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**1<sup>ST</sup> ST. JOSEPH'S COLLEGE OF LAW NATIONAL LEVEL MOOT  
COURT COMPETITION, 2020**

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**27<sup>TH</sup> – 29<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2020**

**VENUE:**

**ST. JOSEPH'S COLLEGE OF LAW**  
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### MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

The Society of Jesus, whose members are known as Jesuits, has been in the fore front of education throughout the world with a legacy of 450 years. They are universally recognized and renowned for their quality education and manage some of the very prestigious institutions in India and abroad. St Joseph's College and St Joseph's Commerce College are two such the renowned institutions in the city of Bangalore; XLRI, XIMB, Loyola College Chennai, St Xavier's Colleges of Kolkata and Mumbai are some of the prestigious institutions in India. St. Joseph's College of Law (SJCL), administered by the Bangalore Jesuit Education Society (BJES), is the first-ever Jesuit Law College in South Asia. The College of Law was established in 2017-2018. It strives to equip & train students and expose them to the best legal practices to study the various aspects of Indian and international law and jurisprudence.

SJCL is committed and determined to pursue several progressive and innovative ideas in its endeavor to grow and shape its identity to take its place among the premier legal institutes. Our curriculum is highly rigorous, contemporary and progressive. It has been designed keeping in mind the needs of modern-day legal education. The course curriculum aims at exposing students to the best practices of teaching and learning and provides them opportunities to go beyond the curriculum. The College ensures that the students engage in a qualitative training to fulfill their legal course requirements.

The faculty members of SJCL are encouraged to innovate teaching learning techniques. This method of learning would include case-studies, experiential learning and interactive teaching along with emphasizing critical thinking and innovation. Apart from the full-time faculty members, teaching is supplemented by a panel of distinguished and experienced visiting professors from a consortium of leading accredited universities across the world and renowned legal practitioners.

The institutional vision aims to transform the lives of people by affecting a society based on justice, equality, peace and harmony. The college is confident that the students of SJCL will contribute to the qualitative demands and expectations in a world of legal opportunities. Law education at SJCL intends to create lawyers who have the courage and guts to fight for what are right. They will be socially conscious, morally upright and exhibit leadership qualities to transform society. In a world of growing opportunities for legal practitioners, SJCL relentlessly unfolds ways to grant its students a global recognition within the spectrum of practicing law.

**Fr Swebert D Silva SJ**

Director

St Joseph's College of Law, Bengaluru

## **RULES AND REGULATIONS**

### **I. Aim & Purpose**

a. 1<sup>st</sup> St. Joseph's College of Law National Level Moot Court Competition, 2020 has been conceived with the aim of creating opportunities for learning the development of jurisprudence on emerging trends in human rights and allied areas besides developing cutting edge skills in research, writing and advocacy.

b. Through the first inaugural moot court competition, the college is emboldened with a vision to 'transform the lives of people by bringing about a just and egalitarian society' in line with its mission and vision to actively bridge law and governance through legal education.

### **II. Venue and Date**

1<sup>st</sup> St. Joseph's College of Law National Level Moot Court Competition, 2020 shall be held from 27 - 29 March 2020 at St. Joseph's College of Law, Residency Road, (F M Cariappa Road), Bangalore - 560025. Director Fr. Swebert D'Silva SJ will be the National Administrator.

### **III. The competition shall be in the English language.**

### **IV. Eligibility**

The competition is open for students who are studying LLB three year or five year course during the current academic year.

### **V. Team Composition**

a. Each team should consist of a minimum of 2 and maximum of 3 members. This number cannot be modified under any circumstances.

b. There shall be 2 speakers and 1 researcher designated for each team. The researcher shall be allowed to argue with prior permission of the court and National Administrator in case of illness of the designated speakers.

c. 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 for the same shall be at the discretion of the National Administrator.

## VI. Registration

a. Online registrations are open from 20 February 2020. The teams must register online by 10 March 2020. Teams will have to register online at [www.sjcl.edu.in](http://www.sjcl.edu.in) using the online registration form provided in the 'moot court' page. 1<sup>st</sup> St. Joseph's College of Law National Level Moot Court Competition, 2020 has decided a cap of 30 teams for the National Level. The teams will be registered on first cum first serve basis with reference to the submission of the registration form and DD (Soft Copies).

b. Registration fees will be accepted through the online mode only, that is through NEFT/IMPS. No other payment method will be allowed. Please refer to the below account details:

Name of the Bank	Catholic Syrian Bank
Bank Branch	Brigade Road
Account Number	901012354190002
IFSC Code	CSBK0000009
Bank Account Holder Name	St. Joseph's College of Law
Bank Account Type	SB Account

c. Participants will receive an automated system generated acknowledgement on successful submission of registration. Participants will receive an approval as acceptance of their request for participation latest by 16 March 2020 8:00PM or earlier.

d. The registration fee includes accommodation of the participants from outstation colleges. Students participating from law colleges in Bengaluru will not be provided accommodation.

e. Once registered, the concerned registration fee would neither be refunded nor waived.

f. All updates will be communicated to the contact person as mentioned in the registration form. It is the responsibility of the contact person to distribute and communicate any contingent updates to the team.

