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**11<sup>TH</sup> PRO BONO ENVIRO NATIONAL MOOT COURT COMPETITION,**

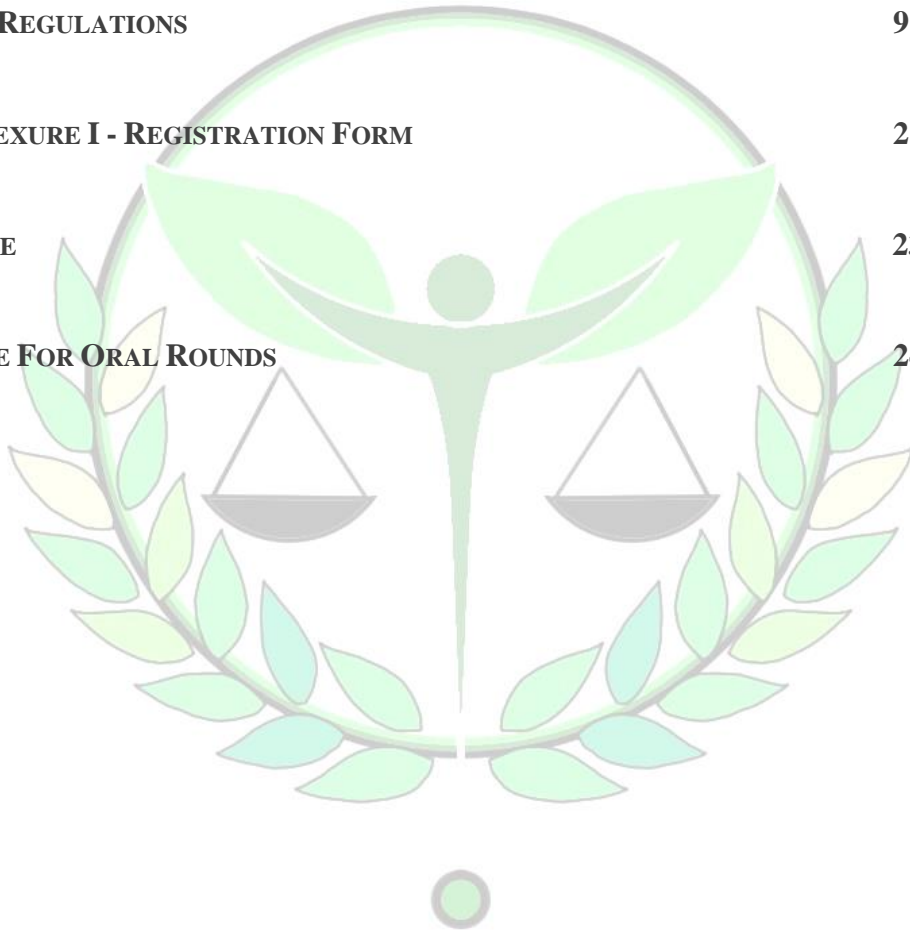
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**RULES & REGULATIONS**

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**OFFICIAL INVITE**

We warmly welcome you to the 11<sup>th</sup> Edition of the Pro Bono Enviro National Moot Court Competition, 2017. It is the flagship event of our Institution and our only aim is to get better with each year. The Moot is based on Environmental Law and is intended to create awareness among the student body regarding pressing environmental issues. Year after year the competition has witnessed an overwhelming response from various Universities and Colleges throughout India and this year too, we promise an exciting weekend of debate, discussion and display of legal acumen. The Competition this year will see sitting Judges of the Madras High Court, Advocates and Specialists in the field who will ensure that the Rounds are judged with more vigor and enthusiasm.

The previous edition was a grand success due to the tremendous participation from various law schools in India. The 11<sup>th</sup> Pro Bono Enviro National Moot Court Competition is scheduled from 20<sup>th</sup> October – 22<sup>nd</sup> October, 2017. The Moot Court Association of School of Excellence in Law, Chennai cordially invites your prestigious institution to participate in the same. We look forward to seeing you this October!

With Regards,

The Moot Court Association

**MOOT PROPOSITION<sup>1</sup>**

1. Union of Hind (“Hind”) is one of the fastest developing Countries and is the third largest energy consumer in the World. Being the second most populous country, Hind’s energy consumption growth is expected to grow exponentially and become the highest over the next two decades. The alarming growth in energy consumption across the planet has resulted in global warming and climate change has become one of the most debated issues. With countries trying to mitigate the effects of global warming, Paris Accord or Paris Climate Change Agreement is a major initiative signed by majority of the countries, including Hind to mitigate and combat global warming. With the recent surprise decision of the United States to leave the Paris Accord, Hind is set to play a main role along with other major jurisdictions to combat climate change.
2. The current ruling government of Hind, Sanarthana Party is already on the trail of clean energy revolution and is venturing into various alternative/unconventional energy fuel resources to fulfill the promises made through the Paris Accord. Substituting the widespread usage of coal and oil with natural gas is a major policy adopted by Sanarthana Party since the global warming emissions from its combustions are much lower than that of coal or oil. However, the major opposition party namely National Republic, has strongly criticized the move, stating that the shift in use of energy resources from coal and oil to natural gas is a major lobby backed by key oil and gas companies who lean on natural gas for a large chunk of their output.
3. The government of Hind has pursued and initiated various steps for exploration and exploitation of hydrocarbons, shale gas and oil in order to increase the domestic oil and gas production and to make substantial addition to the energy mix at Hind. The Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas has identified and earmarked various basins across northern and southern parts of Hind with impending hydrocarbon and shale gas bearing and the government has already spent around Rupees 200 crores on shale gas exploration in the Country.

