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NATIONAL MOOT COURT COMPETITION

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in association with Competition Commission of
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RULES

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1. DEFINITIONS:

- 1.1 **Competition** means the 4th DSNLU- CCI National Moot Court Competition, 2018.
- 1.2 **Compendium** means the compilation of research work prepared by the participating teams for the reference of the Bench.
- 1.3 **DSNLU Moot Court Committee** refers to the organising committee responsible for the competition.
- 1.4 **Informant** means the side representing the informing party.
- 1.5 **Itinerary Form** means a document to be filled by the participating university with their arrival and departure details to and from the place of accommodation of the competition.
- 1.6 **Member** mean the individual member of the participating teams.
- 1.7 **Official Website** refers to www.dsnlu.ac.in/moot.
- 1.8 **Opposite Party** means the side representing the defending party.
- 1.9 **Participating Teams** mean the teams which have completed their registration formalities.
- 1.10 **Rebuttals** refer to the challenges presented by the Claimant in response to the Respondent's submissions.
- 1.11 **Registered Teams** mean the teams which have been allotted a slot and have completed the payment formalities.
- 1.12 **Registration Form** means the document to be filled up by the participating university which has received an invite from the DSNMC Committee that

contains information about the participant university team.

1.13 **Rules of the Competition** refers to the official rules as published on the official website.

1.14 **Schedule of the Competition** refers to the official schedule as published on the official website.

1.15 **Sur-Rebuttals** refer to the defence presented by the Respondent to the rebuttals as defined in Clause 1.9

1.16 **Team Code** refers to the code allocated to a participating university by DSNLU.

1.17 **Written Submission** means the memorials that are to be submitted consisting of the arguments of the participating teams.

1.18 **IST** means Indian Standard Time (+0530 GMT).

1.19 **INR** means Indian National Rupee(s).

2. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA AND TEAM COMPOSITION

2.1 Participation in the competition shall be open to all students enrolled bona fide in a regular undergraduate programme, i.e., 5 Year BA LLB or 3 Year LLB, offered by a recognised Institution/ College/ University. Students pursuing postgraduate courses shall not be eligible for participation in the competition.

2.2 Only one team from any recognised Institute/ College/ University may register for the competition.

2.3 Participating teams shall comprise of a maximum of three students, wherein TWO students shall represent as SPEAKERS and ONE shall represent as a RESEARCHER.

- 2.4 Participating teams shall not comprise of students hailing from more than one Institute/College/University.
- 2.5 Any request for change in designation of the registered members shall not be entertained. However, in case of extenuating circumstances, permission may be granted on a written request from the Moot Court Committee/Association of the participating Institution/College/University.
- 2.6 Any request for an additional participating or accompanying member shall not be entertained under any circumstance.
- 2.7 Accommodation and any other facilities reserved for participants shall be provided only to the registered members of the team.

3. LANGUAGE

- 3.1 The official language of the competition shall be English.

4. SCHEDULE OF THE COMPETITION

Sr. No.	Event	Date
1.	Commencement of Registration	7 th December, 2017
2.	Last date of Registration and payment of registration fees.	10 th January, 2018
3.	Last date of submission of Hard Copy of the registration form and itinerary form.	15 th January, 2018
4.	Last Date for Seeking Clarifications	11 th January, 2018
5.	Issue of Clarifications	15 th January, 2018
6.	Last date for Softcopy Submission of Memorial	10 th February, 2018
7.	Last date for Hardcopy Submission of Memorial	16 th February, 2018
8.	Commencement of the Competition and Inaugural Ceremony	23 rd February, 2018
9.	Preliminary Rounds and Quarter Finals	24 th February, 2018

10.	Semi Finals, Finals, Valedictory and Prize Distribution	25 th February, 2018
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5. REGISTRATION PROCEDURE AND PAYMENT OF FEES:

- 5.1 Registration fee for the competition is **3500 INR**.
- 5.2 Registration process shall commence from 7th December, 2017 and shall continue till 10th January, 2018.
- 5.3 There is a team cap of 32 (thirty-two) teams in the Competition.
- 5.4 Registration process comprises of online registration and payment. Online registration should be made by sending an email, addressed to **dsnlumcs@gmail.com** with the subject stated as “Registration for 4th DSNLU-CCI MCC by Name of participating Institute”.
- 5.5 Payment should be made through NEFT/RTGS Transfer, the details of which are below:
- Bank** : **ANDHRA BANK**
- Branch** : **SABBAVARAM**
- Address** : **Sabbavaram, Visakhapatnam- 531035**
- Branch Code** : **02837**
- Account Holder** : **Registrar, DSNLU**
- Account No.** : **283710100024089**
- IFSC Code** : **ANDB0002837**
- 5.6 Online Registration shall be considered only if a participating team submits the registration form and payment receipt within the stipulated time.
- 5.7 Registered teams shall receive a confirmation of the same and shall be provided with a team code. All the teams should represent themselves only through their respective team codes in any further communications.
- 5.8 Registration fee is *non-refundable*.
- 5.9 Registered teams should send a hard copy of their registration form and itinerary form on or before 15th January, 2018 at the given below address.

