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**MANGALURU - 575003**



**LEX ULTIMA 2020**

**RULES & REGULATIONS**

## **General Rules and Regulations**

1. Each team shall consist of four members.
2. The competition is open only for the students pursuing LL.B degree either of 3 years LL.B course or 5 years LL.B course.
3. A team must compulsorily participate in all events.
4. One person can participate in maximum of 5 events only.
5. Only one team per college shall be entertained.
6. Team composition cannot be altered after registration.
7. Participants shall be dressed in strict moot court attire i.e., black and white formals with black blazers and tie.
8. The participating teams shall abide by all the rules and regulations.
9. The participants shall strictly follow the timings of each event, failing which the participants may be disqualified from that event.
10. Teams must check the schedule of events and plan their participation accordingly. The organizers will not be responsible for clash of any events.
11. The organizers reserve the right to change the rules of any event at any time of the competition and the same shall not be disputed.
12. The organizers may change the system of assessment of any event at any time and the same shall not be disputed.
13. Participants shall make sure that their names are correctly spelt. The certificates shall bear the name with the spelling mentioned in the Registration Form.
14. In case of any disputes, the decision of the organizing committee shall be final.
15. The problem for the events shall be provided to the registered teams only after confirmation of registration.
16. Attractive cash prizes shall be awarded to the winners for every event.

## **EVENTS**

### **1. ALL IN ALL ADVOCACY**

- Client Counselling
- Negotiation
- Trial Advocacy
- Appellate Advocacy

### **2. PUBLIC INTEREST LITIGATION**

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### **8. LEGAL RESEARCH PAPER PRESENTATION**

### **9. JUDGMENT WRITING**

### **10. CRISIS MANAGEMENT**

## **1. ALL IN ALL ADVOCACY**

1. This event comprises of 4 rounds, namely:
  - ❖ **CLIENT COUNSELLING**
  - ❖ **NEGOTIATION**
  - ❖ **TRIAL ADVOCACY**
  - ❖ **APPELLATE ADVOCACY**
2. All the above rounds are inter-connected.
3. This is a team event.
4. Each team shall consist of 2 members.
5. The same team which takes part in All in All Advocacy shall take part in Client Counselling, Negotiation and Trial Advocacy and are not allowed to take part in any other event held on that particular day.
6. **There shall be separate cash prizes for each round i.e. client counselling, negotiation, trial advocacy and appellate advocacy.**

## **ROUND I – CLIENT COUNSELLING**

1. This is a team event.
  2. Each team shall consist of two members.
  3. All teams will qualify for the 2nd round i.e., Negotiation.
  4. There is a separate prize for the winner of this particular event.
  5. The clients for this event shall be provided by the host college.
  7. The client's identity in terms of age, gender, health, appearance in terms of attire shall be immaterial. No views shall be expressed by the participants in this regard.
  8. No details regarding the facts/problem will be provided to the participants in advance.
  9. This round shall consist of 3 sessions namely:
    - ❖ *Consultation*
    - ❖ *Post Consultation*
    - ❖ *Critique*
- Consultation Session:***
- ❖ This session will be for 20 minutes.
  - ❖ The time starts as soon as the client enters the chamber.

- ❖ This time period must be used for inter alia consultation with the client.  
The participants are expected to elicit the facts and relevant details from the client.
- ❖ The time period may be extended at the discretion of the judges.

***Post Consultation Session:***

- ❖ This session will be for 5 minutes.
- ❖ In this session the participants are allowed to discuss amongst themselves.
- ❖ The discussions should be audible to the judges.
- ❖ In this session the participants are allowed to discuss the facts of the case, the issues involved, course of action, research work to be undertaken etc.

***Critique:***

- ❖ This session will be for 5 minutes.
- ❖ In this session, the judges may ask questions to the participants with regard to the matters deliberated upon.
- ❖ The participants shall try and answer the questions put before them.

