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TITLE.- *This Moot Court Competition shall be called "1st Justice Dipak Misra National Moot Court Competition, 2020".*

- A. DEFINITIONS.-** In this rules & regulations unless the context otherwise requires-
- a) **Competition-** The "Competition" means *1st Justice Dipak Misra National Moot Court Competition, 2020*.
 - b) **Court Master-** The "Court Master" shall be an officer of the Court. The officer shall be entrusted with the duties of smooth functioning of the Court. Such an officer shall be the medium of communication between the organizing committee and the Court during the competition.
 - c) **Dispute Resolution Committee-** The appellate committee in certain issues shall be referred as "*Dispute Resolution Committee (DRC)*". The decision of the DRC shall be final. No further appeal is allowed from any order of the DRC.
 - d) **Document-** Any file, either printed or digital, having information relevant to the competition shall be referred as document in this competition.
 - e) **Institution-** "Institution" means and includes- any recognised University/ College/Law School for the purpose of this constitution.
 - f) **Judge-** A learned person who presides over the proceedings in the Moot Court Competition shall be referred as the "*Judge*". Such a person shall be awarding scores to teams in oral rounds on the feedback-cum-score sheet. The Judge decision in certain matters is final.
 - g) **Memorial Evaluation Committee-** The committee entrusted with the evaluation of memorials in the competition shall be referred to as the "*Memorial Evaluation Committee*". The committee shall submit the feedback-cum-score sheet to the organizing committee after scrutinizing the memorial of the teams.
 - h) **Organizing Committee-** The organizing members of the competition shall be referred to as the "*organizing committee*". The details of these members are mentioned in rule 12 of this rule book.

- i) **Registered mail-id-** The e-mail address submitted during the registration for the competition in the google form shall be the "*registered mail-id*". The registered e-mail address shall be associated with any member of the team and be used for further communication with the teams.
- j) **Registration fee-** An official fee paid by each team to cover administrative expenses of the moot competition shall be the registration fee. The procedure for payment of the fee shall be determined by the organizing committee.
- k) **Rules and Regulations-** The rules mentioned in this rule book as the regulating procedure of the moot competition shall be the "*rules & regulations*".

1. General Provisions of the Moot Competition

1.1. Organization

1st Justice Dipak Misra National Moot Court Competition, 2020 is an initiative of "The Advocates League [TAL]" in collaboration with "Advani & Co" This competition is an annual competition which will witness participation from recognised law universities/colleges all over India.

1.2. Administration

The 1st Justice Dipak Misra National Moot Court Competition, 2020 shall be an annual Moot Court Competition administered by 'The Advocates League' and 'Advani & Co'.

The Advocates League [TAL] is an ISSN approved Journal & a legal research initiative whose work is mainly dedicated to legal research and publication. The office of 'The Advocates League [TAL]' is located at: C-72, New Ashok Nagar near MCD School, New Delhi 110096.

"Advani & Co." is the oldest specialized arbitration practice in India. It has pioneered the growth of arbitration law and practice in India for over four decades. The office of "Advani & Co." is located at: Advani & Co. 268 GF Masjid Moth Udai Park, New Delhi.

Both the organizations joined hands together to facilitate this competition and to advance legal education in India. The aim and purpose of this competition is to make legal education more pragmatic and accessible. The Moot Competition revolves around a hypothetical problem on which cases are to be presented.

1.3. Structure of the Competition

The competition will be held in rounds viz., Prelims Round-1, Prelims Round-2, octofinals Round, Quarterfinal, Semifinal, Final Round. Each round consists of written submission (Memorial) and oral pleadings (Oral Round). For the purpose of this competition, Each team shall have to submit memorials on the behalf of Petitioner as well as Respondent.

1.4. Language

The Language of the competition shall be *English*.

1.5. Copyright

- a. The rules and regulations of this competition is the property of the organizing committee. Any form of reproduction without the prior consent of the organizers is strictly prohibited.
- b. The author's rights shall remain with teams drafting the memorial.
- c. The memorial once submitted shall be the property of the organizers. Further use and exhibition of these materials, electronically or otherwise, shall be the exclusive right of the organizers.

1.6. Dispute Resolution Committee (DRC)

There shall be a Dispute Resolution Committee, herein also referred as, DRC. This committee shall be formed by the organizing committee which will decide upon the issues raised in the competition. The DRC is an appellate committee consisting of the Members of Organizing Committee Tier-1. The committee shall have the right to disqualify or penalise teams in case of any violations of terms and rules of the competition.

