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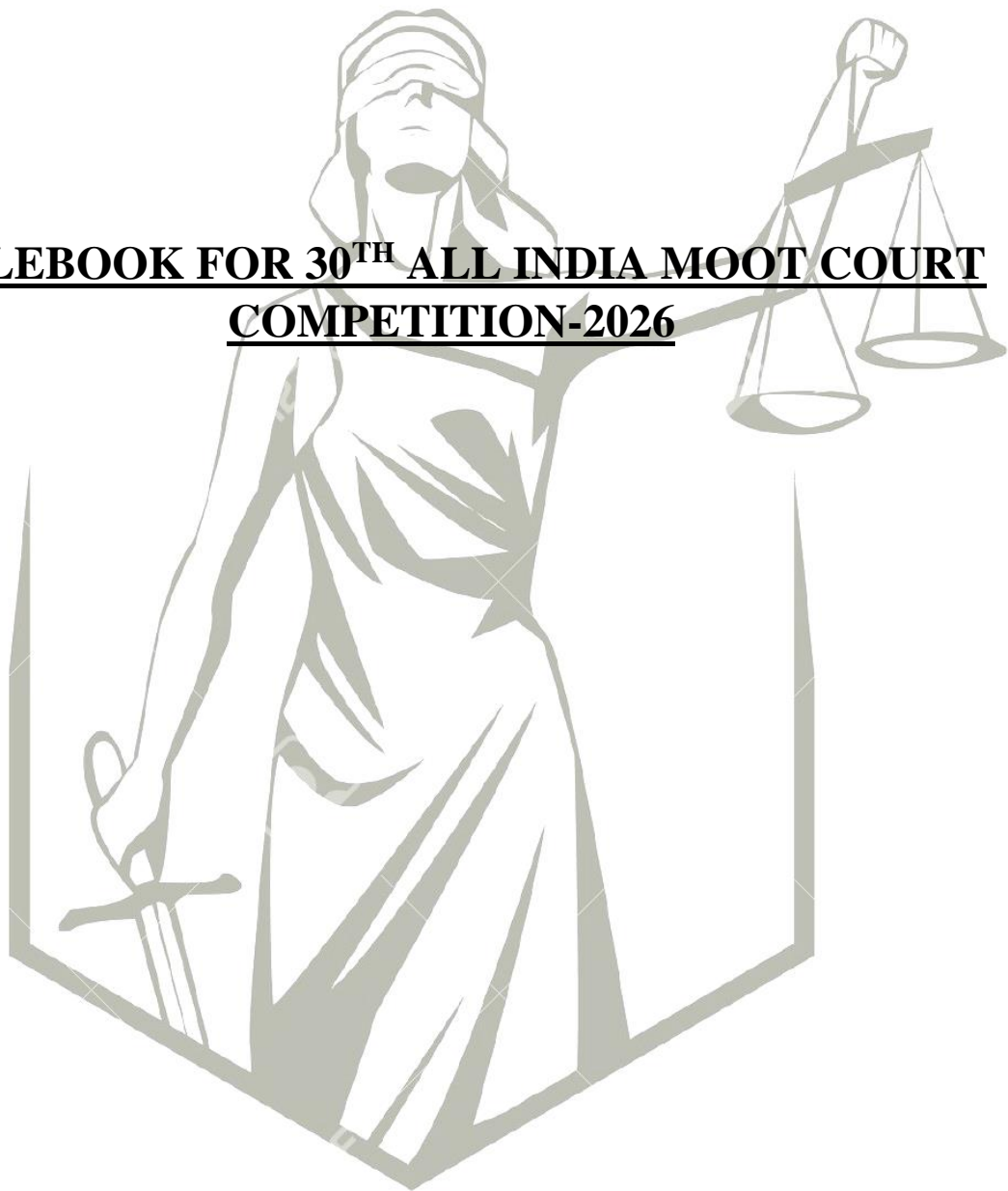
**ALL INDIA
MOOT COURT
COMPETITION**

