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Competition**

31st October to 2nd November 2020

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School of Law,
I.E.C. University**



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ABOUT THE LEGALINSIDER

The Legal Insider is a rapidly growing community of niche academicians, thinkers, activists, lawyers, professors, legal volunteers, paralegals and legal entrepreneurs who stand apart from the rest of the community with their zeal for deep thinking, leadership skills, and dedication for bringing innovation to the legal field.

ABOUT I.E.C.UNIVERSITY

IEC University was established by the Himachal Pradesh State Legislature under “The IEC University Act” 2012. The University works on a principle of “IEC” that means for “Innovation”, “Excellence” and “Commitment” for world class education IEC University aims to deliver multi-disciplinary programs, all of which are designed to be industry-relevant through effective and efficient processes so as to make it accessible to all sections of society. IEC University is providing education in the field of Engineering, Computer Application, Business Management, Basic Sciences, Humanities, and Social Sciences, Pharmacy, Law, Hotel Management and Travel & Tourism, Journalism and Mass Communication, Art and Fashion with more than 75 UG,PG and research courses.

IEC UNIVERSITY- SCHOOL OF LAW

School of Law is a self-financing professional school affiliated to IEC University and recognized by the Bar Council of India. The School ensures that the students get top university for law a comprehensive understanding of the practical aspects of law thus acquiring legal skills. The School has been set up to impart legal education to students with its well-structured courses & aims to make them aware of the legal rights & responsibilities. *“We believe legal education is not merely confined to class room teaching. We ensure to provide multidimensional learning experiences which integrate rigorous academic, applied, practical and cross-disciplinary perspectives to ensure a deep understanding of law in all its contexts. We provide academic environment which stimulates out of box thinking among our students.”*



FROM THE DEAN'S DESK

Aimed at delivering multi-disciplinary programs, IEC has shown outstanding results in the latest Research excellence framework. We strive to equip students with the knowledge, skills and ideas for prospering in today's rapidly developing technological world. In a democratic welfare society, the importance of legal education could not be more overemphasized. When it comes to quality of teaching and overall student experience, School of Law is second to none. The holistic learning at IEC's Law School will be challenging, yet collegial.

We firmly believe that a student of law is the one who is armed with rightful weapons to expose injustices and has the power to right a wrong. Students from diverse backgrounds are given undeniable opportunities to study with us using our best infrastructure. The course offered here comprises seminars, tutorial works, moot courts and other practical training programs including a real time Legal Aid Clinic of our own. Enthusiastic and enabling members of the faculty, ever-evolving students and finest state of the art technology on campus are the building blocks of School of Law at IEC University.

We aspire to nurture future leaders for legal world and beyond by its reassuring teaching and learning methods. The Law School is pleased in generating students to serve the civil society in different roles to achieve a socio-economic stability. Our multidimensional approach towards learning and cross-disciplinary perspective enhances the students interest in understanding law not only inside the class rooms but also apply practically when given an opportunity. We further take immense pleasure in collaborating with The Legal Insider to conduct the National Virtual Moot Court Competition which purports to encourage the budding lawyers in improving their advocacy skills.

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The Legal Insider & I.E.C. University National Virtual Moot Court Competition, 2020

Globally, people are astounded due to the challenges tossed by the COVID-19 pandemic. Nevertheless, we live and fight for the lives of our beloved ones even in these testing times. It is the duty of every nation to leave no one behind while fighting the novel Coronavirus. Technology has enabled us to teach and learn without actual physical contact. Judges and advocates are indeed a part of the frontline workers to warrant that none of the rights of the people are violated. In connection to reducing the transmission of virus through social distancing, the IEC University is honoured to collaborate with the Legal Insider in conducting this National Virtual Moot Court Competition for law students to spend their time as productive as possible.

The event is aimed at enriching the knowledge of the bidding aspiring lawyers of this wide nation. Mooting is an art; there are no better artists than the young and fierce law students who have the opportunity to hone their research and pleading skills through competitions such as the present one. This event despite being a virtual one, guarantees a learning experience that even the real events have failed to capture.



Invitation

To Vice chancellor/ Director/Dean/ Principal

Respected Sir/ Ma'am,

It is with immense pleasure that The legal Insider in collaboration with IEC University, Baddi (Solan Dist.) presents National Virtual Moot Court Competition, 2020 to be held from 31th Oct to 2nd Nov, 2020. We take this occasion to invite your prestigious institution to participate in the National Virtual Moot Court Competition, 2020.

We look forward to your participations.

