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ABOUT THE COLLEGE

VIT-AP School of Law (VSL) established as part of VIT-AP University, near Vijayawada. VSL is established to impart quality legal education with a robust curriculum that prepares students for future legal challenges. The main objective is to promote global legal professionals with a passion for the ideals of social justice. VSL has got impressive infrastructure with a wide range of facilities. Law Students can have an opportunity to work with and learn from engineering faculty while studying law particularly issues relating to Law and Technology, Cyber Security Law, Blockchain Technology, Machine learning, Artificial Intelligence, and Data Protection. With our Moot Court, Legal Aid Clinics, Human Rights Clinic, Digital and Data Clinics, Environmental Clinics and Intellectual Property Rights Clinics, our students get an opportunity to work with experienced faculty and practicing advocates and judges in solving real-time legal problems and providing solutions as well.

VSL aims to bridge the gap between law schools and the legal industry. To do that, they have entered to Memorandum of Understandings (MoU's) with several top-class legal firms of the country. In the very first year, 5 MoU's have been signed with prestigious law firms and organizations in the Country and several other MoU's and academic collaborations are in progress. During December, VIT-AP School of Law have signed MoU with the Prestigious Birmingham University, this MoU will facilitate the students exchange program which includes semester or year abroad program, Faculty exchange Program between the institutions and research collaborations. VSL has achieved a very good reputation in a very short period, keeping the tradition alive, VSL is preparing students to be industry ready by having close association and hands-on work placements with legal firms, think tanks, legal aid clinics, district and state legal services authorities, and conducting boot camps for Alternative Dispute Resolutions (ADRs). VSL encourage students to have the sound legal and technical knowledge to excel in their legal career by participating in events which are organized by local, national, and international competitions.



VSL believes in the overall growth of students and they must have a very brilliant and vibrant student life beyond academics. To promote sustainable students' life at the campus, VSL in collaboration with the Students Welfare Department and Student Activity Centre host various events. The university has more than 75 student clubs and chapters, which include, Model United Nations Club, Cultural Club, Literary Club, Debating Club, Spic Macay Club, and many others. These cultural centres promote overall development and collegiality among the students' community to make them better citizens and make student life a memorable and enriching one.

Based on the common objective and to promote a holistic legal education the Competition Commission of India and VIT-AP School of Law are intending to organise events to promote awareness among the students on Competition Law. Competition law is an emerging field of law, working at the confluence of law and economic. A core objective of competition law is to prohibit firms from engaging in conduct, which will distort the competitive process and harm competition. Competition law and its robust enforcement becomes a prerequisite for ensuring that the economic environment remains competitive and business deals adhere to the principles of fair competition and do not distort the market. The advancement in technology, consumer preferences and market structural changes in the last one-decade made the competition laws more complex and challenging. In this context, there is pressing need to advance nuanced approach to create awareness and facilitate the young minds with an opportunity to debate on such emerging areas in the field of competition law.

As stated above, VSL can play a significant role by creating awareness, nurturing the growth of the subject through their curriculum, through organising moot court competitions and other advocacy events, and suggesting appropriate reforms to laws. With the aim of fostering quality research and debate on competition law matters, VIT-AP School of Law, in collaboration with the Competition Commission of India (CCI) is organising the 1st National Moot Court Competition in **PHYSICAL MODE**.

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IMPORTANT DATES

EVENTS	DATE
Last date for Pre-Registration	10th february 2023
Last date for Clarifications	12th february 2023
Release of Clarifications	14th february 2023
Submission of soft copy	25th february 2023
Declaration of Memorial results	11th March 2023
Final Registration	18th March 2023
Draw of lots (Physical mode)	15th April 2023
Preliminary rounds	16th April 2023
Quarter finals	16 th April 2023
Researchers' test	16th April 2023
Semi finals	17th April 2023
Finals	17th April 2023
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MOOT PROPOSITION