1.7. Power to Promulgate Additional Measures

The organizing committee shall have the power to formulate all such additional measures so that fair and healthy competitive spirit of the moot competition is maintained. Any such proposed additional measures shall not violate the core of the competition. All the major changes (if necessary) shall be informed to the teams participating in the moot competition.

2. Participation and Eligibility

2.1. Team Eligibility

Any student pursuing a degree in law either a five-year law course or three-year course from a recognised institution in India shall be eligible to take part in the competition. The determination of the eligibility of the teams shall be at the discretion of the organizing committee.

2.2. Team Composition

- a. Each team shall consist of 2 speakers and 1 researcher. The teams are allowed to have an additional researcher (optional).
- b. The team doesn't need to have an additional researcher compulsorily. Further, Such additional researchers shall not be allowed to change their role in any circumstance during the competition.
- c. There shall also be a researcher test, the details about the same shall be communicated to the teams after the memorial submission.

2.3. Team Selection Process

The teams shall be selected based on 'first-come-first-serve' in case of multiple

participation from one recognised institution. The first team to register shall be given preference over the latter team. Provided that if the recognised institution preferred the team which has registered later in the competition, the organizing committee shall prefer such team over the prior.

2.4. Problem Correction and Clarification

Teams may request for moot problem correction and clarification as per date given in Annexure-1. Such correction and clarification shall be sent at justicedipakmisramoot@gmail.com

2.5. Anonymity of Team

- a. Teams are requested not to disclose the identity viz., Name of the speaker/researcher, name of the institution at any stage of the competition. Any such disclosure and violation of this rule shall amount to disqualification from the competition.
- b. Any form of visual representation which discloses teams identity during the competition shall lead to disqualification. Provided that DRC has the power to reconsider disqualification in matters of such violation.
- c. Any dispute wrt. violation of rule 2.5 (a) or 2.5 (b) shall be presented before DRC. The decision of DRC in this regard shall be final.

3. Team Enrollment and Related Procedures

3.1. Team Registration

- a. Every team shall register for the moot competition from the link given on the official website of 'The Advocates League' at <https://theadvocatesleague.in/>
- b. Teams shall submit the following details viz Name, Mail-id, Contact Number, College/Institution, Course (For Eg. - B.A LL.B/LL.B) and Semester.
- c. The details about 1st speaker, 2nd speaker and Researcher or assistant researcher (as the case may be) shall be submitted through google form in due time. There shall be a single google form for registration purposes.
- d. Teams shall have to submit a scanned copy of their recognised institution ID card/ ERP for verification of the participants.
- e. In absence of an ERP/ID card, teams can write an e-mail to their recognised institution authority seeking permission to participate in moot competition. Such mail shall be approved by the Faculty/Principal/Dean of the institution in which the participating team is studying. *Note: Such permission is required, only if the teams are unable to submit their ID cards*
- f. Every team doesn't have to necessarily submit any letter of approval from the institution or the Moot Court Society.
- g. Teams can be allowed on the basis of provisional registration but in that case approval of the Organizing Committee is mandatory.

h. The competition shall have a ceiling limit of 150 teams only and it can be determined on first come first serve basis.

3.2. Fee for the Competition

- a. The fee for the competition shall be Rs. 2000 INR, paid during registration. The screenshot of the payment receipt shall be attached in the google form.
- b. In case of more than one registration from one recognised institution, the team to register first in the moot shall be given preference. The fee of the other team from the same recognised institution shall be refunded back to the team subject to rule 2.3.
- c. Participation of the more than one team from the same recognised institution shall not be allowed in any circumstances.
- d. The fee after registration is not refundable subject to the rule 2.3. & 3.2.(b).
- e. *A/C Details for the payment of fee.*

- Account Holder Name: Mehul Choudhary
- Account Number- 48650100000316
- Bank Name- Baroda Rajasthan Kshetriya Gramin Bank
- IFSC Code- BARB0BRGBXX
- Branch name- AJMER



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3.3. Mode for Payment of the Fee

The fee for the competition shall be paid to the bank account/UPI/QR Code mentioned at the 'The Advocates League' official website. After payment of fee, the candidate/team must ensure that the screenshot is taken. The screenshot shall be used for verification purposes.