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<sup>1</sup> The Moot Proposition is drafted by B. Deepak Narayanan, LL.M (QMU London), Advocate, Chennai. Participants shall strictly refrain themselves from contacting the drafter at any cost.

4. However, various experts and environmental organizations have opined against the extraction of hydrocarbons and shale gas, citing concerns relating to water stress and environmental hazards. In particular, Environmental Protection Forum (“EPF”), an environmental organization has been actively campaigning about the ill effects of extensive use of modern technology in the form of multiple hydraulic fracturing and horizontal drilling of the shale section (“fracking”) for the purpose of extraction of shale gas. EPF is an NGO headed by a famous eco-activist who has indulged in various environmental friendly movements and is funded by a leading coal based company in Hind. The government however has disregarded the contentions of EPF and maintained its obvious interest in pro-extraction policy given the enormous success in the US.
5. The government notified that the extraction of hydrocarbons and shale gas shall be done in two phases i.e., (i) exploration phase which shall comprise of appraisal and evaluation of prospects by drilling wells to ascertain the feasibility of extraction and (ii) extraction phase which shall comprise of actual extraction of hydrocarbon and shale gas.
6. Out of various basins across Hind, Shrivery Basin in particular is a Delta Region and has enormous potential for extraction of hydrocarbons and shale gas. The responsibility for exploration phase at various places across Hind, including Shrivery basin was given to Energy Gas Corporation (“EGC”) and the exploration was set to commence at Pudusevai District in the state of Deva Nadu. Pudusevai district is one of the most fertile lands on Hind. Agriculture is the main source of income for the district and most villages there rely on rice cultivation for their livelihood. In fact, Pudusevai is commonly referred to as the ‘Rice Bowl’ of Southern Hind.
7. An Environmental Impact Assessment Report was filed by EGC (“EGC EIA”) in 2015 for exploratory drilling of wells at Pudusevai District. The EGC EIA comprised a detailed report on project description, drilling technology, description of environment, environmental impact, mitigation measures and project benefits. There were strong criticisms from EPF, reliable experts and other environmental organizations on the EGC EIA stating that the report grossly lacked information on proper management of water requirements, mitigation measures in the event of accidents and tackling of other environmental hazards. However, due to enormous pressure from the government Environmental clearance was nevertheless sanctioned to EGC to commence exploration activities.

8. EGC commenced its exploratory drilling of well at Tiruveni village at Pudusevai District. The villagers of Tiruveni, mostly illiterate were unaware of the complex technology. Despite sporadic protests from villagers, EGC nevertheless, completed the exploratory phase. EGC further concluded that Tiruveni village comprised of abundant hydrocarbon and shale gas and was best suitable for extraction.
9. Subsequently in 2017, the government of Hind launched an auction for the extraction phase at Tiruveni village along with other hydrocarbon fields. Significantly, the major oil producers of Hind including EGC, which discovered majority of the fields including the feasibility at Tiruveni village chose not to participate at the bidding process, making way for new players. EGC commented that *“smaller fields for extraction were given out by the government which is not viable for big oil companies like EGC and this gives good opportunity for the new entrants in the upstream hydrocarbon sector”*. However, the competence of smaller companies to implement the complex technology of fracking and extraction of shale gas was widely questioned by the media. Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs chaired by the Prime Minister, Shri Dharmendra Naik, nevertheless gave its approval to award contract to a new entrant Pearl Laboratories who won the bid in respect to extraction at Tiruveni village.
10. Meanwhile many districts in the state of Deva Nadu including Puduvasvai District were facing the worst drought in over 100 years. Farmers staged rallies demanding waiver of loans and drought relief. Since their demands were neither met by the State nor the Centre, the farmers protested in the capital of Hind, and stripped naked and conducted rallies to give voice to their demands. Also, Deva Nadu Farmer’s Association in solidarity with the hardship faced by the state’s farmers at the capital, staged statewide protests. The Centre subsequently approved a financial assistance of mere Rs.2,000 /- crore for Deva Nadu as against the demand of Rs.40,000/- crore made by the state government.
11. In the meantime, Pearl Laboratories submitted its EIA (“PL EIA”) for the extraction phase at Tiruveni village. The EIA comprised of detailed description of the proposed project and some of the key features included in the project description were that (i) the shale gas formations located in around 3500 meters underground were proposed to be extracted through fracking and (ii) the extraction process requires large volume of water of around 9000 to 12000 m<sup>3</sup> per well depending upon the well type and shale characteristics. While various environmental organizations expected the PL EIA to address the lacunae created by

the EGC EIA relating to water stress, lack of focus on mitigation measures and environmental hazards, PL EIA however failed to adequately address the said issues.