1. **Keep In Touch Telecommunication & Network Incorporation ('KITTN')** is incorporated United States of Aarika (a Country with the highest GDP growth in our World) under provisions of the relevant statute of the United States of Aarika and engaged in doing business of (i) manufacturing and selling of mobiles, electronic gadgets, and (ii) providing tele communication services and holds 65% market share and dominant control in the market of United State of Aarika.
2. **KITTN** is having many Wholly Owned Subsidiary ('WOS') Companies across the Globe. Similarly, **KITTN** had established a wholly owned Subsidiary Company i.e., Comtel Private Limited Company ('CPLC') in the country of Indishi under the provisions of the Companies Act, 2013 and carrying its operations similarly to **KITTN** since its inception.
3. **Compared to other WOS Companies across the Globe, CPLC** is seeing substantial growth in the fields of Mobile Manufacturing and providing Telecommunication Services in the Country of Indishi. Further, **CPLC** holds 40% of the market in providing telecommunication services in the country of Indishi and evolved as 2ndlargest private telecom service provider in the Country of Indishi.
4. **Sree Telecommunication & Network Private Limited ('STNPL')** is another telecom services provider company incorporated in the Country of Indishi under the Provisions of the Companies Act, 1956. However, the **STNPL** stood as a good competitive entity in the market as a telecom service provider up to 2020 and holds a 20% share of the market of telecom service providers in Indishi. In 2021, due to the drastic changes taking place in **STNPL's** management, and its hasty and aggressive decisions, **STNPL** runs into losses and also there is a substantial fall in its market holding from 20% to 15%.
5. In the year 2021, the **STNPL** Board of Directors called for an Extraordinary General Body meeting and passed a resolution to merge **STNPL** with a leading telecommunication service provider which is doing substantially well.

Consequent to the said resolution, the representatives of **STNPL** conducted thorough research and learnt that **KITTN** is vehemently seeking for flourishing of its stake in the market of Indishi and envisaged its interest in the merger or acquisition of other telecom service provider companies through **CPLC**. In the said context, the **STNPL** representative had approached **KITTN** and expressed its intention to merge with **CPLC**. In case the proposed merger is successful, **CPLC** will be holding 55% of the share in providing telecom **services in the market of Indishi**.

6. Before the date of signing of the merger, on 31.08.2021, **CPLC** made a public announcement in the market of Indishi that **CPLC** is going to provide free telecom services for Eighteen Months from the date of purchase subject to the purchase of any model among the 10 models of Chaplus Smart Mobiles which are manufactured by **CPLC** with effect from 01.09.2021.

7. Consequent to the merger and the public announcement made by **CPLC** there is a phenomenal rise in the business of **CPLC** and **CPLC** has raised to 65% of users in the telecom service market and 49% of the mobile manufacturing market in Indishi due to which the entire market of other telecom services and mobile manufacturing companies went into a great depression. The other telecom service providing companies such as **Lareify, Glore hitch** and **PBS Telecommunications** has decided in a confidential meeting to offer telecom services to the public and its users at a cheaper rate than the market prices with an object to secure their businesses from the giant offers provided by **CPLC**. However, the said decision of **Lareify, Glore hitch** and **PBS Telecommunications** remained to be futile.

8. Similarly, other leading mobile manufacturing companies such as **AKK Mobi Ltd, VVNR Celtec Pvt. Ltd** and **ADS Techlife Pvt Ltd** (collectively hold a market share equivalent to 48%) have decided in a confidential meeting to offer special discounts to the public on their products which are more competitive to Chaplus Smart Mobiles in the market to secure their businesses. The decision of **AKK Mobi Ltd, VVNR Celtec Pvt. Ltd** and **ADS Techlife Pvt Ltd** remained effective and impacted the sales of **CPLC**'s Chaplus Smart Mobiles.

9. In October 2021, being aggrieved by the action of **CPLC** and **KITTN** in making a public announcement and consequential offer provided to its prospective users, **Lareify, Glore hitch** and **PBS Telecommunications** filed a Complaint before the Competition Commission of Indishi (CCI) at Amarashala for abuse of dominant position and predatory pricing and the same is numbered as Case No. 23 of 2021 on the file of CCI, Amarashala.

Similarly, **CPLC** filed a Complaint against other mobile manufacturing companies such as **AKK Mobi Ltd, VVNR Celtec Pvt. Ltd** and **ADS Techlife Pvt Ltd.** against forming cartelization and entering into an Anti-Competitive Agreement and the same is numbered as Case No. 42 of 2021 on the file of CCI, Amarashala. The above two cases are pending adjudication before the CCI, Amarashala.

