



**4th NATIONAL
MOOT COURT COMPETITION 2023**

IN COLLABORATION WITH

VIDHISASTRAS (ADVOCATES & SOLICITORS), NEW DELHI

IN THE MEMORY OF

**LATE SHRI SOLI JEHANGIR SORABJEE,
PADMA VIBHUSHAN AND FORMER ATTORNEY GENERAL OF INDIA**

on

CONSTITUTIONAL LAW

25th - 27th February, 2023

Last Date of Registration: 9th February 2023

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REMEMBERING

HON'BLE LATE SHRI SOLI JEHANGIR SORABJEE

Asian Law College is honoured to organize this National Moot Court Competition in the memory and honour of Hon'ble Late Shri Soli Jehangir Sorabjee who was a renowned Indian Jurist and also served as the Attorney General of India. Soli Jehangir Sorabjee was born in 1930 in Bombay. He commenced his legal practice in 1953 in Bombay High Court. In 1971, he was designated senior counsel by the Supreme Court of India. He became the attorney general of India first from 1989-90 and then from 1998-2004.

Sorabjee was a renowned human rights lawyer. He was appointed by the UN as a Special Rapporteur for Nigeria, in 1997, to report on the human rights situation in that country. Following this, he became a member and later Chairman of the UN-Sub Commission on the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights, from 1998 to 2004. He was a member of the United Nations Sub commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities beginning in 1998. He also served as member of the Permanent Court of Arbitration at The Hague from 2000 to 2006.

Soli Sorabjee was a champion of freedom of speech and expression. He defended freedom of press in many landmark cases in the Supreme Court of India and was instrumental in revoking censorship orders and bans on publications. He was honored with the Padma Vibhushan award, the second highest civilian award in India, in March 2002 for his defense of freedom of speech and the protection of human rights.



VIDHIŚĀSTRAS – ADVOCATES & SOLICITORS

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PAYMENT DETAILS

Payment of **Rs. 5000/-** For Registration and additional **Rs. 3000/-** for Accommodation (if required) shall be made through online mode only.

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CASH PRIZE

Winning Team	Rs.1,00,000/-
Runners-up	Rs. 50,000/-
Best Mooter	Rs. 25,000/-
Best Memorial	Rs. 25,000/-
Best Researcher	Rs. 25,000/-

TROPHY AND CERTIFICATES

Winning Team Trophy
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Best Researcher Trophy

IMPORTANT DATES:

S.No.	Events	Date
1	Release of Moot Proposition along with Rules	21-01-2023
2	Last Date of Clarification	04-02-2023
3	Last Date for submission of Registration Forms (Soft Copy)	09-02-2023
4	Last Date for Memorial Submission (Soft Copy)	14-02-2023
5	Last Date for Memorial Submission (Hard Copy)	21-02-2023
6	Formal Registration	25-02-2023
7	Inaugural Ceremony & Preliminary Round 1	25-02-2023
8	Researcher's Test	26-02-2023
9	Preliminary Round 2	26-02-2023
10	Quarter-Final	26-02-2023
11	Semi-Final	27-02-2023
12	Final	27-02-2023
13	Valedictory Ceremony	27-02-2023

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GENERAL

Date: The Competition shall be held from 25th - 27th February, 2023 at ASIAN LAW COLLEGE Plot A2, Sector 125, Noida, Uttar Pradesh 201303

Dress Code: Participants are required to adhere to the following dress code while present in any Court Room during the Competition.

Ladies: White Salwar and Kurta or White Shirt and Black Pant/ Black Skirt, Black Coat and Black Shoes.

Gentlemen: White Shirt, Black Trousers, Black Tie, Black Coat and Black Shoes.

THEME

The moot proposition for the 4th National Moot Court Competition 2023 is based on Constitutional Law.

LANGUAGE

The official language for the Competition shall be English only.

ELIGIBILITY

The Competition shall be open for 'bona fide' students who are pursuing 5-year Integrated Law Programme or 3-year LL.B. Programme from an institute/ university in India. Such institution must be recognized by the Bar Council of India.