With Regards,

Organizing Committee

The legal Insider



DATE of Event

The date of the competition will be
31st October – 2nd November 2020

RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. General Instructions
2. Definitions
3. Eligibility & Team Composition
4. Rules for Memorial Submission
5. Rules for Oral Rounds

1. GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

VENUE

Online Meeting Application (Links and schedule of the meetings shall be provided via mail after the submission of memorials)

DRESS CODE

Ladies: White shirt and Black pant/ formals

Gentlemen: White shirt, black trousers, black tie along with black coat/ formals

LANGUAGE

The language of the competition will be ENGLISH only

2. DEFINITIONS

The following terms shall have the corresponding meanings unless otherwise specified:



1. “Competition” shall refer to IEC University and The Legal Insider National Virtual Moot Court Competition, 2020.
2. “Competition Problem” shall refer to the facts and issues released by the organizers of the competition with its clarifications and corrections.
3. “Competition Rules” shall refer to the official rules of the competition as amended from time to time.
4. “IST” shall refer to the Indian Standard Time.
5. “INR” shall refer to Indian National Rupee.
6. “Memorial” shall refer to the memorandum of written submissions submitted by any participating team as per the Competition Rules.
7. “Court Room” shall refer to the online platforms where the oral rounds will take place.
8. “Organizing Committee” shall refer to the committee appointed for the administration and conduct of the competition including any other persons, and of all events leading up to the competition.
9. “Official e-mail” shall refer to the email ID of moot.iecthelegalinsider@gmail.com
10. “Participating Team” means the team which has registered itself for the competition as per the rules given below.

3. ELIGIBILITY & TEAM COMPOSITION

3.1 The competition will be open for all students who are studying in a three/five/six-year law course during the current academic year. Only one team per University is allowed to participate.

3.2 Each team should consist of a minimum of 2 and a maximum of 3 members. This number cannot be modified under any circumstances. There shall be 2 speakers and 1 researcher designated for each team. The researcher shall be allowed to argue with the prior permission of the court and Committee in case of illness of the designated speakers.



3.3 Each team will be provided a team code during orientation. 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 Committee.

4. MEMORIAL SUBMISSION

4.1 Each team is required to prepare Memorials (written submissions) for both the sides i.e. the **Appellant/Petitioner/Defendant** vs. **/Respondent/Respondent/Plaintiff**. Memorials must contain the following:

- I. Cover page
- II. Table of Content
- III. List of Abbreviations
- IV. Index of Authorities/ Table of Cases
- V. Statement of Jurisdiction
- VI. Summary of facts
- VII. Statement of Issues
- VIII. Summary of Arguments
- IX. Arguments Advanced
- X. Prayer

4.2 The Cover page shall include:

- I. Name of the Court
- II. The Year of the Competition
- III. Name of the Case
- IV. Name of the parties
- V. Team Code to be indicated at the bottom right corner in bold.
(Forexample-T1)which shall be intimated to the respective teams.
- VI. The title of the Document (i.e. “Memorial for Petitioner” or “Memorial for Respondent”)

4.3. Arguments advanced should be of 25 pages and the total number of pages of the memorials should not exceed 35. Exceeding the limit, the candidate should lose one point each on every page.

4.4. The Memorial shall be typed on A4 size page in Font type Times New Roman, Font size: 12, 1.5-line spacing & 1-inch margin on each side and footnotes in Font type Times New Roman, Font size: 10. All the pages of the memorials should have page numbers at the bottom.

4.5. 20th Blue Book edition for footnotes shall be followed.

4.6. The Cover Page of the Memorial must follow the following colour scheme, Blue for the Appellant Cover Page and Red for the Respondent Cover Page.

4.7 Only soft copies of memorials shall be submitted in both .pdf and .doc format latest by **11.59pm on 25th October 2020**. Late entries shall be penalized and no memorials shall be accepted after one day from the prescribed date.

4.8 The memorials shall be mailed to with the subject of the mail being “Memorial Submission – ‘Team Code’”. Example – Subject of mail for memorial submission of Team Code 01 shall be “Memorial Submission – 01”. In case the subject is not as prescribed, memorials are counted not received; the organizing committee will not be responsible for delay and default.

4.9 Submissions of Memorials to be sent on moot.iecthelegalinsider@gmail.com.

4.10 Identification mark of any type shall be strictly prohibited. Breach of this rule shall lead to penalty or disqualification.

