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Lux Et Veritas 2024

National Law Fest

9th - 11th February 2024

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Vadodara





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10th MOOT COURT COMPETITION

9th CLIENT COUNSELING COMPETITION

9th LEGAL DRAFTING COMPETITION

5th JUDGEMENT WRITING COMPETITION

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RULES AND REGULATIONS

I. DEFINITIONS

- **'Competition'** means the *Lux Et Veritas* – 10th National Moot Court Competition, 9th Client Counseling Competition, 9th Legal Drafting Competition and 5th Judgment Writing Competition, 2024.
- **'Memorial'** means the written submissions of each team, submitted according to these Rules.
- **'Moot Proposition'** means the Problem of the Competition released by the Organizer.

II. INTERPRETATION

- The interpretation placed upon these Rules by the Organizers shall be conclusive. The decision of the Organizers regarding the application of these Rules shall be final. In case of any dispute, the decision of the Organizers shall be final.

III. ELIGIBILITY

- All Law Schools and other institutions offering Three and Five Years LL.B Programme are eligible to participate in the Competition. Each participating institution shall send only **One Team** to the Competition.
- Team members must be bonafide students of the institution they are representing.

IV. TEAM COMPOSITION

- A Participant Team shall have a minimum of **three members** and a maximum of **five members** for National Law Fest.
- **Participation in Moot Court Competition is compulsory.** Members participating in Moot Court Competition shall not be permitted to participate in Client Counseling and vice-versa.
- Each team must specify the composition of members in the Registration Form.
- The Organizers reserve the right to debar any team from participating in the Competition for violation of Rules of Competition.

V. PARTICIPATION AND REGISTRATION

- The teams interested to participate are required to confirm their participation

by sending an email attaching the scanned copy of registration form and soft copy of Demand Draft, duly filled, to luxetveritas2020@msubaroda.ac.in by **30/11/2023**.

- On receipt of such confirmation email, the Provisional Registration of that Institution/College is deemed to have been accepted and confirmed for participation.
- The hard copy of the duly filled Registration Form accompanied with the Demand Draft of INR 4000/- for the National Law Fest must reach the organizers on or before 9/12/2023.
- Kindly note that such email has to be sent through the University/School/College/Department's official email address. Emails sent through personal/non-official email addresses and emails sent to any other address other than the above mentioned shall be invalid.
- **The Registration Fee of INR 4000/- for the National Law Fest is to be paid through a Demand Draft in the name of 'The Director BSLS, Faculty of Law' payable at Vadodara. The cover should be marked as Lux Et Veritas 2024 and should be sent at address as under:**

*Faculty of Law, Maharaja PratapsinhRao Gaekwad Parisar (Donor's Plaza),
Opp.University Head Office, Fatehgunj, Vadodara,Gujara t – 390002.*

- Registration fee is **INR 4000/- per team**.
- Once the Registration is confirmed, the Demand Draft shall be Non-Refundable.
- Participating teams are required to intimate of their arrival in Vadodara on luxetveritas2020@msubaroda.ac.in
- The teams shall solely be responsible for any delay caused.

VI. TRANSPORTATION, FOOD AND ACCOMODATION

- Accommodation will not be provided. Participating teams are required to make arrangement of traveling, transportation and accommodation on their own and no reimbursement shall be made. For the convenience of the participating teams, the Organizers suggests the following areas which are in the vicinity of the venue of the competition:

Fatehgunj	Sayajigunj	Alkapuri
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- It shall be the responsibility of each team to arrive at the venue at least 30 minutes prior to the scheduled time of the competition, failing which the Organizers reserve the right to disqualify the team.

- Breakfast and Lunch for all the days of the Competition will be provided to all the teams at the faculty premises.

VII. ALTERATION CLAUSE

- Any alteration of the names of the team members has to be informed on luxetveritas2020@msubaroda.ac.in by the team requesting such alteration. However, no such alteration in team composition would be allowed after 1/2/2024.

RULES FOR MOOT COURT COMPETITION

Each team must consist of two mooters. Members participating in Moot Court Competition shall not participate in Client Counseling Competition.