TEAM COMPOSITION

1. Each team shall consist of three members. No observer/ additional member can be part of a team in any capacity. There shall be two speakers and one researcher in the team.
2. The teams shall identify such speakers and researcher during registration.
3. Each team shall be allotted a team code before the competition. During the competition teams shall be identified by the team code allotted to them. Teams shall not disclose their identity or that of their institution or city etc. Any such disclosure shall invite strict penalty including disqualification. The decision for the same shall be at the discretion of the Organizers.

REGISTRATION

1. All participating institutions shall be registered on first come first serve basis by filling online google form along with details of online payment transfer of Rs. 5000/- (Rs. Five Thousand only) and Accommodation charges will be additional Rs. 3000/- (Rs. Three Thousand only) applicable only if needed from the organizers. Registration shall close on 09/02/2023.

Online Registration Form Link:

<https://forms.gle/N6m8axZmajBmkVE59>

2. Payment can be made through online mode only.

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3. Formal registration of the teams shall be done on 25/02/2023 at the venue.

4. Any change in the team composition shall be intimated to the Organizers before the Formal Registration.

5. Forms received after the deadline shall not be considered for registration.

6. The organizing committee has the exclusive right to decide in case of any dispute related to the registration. The decision of the organizing committee in such a case shall be final.

SUBMISSIONS

1. Each team shall be assigned a code upon registration.
2. There shall be two Preliminary Rounds followed by a Quarter Final, Semi Final and Final Round.

ORAL PLEADINGS

1. General Procedure

- i. Each Preliminary and Quarter Final Round of the Competition shall consist of Forty (40) minutes of Oral Pleadings. Both the sides shall be allotted Twenty (20) minutes each.
- ii. Semi Final and Final round shall consist of Sixty (60) Minutes of oral pleadings. Both the sides shall be allotted Thirty (30) minutes each.
- iii. Prior to the beginning of the Preliminary and Quarter Final Round, each Team shall indicate to the Court Clerk how it wishes to allocate its 20 minutes among (a) its first Speaker, (b) its second Speaker, and (c) rebuttal (by Petitioner/ Appellant) or Surrebuttal (by Respondent). No single Speaker shall plead for more than fifteen (15) minutes, including rebuttal or surrebuttal. Similarly, the teams shall indicate their allocation of 30 minutes before the beginning of the Semi-final and Final round. No speaker shall plead for more than 20 minutes during Semi-Final and Final Round including Rebuttal or Surrebuttal.
- iv. The extension of time is at judges discretion. The judges may at their discretion, extend the total time for the team for oral arguments beyond Twenty (20) minutes or Thirty (30) minutes allocation, as the case may be, up to an additional five (05) minutes per Team. Speakers asked to further expand upon arguments may, in this instance, appear for more than the twenty-five (25) minutes or thirty-five (35) minutes individual limit, as the case may be.
- v. Order of Submission- The order of the oral submissions in each Round at all levels of the Competition shall be: Petitioner/ Appellant 1 --> Petitioner / Appellant 2 -> Respondent 1 --> Respondent 2 -> Rebuttal (Petitioner/ Appellant 1 or 2) --> Surrebuttal (Respondent 1 or 2)
- vi. Each Team may reserve up to five (5) minutes for Rebuttal or Surrebuttal.
Ex Parte Procedure- In extreme circumstances, such as when a Team fails to appear for a scheduled Oral Round, the Court Clerk, after waiting for fifteen (15) minutes, may allow the Oral Round to proceed ex parte.
- vii. In an ex parte proceeding, the attending Team presents its oral pleadings, which is scored by the judges to the extent possible as if the absent Team had been present and arguing. In such a case, the Team that fails to appear for the scheduled Round forfeits all the points of the Oral Round and gets disqualified from the competition.

viii. Competition Communications- Oral communications during the Oral Round shall be strictly limited to the following:

- Oral Courtroom Communication between Counsel and Judges - Each Speaker designated to present oral pleadings may communicate with the judges, and the judges may communicate with the Speaker, during the allotted time.
- Oral Courtroom Communication and Activity at Counsel Table- Every courtesy shall be given to Speakers during Oral Argument. Communication at the counsel table shall be in writing to prevent disruption, and Teams shall avoid all unnecessary noise, outbursts, or other inappropriate behavior. Any Penalties imposed under this Rule shall be deducted from the Oral Scores of both Speakers of the offending Team.

