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# MOOT COURT SOCIETY

Date: 22<sup>nd</sup> December, 2024

## 18<sup>TH</sup> GRAND INTRA MOOT COURT COMPETITION, 2024-25

### RULES AND REGULATIONS

DATES: 10<sup>TH</sup> – 11<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY, 2025

#### **I. TEAM COMPOSITION:**

1. A team will be formed by the Moot Court Society (“MCS”) based on first come first serve in reference to the Google Form filled and submitted by the Participants.
2. Allocation of teams will be done on 27th December, 2024.
3. Each team shall consist of two members and all the two members will participate in the capacity of a Speaker.
4. Every team shall have one experienced member, i.e., a Mentor.
5. Each team will be assigned a Team Code by the MCS.

**Note:** A Mentor can be any Participant who has an experience of at least 1 National Moot Court Competition. In case of shortage of mentors, the experience of the previously held Intra Moot Court Competitions shall also be considered. For such matter, the MCS reserves discretion to take further steps to ensure stability in the team.

#### **II. ELIGIBILITY:**

The participation is open to all the students of SVKM's Pravin Gandhi College of Law only.

#### **III. REGISTRATION:**

All the students are required to register themselves individually through the Google Form, latest by 26th December, 2024, 11:59 PM.

Google Form: <https://forms.gle/nxpdrT3JZCoy18mZ8>

**IV. ORAL ROUNDS:**

1. All rounds shall be conducted physically in College Campus.
2. There will be a total of 4 rounds of the Competition. The first round will be the Preliminary Round, followed by Quarter-Final Round, Semi Final Round and Finals Round.
3. Each team will be arguing from both sides in the Preliminary Round. For further rounds, the side would be decided as per the draw of lots.
4. If there is a tie between two teams, memorial marks will be taken into consideration.

**V. GENERAL COMPOSITION OF A ROUND:**

1. There will be a total of 7 members present in one Court Room comprising of 2 judges 4 participants and one courtroom officer.
2. The Participants are required to be present in the assigned Court Room, 20 min before the commencement of the Round.
3. Per speaker timing will be recorded by the Courtroom Officer and all participants are requested to adhere to the given time strictly.
4. During the speaking time of a participants, there shall be no cross talking.
5. Passing of notes to the speaker shall be allowed.
6. Anything not included in the Memo will not be considered for the oral rounds.
7. No use of any electronic or digital device, will be allowed to be used during the competition.
8. The Courtroom Officer will be the Moderator of the Round and inconvenience observed by the judges or the participants should be conveyed to the Courtroom Officer only.

**PRELIMINARY ROUND:**

- i. Each team will get a total of 20 minutes to present their case and each speaker shall speak for a minimum of 8 minutes.
- ii. The Draw of Lots for this round will be held in due course of time.
- iii. The top 8 teams for the Quarter-Final rounds shall be determined based on the results of the Preliminary rounds. Teams that win both their Preliminary rounds will qualify for the Quarter-Finals. If more than 8 teams win both Preliminary rounds, the selection will be made based on the highest cumulative marks scored by the teams during the Preliminary rounds.

**QUARTER - FINALS:**

- i. Each team will get a total of 24 minutes to present their case and each speaker shall speak for a minimum of 10 minutes.
- ii. Four (4) teams shall qualify for the Semi Final Round on a knock out basis i.e. the winner of each Quarter Final Round shall qualify to the Semi Final Round.

**SEMI - FINALS:**

- i. Each team will get a total of 30 minutes to present their case and each speaker shall speak for a minimum of 12 minutes.
- ii. Two (2) teams shall qualify for the Final Round on a knock out basis i.e. the winner of each Semi-Final Round shall qualify to the Final Round.

**FINALS:**

- i. Each team will get a total of 40 minutes to present their case and each speaker shall speak for a minimum of 16 minutes.
- ii. Judge's decision is the final.

**VI. DRESS CODE:**

All students have to be in court room formals of black and white accompanied with black Coat/blazer. Students who are not appropriately dressed will be barred from presenting their case before the Judges. The discretion of the Judges shall be final.