4.11 Memorial from each side shall carry total of Hundred (100) marks. The criteria for evaluating the memorial are as followed:

S. No.	PARAMETERS (Memorial)	MARKS ALLOTTED
1.	Knowledge of Law & Facts	10
2.	Identification of Jurisdiction and Articulation of Issues	10
3.	Grammar & Presentation Style	10
4.	Application of Law to Facts	10
5.	Use of Authorities	10
6.	Proper Citation	10
7.	Format	10
8.	Originality in Presentation	10
9.	Organization of Arguments	10
10.	General Impression and Clarity of Thought	10
TOTAL		100

4.12 The contents of the memorial should not be plagiarized (15% limit) or else it will amount total deduction of memorial marks or disqualification. The decision of the organizers shall be final.

4.13 The score sheet photos will be emailed to all the teams after the cessation of the competition.

4.14 Violation of any of the above rules shall be resulted into the deduction of points. 01 point will be deducted from the memorial marks on each violation.

5. RULES FOR ORAL ROUNDS

5.1 Each team comprising of 3 members, where 2 of the members are speakers and one is the researcher.



5.2 The researcher shall sit with the speakers during the orals and at no point of time the researcher shall be allowed to speak or address the bench until and unless asked by the judge.

5.3 The speakers can provide the copies of the compendium, only if the same is permitted by the panel of judges in their respective court rooms.

5.4 Each side shall plead for maximum 25+5 minutes. 5 minutes will be given to each team for rebuttal and sur rebuttal.

5.5 For rebuttal and sur-rebuttal, only one speaker shall be allowed to present. The time reserved for rebuttal and sur-rebuttal cannot be divided between the speakers. Rebuttal time shall not be reserved beyond 5 minutes.

5.6 Pleading time can be extended only on the discretion of the judges

5.7 The participants shall ensure good internet connection. In case of poor connection, the waiting time shall be only 10 minutes, exceeding this time will lead to disqualification. The organizing committee shall not be responsible for any technical issues that arise from the side of the participants. The same is also to be followed in case the participant does not report on stipulated time with any reason whatsoever.

5.8 Scouting is strictly prohibited.

5.10 The Maximum Marks for each speaker shall be 100 in the following breakup:

S. No.	PARAMETERS (Oral Rounds)	MARKS ALLOTTED
1.	Knowledge of Law and Facts	10
2.	Interpretation and Application of Law	10
3.	Use of Authorities and Precedents	10
4.	Articulation and Response to questions	10
5.	Advocacy skills and Court Mannerisms	10
6.	Time Management	10
7.	Organization of Arguments	10
8.	Clarity of Thought and Expression	10
9.	Argumentative Skills and Creativity	10
10.	Reference to Written Submission in the Course of Oral Pleadings	10
TOTAL		100

5.1.1 PRELIMINARY ROUND

5.1.1.1 The draw of lots shall take place online and the team has to argue either for Petitioner or for Respondent in the first preliminary round, after which the assigned sides will be changed for the second preliminary round.

5.1.1.2 In case of further tie, highest memorial marks will be taken into consideration to decide the winner.

5.1.1.3 No team shall face each other more than once in the preliminary rounds

5.1.1.4 The Preliminary Round will be organized in 2 slots. There are 2 rounds in the Preliminary round and each round will be conducted in 2 slots, so there will be 4 slots for the preliminary round.

5.2.1 QUARTER-FINAL ROUND

5.2.1.1 Top (8) eight teams will qualify for quarter-finals. Quarter-final round of competition will consist of 50+10 minutes for oral pleadings out of which 10 minutes will be for rebuttal and sur rebuttal. Applicant and Respondent are each allotted 30 minutes. In case of further tie, highest memorial marks will be taken into consideration to decide the winner.

5.2.1.2 Extension of time is permissible at the discretion of the judges this round will be knock -out round and two teams will qualify for the final round.

5.2.1.3 The division of time per speaker for a team is left at the discretion of the team members subject to a maximum of 15 minutes per speaker inclusive of rebuttals

5.2.1.4 The researcher shall not present any oral argument until asked by the judges. However, the presence of the researcher is mandatory during the oral rounds.

5.2.1.5 Strict adherence to court manners shall be observed by all the participants

5.3.1 SEMI-FINAL ROUND

5.3.1.1 Semi-final round of competition will consist of 120 minutes for oral pleadings. Applicant and Respondent are each allotted 25+15 minutes out of which 5 minutes will be for rebuttal and sur rebuttal. Any time exceeding the allotted time will lead to deduction of 0.25 marks per minute.

5.3.1.2 However, extension of time is permissible at the discretion of the judges, this round will be knock -out round and two teams will qualify for the final round.

5.3.1.3 The division of time per speaker for a team is left at the discretion of the team members subject to a maximum of 15 minutes per speaker

5.3.1.4 The researcher shall not present any oral argument until asked by the judges. However, the presence of the researcher is mandatory during the oral rounds.

