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Competition Pune

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I. ABOUT LAW GURU:

Law Guru is a leading law coaching institution in Pune established in 2010 by Adv. Gajanan Choudhary. It remains steadfast to what is its commitment of making an institution that sets higher standards of eminence among legal professionals through distinguished educators. Its educators are passionate about contributing to the legal community of India by helping create forward-looking lawyers out of our students.

It holds the enrichment of legal education as a goal before it so it is able to provide law students with the best of education, training and knowledge.

सं श्रुतेन गमेमहि। is held by Law Guru as its motto. Taken from the Atharva Veda, it signifies Law Guru's endeavour and hope that the path of its progress be led by means of knowledge.

Law Guru works to bridge the gap between legal education and the practicing world by imparting practical legal knowledge. It believes more in innovation that benefits students rather than abidance to conventional education techniques to ensure it helps create an all-round developed, responsible law student community that is able to contribute through a humane approach, to the larger legal fraternity, the country, and ultimately, humanity.

It provides coaching for B.A. LL.B., LL.B., LL.M., JMFC, NET/SET, PhD entrance for law, law entrance (UG) & (PG), Competitive Exams and every subject of law. It has also published books on various subjects of law and in the near future plans to publish books on all subjects of law, NET/SET, etc. Apart from this, it has digitalized itself ensuring better outreach, helping the law student community of India.

In a short span of time, Law Guru has successfully made its presence felt among the law students of Pune and has established a legacy of quality education dispensation carried by every student of Law Guru. Presently, it is primarily based in Pune where it has its main branch at Karve Road. Law Guru has a branch in Pune Camp. It plans to expand to various parts of Maharashtra in the near future.

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II. AIMS & PURPOSES OF MOOT COURT:

1. To encourage student participation by providing a more flexible platform for mooting opportunities.
2. To expose students who are pursuing law to the nuances of the court system in India and to sharpen advocacy skills.
3. To provide a real life experience cum training in researching, presenting ground breaking arguments and contributing to the development of jurisprudence in the concerned area of laws.
4. To provide students a better understanding of ethics in practice.

III. RULES AND REGULATIONS:**1. Schedule:**

Sr. No.	Dates	Events
1)	07/12/2018	Release of Moot problem and Rules of the moot court competition.
2)	10/01/2019	Last date of Registration.
3)	15/01/2019	Last date for Payment (online/offline) (INR 1000/-).
4)	15/01/2019	Last date for clarification regarding moot problem.
5)	18/01/2019	Last date for Memorial submission for selection round (only email).
6)	21/01/2019	Selection of Memorial (List of approved memorials).
7)	28/01/2019	Final Confirmation & Payment (INR 1000/-).
8)	10/02/2019	Day of Event.

2. Date & Venue:

Venue – PUNE (Particulars to follow).

Date – 10/Feb/2019

3. Eligibility:

The competition shall be open for law students who are currently pursuing their -

- (a) 5 years Law Programme from recognized universities in India, or
- (b) 3 years LL.B. Programme from recognized universities in India.

4. Team Composition:

- 1) Each team must consist of 3 members only.
- 2) Team of 3 must consist of -
 - 1) 2 speakers &
 - 2) 1 researcher.
- 3) Team shall neither disclose their identity nor that of their institution. Each team shall be represented by their respective team code as allotted after the selection round; and if the same is not adhered to, they shall be subject to disqualification.

4) Team members can be from different colleges.

5. Language:

The entire proceeding conducted during the competition shall be in English only (whether oral or written).

6. Dress Code:

The participants shall adhere to the following dress code when present inside the court room.

A. **Female Counsel** – White Salwar Kurta or white shirt & black trousers along with black coat & black shoes.

B. **Male Counsel** – White shirt, black trousers, black tie along with black coat & black shoes.

Note: The above-mentioned dress code to be followed while attending the inaugural & valedictory ceremony of the competition as well.

7. Registration:

Registration for participation of teams is mandatory. Initial Registration is not limited to any specific number of teams.

Registration process:

Each team is required to fill online or offline registration form available at our website - www.lawguru.org or at Law Guru Institute, 33\15 Prashant Bungalow, above BTW Visa Services, Opposite Garware College, Karve Road, Deccan, Pune -4.

Initial Registration Fees – INR 1000/- (non refundable)

On approval of Memorial – INR 1000/-.

8. Format of the Competition:

The competition is divided into -

- A. Selection round,
- B. Preliminary round,
- C. Advance rounds -
 - 1) Semifinal round
 - 2) Final round.

A. Selection Round:

Out of the registered teams, only 36 teams shall be selected based on their Memorial for the Preliminary round. Selected teams shall be notified about selection through email or phone call.

