

**Surana & Surana  
and  
Shaastra IIT Madras  
Intellectual Property Law Moot Court**

*5-7th January 2018*

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# RULES AND REGULATIONS

## I. VENUE, DATE & SUBJECT MATTER:

The Surana & Surana & Shaastra IIT Madras, Intellectual Property Law Moot Court Competition shall be held from **5 to 7th January 2018** at Indian Institute of Technology, Madras Campus. This year's case is set on issues relating to Intellectual Property Law on a technology platform. Any clarification sought in respect of the case should be addressed by email to **mootcourt@shaastra.org** before **15<sup>th</sup> November 2017**. No clarification will be issued after this date.

## II. THE COMPETITION SHALL BE IN ENGLISH

## III. ELIGIBILITY:

The competition is open only for students who are enrolled in an LLB three year or five year course during the current academic year.

**16 teams will be selected on the basis of their memorials for participation.**

## IV. TEAM COMPOSITION:

- i. Each team should consist of a **minimum of 2** and **maximum of 3** members. This number cannot be modified under any circumstances.
- ii. There shall be 2 speakers and 1 researcher designated for each team. The researcher shall be allowed to argue with prior permission of National Administrator in case of illness of the designated speakers.
- iii. Each team will be provided a team code during orientation. Teams should not disclose the identity of their institution; such disclosure shall invite penalties including disqualification. The decision shall be at the discretion of the National Administrator.

## V. REGISTRATION:

- i. Online registrations are open from **30th September 2017**. The teams must register online by **20th November 2017**. Teams will have to register online at <http://www.moot.in/registration.php> Teams will receive an automated system generated acknowledgement on successful submission of registration.
- ii. A scanned copy of the letter from the participating college/ institution / university duly signed by any one of the following :- Faculty-in-charge of MCS/MCA, Registrar, Principal, Dean, Director, Chancellor or Vice-Chancellor confirming the names of the participants, Year / semester in which studying, representing the college/ institution / university for the moot competition will have to be attached during the online registration process (The approval letter shall be formatted on the letterhead of the participating institution/college/university alternatively you may use the registration form itself as appended below as page 7 with the official seal)
- iii. Registrations without the scanned copy of the approval letter from the college/institution/ university or duly attested registration form will not be valid.

- iv. Soft copies of both Applicant & Respondent Memorials must be sent to [mootcourt@shastra.org](mailto:mootcourt@shastra.org) with a copy to [mootcourt@lawindia.com](mailto:mootcourt@lawindia.com) latest by **5.00 p.m. on 25th November 2017** for the purpose of evaluation and selection of participating teams.
- v. **Confirmation** of teams based on the evaluation of memorials submitted will be on or before **5th December 2017, 5:00 PM.**
- vi. Confirmed teams have to pay a registration fees of **Rs.3000** through the Shastra 2018 payment portal.

## VI. ROUNDS:

There will be two preliminary rounds of arguments, a quarterfinal, a semi-final and a final round.

- i. There will be an Orientation Program for all the participants on 5th January 2018 (Friday) followed by a draw of lots & exchange of memorials at 4.30 p.m. Team codes and side will be allotted.
- ii. The dress code shall be advocate's attire during the competition rounds

### Preliminary Round

- i. There will be two preliminary rounds of arguments per team, once for applicant & another for respondent.
- ii. No team will face each other more than once in the preliminary rounds.
- iii. Each team will face a different bench in their second round of arguments.
- iv. Preliminary / Quarter finals will be held on -- January 2018 (Saturday).
- v. Top eight teams from the Preliminary Rounds will advance to the Quarter final rounds that will be decided on
  - Win points
  - Win points + Aggregate raw points
  - Win points + aggregate raw points (in case of tie minus memorial marks)
- vi. Memorial marks will be added to the scores of both the preliminary rounds only.
- viii. oral arguments need not be confined to the issues presented in the memorials

### Quarterfinal / Semi Final Round / Final Round:

Lots / power matching will decide the side of the arguments in Quarterfinals, Semifinals & Finals. Prelims and Quarter finals will be held on 6th January 2018 (Saturday). The Semifinals will be held on Sunday, 7th January 2018 at 10.30 a.m. The Finals will be held at 2.00 p.m. on Sunday, 7th January 2018. The Quarterfinal and Semifinal are knockout rounds.

### Results (Announcement)

Results will be announced within 15 minutes after the completion of the preliminary / quarter / semifinal rounds. The Final result and the winners of the various categories will be announced only during the valediction / prize distribution ceremony.

## VII. MEMORIALS:

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

- i. Each team must prepare memorials for both parties to the dispute. The hard copies must be exact print outs of the soft copies. Non-compliance with this rule would entail disqualification.