10. While things stood thus, On 01.11.2021, An article was published in the leading news-paper Indishi Today disclosing that (i) **CPLC** has acquired a dominant position in the telecom service market with 65% of telecom subscribers in the Country of Indishi (ii) **CPLC** has acquired phenomenal growth to its business after merging of **STNPL** with **CPLC** (iii) **CPLC** is targeting to own 90% of telecom subscribers and Mobile users in the Country of Indishi by the end of the year 2022. (iv) **AKK Mobi Ltd, VVNR Celtec Pvt. Ltd** and **ADS Techlife Pvt Ltd.** are intended to monopolise the market and thereby increase the prices of mobile phones by the end of the year 2022

11. Fight For a Cause(“FC”), a Non-Governmental Organisation is an acclaimed institution in filing successful Public Interest Litigations across the Country of Indishi. FC is registered in accordance with relevant statute of Indishi and is carrying its day-to-day operations. The objective of the FC is to secure the public interest in the Country of Indishi. After going through the said article, FC filed an Public Interest Litigation before High Court at Amarashala in relation to actions of **KITTN** through **CCPL**. The same is dismissed with costs.

12. The CCI, Amarashala clubbed the above two cases and passed a Common Order dated 15.11.2021 and allowed Case No. 23 of 2021 and dismissed Case No. 42 of 2021. Being aggrieved by the Common Order dated 15.11.2022, **CPCL** has challenged before the Supreme Court of Indishi and the same is coming for a final hearing.

Note:

- The laws of the Country of Indishi are in pari materia to that of the Union of India.

VSL-CCI 1ST NATIONAL MOOT COURT COMPETITION ON COMPETITION LAW 2022-23

RULES AND GUIDELINES

The rules are titled as “Rules and Guidelines for the VSL-CCI 1st National Moot Court Competition on Competition Law 2022-23”. In case of any discrepancy or doubt, decision made by VSL-Moot Court Committee shall be final. The Committee reserves all rights to prescribe or modify rules, procedure, and overall layout of competition in such manner as will be proper to conduct competition in better and more efficient manner.

1. AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

The National Moot Court Competition seeks to promote interest in the area of Competition Law focusing specially over regulations on anti-competition practices, abuse of dominance and combinations. To ignite interest among Law students in ever expanding fields of Corporate Laws, this Moot Court Competition focuses upon the various inter-related aspects of law and practice.

2. DEFINITION CLAUSE

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

- i. “Memorandum” means memorandum of the Laws and authorities concerning the competition problems.
- ii. “Case clarification and Correction” (hereinafter referred to as clarifications) means the official clarifications and corrections as communicated officially to the competition.
- iii. “Competition” means and includes total of activities arising out of or consequential upon the National Moot Court Competition, 2023.
- iv. “Memorials” means the written submissions framed and submitted by a team in pursuant to the rules and admitted by VIT-AP School of Law Moot Court Committee.
- v. “VIT-AP School of Law Moot Court Committee” (to be read hereinafter as VSLMCC) for the purpose of this Moot Court Competition means the Committee as constituted for proper organization and fair conduct of the competition including any other person authorized so to deal with all events, consequential upon or incidental to the competition.
- vi. “Oral Pleading” means the pleading before a panel as explained under Evaluation criteria for evaluation of Written Submissions.

- vii. “Judges Panel” means the adjudicators so appointed or nominated by VSLMCC for adjudging the performance of participants during oral pleading sessions of the Competition.
- viii. “Participant” means students authorized by referring Institution and approved by VSLMCC, VIT-AP School of Law, VIT-AP University as eligible to participate in Competition including the Researcher.
- ix. “Penalty” means the consequence of violation of any rule whether by way of deduction of point or declaring disqualified and such a person would be referred to as penalized.
- x. “Rebuttals” refer to the arguments or challenges that the applicant shall raise at the end of the main pleadings of all the orators. The respondent shall reply this to in the appropriate manner.
- xi. “Team Code” means the code allotted to a team by a draw of lots.
- xii. “Team” means the total of all registered as participants representing Law School, Law University or Law Colleges affiliated to Universities are allowed to participate in the competition excluding dummy or observe or escort or coach.