B. Preliminary Round:

Selected 36 teams will be competing against each other. The side from which the team shall argue will be decided through draw of lots. Out of **36** teams **12** teams will qualify for advanced round. The teams advancing for next round shall be selected on basis on scores.

C. Advanced Round:

It shall consist of – Semifinals & Finals.

- 1) **Semifinal:** Top 12 teams will qualify for this round on the knock out basis. 6 teams will be selected through semifinal.

- 2) Final Round: Top 6 teams will qualify for the finals. Out of 6 teams top 1st, 2nd & 3rd team will be awarded as Winner and 1st & 2nd Runner- Up respectively.

Note: The side from which the teams shall argue shall be decided through draw of lots conducted prior to the each round.

The decision of the presiding judges shall be final and binding on all participating teams & organizing committee.

9. Oral Argument:

1) Preliminary Round -

- Each team is allotted a total of **15 minutes** to present their arguments.
- Each team shall be allotted 12 minutes and 3 minutes for judge's question & answer.
- The time allotted will be coordinated by the court room master.
- Each speaker must plead minimum ONE issue.
- The allotment of extra time shall be at the discretion of the judges.

2) Semifinal Round -

- Each team is allotted a total of **20 minutes** to present their arguments
- Each team shall be allotted 15 minutes inclusive judge's question & answer and 5 minutes will be allotted for rebuttal and sur-rebuttal.
- The time allotted will be coordinated by the court room master at the point of the time.
- Each speaker must plead minimum ONE issue.
- The allotment of extra time shall be at the discretion of the judges.

3) Final Round -

- Each team is allotted a total of **25 minutes** to present their arguments
- Each team shall be allotted 15 minutes and 5 minutes for judge's question & answer and 5 minutes will be allotted for rebuttal and sur-rebuttal.
- The time allotted will be coordinated by the court room master at the point of the time.
- Each speaker must plead minimum ONE issue.
- The allotment of extra time shall be at the discretion of the judges.

4) Judging Parameters for oral arguments:

Sr. No	Parameters	Marks Allotted
1)	Acquaintance of Legal Knowledge of the Participants.	20
2)	Application of law and facts into legal arguments.	20
3)	Use of authorities and citation to support arguments	20
4)	Presentation, court ethics and fluency in arguments.	20
5)	Questions of judges and in rebuttal.	20
6)	Deduction of penalties.	
	Ascertaining Total Marks	Out of 100

10. Memorial:**A. Rules:**

The following rules shall be read carefully and strictly followed –

- 1) Each memorial shall contain the **details of the Participants** in a separate sheet which shall be attached before the cover page of the memorial which shall be the 1st page of the memorial.

Following details to be mentioned –

- a) Name of the participants,
- b) E-Mail Id,
- c) Contact Number,
- d) Name of the college.

This rule has to be followed only for the memorials selection round.

- 2) Each team will prepare memorials from both sides (Petitioner and Respondent).
- 3) Each Memorial will comprise of **100 Marks**. Memorial marks will be ascertained after deduction of the penalties.
- 4) Teams should send memorials from both sides on **lawguru123@gmail.com or submit hard copy at Law Guru Institute.**
- 5) The memorial should not exceed total of **30 Pages including ancillary pages**.
- 6) Memorials should be drafted on **A4 Size Paper** printed on one side of the paper.
- 7) Memorial should be spiral bound.
- 8) **19th Edition Bluebook Citation Format** is to be followed for **Footnotes**.

B. Format of the Memorial:

The Memorial Should Comprise -

- a) **The Cover page** -
 - a) The cover page shall contain the case title, side of the memorial, year of the competition and name of the court.
 - b) The selected teams only shall mention the **Team Code** (It shall be provided after selection round and to be mentioned at the Top Right Corner).
- b) Table of Contents.
- c) List of Abbreviations.
- d) Index of Authorities - Index of authorities shall contain Cases Referred, Books, Commentaries, Legislations and Articles etc. The index shall contain each authority used, and it should include the page numbers of the memorial on which each authority is cited.
- e) The Statement of Jurisdiction.
- f) The Statement of Facts - The statement of facts shall not exceed 1 Page. It should be limited and should not include irrelevant facts or unsupported facts etc.
- g) The Statement of Issues.
- h) The Summary of Arguments - The summary of arguments shall contain summary of arguments advanced. It shall contain only substantive argumentative statements excluding case laws or legal authorities.
- i) The Arguments Advanced - The arguments advancements should **not exceed 15 pages**.
- j) The Prayer.
- k) The cover page should be **Blue** in color for Petitioner and **Red** in color for Respondent.
- l) Font for the memorial -
 - (a) Font: Times New Roman
 - (b) Font size: 12
 - (c) Footnotes size: 10
 - (d) Heading font size: 14
 - (e) Line spacing 1.5

(f) Margin spacing 1.0 (All 4 sides of the page).