## **ROUND II – NEGOTIATION**

1. This is a team event.
2. Each team shall comprise of two members.
3. The problem will be given half an hour before commencement of the event.
4. The time limit for this event is 35 minutes.
5. The time will be divided into 3 sessions:
  - ❖ The Opening Statement (5 minutes for each team)
  - ❖ Discussion/Negotiation Stage (15 minutes)
  - ❖ The Plan of Action (5 minutes for each team)
6. While one team makes the ‘Opening Statement’ or ‘Plan of Action’, the other team shall vacate the court hall.
7. The participants shall try their best to resolve the dispute peacefully and amicably.

## **ROUND III – TRIAL ADVOCACY**

1. This is a team event.
2. Each team shall consist of two members.
3. Trained witnesses will be provided by the organizers.
4. The problem for this round will be given along with negotiation proposition  
i.e..2.5 hrs prior to the event
5. The witnesses' identity in terms of age, gender, health, appearance in terms of attire shall be immaterial. No views shall be expressed by the participants in this regard.
6. There shall be no scope for interaction between the witness and the participating team before or after the trial.
7. The teams will be divided into plaintiffs and defendants based on the client allotted to them in the Client Counselling round.
8. No information elicited from the client during the Client Counselling shall be used by the participants in this round. The participants shall strictly confine their trial and arguments to the facts mentioned in the problem.
9. This round has 3 stages:
  - ❖ Opening Statements
  - ❖ Examination
  - ❖ Arguments
10. **This is an elimination round.**
11. **Based on their overall performance in client counselling, negotiation and trial advocacy, the top 8 teams shall be selected as the quarter finalists for the next round, i.e., Appellate Advocacy.**

### ***Opening Statements:***

- ❖ The time limit for this stage is 5 minutes per team.
- ❖ The plaintiffs must first put forward their contentions.
- ❖ After the plaintiffs put forward their contentions, the defendants shall state their defence.

### ***Examination Stage:***

- ❖ After conclusion of the opening statements of both sides, the witness examination shall begin.
- ❖ There shall be two types of examination namely (i) Chief Examination and (ii) Cross Examination.
- ❖ A team gets 5 minutes each to conduct 'Chief' and 'Cross' examination of a witness.
- ❖ The participants shall examine the witnesses and elicit facts which are beneficial for them.
- ❖ Re-examination of witnesses may be permitted at the discretion of the judges.

### ***Arguments:***

- ❖ This is the final stage of this round.
- ❖ In this stage, each team shall have 10 minutes to put forth their arguments.
- ❖ In their arguments, the teams may include the facts gathered by them during the witness examination stage in order to strengthen their arguments.

## **ROUND IV – APPELLATE ADVOCACY**

1. The Quarterfinals, Semi-finals and finals will be in the appellate stage.
2. This event will be a continuation of the trial stage.
3. **Only the 8 teams that qualify from the trial round will participate in this round.**
4. Each team shall have 30 minutes to present their contentions. The members of a team may apportion this time amongst themselves as per their convenience.
5. The arguments will be in an appellate court and thus there shall be no examination of any witnesses.
6. **The Quarterfinals and Semi-finals shall be knock - out rounds.**
7. No information elicited from the Client Counselling, Negotiation or Trial Advocacy rounds shall be used by the participants in this round. The participants shall strictly confine their arguments to the facts mentioned in the problem provided after qualifying for this round.
8. The judges in their discretion may grant extra time to the participants.

## **2. PUBLIC INTEREST LITIGATION**

1. This is an individual event.
2. Only one participant is allowed to take part from each team.
3. The participants are required to draft a Public Interest Litigation (PIL) petition and file it before the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India.
4. The petition is not restricted to any particular enactment or area of law.
5. The petition can be by way of questioning the existing laws of India or need of introduction of new enactments to legislate the lacunae in the Indian Legal System or bringing to the attention of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India the unattended bitter truth of the country etc.
6. Creativity and Innovation will be widely appreciated.
7. A draft soft copy of the PIL petition is required to be sent to [sdmlcmootcourt@gmail.com](mailto:sdmlcmootcourt@gmail.com) on or before **2<sup>nd</sup> March 2020** and the hard copy of the same shall be submitted on the day of the event in the said event room.
8. Each Participant will be given 10+2 minutes to present their petition.

## **3. LAW FICTION WRITING**

1. This is a team event. Each team shall comprise of two members.
2. The problem for this event will be given on the spot.
3. The participants are expected to create a fictional case out of the clues provided.
4. Creativity and innovation will be appreciated.
5. Any further rules will be mentioned to the participants on the day of the event.