I. DRAW OF LOTS

The match up of teams in Preliminary and Advanced Rounds shall be determined on the basis of draw of lots. Draw of lots for Preliminary round shall take place on **9 February 2024**

II. MEMORIALS

All the memorial submitted for the purpose of the Competition shall strictly adhere to the rules stated below:

- a. Each Participating Team must prepare memorials for both the sides.
- b. Memorials shall be in English, and must be printed both side on A4 size sheets, with equal margins of one inch on all sides.
- c. The Memorials for both sides must be emailed in PDF format to luxetveritas2020@msubaroda.ac.in by **11:59 PM IST (Indian Standard Time)** on **01 February 2024**
- d. Memorials submitted after the due Date and Time will not be considered for Participation.
- e. The Memorials for both sides in **SEVEN hard copies** must be brought and submitted at the time of Registration.
- f. The text font for the main body must be in Times New Roman, size 12, with 1.5 line spacing. The text font for the foot notes must be Times New Roman, size 10, with 1.0 line spacing. Character spacing should not be condensed in any manner.
- g. The Memorial must contain all of, and only, the following components:
 - a. Cover page
 - b. Table of Contents
 - c. Table of Abbreviations
 - d. Index of Authorities
 - e. Statement of Jurisdiction
 - f. Statement of Facts
 - g. Issues Raised
 - h. Summary of Arguments
 - i. Arguments Advanced
 - j. Prayer

- h. Non-compliance with above criteria shall affect the marks of memorial.
- i. The Cover Page must be printed on **BLUE** paper for the each **Appellant Memorial** and **RED** paper for each **Respondent Memorial**.
- j. The Cover Page of each Memorial must contain the following information:
 - a. The name of the forum before which the proceedings are being conducted;
 - b. The name and year of the Competition;
 - c. The name of the case;
 - d. The title of the memorial (either “Memorial for Appellant ” or “Memorial for Respondent”);
 - e. The Team Registration code in the upper right-hand corner of the Memorial. The Team Code shall be intimated on the email id of the participant whose contact details have been sent by the Team for co-ordination.
 - f. While sending the memorials by an email in PDF format, kindly mention your team registration code on the front page of the Memorial. The name of the college is to be mentioned only in the body text of the email;
 - g. In no circumstances, memorial shall reveal the **identity of the participating team and name of college**;
 - h. The Statement of Jurisdiction, Statement of Facts, Summary of Arguments, Arguments Advanced and Prayer must not exceed 25 pages;
 - i. The team has to use citation method as stated in the ILI Style of Footnoting throughout the memorial with strict adherence;
 - j. Foot notes may not include any substantive pleadings, examples or any text other than the citation itself.
- k. Other Rules**
 - a. Teams, their members, or any person associated with a team, are not permitted to be present at, or hear, or in any way observe, around in which that team is not participating. This rule will not apply to Final Round.
 - b. Scouting in any form shall entail disqualification of the team.
 - c. Teams must not reveal their University, or Place of Origin, or names of the participants, anywhere in the Memorial or in the course of the oral arguments. Teams must also not make use of or display in any manner whatsoever any tie, logo, pins, badges etc. in the

Memorials or during the course of the oral arguments. A Team must be identified only by the Team Code Number that shall be allotted to it, a few days before the submission of the memorial.

- d. For the Moot Court Competition, each participant shall be allotted a unique code number. Under no circumstances, the participant is allowed to change/interchange the unique code during the competition.
- e. During the oral arguments, Mooters shall display their unique code badges to the Judges.
- f. Violation of the above rules at any point will lead to automatic disqualification.