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- iii. All participating teams must submit a soft copies of their memorials for both the sides by **5:00 pm on 25<sup>th</sup> November 2017**. 5 hard copies of the memorials must be submitted during the orientation.
- iv. The memorials have to be submitted on typed A4 size white paper and must contain:
  - The table of contents
  - The index of authorities
  - The statement of jurisdiction
  - The statement of facts (1 page only and submissions of an argumentative statement of facts would attract penalties)
  - The statement of issues
  - The summary of pleadings (not more than one page)
  - The arguments advanced (not more than fifteen pages)
  - The prayer
- v. The soft copy of the memorial for each side shall be a single file and in MS-Word. It shall correspond with the paper memorial. There should be only **two word documents** (All parts of each memorial must be in a single document), one for Applicant and the other for the Respondent. (Separate first page / list of abbreviations / appendix / Table of contents etc. are not allowed).
- vi. The soft copy must be submitted by email to [mootcourt@shaastra.org](mailto:mootcourt@shaastra.org) with copy marked to [mootcourt@lawindia.com](mailto:mootcourt@lawindia.com) by 25th November 5:00 pm.
- vii. The pleadings must not exceed 15 (fifteen) pages. The font size should be 12 and for footnotes it should be 10. Acceptable font shall be Roman or Times new Roman. Blue Book pattern should be followed.
- viii. The memorial must have a margin measuring one inch on all sides of each page. Margin should be left blank ie, no margin notes, boundaries etc.
- ix. The page numbering should be on the top centre of each page. The contents shall be printed on both sides of the sheets (back to back) in furtherance of environment friendly measures and objectives of the organizers.
- x. The applicant / respondent memorials must be differentiated by light blue covers for applicant and light red covers for respondent.
- xi. The cover page of the memorial must state the following:
  - Title stating the same is a brief of the applicant or the respondent, as the case may be.
  - The cause title
- xii. Identification of any type shall not be revealed anywhere inside the memorial. The memorials should not contain the name of the participating college in any part thereof. Also, no logo or any mark of identification may be made in the memorials. Non-compliance with this rule will lead to immediate disqualification
- xiii. This moot is an environment friendly moot hence use of plastic binding is prohibited. Memorials should be stapled by not more than 3 staples on the left hand side or stitched by cotton thread. Teams are advised not use spiral or comb binding.

**Parameters for judging are:**

- Logical development of ideas
- Novelty in analysis and arguments

- Understanding pertinent legal issues
- Clear, concise and unambiguous writing style
- Integration of facts into legal argument
- Understanding of strengths and weaknesses of case
- Discussion of viable alternative arguments
- Proper use of citations and citation form
- Effective use of authority to support arguments
- Ability to distinguish adverse cases
- Neatness, legibility and formatting

## **VIII. ORAL ROUND:**

### **Preliminary & Quarter Final**

- Each team will get a total of 30 minutes to present their case. This time will include rebuttals
- The division of time is at the discretion of the team members, subject to a maximum of 15 minutes per speaker. Division of time shall be informed to the court officer before arguments.
- The oral arguments need not be confined to the issues presented in the memorials.
- The researcher shall sit with the speaker at the time of orals.

### **Semi Final & Final Round:**

- Each team will get a total of 45 mts. This time will include rebuttals
- The division of time is at the discretion of the team members, subject to a maximum of 25 mts. per speaker.
- The oral arguments need not be confined to the issues presented in the memorials.
- The researcher shall sit with the speakers at the time of the orals.

## **IX. SCOUTING:**

The teams will not be allowed to observe the orals of any other teams. Scouting is strictly prohibited. Scouting by any of the team's members will result in disqualification.

## **X. SCORING:**

### **Orals:**

The criteria for marking the orals are:

- Knowledge of the facts.
- Proper and articulate analysis of the issues arising out of the facts.
- Understanding of the international / national legal principles directly applicable to the issues.
- Ability to explain clearly international / national legal principles in general keeping to the time allotted.
- Knowledge and use of legal sources: treaties, custom, general principles of international / national laws.
- Ingenuity (ability to argue by analogy from related aspects of international/ national law.
- Logic and reasoning.
- Organisation and clarity.
- Persuasiveness and deference to the court.

### **Written Submissions (Memorials):**

The criteria for marking the memorials are: (categories listed under VII (a – l) will be marked under this heading)

- Presentation
- Quality of arguments.
- Formatting and Syntax.

### **XI. AWARDS:**

- Winning Team will be given a cash prize of Rs. 50,000 /- only
- Runners-up Team will be given a cash prize of Rs 25,000/- only
- Best Memorial Award will be a cash prize of Rs. 10,000/- only
- Best Speaker Award will be a cash prize of Rs.10,000/- only
- Second Best Speaker Award - a cash prize of Rs. 5,000/- only

In addition to the above awards plaques and certificates are given to other categories of winners  
All participants will be awarded participation certificates.

### **XII. DECISION OF THE JUDGES IS FINAL AND BINDING.**

### **XIII COPYRIGHT**

- The copyright over the memorials submitted for participation in the competition is assigned by participants and shall also vest completely and fully in Shaastra 2018 and Surana & Surana International Attorneys Chennai. 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 Surana & Surana International Attorneys, Chennai and Shaastra 2018 and they shall not be responsible for any liability to any person for any loss caused by errors or omissions in this collection of information, or for the accuracy, completeness, or adequacy of the information contained in these materials.
- Distribution of these materials on affiliated websites such as [www.moot.in](http://www.moot.in) does not constitute consent to any use of this material for commercial redistribution either via the Internet or using some other form of hypertext distribution. Links to the collection or individual pages in it are welcome.

### **XIV. ACCOMMODATION, FOOD AND TRANSPORT**

(a) Accommodation (b) food and (c) transport between the guest house / hotel and the competition venue to the participating teams will be provided by Shaastra 2018 **only during the competition**. Registration fee is inclusive of accommodation on campus. Extra charges will apply if the team requires hotel accommodation.

Accommodation to the participants will commence on **5th January 2018, 12.00 noon and will end on 7th January 2018 at 6.00 pm.**

**XV. ANY CLARIFICATIONS FOR THE COMPETITION TO BE SOUGHT FROM:**

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## Important Dates

Start of Online Registration	30 September 2017
Last date for issue of clarifications	15 November 2017
Last date for Online Registration	20 November 2017
Last date for submission of Memorials – Soft copy by email (both applicant and respondent) for selection of participating teams	25 November 2017
Confirmation of teams after evaluation of memorials	5 December 2017
Submission of Memorials ( Five Hard Copies) During Orientation	5 January 2018
Orientation	5 January 2018
Prelims / Quarters	6 January 2018
Semi final, Finals, Valediction & Prize distribution	7 January 2018