The Moot and Advocacy Society
Damodaram Sanjivayya National Law University
NYAYAPRASTHA, Near Asakapalli Hills via Gotivada
Sabbavaram, Andhra Pradesh-531035

6. ACCOMMODATION, FOOD AND TRAVEL:

- 6.1 Participating teams shall be provided with accommodation along with lunch and dinner during the days of the competition.
- 6.2 Any team arriving prior to 12:00 P.M. on 22nd February, 2018 or leaving later than 12:00 P.M. on 26th February, 2018 shall have to pay an extra amount of Rs. 2000 per day.
- 6.3 Travel to and fro from the accommodation to the venue shall be provided to the participants.

7. STRUCTURE OF THE COMPETITION

- 7.1 The Competition shall be held over a period of three days commencing on 23rd February, 2018 to 25th February, 2018.
- 7.2 The competition shall consist of the following rounds:
 - i. Preliminary Rounds
 - ii. Quarter Finals
 - iii. Semi Finals
 - iv. Final Round

8. MEMORIAL SUBMISSION

- 8.1 Each team is required to prepare written submissions representing both the sides, Informant and Opposite Party of the case.

8.2 Softcopy Submission

- 8.2.1 Participating teams are to send a softcopy of the written submission from both the sides in Adobe PDF format and Microsoft .doc/.docx format, as

attachments in a single mail, latest by **11:59 P.M. IST on 10th February, 2018** to 'dsnlumcs@gmail.com' The subject of the mail should be 'Respective Team Code-Memorial Submission for 4th DSNLU-CCI MCC, 2018.

- 8.2.2 Once the DSNLU Moot Court Committee has received the submission, it shall be considered final and no subsequent mails shall be entertained.
- 8.2.3 A delay in soft copy submissions beyond the stipulated time shall attract a penalty of 1 mark per day of delay. Submission made after **11:59 P.M. IST on 12th February, 2018**, shall be subject to immediate disqualification.
- 8.2.4 It is the responsibility of the teams to ensure that the submitted softcopies:
- i. Are compatible with Adobe Acrobat Reader Version 8 and Microsoft Word 97-2003 or a higher version and do not contain any virus.
 - ii. Are submitted as four (4) separate file attachments: two (2) as Written Submission for the Informant (one each in Adobe Acrobat Reader and Microsoft Word) and two (2) as Written Submission for the Opposite Party (one each in Adobe Acrobat Reader and Microsoft Word);

Does not in any manner compromise the anonymity of the team and only consist of the required information as provided under the Rules.

8.3 **Hardcopy Submission**

- 8.3.1 Participating teams should send their completed registration form, Itinerary Form, payment receipts and Five (5) hardcopies of memorial for each side (5 copies for Informant and 5 copies for Opposite Party) latest by 16th February, 2018.
- 8.3.2 The memorials should be sent through registered post only, addressed to the

Moot and Advocacy Society, DSNLU. The postal address for hardcopy submission shall be intimated to the registered teams at a later date.

8.3.3 No delay in hardcopy submission shall be entertained under any circumstance. Teams are advised to dispatch the hardcopies well within time taking into consideration any contingency that might occur.

8.3.4 Teams are to carry their own copies of memorials for their personal reference.

8.3.5 Teams should not use plastic in any manner for the purpose of memorial compilation. Use of spiral binding in memorials is strictly prohibited.

8.3.6 Written submissions should be made in the following format:

i. Main body Specifications:

- Printed on: A4 sized paper
- Font: Times New Roman
- Font Size: 12
- Line spacing: 1.5
- Alignment: Justified

ii. Footnote specifications:

- Citation method: The Bluebook, a Uniform System of Citation, published by the Harvard Law Review (20th Edition)
- Font: Times New Roman
- Font size: 10

- Line spacing: 1
 - Alignment Justified
- iii. Speaking footnotes and endnotes should not be used anywhere in the written submissions. Margin: 1 inch margin on all sides.
 - iv. Print should be taken on **both sides and in black ink only**.

8.3.7 The memorial should consist of the following content:

- i. Cover Page
- ii. Table of Contents
- iii. Index of Authorities
- iv. Statement of Jurisdiction
- v. Statement of Facts
- vi. Statement of Issues
- vii. Summary of Arguments
- viii. Arguments Advanced
- ix. Prayer

8.3.8 Cover Page:

The cover page of the memorials should have the following details:

- i. Colour: **Blue** for Informant & **Red** for Opposite Party
- ii. Team Code in the upper right hand corner in accordance with Rule 8.2.4 (iii)
- iii. The year of the Competition
- iv. The name of the Case
- v. The Party on behalf of which the written submission has been prepared
- vi. Name of the forum resolving the dispute

8.3.9 There is an overall limit of 30 pages on the memorial, wherein the arguments advanced should be limited to a page limit of 18 pages.