3. ADMINISTRATION AND GENERAL RULES

The official name of the competition is VSL-CCI 1st National Moot Court Competition on Competition Law 2022-23. The VIT-AP School of Law Moot Court Committee (VSLMCC) is the official organisers of the National Moot Court competition at VIT-AP School of Law in collaboration with Competition Commission of India (CCI)

3.1 ELIGIBILITY

- i. The competition is open to students enrolled on a regular basis as fulltime learners in Undergraduate Law Program (3 Year/ 5 Year) or its equivalent Law degree conducted by any recognized Institution / College/ University operative in India and recognised by Bar Council of India.
- ii. Eligibility for becoming a team member: A Student may become a team member if he / she is pursuing a full time Law Undergraduate Degree program conducted by a recognised institution as stated above.

- iii. Each team shall comprise of three members. A team comprising of only two members, both to be designated as speakers, may be allowed by VSLMCC, if there exist any exceptional situation. Team comprising of three members, at least one member must be designated as Researcher.
- iv. Any additional person accompanied with team/team Coach/Escort shall not formally be admitted except under any extra-ordinary situation provided that his/her presence was previously informed and duly approved by VSLMCC. Each so approved person must deposit Rs. 1500/- for accommodation.

3.2 OFFICIAL LANGUAGE

The official working language of the National Moot Court competition is English.

3.3 IMPLEMENTATION AND INTERPRETATION OF RULES

Regarding all Moot Court practice and procedures, the final decision on the interpretation and implementation of rules rest with the organisers, i.e., VIT-AP School of Law Moot Court Committee (VSLMCC)

4. DRESS CODE

The Participants shall adhere to the dress as below mentioned during the Inauguration, Valedictory and all the oral rounds/proceedings.

- i. Female(s): White Salwar and Kurta or White Shirt and Black pant along with Black Coat and Black Shoes.
- ii. Male(s): White shirt, Black Trousers, Black Tie along with Black Coat and Black Boots.

5. RULES FOR ORAL PLEADINGS AND PROCEDURES

The National Moot Court Competition shall consist of preliminary, quarterfinal, semi - final and final rounds. The Moot problem for all rounds shall be the same.

5.1 RULES FOR THE PRELIMINARY ROUNDS

- i. The teams shall argue cases against each other; the matching of teams will be decided by a draw of lots prior to the commencement of the competition.
- ii. During the preliminary rounds, each team will have the opportunity to argue both the sides, once as the Informant /Applicant and once as the Opposite Party.
- iii. Time allotted for arguments will be 15 minutes for the Informant /Applicant and 15minutes for the Opposite Party, which will be divided by both the speakers of the team judiciously to present the arguments. There will be time allotted for rebuttals. Each team will be allowed 3 minutes for rebuttals during the preliminary rounds.Extra time allocation for Rebuttals depends upon the discretion of the bench. The time excludes questions posed by judges; however, the time includes the reposes given by the speakers.
- iv. Both speakers of the team shall make oral presentations during each round. The presentations shall be divided equally among the Moot Speakers.
- v. Division of time should be informed to the Court Assistants/ officers before the beginning of the rounds. The oral arguments need not be confined to the issues presented in the memorials.
- vi. Passing of notes to the speakers by the researcher during the rounds is allowed.
- vii. Sur-rebuttal is allowed on the discretion of bench.
- viii. Judges may at their discretion, extend the time allotted for the oral arguments up to a maximum of 5 minutes.
- ix. Maximum scores for the oral rounds shall be 100 points per speaker per Judge.
- x. In case any opponent team fails to appear in an oral round, the round shall be conducted ex- parte and the scoring shall be done as if the defaulter team had been presenting and arguing.
- xi. All teams are expected to carry with themselves materials, case law and authorities, whichthey intend to refer during the oral rounds of presentations.