## VII. Rounds

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

- Quarter final will be conducted if the participation exceeds 16 teams

### Preliminary Round

a. There will be two preliminary rounds of arguments per team, once for appellant & another for respondent.



- b. No team will face each other more than once in the preliminary rounds.
- c. Each team will face a different bench in their second round of arguments.
- d. Preliminary rounds will be held on 28 March 2020 (Saturday), and the top sixteen / eight teams, will qualify for the Quarterfinals as mentioned above.
- e. Top sixteen / eight teams from the Preliminary Rounds will advance to the Quarterfinal rounds that will be decided on:
  - a. Win points
  - b. Win points + Aggregate raw points
  - c. Win points + aggregate raw points (in case of tie minus memorial marks)

Memorial marks will be added to the scores of both the preliminary rounds only.

- f. There will be an Orientation Program for all the participants on 27 March 2020 (Friday) followed by a draw of lots & exchange of memorials at 9.30 a.m. Team codes and side will be allotted.
- g. The dress code shall be advocate's attire during the competition rounds.
- h. The oral arguments need not be confined to the issues presented in the memorials.

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

Draw of lots will decide the side of the arguments in Prelims, Quarterfinals, Semifinals & Finals. Prelims will be held on 28 March 2020 (Saturday). Quarterfinals, Semifinals and Finals will take place on 29 March 2020 (Sunday) from 9.00 a.m onwards. The Quarterfinal / Semifinal are knockout rounds.

#### **Results (Announcement)**

Results will be announced within 30 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.

#### **VIII. Memorials**

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

- a. Each team must prepare memorials for both parties to the dispute (Appellants and Respondent).
- b. One advance hard copy of the memorials (both Applicant & Respondent) must reach the host institution (SJCL) for evaluation by 20 March 2020 latest by 5.30 p.m. Soft copy of the memorials in word format must be mailed to [mca@sjcl.edu.in](mailto:mca@sjcl.edu.in) latest by 15<sup>th</sup> March 2020. Late submission will be penalized by one point each memorial for every day of

delay after due date. No excuses in respect of delayed courier services will be entertained. The remaining 5 copies may be submitted during orientation on 27 March 2020.

a. Once the memorials have been submitted, no revisions, supplements, or additions will be allowed.

b. The memorials have to be submitted on typed A 4 size paper printed on one side and must contain:

- The table of contents
- The index of authorities
- The statement of jurisdiction
- The statement of facts (1 page only and argumentative statement of facts would attract penalties)
- The statement of issues
- The summary of arguments (not more than 1 page)
- The arguments advanced (not more than 15 pages)
- The prayer

c. The font size should be 12 (double space) and for footnotes it should be 10 (single space) & double space between two foot notes.

d. The memorials should be spiral / staple bound or stitched. Any other form of binding shall not be accepted.

e. The memorial must have a margin measuring one inch on all sides of each page

f. The page numbering should be on the top right side of each page.

g. Covers must be placed on briefs as follows:

**Petitioner: Light Blue Color; Respondent: Light Red Color.**

Use of Cellophane sheets over the covers or inside will be penalized.

h. The cover page of the memorial must state the following

a. The cause title

b. Identify brief as Petitioners / Applicant & / Respondents as is applicable

i. Identity of the institution shall not be revealed anywhere in the memorial. Violation of this provision shall result in penalties including disqualification. The National Administrator's decision shall be final.

j. The teams may submit a separate paper book of not more than 100 pages (printed on both sides), which will carry all the annexure and case laws that have been referred to in the memorial. The paper book will have a white cover. The teams will retain them and may be submit to the judges during the rounds through the court assistants for reference. Any identifying marks/seal of the college shall attract severe penalties including disqualification. There will not be any passing of notes to the judges. The paper book will have to take care of this requirement. The team will take them back after the respective rounds.

## **IX. Oral Round**

### **Preliminary Round & Quarterfinals**

- a. Each team will get a total of 30 minutes to present their case. This time will include rebuttal and sur-rebuttal time.
- b. 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 begin.
- c. The oral arguments need not be confined to the issues presented in the memorials.
- d. Passing of notes to the speakers by the researcher during the rounds is allowed.
- e. The researcher shall sit with the speakers at the time of the orals.