Marks shall be deducted for inability to comply with the requirements mentioned under 8.3.1 through 8.3.9, in the following manner

Sr.No.	Criteria	Marks Deducted
1.	Failure in submission of softcopy beyond the stipulated time	1 mark for each day of delay till 12 th February 2018
2	Failure in ensuring compatibility of softcopy as per Rule 8.2.4	0.5 marks for each violation
3	Failure in submission of requisite number of hardcopies.	1 mark for each copy not submitted.
4	Failure in complying with formatting specifications	0.5 marks per violation for each page.
5	Failure in complying with the specified citation method	0.25 marks per violation for each page containing such violation

6	Failure in complying with content specifications	1 mark for each violation.
7	Failure to comply with the page limits for argument advance	1 mark for each exceeding page.
8	Failure to comply with Rule 8.3.6 (iii)	0.25 marks for each page containing such violation
9	Failure to comply with page limits for Memorial	2 marks for each exceeding page.
10.	Mismatch in softcopy and hardcopy	1 mark for each page containing such violation.

8.4 Evaluation criteria for Written Submissions:

Each memorial shall be evaluated on a scale of 100 based on the following criteria

Sr. No.	Criteria for Evaluation	Maximum Marks
1.	Knowledge of Law and Facts	15
2.	Grammar and Style of Presentation	10
3.	Application of Law to Facts	20
4.	Analysis and Organization	10
5.	Use of Authorities	15
6.	Proper Citation and Correct Format	10
7.	Originality in Presentation	10
8.	General Impression and Clarity of Thought	10

8.5 The decision of the DSNLU Moot Court Committee shall be final in all matters relating to evaluation of memorials.

9. ORAL ROUNDS

9.1 Preliminary Rounds

- 9.1.1 Two Preliminary Rounds shall be held, wherein each team shall be provided with an opportunity to argue from both sides.
- 9.1.2 Sides for the Preliminary Rounds shall be allocated on the basis of Draw of Lots on 23rd February, 2018 after which the Memorial Exchange shall take place..
- 9.1.3 Each team shall be allotted with a total of 30 Minutes for Oral Arguments, inclusive of rebuttals and sur-rebuttals. Teams are at a discretion to divide the allotted time amongst the speakers, subject to a maximum of 20 minutes for one speaker. An extension of time may be granted at the discretion of the Judges.
- 9.1.4 Each team shall communicate their division of time to the Court Officer, prior to the commencement of the Oral Arguments.
- 9.1.5 Teams may provide the Bench with a compendium, provided the same is permitted by the Bench.
- 9.1.6 A team shall be credited with a win, if the total marks secured in the respective sessions are higher than the marks secured by the opponent team. For the purpose of calculation of total marks, the marks awarded for the written submissions shall be added to the oral round score and each team will be evaluated for **300 Marks** in the preliminary round.
- 9.1.7 There will be total of 8 (eight) Court halls with 4 (four) teams to be allotted for each court hall. At the end of the preliminary rounds, the top **team from each court hall** will qualify for the **Quarter Finals**. If the number of teams participating is less than twelve, there shall be no quarter final round.
- 9.1.8 In case of a tie, the total oral marks of the teams from both sessions will be considered. The team with the higher score will advance to the Quarter Finals.

If the situation of the tie still persists, then it would be resolved by the flip of a coin.

9.2 **Quarter Finals:**

9.2.1 The Quarter Finals shall be held after the completion of the preliminary rounds on the same day i.e. 24th February, 2018.

9.2.2 The Quarter Finals shall be knock-out round on the basis of power seeding. A team will be credited with a win in the Quarter Finals if their total marks are higher than the marks secured by the opponent team.

9.2.3 The allotment of sides shall be done on the basis of Draw of Lots held immediately after the announcement of the results for Preliminary Rounds, followed by the exchange of memorials.

9.2.4 Each team shall be allotted with a total of 30 Minutes for Oral Arguments, inclusive of rebuttals and sur-rebuttals, which should not exceed *two minutes*. Teams are at a discretion to divide the allotted time amongst the speakers, subject to a maximum of 20 minutes for one speaker. An extension in time may be granted at the discretion of the Judges.

9.2.5 Each team shall communicate their division of time to the Court Officer, prior to the commencement of the Oral Arguments.

9.2.6 The marks obtained in the Oral Arguments ONLY shall be considered for computing the total marks secured by the teams.