CRITERIA FOR EVALUATION

The Speakers would be evaluated according to the following criteria:

Sr. No.	Particulars	Marks
1.	Argumentative Skills	30
2.	Knowledge and Application of Law	20
3.	Response to Questions	20
4.	Perusal of Facts	10
5.	Court Etiquettes	10
6.	Rebuttals	10
Grand Total		100

The Memorials would be evaluated according to the following criteria:

Sr. No.	Particulars	Marks
1.	Application of Laws	15
2.	Issues Formulated	05
3.	Jurisdiction	05
4.	Research & Footnoting Style	20
5.	Body of Pleadings	40
6.	Prayer	05
7.	Summary of Arguments	10
Grand Total		100

III. ORAL ARGUMENTS

- a. Each Oral Round shall, subject to the discretion of the Judges, consist of Sixty (60) minutes of argument, which shall be presented in English only.
- b. The Appellant and the Respondent shall be allotted Twenty (20) minutes each for Preliminary, Quarter-Finals and Semi-Finals Rounds and Five (05) minutes would be allotted for rebuttals.
- c. Surrebuttal would be subject to discretion of judges.
- d. Both members designated as Speakers from each Team shall make oral presentations in each round.
- e. In Final Round, the Appellant and the Respondent shall be allotted Thirty (30) minutes each and Ten (10) minutes would be allotted for rebuttals.
- f. Surrebuttal would be subject to discretion of judges.

IV. COMPETITION FORMAT & PROCEDURE

- a. The Competition shall consist of Preliminary, Quarter-Finals, Semi-Finals and Final Rounds.
- b. **Marks of Memorials would be calculated only for Preliminary Rounds.**
- c. Each team shall argue in two Preliminary Rounds:
 - a. Once as Appellant and
 - b. Once as Respondent.

QUARTER-FINALS ROUND:

- a. The top Eight (8) ranking teams in the Preliminary Rounds will qualify for the Quarter-Finals Round.
- b. In event of tie for the Eight-position, the team scoring more marks in Memorials would qualify for Quarter-Finals Round.
- c. The top four teams of the Quarter-Finals shall advance to the Semi-Finals Round.

SEMI-FINALS ROUND:

- a. In event of tie for the Fourth position, the team scoring more marks in Memorials would qualify for Semi-Finals round.
- b. The Top two teams of the Semi-Finals shall advance to the Final Round.

FINALS:

The Winning Team of the Final Round shall be declared as the Winner Team of the Moot Court Competition.

RULES FOR CLIENT COUNSELING COMPETITION

- **Two candidates from each team shall take part in the Client Counseling Competition. However, candidate participating in Client Counseling Competition cannot participate in Moot Court Competition.**
- The participant would be provided with a factual situation.
- The participants shall conduct an interview with a person playing the role of the client. Participants are expected to draw out the relevant information from the client, explore with the client his other preferred outcome, outline the nature of the problem, and present the client with a means (or range of alternatives, if appropriate) for resolving the problem.
- Client Counseling Competition is divided into four Rounds:
 - a. Preliminary Round
 - b. Quarter-Finals Round - The top eight (8) ranking teams in the Preliminary Rounds will qualify for the Quarter-Finals.
 - c. Semi-Finals Round - The top four (4) ranking teams in the Quarter-Finals will qualify for the Semi-Finals.
 - d. Final Round - The top two (2) ranking teams in the Semi-final Rounds will qualify for the Final Round. The Winner team of the Final Round shall be declared the Winner team of the Client Counseling Competition.
- Each Counseling Session/Round is divided into three parts:
 - a. Consultation
 - b. Post-Consultation
 - c. Critique

Consultation

- The consultation period shall be for Fifteen (15) minutes for Preliminary Rounds, Quarter-Finals and Semi-Finals round and Twenty-Five (25) minutes for Final Round.
- The time period will start from the moment the client enters the Chamber.
- The time period is meant to be used for inter alia consultation with the client during which participants are expected to elicit the relevant information, outline the problem, find the clients expectations and propose a solution or other means of resolving the problem.
- During the consultation, the team may use books, notes and other materials. The team may also use office props (Dictaphones, Files, desktop, furnishings, bookshelves etc.)

and any other material to furnish their consultation room or for other relevant purposes. (Materials to be arranged by participant themselves and Organizers would not be responsible to provide such materials).

- The time period is to be strictly adhered to, after which the client would necessarily leave and the post-consultation period would begin.