3.4. Confirmation of Registration

- a. The teams after registration will receive a confirmation mail from the organizing committee with respect to confirmation of the slot for the competition.
- b. The teams shall be provided a unique team code.
- c. This unique code shall be used in the preparation of memorial as stated in rule 5.5.a. Teams shall only be addressed by this code in the oral rounds.

3.5. Changes to Member's Registered Information

- a. No request for change in team members shall be entertained.
- b. Registered information viz correction in Names, recognised institutions or any other information mentioned under rule 3.1. (b) can be changed only after the approval of the organizing committee.

3.6. Changes to Documents after Submission

No request for change in any document shall be allowed once it has been submitted to the organizing committee. Such changes shall only be made with prior permission of the organizing committee.

4. Judge for the Competition

4.1. Power & function of a Judge

The judge shall preside over the round for the purpose of the moot competition. Judges shall be assisted by the Court Masters during the rounds. The Judges for rounds shall be assigned to the Courtrooms by the organizing committee through a cause list. Judges shall have the authority to take certain steps during the moot which they may think fit for maintaining fair and healthy competition. Steps taken in this regard by any judge shall not be called in question.

4.2. Decision

The decision of the judge after completion of oral rounds shall be final. Provided that, if there is any dispute or violation of the Moot Court Competition rules and regulations, the judge can refer such teams to DRC after due consideration.

4.3. Comments by the Judge

The Judges shall be given a feedback cum score sheet. Judges are requested to provide feedback and scoring to the teams after completion of an oral round. Such scores shall not be revealed to anyone. After adjudicating the round, the judge shall share the score sheet with the organizing committee only.

4.4. Restrictions

The Judges are encouraged not to ask the name/institution of the counsel participating in the competition as to maintain anonymity. The teams shall be addressed with their team code only. Such team code shall be provided to Judges in the cause list. Feedback & Score sheet shall not be revealed to the teams after the completion of the oral round.

5. Memorial Guidelines

5.1. Submission of Memorial

- a. Only soft copy of the memorials shall be submitted through a google form as well as the copy of memorials shall also be sent to organizing committee at justicedipakmisramoot@gmail.com
- b. The google form link of the Memorial Submission shall be sent to the teams in the confirmation mail.
- c. The memorials shall be sent & submitted in the required manner mentioned in rule 5.1. (a) and (b) before the deadlines for the submissions.
- d. Once the memorial is submitted no revision/supplements/addition shall be allowed.

5.2. Registration Deadlines and Rules for Disqualification

- a. Every submission after the deadlines mentioned in annexure list-A shall amount to a penalty of 5 marks per day.
- b. No submission shall be entertained after 2 days from the given deadlines.

- c. Any submission made after 2 days from the date of deadline mentioned shall lead to disqualification from the competition.

5.3. Memorial Content

The memorial must contain the following parts:

1. Cover page
2. The table of contents
3. The index of authorities (with page number of the cases where it has been cited)
4. Table of Abbreviation
5. The statement of jurisdiction
6. The statement of facts (2 page only and argumentative statement of facts would attract penalties)
7. The statement of issues
8. The summary of arguments (not more than 1 page)
9. The arguments advanced (not more than 15 pages)
10. The prayer

The above-mentioned headings will be in "*Times New Roman*", with "*font-size 14*" and in "*Bold*".

5.4. Style, Formatting and other Requirements

- a. The submitted memorials under rule 5.1. shall be made in "PDF format" and in "A4 size" only.
- b. Font "*Times New Roman*"; size should be 12 (with 1.5 line spacing) and for footnotes it should be 10 (single spacing) with 'Justify' alignment.
- c. The memorial should have a margin measuring one inch on all sides of each page.
- d. The page numbering should be on the 'bottom right side' of each page.
- e. The overall memorial shall not exceed 30 pages. Exceeding the limit shall lead to deduction of 5 marks per page.

5.5. Cover Page

The cover page of the memorial must include the following:

- a. Team Code (top right corner) followed by "P" for 'Petitioner' or "R" for Respondent. (e.g., TAL-101-P)
- b. Name of the moot competition (in header)
- c. Name of the Court
- d. Year of the competition
- e. Name of the case
- f. Title of the document (i.e., Memorial for the Petitioner or Respondent as the case may be).

Covers page must be placed on briefs: Petitioner: Light Blue Color; Respondent:

Light Red Color.