### **Semifinal & Final**

- a. Each team will get 45 minutes to present their case that will include rebuttal and sur-rebuttal time
- b. The division of time is at the discretion of the team, with a maximum of 25 minutes per speaker.
- c. The oral arguments need not be confined to the issues presented in the memorials.
- d. The researcher shall sit with the speakers at the time of the orals.

## **X. Scouting**

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

## **XI. Scoring**

### **A. Orals**

The parameters for judging the oral presentation on a scale of 0 – 100 points are:

- a. Knowledge of facts
- b. Logic and reasoning
- c. Organisation and clarity
- d. Persuasiveness
- e. Deference to the court
- f. Proper and articulate analysis of the issues arising out of facts
- g. Understanding of the legal principles directly applicable to the issues
- h. Ability to explain clearly the legal principles in general keeping to the time allotted
- i. Knowledge and use of legal sources and authorities and general principles of national law
- j. Ingenuity (ability to argue by analogy from related aspects of law)

**B. Written Submissions (Memorials)**

- a. The memorials shall be marked on a scale of 1-100 points each.
- b. Any revisions, supplements or additions to the memorials after submission shall attract severe penalties subject to the discretion of the National Administrator.
- c. Award of the points shall be based on the following parameters:
  - Neatness, legibility, no typographical errors or format errors
  - Logical progression of ideas
  - Effective use of headings to outline arguments
  - Understanding essential legal issues presented
  - Focus on essential (not collateral) issues
  - Clear, concise and unambiguous writing style
  - Forceful and persuasive presentation
  - Integration of facts into legal argument
  - Understanding of strengths and weaknesses of case
  - Discussion of viable alternative arguments
  - Understanding and analysis of authority
  - Proper use of citations and citation form
  - Effective use of authority to support arguments
  - Ability to distinguish adverse cases
- d. Non-compliance of the rules mentioned in Clause VIII above shall attract severe penalties.



## **XII. Awards**

Winning team – Rs. 25000

Runner up team – Rs. 15000

Best Memorial – Rs. 10000

Best Student Advocate – Rs. 5000

Best Researcher – Rs. 5000

In addition to the above awards, plaques and certificates are given to other categories of winners.

All participants will be awarded participation certificates.

## **XIII. Anonymity**

a. Student counsel may introduce her/himself to the court in the usual manner and may also state her/his names. However, the team's college / institution affiliation may not be mentioned at any time before the awards ceremony.

b. Further, all team members, coaches, advisors, and observers shall refrain from identifying a team's school at any time and in any manner, including, but not limited to, wearing any identifying items, such as school clothing, ties, patches, or pins or carrying identifying material (such as a books with a college logo, or college seal).

## **XIV. DECISION OF THE JUDGES IS FINAL**

## **XV. Copyright**

a. The copyright over the memorials submitted for participation in the competition is assigned by participants and shall also vest completely and fully in St. Joseph's College of Law, Bangalore, in lieu of waiver of competition registration fees. 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.

b. Further use and exhibition of these materials, electronically or otherwise, shall be the exclusive right of St. Joseph's College of Law, Bangalore 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.

## XVI. Accommodation, Food & Transport

(a) Accommodation (b) food and (c) transport between the hostel / hotel and the competition venue to the participating teams will be provided by St. Joseph's College of Law, Bangalore. The name and mobile number of the student volunteers in charge of transport / accommodation will also be made available after finalization. Teams should fill in their travel plan in the sheet available on page 12 positively so as to reach on 20 March 2020 along with memorials. The accommodation will be available only on 27<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> for students who are coming from outside Bangalore.

## XIX. Any clarifications for the competition can be sought from:

Regarding Submission of Memorials / Accommodation / Transport / case and online registration:

Ms Sneha Balraj | Mr Sudeep Sudhakaran | Ms Sushmitha Suresh | Mr Moses Raj  
9449213380      9496891250      8137094341      9379753422