29–31 May, 2026

RULE BOOK



**RULEBOOK FOR 30TH ALL INDIA MOOT COURT
COMPETITION-2026**



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DEFINITIONS

1. Organizing Committee shall mean The Moot Court Society, i.e., The Society of Mooters, University Law College & Department of Studies in Law, Bangalore University, members thereof, or any person or persons appointed for the administration of this moot court competition.
2. Clarifications shall mean any questions, inquiries or doubts sent by a registered team to the organizers seeking any factual clarification(s) in the Moot Problem. The clarifications, if any, provided by the organizing committee shall be considered as if they were part of the Moot Proposition and shall have no individual significance.
3. Compendium shall refer to a concise compilation of principle heads, general principles, case laws, and other relevant academic resources related to the Memorial.
4. Competition shall denote the XXX All India Moot Court Competition.
5. Memorial shall refer to the written submissions submitted by participating teams.
6. Participant refers to any member of an institution participating in the Competition.
7. Participating Team shall denote the team that has registered for the competition as specified below.
8. Participating Institution shall be deemed to be the parent institution of the participating team.
9. Penalty shall refer to the deduction imposed on the Memorial scores for non-compliance with the rules stated herewith.
10. Petitioner shall refer to the side that argues on behalf of the party that brings the claim at any given point in the Competition.
11. Respondent shall refer to the side that argues on behalf of the party against whom the claim has been made at any given point in the Competition.
12. Rebuttals shall denote the arguments presented by the Petitioner in response to the Respondent's submissions at the conclusion of the main pleadings of all speakers.
13. Sur-rebuttals shall denote the defence presented by the Respondents to the rebuttals.
14. Scouting shall refer to the practice whereby any individual observes the Oral Rounds of a team other than the one with whom they are associated with. (Such scouting by the participants shall be closely monitored by the organizers and shall attract penalties.)
15. Speaker shall refer to a Participant who presents oral arguments in any given round.

16. Team code shall refer to the code allocated to a Participating Team by the Organizing Committee after the completion of the registration process.

17. Imposition of penalties including disqualification rests solely with the Organizers in case of failure to comply with the rule(s) and deadline(s).

INTERPRETATION

The organizers will have exclusive authority to interpret the Rules in instances of interpretational conflict. Such interpretation will be performed according to appropriate procedure and be guided by interests of fairness and equity.

The interpretation placed upon these rules by the organizers shall be conclusive and the decision of the organizers regarding the application of these rules shall be Final.

DATE & VENUE OF THE COMPETITION

Date: The XXX All India Moot Court Competition 2026, shall be held from 29th May 2026 to 31st May 2026.

Venue: University Law College & Department of Studies in law, Bangalore University, Jnana Bharathi Campus, Bengaluru – 560056, Karnataka

Google Maps link:



<https://maps.app.goo.gl/1gFCdeHkWefmkZf56>

PARTICIPATION AND ELIGIBILITY

Eligibility Participation in the competition is open to all law students pursuing 3 or 5 year integrated courses or any equivalent law program from any law college / department / university recognized by the Bar Council of India.

Team composition and Team Registration:

- Each institution may register a maximum of one team for the competition.
- Each team shall comprise a minimum of two members and a maximum of three members.
- Once registered, this number shall not be modified under any circumstance.
- Any changes to the team composition will be subject to the discretion of the Organizing Committee.

Team Dynamics:

- In a team consisting of three participants, two members must perform the role of a speaker, and one member must perform the role of a researcher.
- In a team consisting of two participants, both members must perform the role of speakers and one among them must be the researcher.

Disclosure of Identity:

Teams shall not disclose the identity of their institution; such disclosure shall invite penalties, including disqualification. The decision will be made at the sole discretion of the Organizing Committee.



LANGUAGE AND DRESS CODE

The official language of the competition shall be English. The participants shall adhere to the following dress code throughout the competition.

- a. Gents: Western business formals (white formal shirt with black pants and a black blazer with black shoes).
- b. Ladies: Western business formals (White formal shirt with black formal pants/black formal skirt and a black blazer with black shoes) or Indian formals. The above-mentioned dress code must be adhered to during the Inaugural and Valedictory Ceremonies also.

REGISTRATION PROCESS

Provisional Registration:

The provisional registration shall be complete after filling the 'Authorization Letter' provided at the end of this document, duly signed by the Head of the Institution and uploaded to the link given below before date: 13th April 2026

The link for provisional registration:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfIWYNUUnJYExiqsABxbTsqszLoYk-uNiGC-ib0do0TVtI2fvw/viewform?usp=header>

Registration after the given deadline shall not be accepted under any circumstance. On receipt of the duly filled registration form, the institution shall respond to the participating team, acknowledging the receipt.