5.6. Citation & Quotation Requirements

Footnotes must be used to cite the source of information/statement made in the body of the memorial. There is no restriction on following any uniform citation method. Use direct quotations judiciously. A quotation of more than two lines in length must be 'block quote' and with 'single-spacing'.

5.7. Review & Scoring of Memorials

- a. The organizing committee after receiving the memorial shall refer it to the memorial evaluation committee.
- b. Each Judge shall score & review the Memorial on the *quality of analysis of the issues involved, the persuasiveness of the arguments, logic and reasoning, formatting, knowledge of fact, use of authorities, grammar and extent of research.*
- c. The organizing committee may deduct 5 points for non-adherence to the rule 5 and other related rules and regulation.

Criteria	Marks
Knowledge of fact & law	25
Persuasiveness of the arguments	20
Analysis of the issues involved	15
Formatting	10
Clarity and Organization	10
Use of authorities & Citation of sources	10
Grammar and extent of research	10

5.8. Anonymity of Memorial

Teams for the purpose of ensuring anonymity must not specify the Name of the participants, Institution/College of the team. Neither any form of sign should be represented in the Memorial. Any violation to the said rule will amount to immediate disqualification. The decision of the organizing committee shall be final in this regard.

5.9. Memorial Exchange

Every team shall receive access to the memorial of their respective opposite team before the oral round in due time. The memorial shall be shared at registered e-mail with the organizing committee.

5.10. Miscellaneous

The team must prepare the memorial from both the sides *viz* Memorial for Petitioner and Memorial for Respondent. In case of any substitution or changes in the moot proposition, the teams shall be informed in due time. Teams have the liberty to make necessary changes in formatting without violating the rules & regulations mentioned under this rule book.

6. Oral Round Procedure

6.1. General Procedure

The oral rounds of the competition shall be of 80 minutes. The individual teams shall be allotted 30 minutes for the oral submissions. Extra time of 5 minutes each shall be reserved for rebuttal (for petitioner) and surrebuttal (respondent) after the oral submissions.

6.2. Extension of Time at Judges' Discretion

The Judges may extend the time provided in rule 6.1. The Judges may at their discretion extend the time of the competition beyond the given time.

6.3. Oral Courtroom Communication between Judge & Counsel

The Judges shall be asking questions based on the oral submissions made by the speakers representing their teams. The speaker must ensure that he/she is not interfering and obstructing the Judges while asking such questions.

6.4. Oral Courtroom Communication between Judge & Court Master

The Court Master shall assist the Judges and act as a medium of communication between the organizing committee and the Judges. Such Court Masters shall ensure that Judges have the feedback-cum-score sheet (refer to rule 6.13.) along with the other essentials for the smooth functioning of the competition.

6.5. Oral Round Structure

Each team shall proceed with the following stages in an oral round:

- I. [Speaker 1 & Speaker 2] for the petitioner
- II. [Speaker 1 & Speaker 2] for the respondent
- III. Rebuttal for the Petitioner (Speaker 1 or 2)
- IV. Surrebuttal for Respondent (Speaker 1 or 2)

The Judges shall be asking questions during the oral submissions. The time for answering the Judges questions shall not be counted within the given time limit in this rule.

6.6. Round wise oral submission time limit

The round wise oral submission of arguments time frame is as follows:

Rounds	 	Time Allocated (Minutes per team)
a. Preliminary Round (1 & 2)	:	(30 Pleading + 5 rebuttal/surrebuttal)
b. Octofinals Round	:	(30 Pleading + 5 rebuttal/surrebuttal)
c. Quarterfinal	:	(30 Pleading + 5 rebuttal/surrebuttal)
d. Semifinal	:	(40 Pleading + 5 rebuttal/surrebuttal)
e. Final	:	(40 Pleading + 5 rebuttal/surrebuttal)

Provided such timing shall be subject to change as per discretion of the Judges (refer to rule 6.2.).

6.7. Rebuttal and Surrebuttal

- a. There shall be rebuttal and surrebuttal round after the oral submissions from

both the counsels (i.e., petitioner/ respondent as the case may be).

- b. Each team shall be given 5 minutes for this round.
- c. Teams in no circumstances shall not be allowed to use time for rebuttal and surrebuttal for argument submission.

6.8. Spectators

- a. The meeting link of the preliminary 1 & 2, octofinals, quarterfinal rounds shall not be made open for everyone.
- b. No other teams or any other person except the teams, Judges, Court Masters and organizing committee shall be allowed to join the Courtroom link.
- c. The semifinal and final round shall be live streamed on the youtube channel of the "The Advocates League" with due regard to the technical snag.