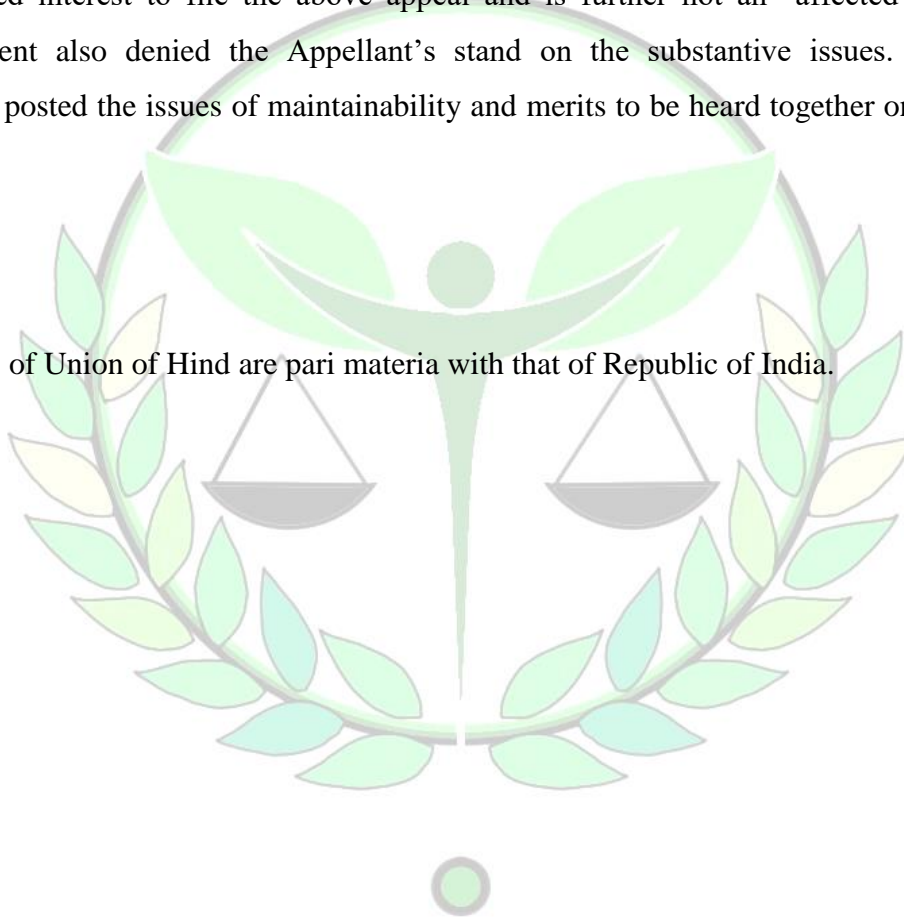
12. The protests that subsequently ensued against the project were enormous. Environmental organizations campaigned heavily against the ill effects of fracking and EPF in particular conducted awareness drives to the farmers at Tiruveni village by educating them on potential health hazards that might result from fracking. EPF also posted videos and initiated polling against fracking in social media, alleging that the process will result in contamination of groundwater, cause methane pollution, cause water scarcity, contamination of soil, shifting of geo-tectonic plates etc. The government however issued a statement that there is no evidence to link the relationship between cause and effect pertaining to fracking and environmental hazards and that the United States has been successfully using fracking to extract shale gas for several decades. The government further discredited EPF stating that the organization was funded by coal based company and has vested interests to hinder the shale gas extraction since there is an enormous potential for shale gas industry to substitute coal industry in the future.
13. The farmers at Tiruveni village meanwhile already affected by drought in 2016, united to protest against the hydrocarbon and shale gas extractions. Black flags and hoardings were hoisted in front of their houses to show their support for the protests. Soon the remonstrations became statewide where hundreds of people kept pouring into Tiruveni village to show their support. The dissent intensified when the youth and celebrities in major cities, mobilized their support to protesters through social media.
14. Pearl Laboratories in order to avoid the public outcry, with the support of local government authorities avoided publicizing the conduct of public hearing by advertising it in newspapers that are not easily available to the residents of Tiruveni village. Subsequently a media report specified that the public hearing was conducted in a low profile manner in the outskirts of Tiruveni bordering the adjacent village. After complying with other norms, environmental clearance was issued to Pearl laboratories on 3rd January 2017. However, due to technical issues, a readable version of the environmental clearance letter was made available online only on 1st February 2017.
15. Challenging the grant of environmental clearance to Pearl Laboratories, EPF after informing the local villagers at Tiruveni village filed an appeal on 18<sup>th</sup> April 2017 against Government

of Hind and other relevant authorities before the National Green Tribunal, Southern Zone under the NGT Act, 2010. EPF pleaded that an environmental clearance ought not have been issued to Pearl laboratories as a public hearing was not properly conducted, the pressing issues relating to water stress and tackling of potential environmental hazards were not adequately addressed in the PL EIA and hence any extraction of hydrocarbons and shale gas at Tiruveni village will result in contravention of environmental legislations.