5.2 RULES FOR THE QUARTER FINAL ROUNDS

- i. The top eight teams from the preliminary rounds shall qualify to participate in the quarterfinal round. Selection will be based upon the marks awarded by the organising committee (VSLMCC) after evaluation of the written memorials, plus the marks awarded by judges during the preliminary rounds of oral presentation of the teams.
- ii. The quarter final round competition will be knock-out round, and four teams will progress to Semi-final round of the competition.
- iii. Time allotted for arguments will be 15 minutes for the Informant /Applicant and 15 minutes for the Opposite Party, which will be divided by both the speakers of the team to present their arguments. There will be time allotted for rebuttals. Each team will be allowed 3 minutes for rebuttals during the preliminary rounds. Extra time allocation for Rebuttals depends upon the discretion of the bench. The time excludes questions posed by judges; however, the time includes the pauses given by the speakers.
- iv. Both the speakers of the team shall make oral presentations during each round. The presentations shall be divided equally among the Moot Speakers.
- v. Division of time should be informed to the Court Assistants/ officers before the beginning of the rounds.
- vi. The oral arguments need not be confined to the issues presented in the memorials.
- vii. Passing of notes to the speakers by the researcher during the rounds is allowed.
- viii. Sur-rebuttal will be allowed on the discretion of bench
- ix. Judges may at their discretion, extend the time allotted for the oral arguments up to a maximum of 5 minutes.
- x. Maximum scores for the oral rounds shall be 100 points per speaker per Judge.
- xi. In case any opponent team fails to appear in an oral round, the round shall be conducted ex-parte and the scoring shall be done as if the defaulter team had been presenting and arguing.
- xii. All teams are expected to carry with materials, case law and authorities which they intend to refer during the oral presentations.

5.3 RULES FOR THE SEMI-FINAL ROUND

- i. The four teams (Knock out) from the quarterfinal rounds shall qualify to participate in the semi-final. Selection will be based upon the marks awarded by the judges during the quarterfinal rounds of oral presentation of the teams. Written Memorial Marks will not be taken into consideration in this round.
- ii. The semi-final rounds will be conducted after the conclusion of the quarterfinal rounds of the competition which is knock out round. If it is required, it may be shifted to second day of the competition.
- iii. The sides to be argued by the teams will be decided by a draw of lots, prior to the commencement of the semi-final rounds of competition. There shall be one round of oral arguments during the semi-finals.
- iv. Each team will be allotted a total of 30 minutes to present its argument during the semi-final rounds. The division of time is at the discretion of the team members, subject to a maximum of 20 minutes per speaker. Division of time should be informed to the Court Assistants / Officers/ Clerks before the beginning of the rounds.
- v. There will be extra time allocated to respond to the questions posed by the judges, as necessary. Five (5) minutes will be allotted for each team for rebuttal.
- vi. Participating teams will be required to strictly follow the time limits.

5.4 RULES FOR THE FINAL ROUND

- i. The two teams (Knock out round) from the semi-final rounds will be selected to compete in the final round of the National Moot Court competition.
- ii. The final round of the competition will take place after conclusion of the semi-final round of the competition
- iii. The sides to be argued by the teams will be decided by a draw of lots prior to the commencement of the final round of competition. There shall be one round of arguments by the final teams.
- iv. Each team will be permitted to speak for a total of 30 minutes during the final round.
- v. There will be extra time (5 Minutes) allotted to each team, as necessary, to respond to questions posed by judges. Each team will have five minutes for rebuttal in each round.

6.MEMORIALS

6.1 SUBMISSION OF MEMORIALS

The following requirements for memorials must be strictly followed non-compliance shall attract penalties.

- i. Each team shall prepare memorials for both sides to the dispute (Informant and Opposite party).
- ii. Once the memorials have been submitted, no revisions, supplements, or additions will be allowed.
- iii. No submission in soft copy shall be accepted after the due date i.e., 25th February 2023.
- iv. The Registered teams shall carry 6 printed copies-printed back-to-back (for each side - “For and Against”) of such memorial’s total copies of 12 on the day of reporting to the competition (15th April 2023)
- v. The soft copy file pertaining to the memorials in PDF format shall be named as ‘I (TC)’ for the Informant’s Memorial and OP (TC)’ for the Opposite Party’s Memorial. (Here, TC means the allotted Team Code)
- vi. The cover page of the memorials sent for both the soft and hard copies shall clearly mention the word “I” for memorials on behalf of the Informant, and the word “OP” for memorials on behalf of the Opposite Party, followed by the team code for both the instances, such being clearly inscribed on the top right-hand corner of the cover page of the memorial for the Petitioner and Respondent. For example, if a team had been assigned a code 10, the memorials sent by such team should have “I10” and “OP10” clearly marked on the top right-hand corner of the cover page of the respective memorials.
- vii. The cover page of the Informant's memorial shall be printed on Blue colour A4 size paper, and the cover page of the Opposite party's memorial shall be printed on Red colour A4 size paper.
- viii. Late submissions beyond the stipulated due date will attract one (01) Mark – point penalty for each day of delay