Final Registration:

Unless otherwise specified, the maximum number of teams participating in the event shall be 32 teams on the basis of Memorial Qualification.

The last date for the final registration of the 32 teams shall be on or before 11th May 2026. The formalities to be complied with for the final registration shall be communicated by the Organizing Committee as and when the top 32 teams are announced.

ANONYMITY OF TEAM

- Teams must not reveal the name of their institution, or names of the participants, anywhere in the memorials or in the course of the oral arguments. Teams must also not make use of or display in any manner whatsoever any logo, pins, badges etc. in the memorials or during the course of the oral arguments. Provided that speakers may refer to themselves and other speakers in an oral round by their respective names.
- A team must be identified only by the team code that will be allotted to it after registration
- Violation of above rules at any point will lead to severe penalty or disqualification as determined by the organizers

CLARIFICATION

- All requests for clarifications with regard to the problem must be submitted via the official Mail ID 30thmooterssociety@gmail.com. The last date for accepting responses to the form shall be 11:59pm on 15th April 2026
- The request for clarifications should be clear and related to the facts of the case and not related to the substantive arguments.
- The clarifications as and when issued become a part of the Moot problem. These changes shall be compiled and communicated duly by the organisers to the participating teams.

MEMORIAL GUIDELINES

Structure of Memorial:

Each Memorial must contain all of and only the following components in this particular order:

1. Cover Page
2. Table of Contents
3. Table of Abbreviations
4. Index of Authorities
5. Statement of Jurisdiction
6. Statement of Facts (shall not exceed 2 pages)
7. Issues Raised
8. Summary of Arguments
9. Arguments Advanced
10. Prayer

WORD LIMIT, FONT AND SPACING

Font type	Times New Roman
Font size	12 for the main text, headers and footers
Line Spacing	1.5 spacing for main text, headers and footers
Footnotes	The font size should be 10 Single spacing between lines and double spacing between 2 footnotes
Body Of text	Justified
Margin	1 inch from all sides

Cover Page

The Cover Page of each memorial must contain only the following information:

- a. The team registration code in the upper right-hand corner, followed by an ‘P’ for the Petitioner Memorial, or/and R for the Respondent memorial. For example, Team TC_99 would put it as TC_99P in the upper right-hand corner of its Petitioner memorial;
- b. The name of the forum before which the proceedings are being conducted;
- c. The year of the Competition;
- d. The name of the case;
- e. The title of the memorial (either Memorial for Petitioner or Memorial for Respondent)

Table of Abbreviations

All abbreviations used in the memorial must be included in the Table of Index of Authorities Abbreviations. This will include commonly used abbreviations, acronyms and marks. The Table of Abbreviations must be in an alphabetical order.

Index of Authorities

The Index of Authorities must list all the authorities cited in the memorial.

The Index must indicate the page number(s) and/or the paragraph number(s) of the memorial in which the authority is cited. The Index of Authorities must be in an alphabetical order.

Statement of Facts (Shall not exceed 2 pages)

The Statement of Facts must contain a concise statement of the relevant facts of the dispute. As far as may be, the Statement of Facts should be limited to the stipulated facts and legitimate inferences which can be drawn from those facts.

Summary of Arguments

Each memorial must include a “Summary of Arguments” not exceeding two pages. This section shall consist of the main prongs and sub-prongs/headings and sub headings of the Arguments Advanced.

Arguments Advanced

Substantive, affirmative legal argument or legal interpretation of the facts of the Case may only be presented in the Arguments Advanced section of the Memorial.

Footnotes and Citations

It is not permitted to provide any information in the footnotes that is not related to the identification of an authority or source. Footnotes may not include additional legal arguments. Substantive footnotes are not allowed.

SUBMISSION OF SOFT COPIES:

All teams shall send a soft copy of memorial for each side in both Microsoft Word and PDF formats, via electronic mail, on or before 3rd May, 2026 (11:59 PM IST) to 30thmooterssociety@gmail.com only. Any submission made after 3rd May, 2026 (11:59 P.M. IST) will be considered late submission and penalized. Both Memorials in word and pdf format (4 files) must be attached in a single email only with the subject of the e-mail being “Memorials for Team Code-X” (X being the allotted team code). However, no Memorials received after 3rd May, 2026 shall be considered. Each memorial should be contained in a single file with the name of the file being the allocated team code followed by the first letter of the party whose arguments are presented in that memorial, i.e., an R for Respondent and ‘P’ for Petitioner. For instance, the Petitioner memorial of team code TC_99 should be named “TC_99P”.