16. The government objected to the maintainability by contending that that the appeal was barred by limitation and EPF being funded by a coal company does not have locus standi since it has vested interest to file the above appeal and is further not an “affected person”. The government also denied the Appellant’s stand on the substantive issues. The Hon’ble Tribunal posted the issues of maintainability and merits to be heard together on 21<sup>st</sup> October 2017.

**Note:**

The laws of Union of Hind are pari materia with that of Republic of India.



**RULES AND REGULATIONS**

**1. GENERAL RULES**

**1.1 DATE & VENUE OF THE COMPETITION:**

The 11<sup>th</sup> Pro Bono Enviro National Moot Court Competition, 2017 will be held from 20<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> October, 2017 at the School of Excellence in Law, The Tamil Nadu Dr. Ambedkar Law University, Chennai – 600096.

**1.2 TEAM ELIGIBILITY & TEAM COMPOSITION:**

- a. Participation is strictly restricted to *bona fide* law students enrolled in the three years or five-year LL.B. or B.L. degree course in any institution recognized by the Bar Council of India.
- b. Only one team is permitted to participate from each registered institution.
- c. Each team shall comprise of a minimum of two and a maximum of three members. In a team consisting of two members, each of the members shall be designated as ‘Speaker’. In a team consisting of three members, two of the members shall be designated as ‘Speaker’ and the third member shall be designated as ‘Researcher’.

**1.3 REGISTRATION PROCEDURE:**

**The Registration Formalities shall be done in two steps:**

- a. Provisional Registration of the participating institutions shall be sent to [probonoenviro11@gmail.com](mailto:probonoenviro11@gmail.com) on or before **20<sup>th</sup> September 2017, 11:59 PM.**
- b. Upon receipt of an e-mail confirming provisional registration from the Organizing Committee, participants shall complete the Registration Formalities-
  - i. Participants shall duly fill the Registration form available as Annexure 1 in this information booklet and scan the Demand Draft and send a soft copy of the same to [probonoenviro11@gmail.com](mailto:probonoenviro11@gmail.com) on or before **28<sup>th</sup> September, 2017, 11:59 PM.**

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- ii. Upon receipt of the Soft Copy of the Registration form and the Demand Draft, an online Travel form will be sent to the teams which must be duly filled in by the participating teams.
- iii. The Hard Copy of the duly filled in Registration Form along with the **Demand Draft of Rs.3000/-** drawn in favor of “**The Registrar, The Tamil Nadu Dr. Ambedkar Law University, Chennai**, payable at Chennai shall reach the Organizing Committee on or before **4<sup>th</sup> October, 2017, 06.00 PM** via Speed Post or Courier. The address for correspondence is as specified in Rule 9.1.
- iv. Teams that have completed Registration in accordance with the above shall be assigned a Team Code. All correspondence to the Organizing Committee shall specify only the Team Code.
- v. No alteration in the Team Composition shall be permitted after the receipt of the Registration Form, except at the sole discretion of the Organizing Committee.

### 1.4 DRESS CODE:

- a. Participants shall be appropriately attired for the rounds of the competition. Robes and collar bands are not permitted.
- b. The Dress Code for the **Inauguration, Researcher’s Test, Oral Rounds and Valedictory & Prize Distribution** shall strictly be:
  - i. For **Gentlemen** - Western Formals (White formal shirt with black formal pants and a black blazer); and
  - ii. For **Ladies** - Western Formals (White formal shirt with black formal pants/black formal skirt and a black blazer) or Indian Formals (white kurta with black pants and either a black waistcoat or black blazer).

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### 2. CLARIFICATIONS

Clarifications to the Moot Proposition shall be sought by sending an e-mail to [probonoenviro11@gmail.com](mailto:probonoenviro11@gmail.com) on or before **20<sup>th</sup> September 2017, 11.59 PM**. Clarifications sent after this date shall not be entertained at any cost.