Post Consultation

- Participants may summarize the interview, indicate the scope of the legal work to be undertaken, and state the legal issues that should be researched.
- During the post-consultation, the team may use books, notes and other materials.
- If the participants feel that some documents are appropriate, like a letter to the client confirming their retention as attorneys, the fee arrangement etc., or a letter to opposing counsel or to the party with whom the client is having their legal problems etc., they may dictate such a document at the post consultation stage.
- The time period for post consultation is ten (10) minutes for Preliminary Rounds, Quarter-Finals and Semi-Finals round and twenty (20) minutes for Final Round.
- The time period is to be strictly adhered to, after which the participants would necessarily have to stop the post-consultation period.
- Post-Consultations discussion should be audible enough to enable the judges to hear it.

Critique

- After the completion of the Post-Consultation period, the judges will review the performance of the participants during the consultation and post-consultation period.
- The time period for this session is Ten (10) minutes for Preliminary Rounds, Quarter-Finals and Semi-Finals round and Fifteen (15) minutes for Final Round.

The evaluation of participants in Client Counseling Competition shall be done on the basis of following:

- Understanding of Client's Goals and expression
- Summarizing the interview
- Problem analysis
- Courses of Action Suggested
- Client's Informed choice
 - Moral and ethical issues

- Working at professionalism

AREAS OF RESEARCH:

The problems shall be broadly based on but not completely limited to the following laws and participants are expected to have knowledge of any other ancillary laws and procedures:

Constitutional Law	Arbitration and Mediation
Company Law	Family Laws
Sale of Goods	Civil Laws
Contract Act	Competition Law
Specific Relief Act	Procedural Laws

RULES FOR JUDGEMENT WRITING COMPETITION

- **One candidate from each team may take part in the Judgment Writing Competition and Drafting Competition. However, candidate participating in Legal Drafting Competition cannot participate in Judgement Writing Competition.**
- On the spot registration of Judgment Writing Competition is also permitted.
- The Judgement has to be written in English.
- The structure of the Judgement shall reflect the forum/court in which the case was/is set and argued.
- The participant shall submit the Judgement in handwritten format.
- Language and style should be consistent.
- Each participant shall be given 60 minutes to write Judgement.
- The participants shall not be provided with reference material. However, the participants can bring their own reference material and access Internet and other electronic gadgets to be arranged by them. The Organizers shall not provide Internet access or charging point facility for using electronic gadgets.
- The Judgment shall be evaluated on following criteria:
 - a.** Facts in brief;
 - b.** Framing of issues;
 - c.** Interpretation of law and facts;
 - d.** Ratio Decidendi (Decision on issues framed or points formulated.);
 - e.** Operative order/part;
 - f.** Laws Applicable;
 - g.** Grammar and language;

The problem of Judgement Writing shall be broadly based on but not completely limited to the following laws and participants are expected to have knowledge of any other ancillary laws and procedures:

Constitutional Law	Arbitration and Mediation
Company Law	Family Law
Sale of Goods	Civil Law
Contract Act	Competition Law
Specific Relief Act	

RULES FOR LEGAL DRAFTING COMPETITION

- One candidate from each team shall take part in the Legal Drafting Competition. **However, candidate participating in Legal Drafting Competition cannot participate in Judgement Writing Competition.**
- On the spot registration of Legal Drafting Competition is also permitted.
- The participant would be provided with a factual situation.
- The participant shall draft a Petition/Complaint/Plaint/Conveyancing deed, as the case may be.
- The statement of fact shall be given at the time of the Competition and the participant shall draft the Petition/Complaint/Plaint/Conveyancing deed as per the standard procedure observed in the courts of India.
- The statement of facts shall be given at the time of the Competition and the draft shall be hand written in the sheets provided by the organizers.
- Duration for Legal Drafting Competition shall be one hour.
- The participants shall not be provided with reference material. However, the participants can bring their own reference material and access Internet and other electronic gadgets to be arranged by them. The Organizers shall not provide internet access or charging point facility for using electronic gadgets.
- The participants shall also identify the competent court and they are free to use their prudence while drafting the cause title and other related elements, which are involved in the process of drafting.
- Borrowing study materials or any other substances from other participants is prohibited.
- The participants shall draft within the ambit of the statement of facts. The drafts of participants shall be evaluated on the basis of following:
 - Analytical Thinking
 - Legal Knowledge
 - Application of Law to Facts
 - Flow of Thoughts
 - Precision in drafting
 - Drafting in Conformity with Procedural Laws
 - Relief Sought
 - Legible Drafting