Judging Parameters for Memorial:

Sr. No.	Parameters	Marks Allotted
1)	Knowledge of law and facts	20
2)	Appropriate format and citation	10
3)	Detailed critical analysis of issues	20
4)	Extent and use of research	20
5)	Originality of thoughts	20
6)	Overall presentation	10
7)	Deduction of penalties	As Per Memorial
	Ascertaining Total Marks	Out of 100

11. Researcher's Test:

- a) Researcher of the team which qualifies the selection round shall be qualified to take the researchers test.
- b) The researcher test shall contain questions and answers related to relevant laws and moot problem.
- c) Researcher's test will be conducted **after Preliminary round.**

12. Awards and Prizes:

1) **WINNER** of the Competition:

- (a) Cash Prize of INR **1,00,000/-**
- (b) A Trophy,
- (c) Certificates of Merit,
- (d) Medals,
- (e) A Gift Hamper.

2) **1st Runner - up:**

- (a) Cash Prize of INR **35,000/-**
- (b) A Trophy,
- (c) Certificates of Merit,
- (d) Medals,
- (e) A Gift Hamper.

3) **2nd Runner - up:**

- (a) Cash Prize of INR **15,000/-**
- (b) A Trophy,
- (c) Certificates of Merit,
- (d) Medals,

(e) A Gift Hamper.

4) **Best Researcher Award:**

- (a) Cash Prize of **INR 10,000/-**
- (b) A Trophy,
- (c) A Certificate of Merit,
- (d) Medal,
- (e) A Gift Hamper.

5) **Best Advocate Award:**

- (a) Cash Prize of **INR 20,000/-**
- (b) A Trophy,
- (c) A Certificate of Merit,
- (d) Medal,
- (e) A Gift Hamper.

6) **Best Memorial Award:**

- a) Cash Prize of **INR 10,000/-**
- b) A Trophy,
- c) A Certificate of Merit,
- d) Medal,
- e) A Gift Hamper.

7) **Quiz Competition & Other:**

- a) Cash prize of **INR 10,000/-**

13. Penalties & Disqualification:

1) **Memorial penalties:**

Penalties will be imposed on the memorial which shall lead to deduction of marks.

Penalties shall be imposed on the following grounds -

- (a) Exceeding page limit as prescribed,
- (b) Inappropriate formatting,
- (c) Difference between hard copy and soft copy,
- (d) Copying of ancillary pages or issues,
- (e) Plagiarism will be tested,
- (f) **Important** - If various memorials are being drafted in **Same Context** it will be subject to deduction of marks. Originality of thoughts is expected from the participants.

2) **Oral pleading penalties:**

- i) The judges shall impose penalties and can deduct marks on their discretion.
- ii) The grounds based on which marks will be deducted –
 - (a) Scouting - Using laptops or any other such devise in the court room.
 - (b) Exceeding the time limit as allotted to each speaker.
 - (c) Inappropriate communication.
 - (d) Inappropriate behaviour.

3) **Disqualification:**

The participants will be disqualified on the following grounds -

- (a) Skipping oral pleadings,
- (b) Teams revealing their identity,
- (c) Substantive copying of the memorial,

- (d) Scouting.
 (e) Important - if memorials are drafted comprising of **Same Text** it will lead to disqualification.

14. Payment Structure - Per Team:

- 1) Registration Fees - **INR 1000/-**.
- 2) On approval of Memorial - **INR 1000/-**.
- 3) Accommodation & Transportation (within Pune): **INR 2,500/-**.

Note: On making online payment, teams have to forward the successful payment message either through WhatsApp or email.

Payment gateway is provided through our website – www.lawguru.org

15. Accommodation and Food:

Accommodation and transportation shall be provided only to outside Pune participants and to avail the same, participants must contact Law Guru Institute through email only immediately after selection round is completed. There shall be **complimentary Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner** for all.

16. Contact details for queries and clarification:

For queries and doubts regarding rules, moot problem or any other concern related to Moot Court Competition, feel free to **contact** the following -

Law Guru Institute

Address - 33\15 Prashant Bungalow, Next to Vodafone store, Above BTW visa services, Opp. Garware College, Karve Road, Pune - 4.

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IV. Registration Form:

www.lawguru.org

V. Spectators:

All rounds will be Open to Public. The organizing authority may at its own discretion, disallow any person who unnecessarily interrupts or disturbs the oral pleadings. Spectators are requested to maintain professionalism in court rooms and shall maintain decorum of the court.

For **Participating Candidates**, only the teams which will be arguing shall be present in the court room. Participating member representing other teams should not be present in the courtroom not assigned.