All memorials shall be prepared to the following specifications:

- i. Memorial or counter memorial shall not be more than 25 typed pages
- ii. Memorials must be typed and submitted on standard A4 size paper.
- iii. Font and size of the text of all parts of the memorial (excluding footnotes) must be the same and must be in either Times New Roman 12 or Arial 11 font size.
- iv. The texts of all parts of each memorial must be double-spaced, with one-inch margin on both sides.
- v. The text of footnotes and headings may be single-spaced. The font size of footnotes must be 2 points less than the text font.

- vi. Bluebook 20th edition of footnoting must be followed as far as practicable.
- vii. There must be double spacing between separate footnotes and between each heading and the body text of the memorial.
- viii. The table of Contents, Index of Authorities and Case Title are not included in the 25 typed pages limit.

NOTE

- i. Memorial must not contain any Photograph, sketches, schedules, graphs and maps.
- ii. Identity of the institution shall not be revealed anywhere in the memorial. Violation of this provision shall result in penalties including disqualification. The VSLMCC decision shall be final.

Each Memorial shall have the following on its cover page:

- i. The team code on the top right-hand corner of the cover page.
- ii. The name and place of the forum
- iii. Name of parties and their status
- iv. Memorial Submitted to... or Memorial Filed and appearing on Behalf of...

6.2 DESCRIPTION OF MEMORIALS

The Memorial shall consist of the following parts:

- i. Cover Page
- ii. Table of Contents
- iii. Index of Authorities (including corresponding page numbers)
- iv. Statement of Jurisdiction
- v. Statement of Facts
- vi. Identification of Issues
- vii. Summary of Pleadings
- viii. Pleadings including the Conclusion
- ix. Prayer for Relief.

6.3 CRITERIA FOR ASSESSMENT

The assessment of the teams during the Moot Court competition shall be out of a maximum of 100 marks, set out as follows:

ORAL ROUNDS

MARKING SCHEME	MARK ALLOTTED
KNOWLEDGE OF FACTS AND LAW	20 MARKS
ARTICULATION AND ANALYSIS	20 MARKS
EXTENT AND USE OF RESEARCH	20 MARKS
CLARITY AND ORGANIZATION	20 MARKS
COURT MANNERS	20 MARKS
GRAND TOTAL	100 MARKS

WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS

MARKING SCHEME	MARKS ALOTTED
INTEPRETATION OF FACTS AND LAW	10 MARKS
FORMAT AND STYLE	10 MARKS
CITATION AND REFERENCE	10 MARKS
EXTENT OF RESEARCH	10 MARKS
IDENTIFICATION OF ISSUES,CLARITY AND ARGUMENTS	10 MARKS
GRAND TOTAL	50 MARKS

- i. The memorials submitted by participating teams shall be evaluated by an expert appointed by the organising committee (VSLMCC) and 50 marks will be awarded for each side of the memorial.
- ii. These marks will be taken into consideration, along with marks awarded by judges for the teams during the oral presentation made by them, in the preliminary round of competition.

7. AWARDS AND PRIZES

- i. The National Moot Court Competition winners will be awarded a “Trophy, Cash Prize and Free 1 year of SCC Online Subscription for the team of three worth ₹81000”, medals for the three participants of the team, and certificates.
- ii. The Runners up team will be awarded a “Trophy, Cash Prize and Free 1 year of EBC Online Subscription for the team of three worth ₹43500”, individual medals and certificates.
- iii. There will be a Best Advocate “Trophy and Cash Prize”. This prize will be awarded to the participant who is adjudged by the organising committee to have performed best during her/his oral presentations in the preliminary rounds.
- iv. There will be a Best Memorial Award and Cash Prize. The memorials, which are submitted to the Committee (VSLMCC) will be evaluated by the academicians and the best memorial will be chosen among them to award this prize.
- v. There will be a “Best Researcher Award and Cash Prize”. A written test will be conducted to decide the “Best Researcher”. Questions for researchers’ test will be framed based upon the factual circumstances of the Moot Proposition and the principles applicable thereto. This researchers test is open only for the designated researchers of the Participating Teams. In case of a tie, the score of the memorials will be considered to decide the “Best Researcher”.
- vi. Each participant in the National Moot Court Competition will be given a certificate of participation.