SUBMISSION OF HARD COPIES:

Teams are required to submit Six hard copies of the Petitioner and Respondent memorial each on the day of the inauguration i.e. on 29th May, 2026. The memorial can be printed on both sides of A4 size sheets, with equal margin of at least one inch on all sides. The copies once submitted to the organizers will not be returned to participants at any cost.

The hard copies of memorials should be stitched. The hard copies must be exactly similar to the soft copy. Any changes in the hard copy vis-à-vis the soft copy will entail disqualification. The decision of the organizers will be final in this regard. The hard copies of the Memorials must bear a cover page in conformity with the following scheme:

- Petitioner: Blue,
- Respondent: Red

EXCHANGE OF MEMORIALS

The exchange of memorials will take place on 29th May 2026, post the Inauguration ceremony. Teams are prohibited from making any marks on the memorandums thus exchanged. Teams are also prohibited from taking photocopies of such memorials. The opponent’s memorandum shall be returned to the Court Officers after the completion of each Round.

SUBSTANTIVE SCORING FOR MEMORIALS

Sl. No	Marking Criteria	Marks Allotted
1.	Recognition of issues: complete and correct recognition and weighing of issues	10
2.	Correct primary and alternative submissions	10
3.	Identification of legal principles	20
4.	Quality and extent of research: Use of relevant case law, academic writings etc.	20
5.	Appreciation and application of facts	10
6.	Logical structure and clarity of thought	10
7.	Overall impression: Formatting, citations, etc.	10
8.	Ingenuity	10
	Total	100

PLAGIARISM

The participants are required to refrain from employing similar language or replicating content from the memorials of other teams or any other sources. Even the usage of publicly available information must be accompanied by proper citations. It is crucial to note that these rules shall be applicable to all components of the memorial and not just limited to the Pleadings and Prayer. Failure to adhere to this rule may lead to disqualification from the XXX All India Moot Court Competition, 2026. The Organizing Committee, in consultation with the memorial judges, shall make the final decision regarding the determination of instances of plagiarism and the imposition of penalties for such actions.

Penalties for the memorial scoring:

1. Penalty for any submission made after the deadline specified - **1 point/hour**
2. Summary of Arguments, Arguments Advanced and Prayer if exceed a maximum of 30 pages – **1 point/additional page**

3. If memorial exceeds a maximum of 40 pages, which shall include the cover page – **2 points/additional page**
4. Failure to adhere to a uniform style of citation, i.e., the 21st Edition Bluebook Method of citation, throughout their written submissions – **1 point per error**
5. The Cover page of the Memorial shall prominently feature the allocated Team Code in the upper right-hand corner, followed by a 'P' or 'R' to indicate whether the Memorial is being submitted on behalf of the Petitioners or Respondents. Additionally, the Petitioner's Memorial shall feature a blue cover page, and the Respondent's Memorial shall feature a red cover page. Failure to comply with this rule - **1 point**
6. Failure of submission of the soft copy Memorial in both Microsoft Word Document format (.doc/.docx) and PDF Format - **3 points**
7. Failure to follow the mentioned font type, font size, headers and footers, Line Spacing, Footnotes - **1 point per error**
8. Memorial disclosing any personal information of the team members, including their names and institutional affiliation – **Disqualification**

RESEARCHER'S TEST

The Researcher's Test will take place on 29th May 2026, post the Inauguration ceremony.

Researcher's Test shall be conducted in two phases to determine the "Best Researcher", & is exclusively open to the designated researchers of the participating teams. In the event where there are only two members in a team, either one of them may partake in the researcher's test.

Phase 1-Qualifier Round:

The qualifier round of the Researcher's Test shall consist of a written test. Questions for the Researcher's Test will be formulated based on the factual circumstances of the moot proposition, as well as relevant legal principles and statutes. The test will be conducted for a duration of 60 minutes.

The Researcher's Test shall consist of 40 objective-type questions carrying 2 marks each and 10 subjective questions, also carrying 2 marks each. There will be no negative marking.

No additional material, such as the bare acts, written submissions, etc., apart from stationery may be brought by the researcher to the test, and no such material shall be provided by the organizers.

