

## **COVID-19 Pandemic National Law Moot Court Competition, 2020**

### **RULES AND REGULATIONS**

#### **I. AIM & PURPOSE**

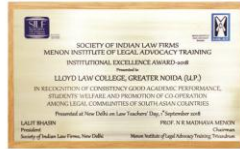
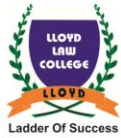
Law is jealous mistress and there is no room in it for the lazy and mediocre. The Supreme Court of India in its order said the measures ensuring the robust functioning of the judicial system through the use of video conferencing technologies should be adopted. The COVID-19 Pandemic National Law Moot Court Competition, 2020 has been introduced with an aim to give exposure to students pursuing the law course, in the emerging trends in Criminal Law, Constitutional Law along with International Law while keeping up with the current situation in the country and the world that affects human health. In this time of crisis, when majority of competitions have been postponed or cancelled, this moot presents an opportunity before the young law students to hone their skills in research, writing and pleading at the comfort of their home.

#### **II. VENUE AND DATE**

Following the orders of Supreme Court in *suo motu* writ (Civil) No. 5/2020 the COVID-19 Pandemic National Law Moot Court Competition, 2020 shall be held on **Friday 01 – Sunday 03<sup>rd</sup> May 2020** at **ZOOM Cloud Meetings Application**. The links and the schedule of the meeting rooms shall be provided via mail after the submission of memorials.

#### **III. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA AND TEAM COMPOSITION**

- 1.** The competition is open for students who are studying LL.B. three year or B.A.LL.B. five year course during the current academic year 2019-20.
- 2.** It is a Mono Advocacy Moot, i.e., participation is limited to a single person / sole counsel.
- 3.** Arguments shall be in English language only.
- 4.** Participant should not disclose the identity of their institution at any point of time during the competition; such disclosure shall invite penalties including disqualification.
- 5.** Each participant shall be provided with a participant code by the organizing committee which shall be mentioned on the front page of the memorials.



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### IV. REGISTRATION

1. The registration form with all the details of team must be submitted online and also the screenshot of the payment with the details of the team must be sent to the mail [talca@lloydcollege.edu.in](mailto:talca@lloydcollege.edu.in) on or before **Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2020, 05 PM.**
2. The registration fee shall be **Rs. 500/-** (five hundred only) for each participant. The registration fee shall be non-refundable and non-transferable.
3. **ONLINE GOOGLE FORM** To register [CLICK HERE](#)
4. All the participants will be provided with free subscription of **SCC Online** for a period of one month valid from the date of registration for the moot.
5. The moot problem is based on the current issue on COVID-19.

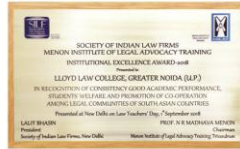
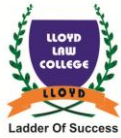
### V. COMPETITION STRUCTURE

The competition consists of two stages;

1. **Stage I : Memorial Selection Round:** If the number of registering participants exceeds 24 then a memorial selection round will take place. Top 24 participants with highest memorial marks will proceed to the Stage II of the competition. In case of more than 2 participants from one Law school, the memorial of maximum 2 participants securing highest marks will proceed to the Stage II of the Competition.
2. **Stage II : Oral Rounds:** The oral round shall consist of two Preliminary Rounds, Semi-finals and a Final round. Quarter finals shall take place if the number of participants exceeds 20.

### VI. MEMORIAL SELECTION ROUND

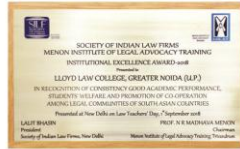
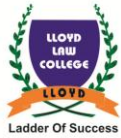
1. All participants must submit Memorials /Written Submissions for both the sides. (Appellant as well as Respondent).
2. Participants are allowed to frame additional issues / sub-issues other than those provided in the moot proposition, if desired.
3. Memorials must contain the following:
  - a. Cover page
  - b. Table of Content
  - c. Index of Authorities



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- d. Statement of Jurisdiction
  - e. Summary of Facts
  - f. Summary of Arguments
  - g. Arguments Advanced
  - h. Prayer
4. The arguments advanced shall not exceed 10 pages.
  5. The Memorial shall be typed on A4 size page in Font type Times New Roman, Font size: 12, 1.5-line spacing & 1-inch margin on each side.
  6. 19<sup>th</sup> Blue Book edition for footnotes shall be followed.
  7. The Cover Page of the Memorial must follow the following color scheme, Blue for the Appellant Cover Page and Red for the Respondent Cover Page.
  8. Only soft copies of memorials shall be submitted in both pdf and .doc format latest by **09:00 AM on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2020**. Late entries shall be penalized and no memorials shall be accepted after the prescribed date.
  9. The memorials shall be mailed to [talcc@lloydlawcollege.edu.in](mailto:talcc@lloydlawcollege.edu.in) with the subject of the mail being "Memorial Submission – 'Team Code'". Example – Subject of mail for memorial submission of Team Code 01 shall be "Memorial Submission – 01". In case the subject is not as prescribed, memorials are counted not received, the organizing committee will not be responsible for delay and default.
  10. Identification mark of any type shall be strictly prohibited. Breach of this rule shall lead to penalty or disqualification.
  11. Memorial from each side shall carry total of hundred (100) marks.
  12. The scoring factor shall include but not limited to: knowledge of facts and law; proper and articulate analysis; extent and use of research; clarity and organization; evidence and original thought; persuasiveness; grammar and style.
  13. The scoresheet photos will be emailed to all the teams after the cessation of the competition.
  14. Violation of any of the above rules shall be resulted into the deduction of points. 01 point will be deducted from the memorial marks on each violation.