9.3 **Semi- Finals**

9.3.1 The Semi- Final round shall be held on 25th February, 2018.

9.3.2 The Semi- Final shall be a knock out round based on power seeding. A team

shall be credited with a win if the total marks secured by them are higher than the marks secured by the opponent team.

The allotment of sides shall be done on the basis of Draw of Lots held immediately after the announcement of the results for the Quarter Final rounds, followed by the exchange of memorials.

9.3.4 Each team shall be allotted with a total of 40 *Minutes* for Oral Arguments, inclusive of rebuttals and sur-rebuttals. Teams are at a discretion to divide the allotted time amongst the speakers, subject to a maximum of 25 *minutes* for one speaker. An extension of time may be granted at the discretion of the Judges.

9.3.5 Each team shall communicate their division of time to the Court Officer, prior to the commencement of the Oral Arguments.

9.4 **Final Round**

9.4.1 The Final Round shall be held on 25th February, 2018.

9.4.2 The winning team from each of the two Semi-Final Rounds shall advance to the Final Round. The winner of the Final Round shall be declared Winner of the Competition.

9.4.3 The allotment of sides shall be done on the basis of Draw of Lots held immediately after the announcement of the results for the Semi-Final rounds, followed by the exchange of memorials.

9.4.4 Each team shall be allotted with a total of 45 Minutes for Oral Arguments, inclusive of rebuttals and sur-rebuttals. Teams are at a discretion to divide the allotted time amongst the speakers, subject to a maximum of 25 minutes for one speaker. An extension of time may be granted at the discretion of the Judges.

9.4.5 Each team shall communicate their division of time to the Court Officer, prior to the commencement of the Oral Arguments.

9.4.6 The marks obtained in the Oral Arguments ONLY shall be considered for computing the total marks secured by the teams.

9.4.7 A team shall be credited with a win, if its total marks are higher than the marks secured by the opponent team.

9.5 Evaluation Criteria for Oral Arguments

Each team shall be evaluated on the following criteria:

Sr.No	Criteria for Evaluation	Maximum Marks
1.	Knowledge of Law and Facts	20
2.	Interpretation of Facts & its Application	20
3	Use of Authorities	15
4.	Style, Poise and Court Mannerism	15
5.	Organization of Arguments	15
6.	Time Management	15

10. PRIZES

10.1 The winning team shall be awarded a trophy and a cash prize of 30,000 INR.

10.2 The Runner's Up Team shall be awarded a trophy and cash prize of 15,000.

10.3 The Best Memorial shall be awarded with a cash prize of 10,000 INR.

10.4 The Best Speaker in Preliminary Round shall be awarded with a cash prize of Rs. 8000.

10.5 The Best Speaker in the Final Round shall be awarded with a cash prize of INR 8000.

10.6 All the members of the participating teams shall be awarded Certificate of Participation.

10.7 All the Winners of the above-mentioned and teams qualifying till the Semi-Final Rounds shall be additionally awarded Certificates of Merit.

11. SCOUTING

11.1 Scouting by any team or an individual member of the team is strictly prohibited and shall be subject to immediate disqualification from the Competition.

11.2 A team shall be deemed to be scouting in case, the team or any member of the team is found:

- i. 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
- ii. Reading a Memorial of another team which has not been obtained on account of exchange of memorials.
- iii. Eavesdropping outside the accommodation of an opponent team.

12 DRESS CODE

12.1 **Gentlemen:** Black Trousers, White Shirt, Black Blazer, Black neck tie, and Black formal shoes.

12.2 **Ladies:** Black Trousers/Skirt, White Shirt, Black Blazer, Black neck tie and Black formal shoes.

13. MISCELLANEOUS

- 13.1 The DSNLU Moot Court Committee reserves the right to amend, modify, change or repeal any of the Competition Rules. Any changes made shall be communicated to the participating teams.
- 13.2 The Copyright of the Written Submissions of the Teams shall vest with DSNLU. DSNLU shall not be responsible for any liability accrued to any person or for any loss caused to any person because of the content of the written submission.
- 13.3 The decision of the DSNLU Moot Court Committee in case of any dispute or in matters not expressly mentioned in the rules shall be final and binding.
- 13.4 In case of any complaints with regard to any violation of Competition Rules, a complaint should be registered with the Faculty Convenor, within half an hour of completion of the round in which the violation has allegedly occurred. No complaints shall be entertained after such a time frame.
- 13.5 No team shall approach the Bench with any complaints under any circumstances.
- 13.6 No team shall indulge into audio or video recording of the Competition proceedings in any round. DSNLU reserves the right to record and publish the competition proceedings both in audio and visual formats.

14. CONTACT DETAILS

For clarifications and queries about the Competition Rules or for any other relevant information, please contact any of the below mentioned:

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