• Written Courtroom Communication Written communication during the Oral Round shall be limited to:

- (a) Written Communication among Team members seated at the counsel table shall be through the court clerk.
- (b) A Team member at the counsel table handing a document to a Speaker. When that Speaker has been questioned about such document during the course of his or her argument, the handling shall be through the court clerk only.
- (c) A written note to assist the Speaker in answering an issue raised by the judges. No other written communication may take place among the Speaker, Team Members seated at counsel table, spectators or Team Members not present at the counsel table. There is no prohibition on the teams handing over supporting documentation to the judges, but the same should be done through the court clerk.

2. DRAW OF LOTS

- i. The draw of lots shall take place after the formal registration on 25/02/2023
- ii. To ensure unbiased selection, teams shall be subjected to drawing of lots for the Preliminary Rounds.
- iii. In no circumstance shall any change be entertained after the draw of lots.

3. PRELIMINARY ROUNDS

- i. The Preliminary Rounds are scheduled to take place on 25/02/2023 (Round 1) and 26/02/2023 (Round 2).
- ii. The teams shall be arguing on each side during the Preliminary Rounds.
- iii. Based on the scoring of Oral Rounds, eight teams will reach to Quarter Final Round.

4. QUARTER-FINAL ROUND

- i. The Quarter -Final round is scheduled to take place on 26/02/2023.
- ii. The top-eight scoring teams shall compete according to the draw of lots.
- iii. The four teams that emerge victorious shall succeed to the Semi-Final Round.

5. Semi-Final Round

- i. The Semi-Final round is scheduled to take place on 27/02/2023.
- ii. The top-four scoring teams shall compete according to the draw of lots.
- iii. The two teams that emerge victorious shall succeed to the Final Round.

6. FINAL ROUND

- i. The Final round is scheduled to take place on 27-01-2023.
- ii. The teams shall argue on the side decided by the draw of lots.

7. ORAL ROUNDS

Oral rounds shall be judged as per the following criteria:

S. NO.	CRITERIA	MARKS
01	Knowledge of Facts and Law	20
02	Application of law to facts	20
03	Ingenuity and ability to answer questions	15
04	Presentation Skills	15
05	Time Management and Organization	10
06	Court Etiquettes	10
07	Logical coherency in Arguments	10
Grand Total		100

MEMORIALS

- i. All requirements have to be strictly followed. Non-adherence to the same shall result in disqualification, subject to the discretion of the organizers.
- ii. Each team shall prepare Memorials for both the sides to the dispute. i.e. Petitioner/ Appellant and Respondent.
- iii. The soft copies of the Memorial from each side shall reach the Organizers at Asian Law College via mail on events@alc.edu.in in pdf format latest by 14/02/2023. Attachments shall be titled as [TEAM CODE] [P/A] for Petitioner/ Appellant side and [TEAM CODE] [R] for Respondent side. e.g. 007 P/A and 007 R.
- iv. No extension shall be granted to any team for memorial submission in any case.
- v. No hardcopy of the Memorial shall be accepted after 21/02/2023.
- vi. Six hard copies of the Memorials from each side i.e. 12 copies in total must reach the Organizers by 21/02/2023. on the following address:
Prof. (Dr.) TN Prasad
Asian Law College, Plot A2, Sector 125,
Noida Uttar Pradesh 201303
- vii. Format of Memorials
 - a. Cover Page: The cover page of the memorial must state the following:
 - Team Code on upper Right-Hand side corner.
 - The Case Title
 - b. Color of the cover page must be Blue in case of Petitioner/Appellant and Red in case of Respondent.
 - c. The party for which the Memorial has been prepared must contain the following documents:
 - The Table of Content
 - The Index of Authorities
 - The Statement of Jurisdiction
 - The Statement of Facts
 - The Statement of Issues
 - The Summary of Arguments
 - The Arguments Advanced
 - The Prayer
- viii. Memorial General Format
 - a. Spacing: 1.5 Line Spacing
 - b. Margins: One-inch margin on all sides of each page.
 - c. Font: The font for the body of the memorial shall be Times New Roman, Size 12.
 - d. The Font for the footnotes: The font of the footnotes shall be Times New Roman, Size 10.