### 3. MEMORANDUM/WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS

#### 3.1 SUBMISSION OF MEMORANDUM:

- a. Participants are required to submit Memorandum or Written Submissions for both the Petitioner and the Respondent.
- b. Teams shall e-mail two Soft Copies each of the Memorandums, in PDF and Microsoft Word formats, i.e. four (4) separate file attachments, on or before **11<sup>th</sup> October, 2017, 11:59 PM** to [probonoenviro11@gmail.com](mailto:probonoenviro11@gmail.com). *For example*, if the assigned team code is 51, the team shall title the Petitioner and Respondent Memorandums as “51P” and “51R” respectively. The Soft Copy should be compatible with at least Microsoft Word 2007. Late submission shall attract penalties in accordance with Rule 3.3.
- c. Only the Team Code shall be specified on the Memorandum. Any reference to the participating institution/college/university shall result in immediate disqualification.
- d. Teams shall send **seven (7) Hard Copies each of the Petitioner and Respondent Memorandums** on or before **13<sup>th</sup> October, 2017, 6.00 PM** via **Speed Post** or **Courier** to the address mentioned in Rule 9.1. Late submission shall attract penalties in accordance with Rule 3.3.
- e. No amendment to the memorandum shall be permitted after submission of the soft copies. Variation found in the Hard Copy shall be penalized in accordance with Rule 3.3.
- f. The last date for sending the Hard Copy of the Memorandum with penalties is **15<sup>th</sup> October, 2017, 06.00 PM** beyond which the same shall not be accepted at any cost.
- g. Participants are advised to carry additional copies of their Memorandum for their own use. Copies submitted to the Organising Committee shall be used for the evaluation of the

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Memorandum, for the Exchange of Memorandum and for the Judges Bench for each of the Oral Rounds.

- h. The Organising Committee reserves the right to use the memorandum submitted by the participating teams, as it deems appropriate. The memorandum submitted shall not be returned to the participants.

### 3.2 CONTENTS OF THE MEMORANDUM:

- a. Each Memorandum shall contain at least the following sections:
  - i. Cover Page (shall include Year of the Competition, Cause Title, Forum/Court, designation as Petitioner or Respondent Memo, Team Code on the top right corner - e.g. 51P or 51R)
  - ii. Table of Contents
  - iii. Index of Authorities
  - iv. Statement of Jurisdiction (strictly restrict to 1 page)
  - v. Summary/Statement of Facts (strictly restrict to 1 page; argumentative Statement of Facts shall be penalized)
  - vi. Issues Raised/Questions Presented
  - vii. Summary of Arguments/Pleadings
  - viii. Arguments Advanced/Written Pleadings (strictly restrict to 20 pages or less)
  - ix. Prayer
- b. The following content specifications shall be strictly adhered to:

Language: English

Body Font & Size: Times New Roman, 12; Line Spacing: 1.5

[The spacing need not be followed for the Cover Page, any Tabular Column, Header or Footer]

Footnotes Font & Size: Times New Roman, 10; Line Spacing: 1.0; Paragraph Spacing: None; No additional space between footnotes

Alignment (Body & Footnotes): Justified

Margin: 1 inch on all 4 sides

Citation Method: *The Bluebook, A Uniform System of Citation*, Harvard Law Review, 19<sup>th</sup> edition

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Substantive Footnoting is strictly prohibited.

- c. The following printing specifications shall be strictly adhered to:
  - i. The Cover Page shall be:
    - Blue for Petitioner Memorandum
    - Red for Respondent Memorandum
  - ii. Only white A4 sized paper shall be used for all other pages. Use of recycled papers is encouraged.
  - iii. The Memorandums shall be printed on both sides. Each side shall be counted as one page.
  - iv. The Memorandums shall be soft bound and no other form of binding shall be accepted. The use of plastic/cellophane sheets or films shall attract penalties.
  - v. The Memorandums shall not contain any Annexures/Appendices, Photographs, Sketches, Exhibits, Affidavits, etc.

### 3.3 EVALUATION OF THE MEMORANDUM:

- a. The Memorandum will be evaluated by a separate panel of judges who will not Judge in the Oral Rounds.

- b. The following shall be the judging criteria:

Knowledge of law & depth of research	20
Use of authority/precedents	20
Incorporation of facts into the arguments	10
Interpretation of applicable law	10
Clarity of thought and organization of arguments	15
Style of Presentation	10
Originality	10
Relief sought	5

- c. Penalties shall be attracted in the following manner:

VIOLATION	PENALTY
Late Submission - Soft Copy	1 point per day per Memo

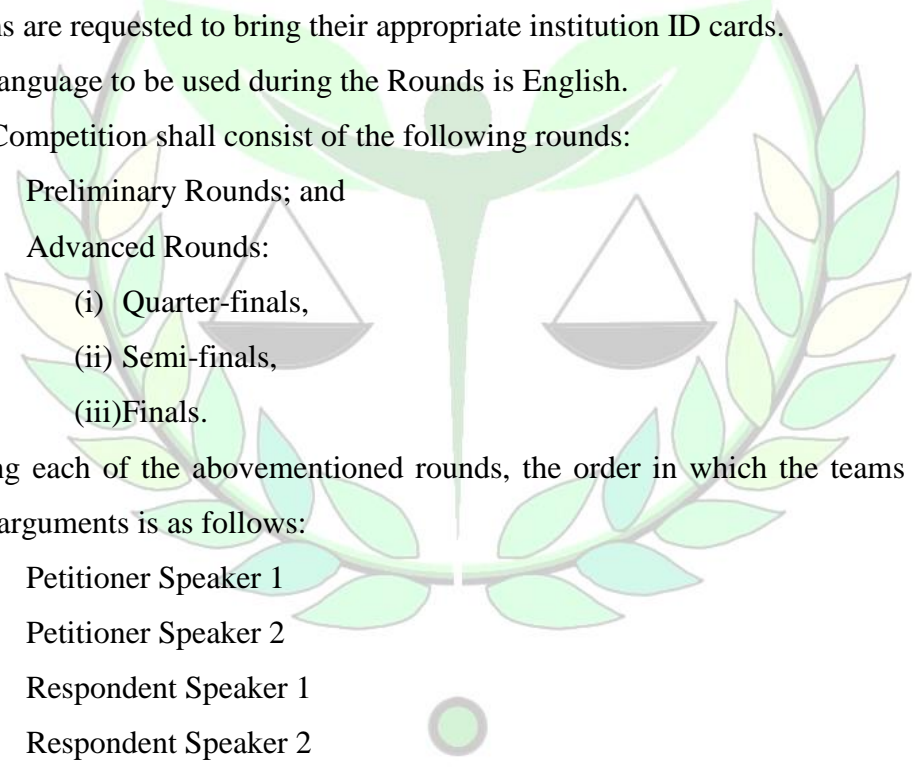
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Late Submission - Hard Copy	1 point per day per Memo
Any violation under Rule 3.2 (a.)	1 point for each violation under the Rule
Any violation under Rule 3.2 (b.)	0.5 point for each violation under the Rule
Any violation under Rule 3.2 (c.)	1 point for each violation under the Rule
Variation in content between Soft Copy and Hard Copy	0.5 point for each variation
Violation of Anonymity	Disqualification

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### 4. ORAL ROUNDS

#### 4.1 GENERAL PROCEDURE:

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- a. Teams are requested to bring their appropriate institution ID cards.
  - b. The language to be used during the Rounds is English.
  - c. The Competition shall consist of the following rounds:
    - i. Preliminary Rounds; and
    - ii. Advanced Rounds:
      - (i) Quarter-finals,
      - (ii) Semi-finals,
      - (iii) Finals.
  - d. During each of the abovementioned rounds, the order in which the teams shall present their arguments is as follows:
    - i. Petitioner Speaker 1
    - ii. Petitioner Speaker 2
    - iii. Respondent Speaker 1
    - iv. Respondent Speaker 2
    - v. Rebuttal: Petitioner - Any one of the Two Speakers
    - vi. Sur-rebuttal: Respondent - Any one of the Two SpeakersSur-rebuttal may be permitted only at the discretion of the Judges.
  - e. The Best Speaker Award shall be determined on the basis of the individual aggregate score of the Speaker taken only from the Preliminary Rounds.

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- f. 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.
- g. Teams are not permitted to raise issues in the Oral Rounds that have not been submitted in the Memorandum.
- h. The use of mobile phones, laptops, or any other electronic gadgets is strictly prohibited during the Oral Rounds.
- i. Participants may use their own bare acts, print outs and commentaries provided that anonymity is not violated during the Rounds.
- j. The decision of the Judges as to the marks allotted to each team shall be final.
- k. So as to ensure uniformity in the marking system, all Judges will be provided with a scoring guideline.

### 4.2 SPLITTING OF TIME BETWEEN SPEAKERS:

- a. Teams shall notify the Bench Clerks of the division of time between the 2 Speakers (including time reserved for Rebuttal & Sur-rebuttal) 10 minutes prior to the commencement of the Rounds.
- b. If Speaker 1 exceeds his/her reserved time, the additional time taken shall be deducted from the time reserved by Speaker 2. Similarly, if Speaker 2 exceeds his/her reserved time, the additional time taken shall be deducted from the time reserved for Rebuttals/Sur-Rebuttals as the case may be. However, this rule may not be followed if the additional time is awarded at the discretion of the Judges to not be deducted from the time of the subsequent Speaker.
- c. The finality of the decision as to the time structure and the right to Rebut or Sur-rebut shall vest with the Judges.

### 4.3 COMPENDIUM:

- a. All relevant case laws and statutory material to be passed on to the Judges during the Oral Rounds may be submitted in the form of a Compendium **10 minutes prior** to the commencement of the Rounds to the Bench Clerks.

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- b. The Compendium shall not exceed 50 pages whether printed on one side or both sides. For this purpose, each side shall be considered as one page.
- c. Participants are also permitted to pass on relevant material to the Judges, at their discretion, any time after the commencement of the Rounds and before its completion.
- d. The Compendium or other relevant materials shall be returned to the participants after the completion of each Round.
- e. Participants shall ensure that anonymity is not violated while passing on any material to the Judges. If any mark, name, seal, symbol or logo of the institution/college/university is present, participants must ensure that the same is rendered unrecognizable.