Phase 2 Final Round

The top four highest scoring researchers will qualify to the Final Round. In the event of a tie, the score of the memorials will be used to ascertain the qualifiers. The rules and regulations for the Final Round will be intimated during the Researcher Test orientation.

- The syllabus for the Final Round of the researcher test shall be the relevant laws and concepts connected or applicable to the Moot Proposition.
- The researcher with the highest marks in the Final Round will be the 'Best Researcher.' In the event of a tie, the score of the memorials will be used to ascertain the winner.

ORAL ROUNDS:

There shall be two Preliminary Rounds, a quarter-final round, a semi-final round and a final round. Lots picked by the teams will decide the side of the arguments in Preliminary rounds.

A. PRELIMINARY ROUNDS:

- i. Each team will be given a total of 30 minutes to present their case. This time includes questioning by the judges. The division of time is left to the discretion of the team members, subject to a maximum of 18 minutes per speaker. Division of time should be informed to the Court Officers/ Clerks at the beginning of the round. The oral arguments need to be confined to the issues presented in the memorials. Passing of notes to the speakers by the researcher during the rounds is allowed. A maximum of 2 minutes may be reserved for rebuttal and one minute for the sur-rebuttal. Judges may at their discretion, extend the time allotted for the oral arguments up to a maximum of 10 minutes.
- ii. In the Preliminary Rounds, each Team shall argue once as the Petitioner and once as a Respondent. All teams are expected to carry with themselves any case laws or authorities which they intend to refer to. There shall be two preliminary rounds wherein every Participating Team shall be required to argue once from each side. Preliminary round(s) will be held on Saturday, 30th May, 2026. Top eight teams will qualify for the Quarter- Finals at the end of the Preliminary Rounds. The top eight teams shall be decided on the basis of the aggregate of oral score and the memorial score.
- iii. To resolve a tie between the teams, the scores of memorials are considered
- iv. The Quarter-Finals, Semi Finals and the Finals will be held on 31st May 2026

B. THE QUARTER FINAL ROUNDS:

- i. The highest ranked eight (8) teams from the Preliminary Rounds shall qualify for the Quarter Final Rounds. The first 8 teams will be selected on the basis of their oral scores in the Preliminary Rounds. The fixtures for the Quarter Final Rounds shall be determined on the basis of draw of lots. For the Quarter Final Rounds, each team shall argue only once against the team determined by and for the side decided by a draw of lots. The time for presenting the arguments shall be the same as the preliminary rounds i.e., 30 minutes.
- ii. Four (4) teams shall qualify for the Semi Final Rounds on a knock- out basis, i.e., the winner of each Quarter Final Round shall qualify to the Semi Final Rounds. The winner will be decided by the oral arguments. Only in case of a tie, the memorial score will be considered.

C. SEMI FINAL ROUNDS:

- i. The four (4) teams that proceed to the Semi Final Rounds, as determined by the Rules above, shall each argue only once for the side allotted by a draw of lots. The fixtures for the Semi Final Rounds shall be determined on the basis of draw of lots. 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. The time limit stipulated for each team for the presentation of arguments shall be 35 minutes including the time for rebuttal or sur-rebuttal. The judges may extend the time in their discretion up to a maximum of 10 minutes.
- ii. The winner will be determined by the oral arguments and only in case of a tie, memorial scores will be considered.

D. FINAL ROUND:

- i. The two (2) teams that proceed to the Final Round, as determined by the Rules above, shall each argue only once for the side allotted by a draw of lots. The team which wins in the Final Round shall be declared as the “Winning Team”. The other team shall be declared as the “Runners up Team”.
- ii. In the Finals, each team will get a total of 45 minutes to present their case. The division of time is left to the discretion of the team members, subject to a maximum of 25 minutes per speaker. Division of time should be informed to the Court Officers/ Clerks before the beginning of the rounds. The oral arguments must be confined to the issues presented in the memorials. The side the Participating Teams will be arguing for will be decided by a draw of lots, with the Participating Teams picking the lots.

EVALUATION OF THE ORAL SUBMISSIONS

Sl. No	Marking Criteria	Marks Allotted
1.	Perusal of Facts	10 marks
2.	Knowledge & Application of Law	20 marks
3.	Organization and Presentation of Arguments	20 marks
4.	Clarity of thought, logical reasoning and analytical deduction	20 marks
5.	Persuasiveness and Advocacy	10 marks
6.	Courtroom Etiquette	10 marks
7.	Team coordination and Time Management	10 marks
	TOTAL	100 marks

DELAY IN APPEARANCE/ PRESENTATION:

If a team scheduled to participate in the oral submissions of a Round does not appear for 10 minutes after the scheduled commencement of such Round, the other team shall have to make oral submissions ex-parte.