- ix. Memorials must be spiral bound only.
- x. Page numbering should be at the bottom middle of each page.
- xi. The memorials must not contain any annexure/ photographs / sketches / exhibits / affidavits etc.
- xii. Teams shall cite authorities in their Memorials by way of ILI Style of Citation.
- xiii. The maximum number of pages in each Memorial shall not exceed 35 pages including 20 maximum pages for Written Submissions/Argument.
- xiv. The Memorials shall not, in anyway, disclose any fact pertaining to the identity of the Participating Team, its Members, or the Institution /College / University represented.
- xv. Marking Scheme of the Memorials: Every Memorial will be marked on a total of 100 marks and the team's memorial marks will be the average of the total of both sides.

S. NO.	MARKING SCHEME	MARKS ALLOTTED
01	Knowledge of Facts & Law	20 Marks
02	Extent & Use of Research	20 Marks
03	Drafting Skills	15 Marks
04	Originality in Presentation	15 Marks
05	Grammar, Style and Coherency	15 Marks
06	Original Thought	15 Marks
	Grand Total	100

SCOUTING

- i. Teams shall not be allowed to observe the Oral Rounds of any other teams whatsoever. (only in the preliminary rounds)
- ii. Scouting is strictly prohibited as per the Rules of the Competition.
- iii. Scouting by any of the teams shall entail instant disqualification.
- iv. Any team can file a written complaint to the Organizers for the same. The Organizer's decision regarding scouting shall be final.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF RESULTS

- i. The result of the Preliminary Rounds shall be announced shortly after the rounds.
- ii. The result of the Quarter-Final Round and Semi Final Round shall be announced shortly after the conclusion of the respective round.
- iii. The winners of the Competition shall be announced during the valedictory ceremony.

AWARDS AND CERTIFICATES

- Winning Team Trophy
- Runners-up Trophy
- Best Mooter Trophy
- Best Memorial Trophy
- Best Researcher Trophy

CASH PRIZE

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Best Researcher	Rs. 25,000/-

RESEARCHER'S TEST

Researcher's Test will be conducted on 26-02-2023 at 9:30 AM in the Asian Law College, Noida Campus. Test will be of 100 Marks. Each Question will be carry 4 Marks for correct answer and 01 negative mark for incorrect answer.

BEST MOOTER

The Best Mooter would be adjudged based on his/her performance in oral pleadings in the Preliminary rounds.

COPYRIGHT

- i. The copyright with regard to the memorials submitted for the participation in the Competition is assigned by participants and shall vest completely and fully on the Organizers. The participants shall certify the originality of the memorials and the materials used and shall be responsible for any claim or dispute arising out of further use and exhibition of these materials.
- ii. The Organizers shall have the right to publicly display, distribute in any manner whatsoever and they shall not be responsible for any liability thereof.

DISCLAIMER

The proposition is fictitious and any resemblance to any person, living or dead, or incident, past or present, is coincidental and not intended by the authors of the proposition.

CLARIFICATIONS

- i. The moot proposition shall remain the way it is and no change shall be made whatsoever.
- ii. The Organizers further reserve their right to alter, amend or add to the moot proposition and the same shall be intimated to the Registered Teams well in advance.
- iii. Clarifications regarding matters other than the moot proposition may be sought from the Organizers.

ACCOMMODATION & FOOD

- i. Accommodation and Food will be provided during the days of the competition only. In case any team wishes to stay for a longer period of time then accommodation may be arranged by the organizer at the expense of the team provided the same is requested well in advance.
- ii. The accommodation will be provided to the teams on prior request and then may arranged by the organizer at the expense of the team. The accommodation will not be provided to Delhi NCR teams.
- iii. Travel Form will be shared with registered participants separately over mail.

CONTACT FOR QUERIES

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