

**6<sup>th</sup> SURANA & SURANA & KLE LAW COLLEGE  
NATIONAL CONSTITUTIONAL LAW  
MOOT COURT COMPETITION 2023-24**

**24<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> November 2023**

Professional Partner &  
Joint Organiser



Surana & Surana  
International Attorneys



Host &  
Joint Organisers



KLE Law College  
Bengaluru

**Venue**

KLE Law College  
#3, CA-2 V Block, West Circle  
Sir M Vishweshwaraiyah Layout  
Ullal Post, Bengaluru – 560 091

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## RULES AND REGULATIONS

### I. Aim & Purpose

The Surana & Surana National Constitutional Law Moot has been conceived with the aim of creating opportunities for learning the development of jurisprudence on emerging trends in Constitutional Law besides developing cutting edge skills in research, writing and advocacy.

### II. Venue and Date

The 6<sup>th</sup> Surana & Surana & KLE Law College National Constitutional Law Moot Court Competition shall be held -

**Date:** 24<sup>th</sup>– 26<sup>th</sup> November 2023

**Venue:** KLE Law College, #3, CA-2 V Block, West Circle, Sir M Vishweshwaraiah Layout, Ullal Post Bengaluru – 560 091.

### III. Official Language

The official language of the Competition shall be English. All rounds including the memorial shall be in English.

### IV. Eligibility

Students pursuing LL.B (5 Year/ 3 Year degree course) in Colleges/Universities/Institutes in the current academic year are eligible to participate in this competition. One team per university/institution shall be eligible to participate.

### V. Team Composition

- a. Each team should consist of a minimum of 2 and a 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 consisting of 3 members. A 2 member team will have both the members designated as speakers. The researcher shall be allowed to argue with the prior permission of the court and National Administrator in case of illness of the designated speakers.

### VI. Registration

- a. Online registrations are open from **28<sup>th</sup> September 2023**. The teams must register online by **6<sup>th</sup> November 2023**. Teams will have to register online at [www.moot.in](http://www.moot.in)
- b. 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 **7<sup>th</sup> November 2023** 8:00 PM or earlier.
- c. A scanned copy of the letter from the participating college/institution/university duly signed by any one of the following:- Faculty-in-charge of MCS/MCA, Registrar, Principal, Dean, Director, Chancellor or Vice-Chancellor confirming the names of the participants, Year/ semester in which studying, representing the college/ institution/ university for the moot competition will have to be attached during the online registration process (The approval letter shall be formatted on the letterhead of the participating institution/college/university. Alternatively, you may use the registration form itself as appended below on page 9 of the Rulebook with the official seal)
- d. Registrations without the scanned copy of the approval letter from the college/institution/ university will not be valid.

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- e. There shall be no team cap for the number of institutes that wish to participate in the Competition.
- f. The registration fees for the Competition is:

**With Accommodation:** Rs. 8000/-

**Without Accommodation:** Rs. 4000/-

to be paid through the link provided [here](#). Payment receipt of the same shall be sent by e-mail to [suranamoot@klelawcollege.org](mailto:suranamoot@klelawcollege.org) with the name of the institution as the subject of the mail latest by **8<sup>th</sup> November 2023**.

## VII. Rounds

There will be two Preliminary Rounds, an Octa Final, a Quarter Final, a Semi-Final and a Final round. Octa Final will be conducted if the participation exceeds 30 teams. There will be an Orientation Program for all the participants on **24<sup>th</sup> November 2023** followed by a draw of lots & exchange of memorials.

The dress code shall be advocate's attire during the Competition Rounds.

### **Preliminary Rounds**

- a. There will be two Preliminary Rounds per team from the petitioner and respondent side.
- b. No team will be facing the same team or the same bench more than once during their Preliminary Rounds.
- c. Preliminary Rounds will be held on **25<sup>th</sup> November 2023**.

### **Octa Final/ Quarter Final**

- d. If there is an Octa Final Round, the Octa Final will be held on **25<sup>th</sup> November 2023**, and the Quarter Final will be held on **26<sup>th</sup> November 2023**, If there is no Octa Final Round, the Quarter Final would be held on **25<sup>th</sup> November 2023** and the top sixteen/ eight teams will qualify for the Octa Finals / Quarter Finals as mentioned above.
- e. The top sixteen/ eight teams from the Preliminary Rounds will advance to the Octa/ Quarter Final Rounds that will be decided on
  - i. Win points.
  - ii. Win points + Aggregate raw points.
  - iii. Win points + Aggregate raw points (in case of tie minus memorial marks)

Memorial marks will be added to the scores of the Preliminary Rounds only.

### **Semi-Final Round & Final Round:**

Lots/ power matching will decide the side of the arguments in Octa Finals, Quarter Final Semi-Finals & Final.

- f. The Semi-finals and The Final Round will be held on **26<sup>th</sup> November 2023**
- g. The Octa Finals/ Quarter Final/ Semi Final are knockout rounds.

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## Results Announcement

Results will be announced within 30 minutes after the completion of the Preliminary/ Octa/ Quarter/ Semi-Final Rounds. The Final result and the winners of the various categories will be announced only during the Valedictory Ceremony.