6.9. Scouting

Any form of scouting practice is prohibited. Teams shall not peek into other team's oral proceedings. Teams shall be allowed to view or attend other team oral submissions only in the semifinal and final rounds.

6.10. Audio & Video Recording

Any form of screen recording or audio or video recording of the competition without the prior permission of the organizing committee is prohibited.

6.11. Anonymity of teams in Courtroom

Speakers must ensure the anonymity of their respective teams while oral submissions. Any violation of this rule will amount to immediate disqualification.

6.12. Courtmasters' role in ensuring time limit

During the oral submissions, each Court Master shall ensure that no team is exceeding the time limit allocated to them under rule 6.6. and 6.1. Such limits may exceed and also be subject to rule 6.2.

6.13. Scoring

- a. The organizing committee shall provide a moot competition feedback-cum-score sheet to the Judges in each round. The Judges shall review and allocate marks to the teams in the rounds.
- b. Such allocation will be based on knowledge of *law, application of law to facts, ability to answer the questions asked by the Judges, grammar and presentation, time management, clarity on the issues raised and Style Poise, Courtesy and Demeanour* in the moot problem.

Criteria	Marks
Knowledge of law	20
Application of law to facts	20
Ability to answer the questions	10
Grammar and presentation	10
Time management	10
Clarity on the issues raised	10
Style Poise, Courtesy and Demeanour	10

7. Round Qualification Rules

7.1. Preliminary Round 1 and 2

The teams participating in the competition shall be competing with other teams in preliminary round-1 followed by preliminary round-2. The teams shall be allocated petitioner or respondent side to make their oral submissions based on a draw of lots. The position of the teams shall be reversed in preliminary round-2. The organizing committee shall ensure that every team gets an opportunity to represent both sides during the competition. (For example: Let's say, if team A represented 'Petitioner' in prelims round-1, In its subsequent prelims round-2, it shall be representing 'Respondent'). Time limit for the quarterfinal shall be according to rule 6.6.a.

7.2. Elimination Procedure

The teams not securing required marks shall not be allowed to further compete with other teams in the competition. Such teams shall be eliminated from the competition.

7.3. Octofinals Round

The octofinals round shall consist of 16 teams competing each other. Out of the 16 teams, top 8 teams shall be selected for the quarterfinal based on their performances. Time limit for the octofinals final shall be according to rule 6.6.b.

7.4. Quarterfinal

The quarterfinal shall be amongst top 8 teams out of which 4 teams shall qualify for the semifinal. Time limit for the quarterfinal shall be according to rule 6.6.c.

7.5. Semifinal

The semifinal of the competition shall be amongst the top 4 teams. Teams securing 1st rank shall compete with 3rd rank and the team with 2nd rank shall compete with 4th rank team. The top 2 teams in this round shall qualify for finals. Time limit for this round shall be determined according to rule 6.6.d.

7.6. Final

The team securing more points shall be the 'Winner' of the competition. The other team shall be 'Runner-Up'. Such teams shall be awarded as per rule 10. The teams competing each other in finals shall be allotted time as per rule 6.6.e.

7.7. Other Procedures

In case of equal scores of two different teams in oral rounds. The organizing committee shall take into consideration the overall scores i.e., (Oral rounds + Memorial assessment) including researcher test scores. The teams secured higher marks shall be allowed to proceed further.

7.8. Complaint Procedure

Any complaint during the competition with regards to the violation of any rule shall immediately be communicated to the organizing committee. The

committee shall take necessary actions as per rules given in this regard.

8. Virtual Rules & Regulations

8.1. Internet connection

- a. Teams must ensure that they are having a strong Internet connection with good audio and video facilities.
- b. The participants must use a laptop or pc for the oral presentation.
- c. In case of poor connection, the Court will wait for 5 mins to re-join. The discretion of the Judges in this regard shall be final.
- d. The time taken to re-join the video call shall not be included in the team's time limit mentioned in rule 6.6.
- e. If the speaker is not able to re-join with this time, the researcher can present the case with the permission of the Court.
- f. The Organizing Committee shall not be liable for the technical glitches which arise from the side of participants.