**VII. MEMORIALS:**

1. It is mandatory for every team to prepare memorials from both the sides. (Petitioners/Plaintiff/Appellant & Respondent/Defendant).
2. The soft copy of the memorials should be submitted to [mcs.svkm@gmail.com](mailto:mcs.svkm@gmail.com) by 08<sup>th</sup> January, 2025 (08:00 PM).
3. All soft copies of the Memorials to be submitted in Microsoft Word File as well as PDF Format.
4. The subject of the said email should be "Memorials of Team Code - \_\_\_\_\_"
5. Both the Memorials should be sent in one email only.
6. The files should be titled as "Petitioners/Plaintiff/Appellant & Respondent/Defendant" with the team code. (Eg. 'Plaintiff T-30')

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7. In case of two emails sent by a team before the deadline, the latest one shall be considered.
8. 3 Hard Copies each of Plaintiff/Petitioner/Appellant & Respondent/Defendant Memorials are to be submitted to the Moot Court Society by 09th January, 2025, 12:00 PM.
9. Any delay in submission of Hard Copy or Soft Copy shall amount to deduction or negative marking.
10. The Memorials shall be exchanged one day prior to the Competition.
11. The Memorials of the opposite team shall have to be submitted to the Court Room Officer after the commencement of the round.
12. No markings shall be made in the Memorials, any such markings found shall amount to deduction or negative marking.
13. **Criteria for Memorials:**
  - i. The memorials have to be submitted on A4 sized page
    - a) Cover Page
    - b) The Table of Contents
    - c) The Index of Authorities
    - d) The Statement of Jurisdiction
    - e) The Statement of Facts
    - f) The Statement of Issues
    - g) The Summary of Arguments
    - h) Arguments Advanced (not exceeding 20 pages)
    - i) Prayer
  - ii. The Memorial should not exceed more than 35 pages excluding the Cover page.
  - iii. Memorials exceeding 35 pages will amount to deduction of marks or negative marking.
  - iv. The font excluding the Cover Page and Page Numbers should be 'Times New Roman' and the font size should be '12' with '1.5 line spacing' and for footnotes it should be 'Times New Roman', 'font size 10' with '1.0 line spacing'.
  - v. The memorial must have a margin measuring one inch on all sides of each page.
  - vi. The page numbering should be on the middle bottom of each page.
  - vii. 21st Edition of the Harvard Blue Book citation needs to be followed.
  - viii. Covers must be placed on briefs as follows:

Petitioners/Plaintiff/Appellant: Blue Colour;

Respondent/Defendant: Red Colour.

- ix. The cover page must state:
- a) The Cause title
  - b) Identity brief as Petitioners/Plaintiff/Appellant and Respondent/Defendant as applicable.
  - c) Team Code (Mandatory)

**VIII. GUIDELINES FOR SUBMISSION:**

**WRITTEN:**

- i. Any revisions, supplements or additions to the memorials after submission shall not be entertained.
- ii. Award of the points shall be based on the following parameters:
  - a) Logical presentation and progression of issues involved.
  - b) Understanding essential legal issues presented.
  - c) Clear, concise and unambiguous drafting style.
  - d) Integration of facts into legal arguments.
  - e) Understanding and analysis of authorities cited.
  - f) Proper use of citations and citation form.

**ORALS:**

- i. The parameters for judging the oral presentation are:
  - a) Knowledge and use of facts
  - b) Application of Relevant Law to the Case
  - c) Use of Authority and Citations
  - d) Answer to the Court's Queries
  - e) Skill of Advocacy and Persuasiveness
  - f) Language and style
  - g) Time Management
  - h) Courtroom Etiquette
  - i) Correct Articulation of Legal Issues and Legal Analysis
  - j) Organization, Presentation and Speaking Ability

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### IX. RESEARCHER'S TEST:

1. Students who are interested to appear on the Researcher's List shall give the Researchers' Test scheduled on 09<sup>th</sup> January, 2025.
2. It is mandatory for all the Participants to give the Researchers' Test.