## **4. LEGISLATION DRAFTING**

1. This is an individual event.
2. The theme shall be Proposed Legislation
3. The time limit for this event is 1 hour.
4. The participants shall appear in the event room as per the schedule and the topic for the event will be provided to the participants half an hour in advance.
5. The participants are not allowed to carry any materials or electronic devices with them.



## **5. LAW QUIZ**

1. This is a team event.
2. Each team shall comprise of two members.
3. This event will comprise of two rounds namely:
  - ❖ Preliminary Round (Written)
  - ❖ Final Round (Oral)
4. Only the top 6 teams shall qualify for the final round on the basis of their performance in the preliminary round.
5. The questions will be based on law and general knowledge/current affairs with special reference to law.
6. Participants are not allowed to carry any materials such as books or electronic devices inside the hall.

## **6. DOMESTIC ENQUIRY**

2. This is an individual event.
3. Only one member from each team can participate in this event.
4. The case will be such where the employee of a multinational company will be under domestic enquiry.
5. The participants will represent either the 'charge sheeted employee' or the 'employer' based on draw of lots.
6. The case for this event will be provided to the participants after confirmation of registration.
7. Each participant will be given 10+2 minutes of time to speak.
8. Participants taking part in Domestic Enquiry are not allowed to take part in any other event held on that day.

## **7. BAIL PETITION**

1. This is an individual event.
2. Only one member from a team can participate in this event.
3. The bail proposition will be given to the participants after confirmation of registration.
4. The participants shall draft a Bail Application and send a soft copy of the

same to [sdmlcmootcourt@gmail.com](mailto:sdmlcmootcourt@gmail.com) on or before **2<sup>nd</sup> March 2020** and the hard copy of the same shall be submitted on the day of the event in the said event room.

5. Arguments shall be made in the Lower Court.
6. Participants must be well acquainted with the facts of the case and shall argue either on behalf of the accused or the State based on draw of lots.
7. Each participant will be given 10+2 minutes of time to speak.
8. Participants taking part in Bail Petition are not allowed to take part in any other event held on that day.

## **8. LEGAL RESEARCH PAPER PRESENTATION:**

1. This is an individual event, only one member from each team can participate in this event.
2. The participants are expected to present a research paper in a particular area of law. **The area of law will be provided to the teams after confirmation of registration.**
3. The paper must strictly be original and should not have been published elsewhere. Partial or complete plagiarism will lead to immediate disqualification.
4. The participants shall submit soft copies of their research paper to [sdmlcmootcourt@gmail.com](mailto:sdmlcmootcourt@gmail.com) on or before **2<sup>nd</sup> March 2020**.
5. The word limit shall be 1500-2500 words excluding footnotes.
6. The time limit for the presentation shall be 10+2 minutes.

### **Rules for formatting : Main text:**

- Page margins – 1.5 inch on left side margin and 1 inch on all the other side Body of Essay
- Font type – Times New Roman
- Font size – 12 points
- Line spacing – 1.5 spacing with ‘0 points’ before and ‘1.2 points’ after.
- Alignment – Justified

### **Footnotes:**

- Font type – Times New Roman
- Font size – 10 points
- Line spacing – Single spacing with ‘0 points’ before and ‘0 points’ after.
- Alignment – Justified
- 19<sup>th</sup> edition Blue book method of citation shall be followed.

## **9. JUDGMENT WRITING**

1. This is an individual event.
2. Participants will be provided with the required materials to write the judgment on the day of the event.
3. Participants must read the materials and write the judgment.
4. Participants are not allowed to carry any materials or any electronic devices.
5. The time limit for this event is 1Hour 30 minutes.

## **10. CRISIS MANAGEMENT**

1. This is an individual event.
2. The problem for this event will be given on the spot.
3. This event will comprise of two rounds namely:
  - ❖ Preliminary Round (Written)
  - ❖ Final Round (Oral)
4. Only the top 4 participants shall qualify for the final round on the basis of their performance in the preliminary round.
5. Any further rules will be mentioned to the participants on the day of the event.

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