Cash prize for Winners	Rs 1,00,000 + Free 1 year of SCC Online Subscription for the team of three worth ₹81000
Cash prize for Runners	Rs 70,000 + Free 1 year of EBC Online Subscription for the team of three worth ₹43500
Cash prize for Best Speaker	Rs 15,000
Best Researcher	Rs 15,000
Best Memorial	Rs 15,000

8. RULES REGARDING THE JUDGES

8.1 JUDGES

- i. A person appointed as a Moot Court judge should be well versed in the subject area of the moot proposition, in general, and Law, in particular. Judges are expected to be aware of the procedure involved in mooting and the rules.
- ii. Judges may be selected from the following categories:
- iii. Academicians,
- iv. Legal advisers to the Government,
- v. Serving or retired judges of the Supreme Court or the High Court, or
- vi. Senior advocates of the Supreme Court or the High Court.
- vii. No judge will judge the same team twice during the Moot Court competition. The judges who have presided over the preliminary rounds will not judge the advanced rounds. If under exceptional circumstances, which will be determined by the organising committee, a judge from a preliminary round is required to judge at an advanced round, then he/she will not judge the team he/she has judged during the preliminary round.
- viii. For the final round of the competition a fresh team of judges will be appointed.
- ix. There shall be two judges for every session. It is preferable to have two benches for all the rounds of the competition, Except for the final round. Final round should have a full bench consisting of three judges.
- x. The organising committee shall not act as judges in any of the rounds of the competition. Students shall not serve as judges.
- xi. The Bench Memorandum shall be distributed to the Judges for the purposes of briefing them on the legal issues addressed in the Moot Court competition. The contents of the Bench Memorandum are strictly confidential.

8.2 RULES FOR THE JUDGES

- i. All written memorials and oral presentations should have a minimum score.
- ii. Judges are instructed to follow the time limit as closely as possible. Interventions from the judges are permitted at any stage of the presentations; however, these interventions must be relevant to the issues and be kept to a minimum, so as not to disrupt the presentations of the participants.
- iii. Three minutes per team should be provided for rebuttal during the Preliminary, Quarter final, Semi-final and Final rounds.

8.3 COMMENTARY BY JUDGES

Judges during each round of the competition are encouraged to provide direct feedback to teams regarding the team's performance, at the completion of the round. In providing such feedback, Judges are cautioned to give due regard to the time limitations and the schedule of the competition.

9. ANONYMITY

To ensure the smooth conduct of the National Moot Court Competition and avoid any perception of bias during the competition, the organising committee has decided to maintain anonymity of the participant names throughout the competition. To ensure this organising committee (VSLMCC) will allocate a code number to each participating team in the competition. This code is to be applied by the organising committee to the participating teams during the competition, including on their written memorials.

10. QUESTIONS, COMPLAINTS AND SUGGESTIONS

Feedback concerning the organisation or conduct of the National Moot Court Competition should be directed directly to the organisers. Formal complaints or suggestions for improvement of the competition should be addressed formally, in writing, to the Faculty Moot Court Convenor, National Moot Court Competition.

11. SCOUTING

- i. Teams will not be allowed to observe the orals of any other teams. Scouting is strictly prohibited. Scouting by any of the teams will result in disqualification.
- ii. Team can file a written complaint with the Faculty Convenor regarding a case of scouting. The Faculty Convenor's decision will be final.
- iii. The researchers shall sit with the speakers at the time of the orals and shall not attend the court sessions of any other team participating in the competition.