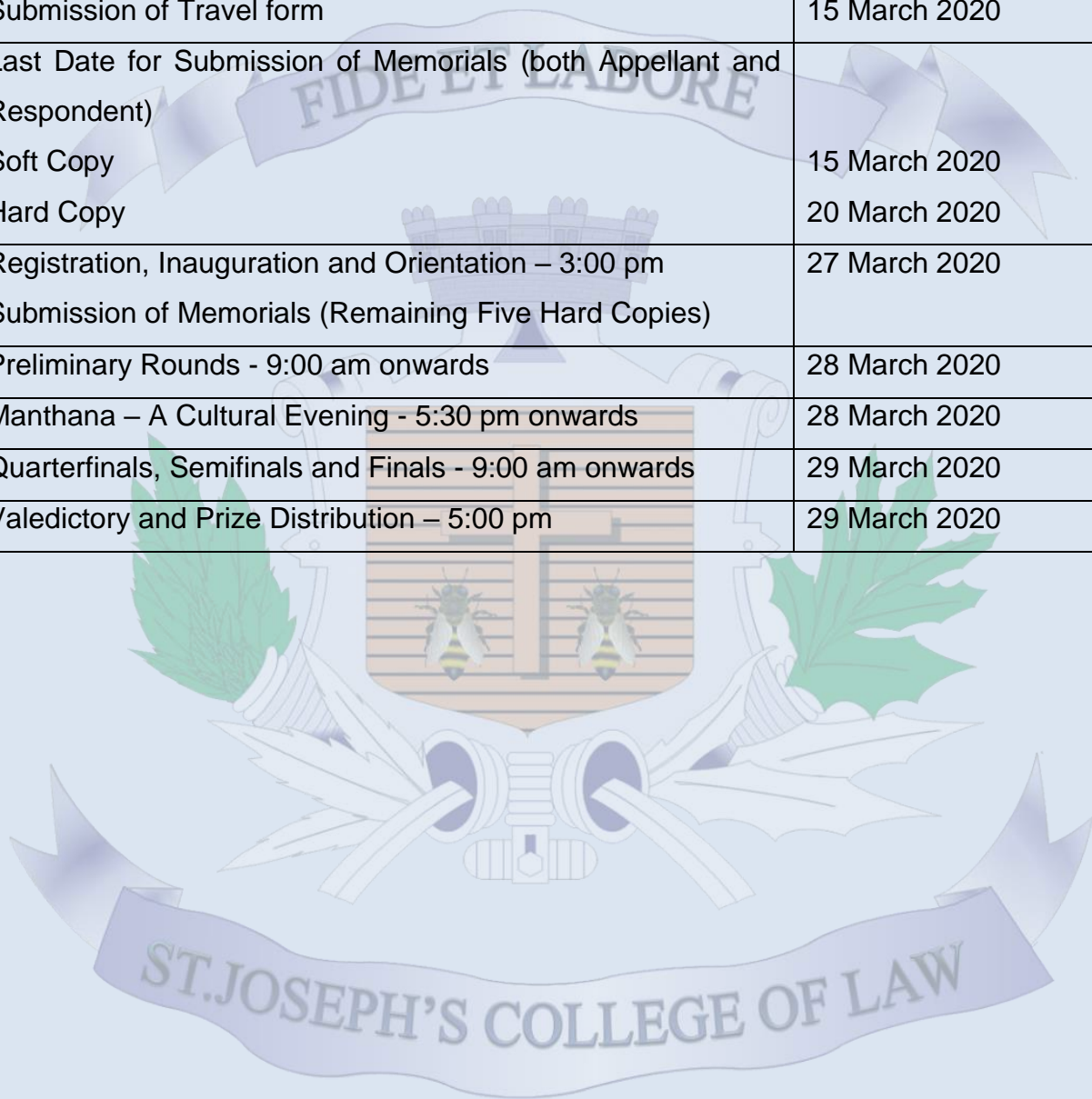
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**SCHEDULE**

Online Registration begins	20 February 2020
Last date for seeking clarification to the case	10 March 2020
Online Registration closes	10 March 2020
Submission of Travel form	15 March 2020
Last Date for Submission of Memorials (both Appellant and Respondent)	
Soft Copy	15 March 2020
Hard Copy	20 March 2020
Registration, Inauguration and Orientation – 3:00 pm	27 March 2020
Submission of Memorials (Remaining Five Hard Copies)	
Preliminary Rounds - 9:00 am onwards	28 March 2020
Manthana – A Cultural Evening - 5:30 pm onwards	28 March 2020
Quarterfinals, Semifinals and Finals - 9:00 am onwards	29 March 2020
Valedictory and Prize Distribution – 5:00 pm	29 March 2020



## TRAVEL PLAN

1. Name of Institution - \_\_\_\_\_

2. Arrival Details –

a. Mode of Arrival: Train / Air / Bus \_\_\_\_\_

b. Train No./Bus No./Flight No. \_\_\_\_\_

c. Estimated Time of Arrival \_\_\_\_\_

3. Departure Details –

a. Mode of Arrival: Train / Air / Bus \_\_\_\_\_

b. Train No./Bus No./Flight No. \_\_\_\_\_

c. Estimated Time of Departure \_\_\_\_\_

4. Any other details:

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**Note: This Travel Form must reach St. Joseph's College of Law on or before 20 March, 2020.**