MISCELLANEOUS GUIDELINES

- All the teams shall be bound to follow the code of conduct and the rules laid down by the Organizing Committee.
- Carrying, possessing or/and consuming liquor, cigarettes, or any other intoxicating substance during the course of the competition shall be dealt with strictly and may lead to immediate disqualification from the competition without scope of appeal.
- Participating Teams should ensure they have the necessary study or reference materials for their use during the oral rounds of Competition.
- Upon completion of the Competition, the Organizing Committee reserves the exclusive right to utilize the memorials submitted to them, as they deem appropriate.
- The Organizing Committee retains the right, at its sole discretion, to take appropriate action for any unethical, unprofessional and wrongful conduct throughout the Moot Court Competition.
- The Organizing Committee's decision concerning the interpretation of these rules or any other matters relating to the Moot Court Competition shall be final and binding. If there is any situation not covered by these rules, the decision of the Organizing Committee shall be conclusive.

• If any team member is notified or informed of any detail or information concerning the Competition, it shall be deemed as if the said team has been duly notified or informed.

AWARDS

Prepare for a battle of wits! Our competition celebrates intellectual excellence, with prestigious prizes awaiting the most compelling arguments. Watch this space for a thrilling announcement.

KEY DATES FOR THE COMPETITION

PARTICULARS	KEY DATES
Last date for Provisional Registration	13-04-2026
Last date for Seeking Clarification	15-04-2026
Release of Clarification	18-04-2026
Last date of submission of soft copies of Memorial	03-05-2026
Announcement of Qualified Teams	07-05-2026
Last date for Final Registration	11-05-2026
Submission of Travel Plan	18-05-2026
Inauguration of AIMCC, Researcher's Test, Draw of Lots	29-05-2026
Preliminary Rounds of the Moot Court Competition	30-05-2026
Quarter-Finals, Semi-Final Rounds. Final Round and Valedictory of the Competition	31-05-2026

COPYRIGHTS

The copyright over the memorials submitted for participation in the competition is assigned by participants and shall vest completely and fully on the Organizers. 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. Further use and exhibition of these materials, electronically or otherwise, shall be the exclusive right of the Organizers and they shall not be responsible for any liability to any person for any loss caused by errors or omissions in the collection of information, or for the accuracy, completeness, or adequacy of the information contained in these materials.

SCOUTING

I. Scouting by the speakers, researcher or any other person affiliated with a team will lead to the immediate disqualification of such team.

II. Scouting shall be deemed to have happened if any person affiliated with a team is found:

- a) Witnessing, hearing, observing, etc. the oral submissions in a Round, except where the Round is one in which the team to which he/she is affiliated is participating in; or
- b) Reading a Memorial of a team except where it is of the team to which he/she is affiliated; or
- c) The Memorials have been obtained on account of an exchange of memorials prior to a Round of the team to which he/she is affiliated.

DISCLAIMER

The XXX All India Moot Court Competition is based on a purely fictitious compromise/problem, whereby the characters & the incidents or the course of events in the compromise are completely imaginary and the same has no relation to any person living or dead or any past/present real-life incident. The All India Moot Court Competition is made solely for the purpose of training law students of India in developing an analytical bent of mind and serving the Bar and the Bench to the best of their ability.