### X. CLARIFICATIONS:

1. The last date for submitting clarifications to the Case Record is 30th December, 2024 (06:00 PM). All such requests must be mailed at [mcs.svkm@gmail.com](mailto:mcs.svkm@gmail.com)
2. The request for clarifications should be clear and related to the facts of the case and not related to the substantive arguments.

### XI. LISTS:

There will be an Intra Speakers' List and Intra Researchers' List put up by the MCS for future Moot Allocations.

### XII. AWARDS:

<b>WINNER</b>	<b>TROPHY + CERTIFICATE OF MERIT</b>
<b>RUNNERS UP</b>	<b>TROPHY + CERTIFICATE OF MERIT</b>
<b>BEST ADVOCATE (MALE &amp; FEMALE)</b>	<b>TROPHY + CERTIFICATE OF MERIT</b>
<b>BEST RESEARCHER</b>	<b>TROPHY + CERTIFICATE OF MERIT</b>
<b>BEST MEMORIAL</b>	<b>TROPHY + CERTIFICATE OF MERIT</b>

The Best Advocate award shall be determined based on the individual speaker scores obtained during the Preliminary Rounds. The participant with the highest cumulative score across these rounds shall be declared the Best Advocate.

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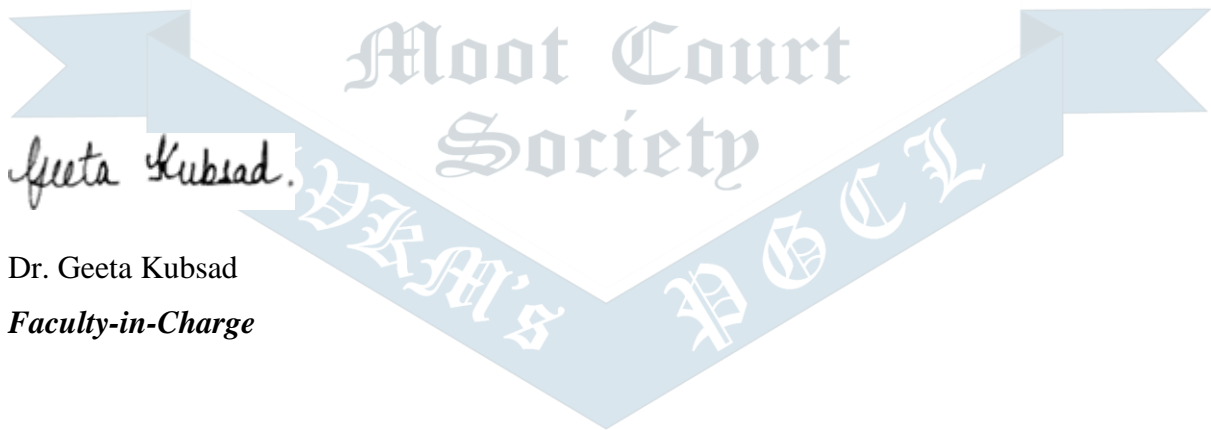
### XIII. CERTIFICATES:

All participants will receive participation certificates. Additionally, the winners and teams qualifying for the Quarter-Final and Semi-Final rounds will be awarded Certificates of Merit.

### XIV. PENALTY:

1. Students withdrawing themselves from the Intra Moot Court Competition organized by the MCS shall be deprived from participating in any Moot / Elimination for a period of 90 days from the date of ban imposed by the MCS.
2. Students withdrawing themselves from the Intra Moot Court Competition organized by the MCS, without prior intimation to the MCS, shall be deprived from participating in any Moot / Elimination for a period of 120 days from the date of ban imposed by MCS.
3. Students withdrawing themselves from the Intra Moot Court Competition organized by the MCS on a day before of Memorial submission or after the Memorial Submission shall be deprived from participating in any Moot / Elimination for a period of 180 days from the date of ban imposed by the MCS.

**The Organisers reserve a right to change any date in case of any contingency and the same shall be duly informed to the participating teams.**



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