### 4.4 EXCHANGE OF MEMORANDUM:

- a. The exchange of memorandums will take place on the day of Orientation **i.e. 20.10.2017**, post the inauguration ceremony.
- b. Teams are prohibited from making any marks on the memorandum thus exchanged. Teams are also prohibited from taking photocopies of such memorandums.
- c. The opponent's memorandum shall be returned to the Bench Clerks after the completion of each Round.

### 4.5 PRELIMINARY ROUNDS:

- a. Every team shall argue twice in the Preliminary Rounds, once for the Petitioner and once for the Respondent.
- b. No two teams shall face each other more than once in the Preliminary Rounds.
- c. Each side shall get a maximum time of **30 minutes** to present their arguments of which no Speaker shall be permitted to address the Court for more than 18 minutes. The time limit is inclusive of the time for Rebuttal or Sur-rebuttal respectively. The maximum time for Rebuttal is 2 minutes and the maximum time for Sur-rebuttal is 1 minute.
- d. The Total Score of the Preliminary Rounds of a team shall be based only on the Oral Rounds Score.
- e. The top eight (8) teams from the Preliminary Rounds shall advance to the Quarter-finals.
- f. The top eight teams shall qualify on the basis of the maximum number of wins per team. In the event of a tie, the Memorandum Scores shall be considered as a tie-breaker.

**4.6 ADVANCED ROUNDS:**

- a. Every team shall argue once in each of the Advanced Rounds.
- b. The qualification of teams to subsequent rounds shall be on a **knock-out** basis for each of the Advanced Rounds.
- c. The Memorandum Score shall not be considered for any of the Rounds.

**4.6.1 QUARTER-FINALS**

- i. The maximum time for arguments per side shall be the **same as in the Preliminary Rounds.**
- ii. The top four (4) teams from the Quarter-finals shall advance to the Semi-finals.

**4.6.2 SEMI-FINALS**

- i. Each side shall get a maximum time of **45 minutes** to present their arguments of which no Speaker shall be permitted to address the Court for more than 25 minutes. The time limit is inclusive of the time for Rebuttal or Sur-rebuttal respectively. The maximum time for Rebuttal is 5 minutes and the maximum time for Sur-rebuttal is 2 minutes.
- ii. The top two (2) teams from the Semi-finals shall advance to the Finals.

**4.6.3 FINALS**

- i. The maximum time for arguments per side shall be the **same as in the Semi-finals.**
- ii. The winner of the Final Round shall be declared the Winner of the Competition.

**4.7 SCOUTING:**

- a. Scouting is strictly prohibited.
- b. Any person may submit a complaint regarding Scouting to the Organising Committee.
- c. Teams found scouting shall be disqualified immediately.

**5. RESEARCHER'S TEST**

- a. The Researcher's Test shall be conducted on **20<sup>th</sup> October, 2017**, as per the Schedule.
- b. In a team consisting of three members, any one of member designated as Researcher shall take part in the test. In a team consisting of two members, one of the two Speakers shall take part in the test.
- c. Participants are requested to write only the Team Code on the answer sheet.
- d. The Researcher's Test shall be in the format of Multiple Choice Questions with the questions based on the applicable law, precedents and facts pertaining to the Moot Proposition.
- e. No additional material such as the bare text of Acts, Memorandum, etc. apart from stationery may be brought by the participant to the test and no such material shall be provided by the Organizing Committee.

**6. AWARDS**

The following Awards shall be given away during the Valedictory & Prize Distribution:

*Winner of the Competition: Cash Prize and Trophy*

*Runner-up of the Competition: Cash Prize and Trophy*

*Best Memorandum: Cash prize and Trophy*

*Best Speaker: Cash prize and Trophy*

*Best Researcher: Cash Prize and Trophy*

- a. All participants of the Competition will be given Participation Certificates.

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- b. All teams shall be present during the Valedictory & Prize Distribution in formals. Certificates will only be given to the teams present during the Valedictory & Prize Distribution.

### 7. ACCOMMODATION, TRANSPORT & FOOD:

- a. Accommodation and Food shall be provided to the participating teams from the **evening of 20<sup>th</sup> October, 2017**, till the **morning of 24<sup>th</sup> October, 2017**.
- b. Transport shall be provided from the Airport/ Railway Station to the accommodation on **20<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER, 2017**.
- c. The Participants should arrange their own transportation facilities on 24<sup>th</sup> October, 2017.
- d. All facilities shall be provided only to the registered members of a team and no additional members, parents, observers, coaches or faculty advisors shall be accommodated at any cost.

### 8. MISCELLANEOUS

#### 8.1 GENERAL ETIQUETTE:

- a. Participants are expected to behave in a dignified manner and not to cause any inconvenience to the Organizing Committee, the Judges of the Competition or any of the other participants.
- b. The Organizing Committee reserves the right to take appropriate action for any unethical, unprofessional or immoral conduct.