## VIII. Memorial

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 (Petitioner and Respondent).
- b. Soft copy of the memorials (both Petitioner and Respondent) shall be submitted by **18<sup>th</sup> November 2023** with the temporary team code provided by the Organising Committee post registration.
- c. Soft copies of the memorials in Word and PDF format must be uploaded on this link: <https://forms.gle/RNeRrMcDD6qkytVn9>
- d. Once the memorials have been submitted, no revisions/ supplements/ additions will be allowed.
- e. Late submission will be penalised by two points for every 6 hours of delay for each memorial.
- f. The hard copies of the memorial shall be submitted during the Orientation on **24<sup>th</sup> November 2023**. Total number of copies to be submitted is 8, 4 from each side. **The teams shall not mention their team code in the hard copy of the memorial.**
- g. The memorials have to be submitted on typed A 4 size paper printed on one side and must contain:
  - Cover Page
  - 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
- h. The font size should be 12 (double space) and for footnotes it should be 10 (single space).
- i. The memorials should be staple-bound or stitched. Any other form of binding shall not be accepted.
- j. The memorial must have a margin measuring one inch on all sides of each page.
- k. The page numbering should be on the top right side of each page.

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- l. Covers must be placed on briefs as follows:

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

- m. Use of Cellophane sheets over the covers or inside will be penalised.
- n. Identity of the institution shall not be revealed anywhere in the memorial, both soft and hard copy. Violation of this provision shall result in penalties including disqualification. The National Administrator's decision shall be final.

## IX. Oral Round

### **Preliminary Round, Octa Final & Quarter Final Round**

- 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. Passing of notes to the speakers by the researcher during the rounds is allowed.
- d. The researcher shall sit with the speakers at the time of the Round.

### **Semi-Final & Final Round**

- a. Each team will get 45 minutes to present their case which 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.
- d. The researcher shall sit with the speakers at the time of the Round.

## 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 arguments 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.

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- i. Knowledge and use of legal sources and authorities and general principles of law.
- j. Ingenuity (ability to argue by analogy from related aspects of law)

## **B. Written Submission**

- a. The soft copy of the memorial shall be submitted with the temporary team code provided by the Organising Committee post registration.
- b. The memorials shall be marked on a scale of 0-100 points each.
- c. Any revisions, supplements, or additions to the memorials after submission shall attract severe penalties subject to the discretion of the National Administrator.
- d. 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.

Non- compliance of the rules mentioned in **Clause VII** above shall attract severe penalties.

## **XII. Awards**

- i. Winner – Trophy + Rs. 20,000/-
- ii. Runner up – Trophy + Rs.10,000/-
- iii. Best Memorial - Trophy
- iv. Best Student Advocate - Trophy

All participants will be issued participation certificates.

## **XIII. Anonymity**

- a. Student counsel may introduce her/himself to the court. 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 institution at any time and in any manner, including, but not limited to, wearing any

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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).

- c. 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.

#### **XIV. 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 KLE Law College, Bengaluru and Surana & Surana International Attorneys Chennai. 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 Surana & Surana International Attorneys, Chennai and KLE Law College, Bengaluru 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.
- c. Distribution of these materials on affiliated websites such as www.moot.in does not constitute consent to any use of this material for commercial redistribution either via the Internet or using some other form of hypertext distribution. Links to the collection or individual pages in it are welcome.

#### **XV. Accommodation, Food & Transport**

- (a) Accommodation and transport between the hostel/ hotel to the competition venue for the teams availing accommodation will be provided by KLE Law College, Bengaluru.
- (b) The name and mobile number of the student volunteers in charge of transport/ accommodation will also be made available post-registration. Teams should submit their travel plan in the sheet available on page 10 of the Rulebook positively by **20<sup>th</sup> November 2023**.

**XVI.** The National Administrator of the competition is **Prof. (Dr.) J M Mallikarjunaiah**, Principal, KLE Law College, Bengaluru.

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

##### **Regarding Queries on Submission of Memorials/ Accommodation/ Transport / etc.**

**Asst. Prof. Ashwin Menon V**  
Faculty Coordinator, Moot Court Committee,  
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**Regarding registration**

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### **IMPORTANT DATES**

Start of Online Registration	<b>28<sup>th</sup> September 2023</b>
Last date for Online Registration	<b>6<sup>th</sup> November 2023</b>
Last Date for Submission of soft copy of Memorials	<b>18<sup>th</sup> November 2023</b>
Submission of Travel form	<b>20<sup>th</sup> November 2023</b>
Submission of hard copy of Memorials (8 Copies) during Orientation	<b>24<sup>th</sup> November 2023</b>
Inauguration and Orientation	<b>24<sup>th</sup> November 2023</b>
Preliminary Rounds I & II	<b>25<sup>th</sup> November 2023</b>
Octa Final Round	<b>25<sup>th</sup> November 2023</b>
Quarter Final Round	<b>25<sup>th</sup> November 2023/26<sup>th</sup> November</b> (contingent on Octa Final Round being held)
Semi-Finals, Finals and Valedictory Ceremony	<b>26<sup>th</sup> November 2023</b>

**Note:** Final Competition Codes will be provided during Orientation on 24<sup>th</sup> November 2023. Hence no team code allotted post registration, (given for submission of memorials) should be written on the hard copies. Further instruction is to be provided during the Orientation.

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Date:

**Registration form/ Approval letter**

(Please fill in capital letters)

**Undertaking**

1. We hereby state that our participation complies with the rules and regulations of the competition.
2. We certify that the materials submitted/to be submitted are prepared by us and agree to indemnify the organisers, i.e., the Surana & Surana International Attorneys, Chennai and the KLE Law College, Bengaluru for any claim or dispute arising out of the further use and exhibition of these materials.

(All particulars must be given)

**Name & Address of the participating Institution:**

**Notification Email:**

**Regd. Mobile #:**

Name of the participant	Gender	Course	Year / Semester	Signature

Seal &  
signature of  
the Head of  
the Institution

The participating team shall submit the form to the E-mail: [suranamoot@klelawcollege.org](mailto:suranamoot@klelawcollege.org)

The subject of the email must be “SURANA & SURANA & KLE LAW COLLEGE NATIONAL CONSTITUTIONAL LAW MOOT REGISTRATION”

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## TRAVEL PLAN

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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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