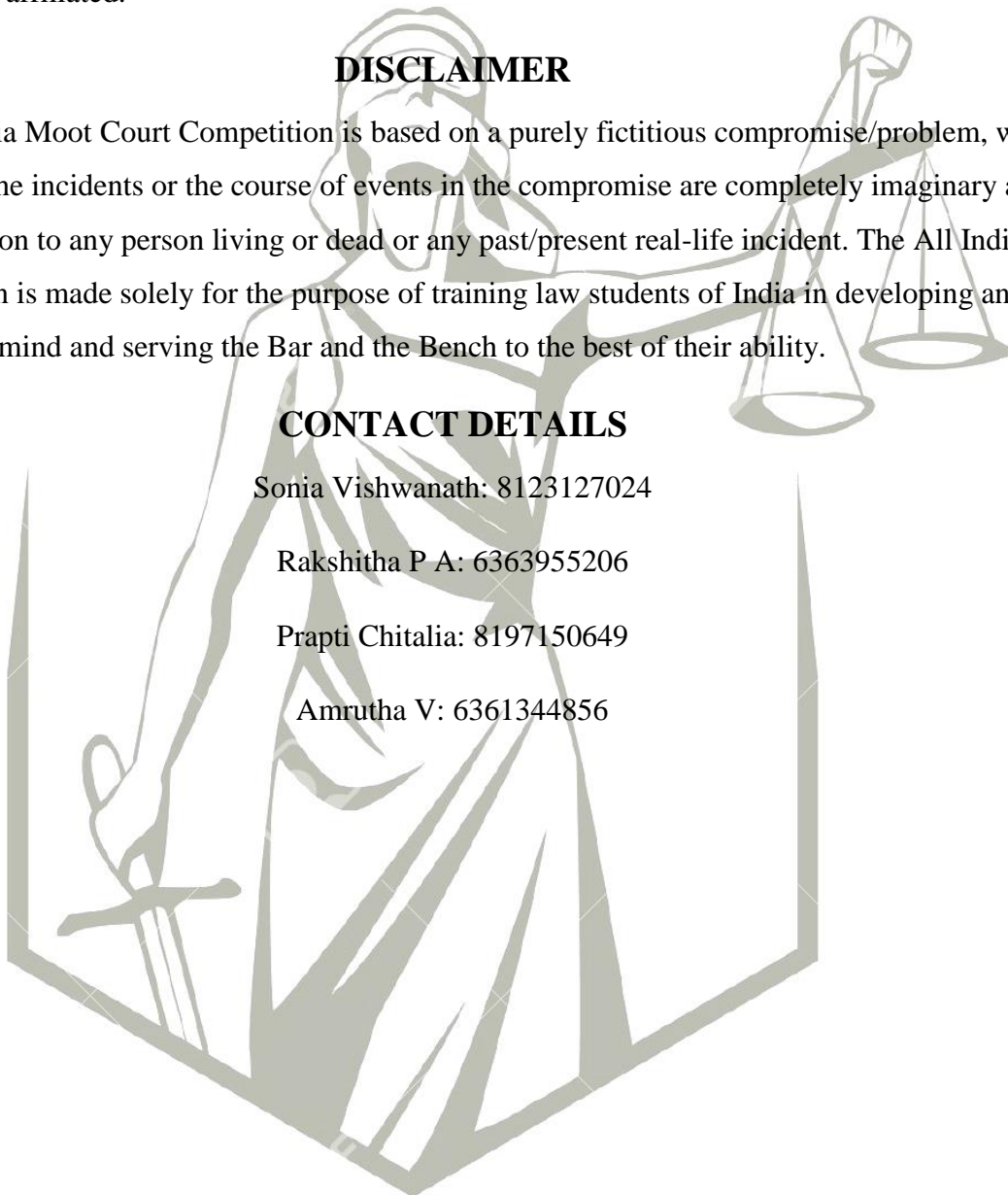
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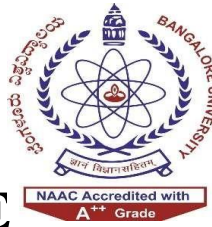
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AUTHORIZATION LETTER

To,

Date:

The Principal
University Law College & Department of Studies in Law
Bangalore University Bengaluru-560056.

Subject: Authorization letter for participating in the XXX All India Moot Court Competition held on from 29th May, 2026 to 31st May, 2026 at University Law College & Department of Studies in Law, Bangalore University.

Respected Sir,

I am writing on behalf of -----[Name of Your University/College/Institution] to express our consent for the participation of our students in the XXX All India Moot Court Competition organized by University Law College, Bangalore University, Bangalore. We hereby authorize the following students to represent our institution in the said competition:

SL. NO	NAME OF THE STUDENT	DESIGNATION (Speaker/Researcher)	COURSE	YEAR OF STUDY
1.				
2.				
3.				

Name, Signature & Seal

(Principal/Head of the Institution/Dean/Faculty-in-charge)

Travel Form:

Accommodation Required	Yes	No
Travel Details	Bus	/Train /Flight
Arrival Details	Arrival From: Arrival Date: Arrival Time:	
Train, Flight, or Bus Details	Train/Flight Number: Time:	
Departure Details	Departure Date: Departure Time:	