AREAS OF RESEARCH:

The statement of fact supplied by the organizers would require the knowledge of following subjects for drafting:

- Constitutional Law
- Competition Law
- Company Law
- Sale of Goods
- Contract Act
- Specific Relief Act
- Procedural Laws
- Arbitration and Mediation

I. CLARIFICATIONS

- All requests for clarifications to the Moot Problem must be emailed to luxetveritas2020@msubaroda.ac.in by **27/12/2023**.
- The clarifications will be released by **30/12/2023**.
- Questions submitted/clarification sought through any other means other than by email shall not be entertained.

II. ANONYMINITY OF TEAMS

- Teams must not reveal their University or names of the participants, in any of the Competitions.
- Teams must also not make use of or display in any manner whatsoever any logo, pins, badges, tie etc. in any of the Competitions.
- Violation of the above rules at any point will lead to automatic disqualification.

III. CODE OF CONDUCT

Participant will be disqualified from the Competition, if you are found:

- Smoking or consuming/carrying drugs or alcohol in the campus
- Misbehaving, or causing nuisance, or making abusive statements, showing disrespect towards judges, co-participants or members of the host institution

IV. DRESS CODE FOR THE NATIONAL LAW FEST

The participants shall adhere to following dress code when present in any court room during the Competition.

- Ladies: White Kurta and black leggings or white shirt and black trousers/skirt along with black coat and black shoes and white socks.
- Gentlemen: White shirt, black trousers and black tie along with black coat, black shoes and white socks.

During the Valedictory session participants shall come in the above attire only.

V. **AWARDS AND PRIZE MONEY**

The awards and the prize money are as follows:

Moot Court Competition:

- Winning Team Award: The winning team will receive a trophy and a prize of INR 15,000/-
- Runners–up Award: The 1st runners-up will get a trophy and a prize of INR 10,000/-
- Runners–up Award: The 2nd runners-up will get a trophy and a prize of INR7500/-
- Best Advocate: The best Advocate will get trophy and prize of INR10,000/-
- Best Memorial: The team with best memorial will receive trophy and a prize of INR10,000/-

Client Counseling Competition:

- Winning Team Award: The winning team will receive a trophy and a prize of INR15000/-
- Runners–up Award: The 1st runners-up will get a trophy and a prize of INR 10000/-
- Runners–up Award: The 2nd runners-up will get a trophy and a prize of INR7500/-

Judgment Writing Competition:

- Winner Award: The winner will receive a trophy and a prize of INR 10,000/-
- Runners–up Award: The runners-up will get a trophy and a prize of INR 7500/-

Legal Drafting Competition:

- Winner Award: The winner will receive a trophy and a prize of INR 10,000/-
- Runners–up Award: The runners-up will get a trophy and a prize of INR 7500/-

All participants of the Competition shall be awarded Participation Certificate.

VI. CORRESPONDENCE

Clarifications regarding anything must be sought by sending an email luxetveritas2020@msubaroda.ac.in

VENUE OF THE COMPETITION AND ADDRESS FOR CORRESPONDENCE:

Faculty of Law, Maharaja PratapsinhRao Gaekwad Parisar (Donor's Plaza), Opp. University Head Office Fatehgunj, Vadodara, Gujarat-390002.

Email: luxetveritas2020@msubaroda.ac.in

Contact No: 0265-2795503/2789189

IMPORTANT DATES

Last Date of Registration Form in Soft-Copy form at along with DD	30/11/2023
Last Date of Registration Form in Hard-Copy form at along with DD	9/12/2023
Last date for alteration of team composition	1/2/2024
Memorials submission soft copy	1/2/2024
Memorials submission hard copy	9/2/2024
Last date for clarifications request	27/12/2023
Releasing Clarifications	30/12/2023

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