8.2. Audio & Video

- a. During oral presentation, teams must ensure that their video is ON, and the background is plain and shall not contain any symbol or any representation.
- b. When one participant is speaking, others shall keep their microphone off.
- c. The participants must keep their background free from other noises which may disturb the competition.

8.3. How to Join

- a. The Meeting ID, Password, & Link for each session shall be shared with the participants before each round.
- b. The participants shall join the link 10 min before the given time.

8.4. Online platform

- a. The participant should be familiar with the online platform where the competition will take place.
- b. The organizing committee has all the authority to change the online platform if any issue arises and will inform all the participants in advance.
- c. Sharing of the Court meeting link to any person other than the team members is strictly prohibited. It shall directly lead to disqualification.

8.5. Dress Code

The dress code to be adhered for the duration of the Competition shall be:

- a. Boys : White shirt, black trousers Western formals with a black tie.
- b. Girls: Black and white Western or Indian formals.

9. Penalties

9.1. Memorial Penalties

- a. Any actions which in violation of rule 5 to this rule and regulation shall amount to penalties.
- b. Participants shall submit the memorials in PDF files otherwise there will be marks deduction.
- c. There shall be a penalty for late submission. There shall also be a deduction (of 5 points) for every day of delay with regard to submission after the due date.
- d. Identity of the institution on the memorials will directly lead to disqualification.

9.2. Plagiarism

'Plagiarism' means the use of some other person's ideas or information or writing without giving them due credit. The teams shall not adhere to plagiarism. Any form of plagiarism is prohibited. The organizing committee can impose a penalty of 10 points in violation to this rule.

9.3. Oral Round Penalties

The teams shall not perform any act in contravention with rules mentioned under rule 6. Any form of violation will lead to disqualification or penalties as the case may be.

9.4. Penalties on Receipt Complaint

The teams shall ensure proper code of conduct during this competition. Any form of misbehaviour with the Judges, Court Masters & with the organizing team shall not be encouraged. The organizing committee shall have every right to take cognizance on receipt of such complaint. The committee after due consideration shall have the power to impose penalties or may disqualify any team in this regard.

9.5. Appeal

The appeal in this rule shall be referred to the Dispute Resolution Committee (DRC) for due consideration. The decision of DRC in this regard shall be final.

10. Awards

10.1 Prize Money & Trophy

- The **Winning Team** shall be awarded with a prize money of INR 21000/- along with Trophy and Certificate.
- The **Runner-Up team** shall be awarded with a prize money of INR 11000/- along with Trophy and Certificate.
- The **Best Memorial** shall be awarded with a prize money of INR 5000/- along with Trophy and Certificate.
- The **Best Speaker** shall be awarded with a prize money of INR 3100/- along with Trophy and Certificate.

- The **Best Researcher** shall be awarded with a prize money of INR 3100/- along with Trophy and Certificate.
- The **Second-Best Memorial** shall be awarded with Trophy and Certificate
- The **Second-Best Speaker** shall be awarded with INR2100/- along with Trophy and Certificate.
- The **Second-Best Researcher** shall be awarded with Trophy and Certificate.

10.2 Subscription & Internship

All the awardees shall be getting Internship opportunities with Advani & Co. and subscription of SCC Online.

10.3 Certificates

All the Participants shall also receive e-Certificates of Participation.

11. Miscellaneous

11.1. Communication

- a. The issues regarding any form of misconduct in the Courtroom shall be informed by Court Masters to the organizing committee. The organizing committee in this regard shall ensure disciplinary action as per the rules provided.
- b. The issues regarding any other information or query shall be communicated to the following:

- **Executive Coordinator**

Mr. Johns Santhosh

Contact: 9961884992, 9633585101

- **Organizing Secretary**

Mr. Shreesh Pathak

Contact: 8004254808

11.2 Interpretation of rules

The organizing committee and the DRC decision with regards to the interpretation of rules shall be considered.

11.3 Decision of Organizers

The decision of the organizing committee shall be final regarding any other rules and regulations in this moot competition. The organizing committee shall have the right to make changes in this rule such changes may include addition or deletion or subtraction of the rules and regulations.