5.3.1.5 Strict adherence to court manners shall be observed by all the participants.



5.4.1 FINAL ROUND

5.4.1.1 The final round of competition shall consist of 60+10 minutes of oral pleadings. Applicant and Respondent are each allotted 30 minutes out of which 5 minutes will be for rebuttal and sur rebuttal.

5.4.1.2 Memorial marks will be added in the Oral Marks of Final Round.

5.4.1.3 In case of tie, the same procedure which is followed in preliminary, quarter finals and semi-final rounds will be followed Final Rounds

5.4.1.4 However, extension of time is permissible at the discretion of the judges this round will be last round of the competition.

5.4.1.5 The division of time per speaker for a team is left at the discretion of the team members subject to a maximum of 15 minutes per speaker.

5.4.1.6 The researcher shall not present any oral argument until asked by the judges. However, the presence of the researcher is mandatory during the oral rounds

7. IMPORTANT DATES

Sr. No.	EVENT	DATE & TIME
1.	Release of notification & of Moot Proposition	08/09/2020
2.	Registration starts	08/09/2020
3.	Last Date to Register	03/10/2020
4.	Last Date to send Clarifications	04/10/2020
5.	Release of Clarifications	08/10/2020
6.	Memorial Submission	25/10/2020
	DAY 1	31/10/2020
7.	Inaugural Ceremony	10:00 am to 12:00 pm
8.	1 st Preliminary Round A.	2:00 pm to 3:30 pm
9.	1 st Preliminary Round B.	2:00 pm to 3:30 pm
	DAY 2	01/11/2020
10.	2 nd Preliminary Round A.	10:00 am to 11:30 am
11.	2 nd Preliminary Round B.	12:00 pm to 1:30 pm
12.	Declaration of Result & Draw of Lots for Quarter-finals	2:30 pm to 3:00 pm
13.	Quarter-finals Round	3:30 pm to 5:00 pm
14.	Declaration of Result & Draw of Lots for Semi-finals	5:00 pm to 6:00 pm
	DAY 3	02/11/2020
15.	Semi-finals Round	10:00 am to 12:00 pm
16.	Declaration of Result & Draw of Lots for Finals	1:30 pm to 2:00 pm
17.	Finals Round	2:30 pm to 4:30 pm
18.	Declaration of Results & Closing Ceremony	5:00 pm to 7:00 pm



8. PROCEDURE FOR REGISTRATION

1. The teams in order to register participants need to fill out the provisional form; <https://forms.gle/FLfo6mc9wYo3zDdA7>
2. After the payment is complete, to confirm registration for the event, participants need to fill the form; <https://forms.gle/dAUDPKxixgoK7Qr99>
2. Registration shall be deemed completed only when the registration fees has been remitted successfully and the registration form has been duly filled. Fee once paid is non-refundable
3. The teams will a receive confirmation email, a team code and a GOOGLE MEET Link through which they will be connecting for video conferencing.
4. The teams shall quote their team code in all further communications with the Organising Committee (OC).

9. PAYMENT DETAILS

1. Preferred Mode of Payment: Bank transfers

2. Bank Details

Name of A/C holder: Aditi Narain

Type of A/C: Savings

IFSC Code: HDFC0000038

A/C No.: 500100213710682

NOTE: The screenshot of the payment needs to be uploaded along with the registration form.



10. AWARDS

1. Winner Team: Certificate of Excellence + Trophy + Cash prize of Rs.8000
2. 1st Runners-up- Certificate of Excellence + Trophy + Cash prize of Rs.4000
3. 2nd Runners-up- Certificate of Excellence + Trophy + Cash prize of Rs.2500
4. Best Speaker: Certificate of Excellence + Trophy + Cash prize of Rs.1000
5. Best Researcher: Certificate of Excellence + Trophy + Cash prize of Rs.1000
6. Best Memorial: Certificate of Excellence + Trophy + Cash prize of Rs.1000

E-Certificate of Participation to all participants

11. RIGHTS OF THE ORGANISING COMMITTEE (O.C) MEMBERS

1. The O.C. reserves the right to amend, modify, change or repeal any of the competition rules at any stage. The O.C. shall communicate any changes made in the competition rules to the participating teams.
2. If a team believes that if violation of the rules of the competition has taken place at any stage of the competition, the team(s) shall inform within half an hour after the completion of the round to the O.C.
3. Team(s) under no circumstances shall approach the Judges with any complaints.
4. The Organizers shall not be responsible for any loss or slow Internet Connection during the Competition. We request all the participants to arrange a sound Internet Connection.
5. All communications shall be made by the official mailing address of The Legal Insider, that is, moot.iecthelegalinsider@gmail.com.



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