangement of the position of the team members will be permitted during any stage of the competition.

- iv. The witnesses to the participating teams shall be provided by the Institution itself.

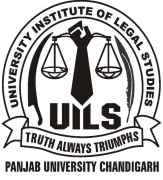
#### IV. LANGUAGE

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The official language of the Competition shall be English. Use of vernacular language during the said competition is prohibited by the participants

#### V. REGISTRATION

- i. Registration of teams shall be on ***first come first served basis***. The first 24 teams registered will be entitled to participate in the Competition.
- ii. The Registration Fee for the 3<sup>rd</sup> UILS National Trial Advocacy Competition, 2017 is **Rs.5000/-** payable by Demand Draft in favour of ***Director, University Institute of Legal Studies, Panjab University, Chandigarh*** payable at Chandigarh.
- iii. Each participating team is required to send a scanned copy of the Demand Draft and Registration Form via email to [uilslawfest.moot@gmail.com](mailto:uilslawfest.moot@gmail.com) latest by **23<sup>rd</sup> January, 2017**, with the subject of such an email compulsorily being ***“Final Registration for UILS NTAC-2017”***.
- iv. The participating teams are required to send the hard copy of the Registration Form, Demand Draft and Travel Form latest by **26<sup>th</sup> January, 2017** to



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## **VI. TEAM CODE**

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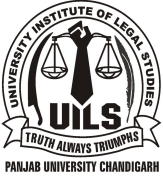
- i. Upon confirmation of participation, each team will be allotted a “Team Code”. The said Code will have to be used in all future communications between the participants and the Organisers.
- ii. The teams shall refer to themselves during the competition using this code only. They shall not disclose their identity to anybody except as and when a member of the Organising Committee demands. Such disclosure shall invite penalties including disqualification. The decision for the same shall be at the discretion of the Organising Committee.

## **VII. DRESS CODE**

The dress code for the participants shall be Advocates’ attire (including neckband and gown).

## **VIII. CLARIFICATIONS TO THE PROBLEM**

Any team wishing to make any clarification(s) to the problem may do so by sending an email to [uilslawfest.moot@gmail.com](mailto:uilslawfest.moot@gmail.com) latest by **25<sup>th</sup> January**



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2017 with the subject of such an email compulsorily being “Clarification for UILS NTAC-2017”.

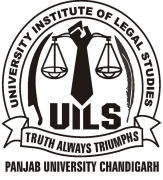
## IX. ORAL ROUNDS

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- There shall be two preliminary rounds which will be followed by the semi-finals and a final round.
- Memorials scores will be added to the oral scores obtained by the participants in preliminary rounds only.

### A. PRELIMINARY ROUND

- i. There will be two preliminary rounds of arguments per team, one from the side of Prosecution and another from the side of the Defence.
- ii. Each team will face a different team in their second round of arguments.
- iii. Each team will get a total of 45 minutes to present their case. Each of the speakers shall conduct either the chief or the cross-examination and
- iv. deliver either the opening or closing statement. Therefore each speaker shall compulsorily conduct an examination and deliver either the opening or closing statement. The order of speakers and the examination and statements they would present, is to be intimated by the teams before the commencement of the rounds and cannot be altered at any subsequent stage. Under no circumstance shall this be allowed, even with the permission of the bench.
- v. The division of time for both Prosecution and Defence shall be as follows:
  - **Opening statement:** 5 minutes.
  - **Examination-in-chief:** 12 minutes (all witnesses)
  - **Cross examination:** 20 minutes (all witnesses)



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• **Final arguments:** 8 minutes

- vi. The final score of the teams will be calculated on the basis of their oral arguments of the two Speakers.
- vii. Qualification of a team to the Semi-Final round will be based on the the aggregate marks of the teams. Only 4 teams will proceed to the next round.

**B. SEMI-FINAL ROUND:**

- i. The Semi-Final Round will be a knock-out round.
- ii. Each team will get a total of 55 minutes to present its case.
- iii. The division of time for both the Prosecution and Defence shall be as follows:
  - **Opening statement:** 5 minutes
  - **Examination-in-Chief:** 15 minutes
  - **Cross Examination:** 25 minutes
  - **Closing statement:** 10 minutes
- iv. The criteria for computing the final scores of the teams and their subsequent qualification to the Final Round will be on the basis of oral scores only.

**C. FINAL ROUND**

- i. Each team will get a total of 55 minutes to present its case.
- ii. The division of time shall be the same as followed in the Semi-Finals.

**D. GENERAL RULES**

- i. The procedure to be followed is:
  - Opening statement of the Prosecution
  - Opening statement of the Defence
  - Examination-in-chief by the Prosecution
  - Cross examination by the Defence
  - Examination-in-chief by the Defence
  - Cross examination by the Prosecution

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- Closing statement of the Prosecution
  - Closing statement of the Defence
- ii. The teams shall examine a minimum of four out of the five witnesses (each side) allotted out of the total witnesses provided in the problem, within the time allotted to them.
  - iii. The teams should, before the commencement of a round, notify the court officers, as to which of the witnesses they would examine in the course of the trial.
  - iv. The participating teams shall submit the memorials of the opponent teams to the court officers after the completion of each round.
  - v. One of the witnesses will turn hostile in the Semi-Final and Final Rounds of the competition.
  - vi. The team members are advised to take note of the questions and answers during the chief examination and cross examination.
  - vii. No extraneous evidence or witnesses can be produced except for those whose statements are provided.

#### **X. ACCOMMODATION**

Accommodation shall be provided only on prior request of the teams from the *morning of 1<sup>st</sup> February, 2017 to the morning of 5<sup>th</sup> February, 2017*. Teams willing to participate must mention this request in the Travel Form which has been provided.

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## XI. NOTE

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- i. The host Institution has full right reserved to modify or cancel any rules as it deems fit to the situation at any time during the course of the Competition. The decision of the Organizing Committee shall be final in this regard.
- ii. Drinking and Smoking is strictly prohibited at the place of accommodation. Non-compliance of this rule will lead to disqualification and the host institution can initiate action against the team found violating this rule.



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