## **VII. ORAL ROUNDS**



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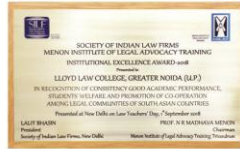
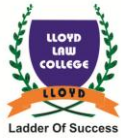
There shall be two preliminary rounds and four participants will be selected for Semi-final round. Top two participants from the Semi-final rounds will proceed for the Final round. Quarter finals shall be held in case the number of participants exceeds 20. Top eight participants will proceed to the Quarter finals. All the others rules for the Quarter finals shall be similar to the preliminary rounds.

### **1. Basic Rules**

- a.** Dress Code for the Oral rounds shall be Formal shirt and trouser.
- b.** The participants have to ensure high speed 4G internet connection with good audio and video facilities. It is advisable to the participants to use laptops or PC for the oral rounds.
- c.** The background of the participants on video shall be plain and shall not contain any symbols or any representations.
- d.** There must not be any noises other than the voice of the participant. In case other noises are audible and the judges find it to be disturbing, judges may stop the pleadings and the participant may be disqualified.
- e.** At the time when the other participant is speaking, you are expected to keep your mic mute. In case a participant is found disturbing the other pleader anyway, he/she may be disqualified.

### **2. Preliminary rounds**

- a.** Each participant shall argue from both the sides (Appellant and Respondent).
- b.** Fixtures shall be decided by the way of power matchups. In Preliminary Round 01, participant with highest Memorial Marks shall be against the one with the least marks. In Preliminary Round 02, the participant with highest marks in memorial shall be against the participant at 13<sup>th</sup> spot, the one at second spot will be against the participant at 14<sup>th</sup> spot and so on so forth.
- c.** The speaker shall be marked out of (100) hundred marks.
- d.** Marks are allocated as follows:
  - i.** Organization, structure and time management: max. 20 Marks.
  - ii.** Knowledge and use of rules and principles of law: max. 20 Marks.
  - iii.** Knowledge and use of facts: max 20 Marks.
  - iv.** Questions and rebuttals: max 20 Marks.



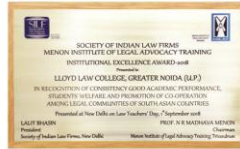
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**v.** Persuasiveness and style of presentation: max 20 Marks.

- e.** A participant shall be credited with a win in the preliminary round if his/her round total is more than that of the opposing team.
- f.** The top four participants with having maximum wins will proceed for the semi-final round. Win in rounds shall be considered primarily and if there is a tie then the participant with the highest cumulative score will proceed ahead. In case of further tie, highest memorial marks will be taken into consideration to decide the winner.
- g.** In the preliminary round, marks of the memorial and marks in the pleadings hold the weightage of 50% each.
- h.** The marks of each round shall be the cumulative of the marks of the pleadings and the marks of the memorial of the side in which they are appearing.
- i.** No team shall face each other more than once in the preliminary rounds.
- j.** Each side shall plead for maximum 20 minutes. It is totally the discretion of the participants to decide the time he/she wishes to reserve for rebuttals and sur-rebuttals.
- k.** Pleading time can be extended only on the discretion of the judges.
- l.** The participants shall ensure good internet connection. In case of poor connection, the waiting time shall be only 10 minutes, exceeding this time will lead to disqualification. The organizing committee shall not be responsible for any technical issues that arise from the side of the participants. The same is also to be followed in case the participant does not report on stipulated time with any reason whatsoever.
- m.** Scouting is strictly prohibited.

### **3. Semi-final Round/ Final Round**

- a.** Winner from each court room will proceed further to the Final round.
- b.** If S1 team wins in Court Room A and S3 wins in Court Room B, then these two teams will proceed for the final round.
- c.** Memorial marks will not be added in the Oral Marks of both Semi-final and Final Rounds.



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- d. In case of tie, the same procedure which is followed in preliminary rounds will be followed in Semi-Final and Final Rounds.

### VIII. AWARDS

- 1. Winner:** Rs. 11,000/- (Eleven Thousand Only) and e-certificate.
- 2. Runner up:** Rs. 8,000/- (Eight Thousand Only) and e-certificate.
- 3. Best Student Advocate:** Rs. 5,000/- (Five Thousand Only) and e-certificate.
- 4. Best Memorial:** Rs. 5,000/- (Five Thousand Only) and e-certificate.
- 5. CERTIFICATE OF PARTICIPATION:** E-certificate of participation shall be provided to all the participants who will be submitting the memorial.

### VIII. ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

1. In case of any disputes the decision of the organizing committee shall be final.
2. Owing to the technical nature of this moot, new problems are bound to emerge, therefore the organizing committee is reserving right to take decisions in case any problem arises during the rounds. All the changes will be informed to the participants in advance.
3. Organizing committee details:

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**Ms. Astha Singh**

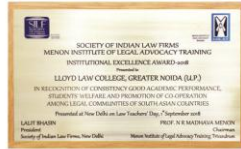
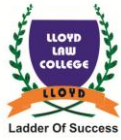
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### IMPORTANT DATES

EVENT	DATE
Release of Notification	11 April 2020
Release of Moot Problem	11 April 2020
Last date for Registration	20 April 2020
Last date for Clarifications	20 April 2020
Last date for Memorial Submission	27 April 2020, 09:00 AM
Release of results for Memorial Selection Rounds	30 April 2020
Briefing of Participants and Memorial exchange	30 April 2020, 10:00 AM
Preliminary Rounds	01-02 May 2020



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Semi-Final & Final Rounds

03 May 2020