12 Organizing Committee

12.1 Organizing Committee Tier-1

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Annexure-1
Important Dates

Title	Date
Release date of Moot Proposition & Brochure	26 th September, 2020
Commencement of the Registration	26 th September, 2020
Last Date of Registration	25 th October, 2020
Clarifications on Moot Proposition	25 th October, 2020
Last Date to Submit Memorial	18 th November, 2020
Date of Competition	27 th , 28 th , 29 th , November, 2020

Annexure-2

Moot Proposition

The Union of Islandia is a country in the continent of Asia and got its independence in the year 1947 from the United Princedom. The Union of Islandia is the world's largest democracy and has the lengthiest written Constitution in the world. The Union of Islandia follows the concept of “अतिथि देवो भवः” which means "Guests are equivalent to God". Due to this, the Constitution of Union of Islandia, not only guarantees the Fundamental Rights to its citizens under Part III rather some of the Fundamental Rights are available also to the foreigners.

In the year 2014-15, Mr. Joshua Messi, a citizen of United Princedom, did his graduation of the first cycle degree studies in Oriental Studies, with a major in Islandian Studies, from the University of Princedom and was awarded as the Best Student for the academic year 2014-15. He then came to Islandia in the year 2016 and completed a diploma course in Hindi Language from the Inkson University, Relhi, Islandia. In the year 2017-18, he had also completed a diploma course in Sanskrit Language and has a detailed and organized knowledge on the subject of literature. In the year 2019, he came to Islandia on a student visa to pursue the Post Graduate Programme (M.A.) in Comparative Literature conducted by Inkson University which was to be completed on 8th December, 2020. The student visa was valid till 31st December, 2020.

In July, 2020, the Government of Union of Islandia passed an amendment to the Citizenship Law of Islandia through which the Government sought to grant citizenry rights to religious minorities of neighbouring countries on the basis of religion. The protests started all over the country against this contagious law passed by the Government. Mr. Messi also participated in various protests with banners written "Remove the religion biased Government! Wake up Islandians, Wake up! This is the right time". The said law was challenged and is pending before the Supreme Court of Islandia.

Amidst the continuing fall-out of these protest, a new fall-out has arisen in the nature of a worldwide pandemic that broke out due to the contagious SARS-CoV-2 (Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome Coronavirus-2) and the disease caused by contracting this virus is called as COVID-19 (Corona Virus Disease). The Government of Union of Islandia declared a lockdown of 6 months starting from 10th July, 2020. However, during the lockdown period as well, the protest against the citizenship law continued to happen and Mr. Messi continued to participate in those protests.

There were several newspaper reports which accused Mr. Messi of leading the peaceful protest towards the violent protest. The reports also suggested that Mr. Messi is intentionally spreading the COVID-19 as there were proved instances wherein Mr. Messi is provoking the protesters to defy the lockdown.

On 9th August, 2020, Foreigners' Regional Registration Office, Relhi (FRROR)

called the petitioner for hearing before expelling him from the Country, however, such a hearing was postponed on petitioner's request.

Subsequently, on 15th September, 2020, a Leave Islandia Notice (LIN) was issued to the petitioner in exercise of powers conferred by the Foreigners Act, 1946 to the FRROR.

The said Notice was challenged by Mr. Joshua Messi before the Supreme Court of Islandia on the ground that the hearing was not given to the petitioner prior to the issuance of LIN and the FRRO has only relied upon the newspaper reports to issue LIN and no other reason has been provided, thus is a violation of Principle of Natural Justice and is arbitrary in nature and also violates various Fundamental Rights of the petitioner, especially the Right to Protest and the Right to stay in Islandia till the time the visa is valid.

However, the Respondent had submitted a two page confidential field report stating that there was a continuous surveillance on the petitioner's activities from July, 2020 which has formed the basis for the issuance of LIN and have also stated that the student visa does not allow a foreign national to speak publicly in anti-government demonstrations as the Freedom of Speech is not available to everyone.

The Supreme Court of Islandia decided to hear the petition filed by Mr. Joshua Messi on _____ day of _____, 2020 before a 3 Judges Bench.

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- The participants are required to make their own issues and the issue of maintainability of the petition is mandatory.
- The Laws of Union of Islandia is pari materia to the Laws of Union of India.
- This problem is purely intended for the Moot Court Competition and educational purposes for law students and it does not attempt to influence or predict the outcome of any matter whatsoever.
- The Proposition is neither intended to nor does it attempt to resemble any incident or any person, living or dead. Any such resemblance is purely coincidental.
- No Scheme(s) or relief(s) granted by India shall be applicable in any manner whatsoever. Those mentioned only in the Moot Proposition shall be applicable in the case.
- The participants are required to prepare their submissions from each side of the case.