#### 8.2 INTERPRETATION OF RULES & REGULATIONS:

- a. All interpretations, as well as any waivers, consents or other decisions in the administration of the Competition are at the complete discretion of the Host Institution and the Organising Committee.
- b. Any decision made by the Host Institution or the Organising Committee shall be final and binding on all participating teams.

### 9. CORRESPONDENCE/CONTACT DETAILS

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### 9.1 REGISTRATION FORMALITIES & MEMORANDUM SUBMISSIONS:

The physical address for correspondence for all Registration Formalities and Memorandum Submissions is:

#### Organising Committee

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Participants may keep themselves updated by following:

**Facebook:** <https://www.facebook.com/Moot-Court-Association-School-of-Excellence-in-Law-201136933274208/timeline/>

**Website:** <https://mcaseoel.wordpress.com/>

**Instagram:** @mootcourt.soel

### 9.2 QUERIES:

Any queries may be directed at the following persons:

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**ANNEXURE - I**

**REGISTRATION FORM**

(Please fill in Capital Letters)

**INSTITUTION DETAILS**

NAME OF THE INSTITUTION/COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY: \_\_\_\_\_

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CONTACT NO.: \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL ID: \_\_\_\_\_

**PARTICIPATING TEAM DETAILS**

1. SPEAKER 1| NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

GENDER: \_\_\_\_\_ YEAR & COURSE OF STUDY: \_\_\_\_\_

CONTACT NO.: \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL ID: \_\_\_\_\_

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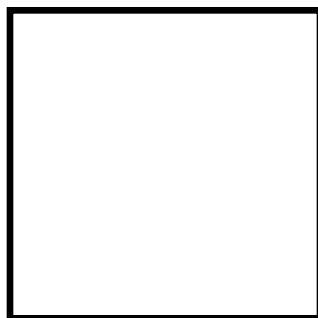
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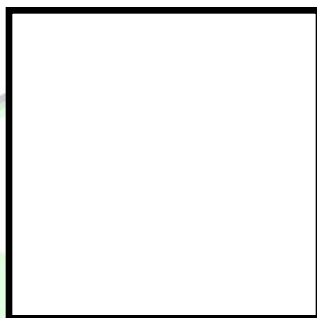
**3. RESEARCHER| NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**GENDER:** \_\_\_\_\_ **YEAR & COURSE OF STUDY:** \_\_\_\_\_

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SPEAKER 1**



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SPEAKER 2**



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RESEARCHER**

**OFFICIAL TEAM CONTACT PERSON (TICK THE APPROPRIATE):**

**SPEAKER 1/SPEAKER 2/RESEARCHER**

**PLACE:**

**DATE:**

**SIGNATURE & SEAL OF THE HEAD OF THE INSTITUTION**

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## SCHEDULE

DATE & TIME	EVENT
23:59, 20.09.2017	Deadline for Provisional Registration
23:59, 20.09.2017	Deadline to submit Requests for Corrections & Clarifications
23:59, 28.09.2017	Deadline for Soft Copy of Registration Form & Demand Draft
23:59, 04.10.2017	Deadline for Hard Copy of Registration Form & Demand Draft
23:59, 11.10.2017	Memorial Submission Deadline, <b>Soft Copy</b>
23:59, 13.10.2017	Disqualification Deadline [Deadline for Memorial Submission, <i>Soft Copy with Penalty</i> ]
17:00, 13.10.2017	Memorial Submission Deadline, <b>Hard Copy</b>
17:00, 15.10.2017	[Deadline for Memorial Submission, <i>Hard Copy with Penalty</i> ]
20.10.2017	Inauguration Ceremony and Team registration & Researcher's Test
21.10.2017	Preliminary Rounds & Quarter-Finals
22.10.2017	Semi-Finals, Finals & Valedictory Ceremony

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## SCHEDULE FOR ORAL ROUNDS

DATE	TIME	EVENT
FRIDAY 20.10.2017	15:30	Formal Registration
	17:00	Inauguration of the Competition
	18:00	Researcher's Test
	18:00	Exchange of Memorials
	19:30	Dinner
SATURDAY 21.10.2017	07:00 - 08:30	Breakfast
	09:30 - 11:00	Preliminary Round I
	11:00 - 12:00	Tea Break
	12:00 - 13:30	Preliminary Round II
	13:30	Lunch
	16:00 - 18:00	Quarter-final Rounds
SUNDAY 22.10.2017	19:30	Dinner
	7:30 - 8:30	Breakfast
	10:00 - 12:30	Semi-final Rounds
	12:45 - 14:00	Lunch
	14:00 - 17:00	Final Round
	17:00	Valedictory & Prize Distribution
	19:30	Dinner

The above schedule is subject to change by the Organizing Committee. Participants will be duly informed if any such changes are made.