12. REGISTRATION PROCESS AND FEE

Registration for the National Moot Court Competition is of two-step process:

- i. First, students are required to register as a team of two/three students, this process will not require to pay the registration fee.
- ii. Second, Final Registration will be done after the declaration of memorial results, where the selected teams are required to register and pay the prescribed fee of INR 4,000/-

Teams must confirm their participation latest by 10th February 2023. Registration is a two-step process as above-mentioned. Participating teams after declaration of memorial results shall do the final registration online (form will be circulated with the declaration of memorial results) by uploading the screenshot of the payment on 18th March 2023

The registration form should be filled after making the payment of INR 4000 and uploading the confirmation/screen shot/photocopy of the same along with a bona fide Authority Letter (Annex. I) issued by the authority (Dean/HoD/ Moot Court Coordinator) of their college /University and Accommodation and Travel Form [provided in rule 13 of the competition], if opted for accommodation.

Each Team must register by filling up the pre-registration Google form through the link given below:

REGISTRATION LINK: <https://forms.gle/JU1CNJFfyqX2dqPm7>

***Registration fee & Accommodation fee will be NON-REFUNDBLE, in case of non-participation or of any other reasons.**

No communication related with the same will be entertained.

- i) Prior information regarding change in the composition of team must be communicated in advance via mail before or on 18th March 2023.
- ii) The Teams are required to send a bona fide Authority Letter (enclosed under , Annex. I) Issued by the appropriate dealing authority of their college /University to mcc.vsl@vitap.ac.in. on or before 10-02-2023.

12.1 REGISTRATION FEE

The Fee prescribed for registration of each team is INR 4000/. Teams may confirm their participation by applying and submitting the prescribed fee of INR 4000/-through NEFT/ RTGS/ Online transfer in the below-mentioned University bank details at the time of final registration.

13. ACCOMMODATION AND TRANSPORT

- i. The University will provide all arrangements for accommodation and hospitality for Participants during the competition (15th – 17th April 2023). No additional charges will be levied on the participating teams. However, for additional stay request separately Rs. 1500 per person will be charged.
- ii. If any student/team decides to arrange t personally, he/ she are free to do so with prior intimation to the organizing committee.
- iii. Regular free-of-cost bus trips from Campus to Accommodation and vice-versa will be provided by the university during days of the moot court competition.
- iv. Each team is required to fill the travel and accommodation form through the google form given below

ACCOMMODATION AND TRANSPORT LINK: <https://forms.gle/RSLBFdFnyXpjNQYg6>



14. PENALTIES

Late Submission	1 Mark per Memorial every 12 hours after deadline. Disqualification beyond 48 hours
Wrong File Name	1 Mark per Memorial
Failure to Submit Memorial As one file	1 Mark per Memorial
Exceeding Page limits	1 Mark per exceeding Page
Failure to Include the section in memorial	3 Marks per Section
Failure to Include the required information on the cover page	1 Mark per Violation
Failure to use correct Colour Coding	2 Marks per Memorial

15. RESEARCHER TEST

The Researcher Test shall be conducted on 16th April 2023.

The test will be conducted for 50 Marks and shall be for duration of Sixty Minutes (60) only. The test will be combination of MCQs (Multiple Choice Questions) and theory. From each team ONLY the Researcher is eligible to take the test.

Researcher test marks will NOT be added up in the marking criteria.

16. MISCELLANEOUS RULES OF THE COMPETITION

- i. Upon completion of the competition, the organising committee reserves the exclusive right to use the memorials submitted to them, as they deem appropriate.
- ii. Participating teams should carry with them required study or reference materials for their own use during the oral rounds of competition.
- iii. Participating teams shall be expected to maintain the proper decorum of the courtroom during the proceedings and shall conduct themselves in a manner befitting the legal profession.
- iv. The organising committee reserves the right, at its sole discretion, to take appropriate action for any unethical, unprofessional, and wrongful conduct during the entire period of the Moot Court competition.
- v. The organising committee's decision as regards the interpretation of these rules, or any other matters related to the Moot Court competition shall be final and binding. If there is any situation, which is not covered by these rules, the decision of the organising committee shall be final.
- vi. The organising committee reserves the right to amend, modify or repeal any of the rules if so required and as they deem appropriate. Participating teams shall receive adequate notice of any/all such amendments or modifications to the rules.
- vii. The organising committee shall not be held responsible for any loss or non-delivery of the Memorials.

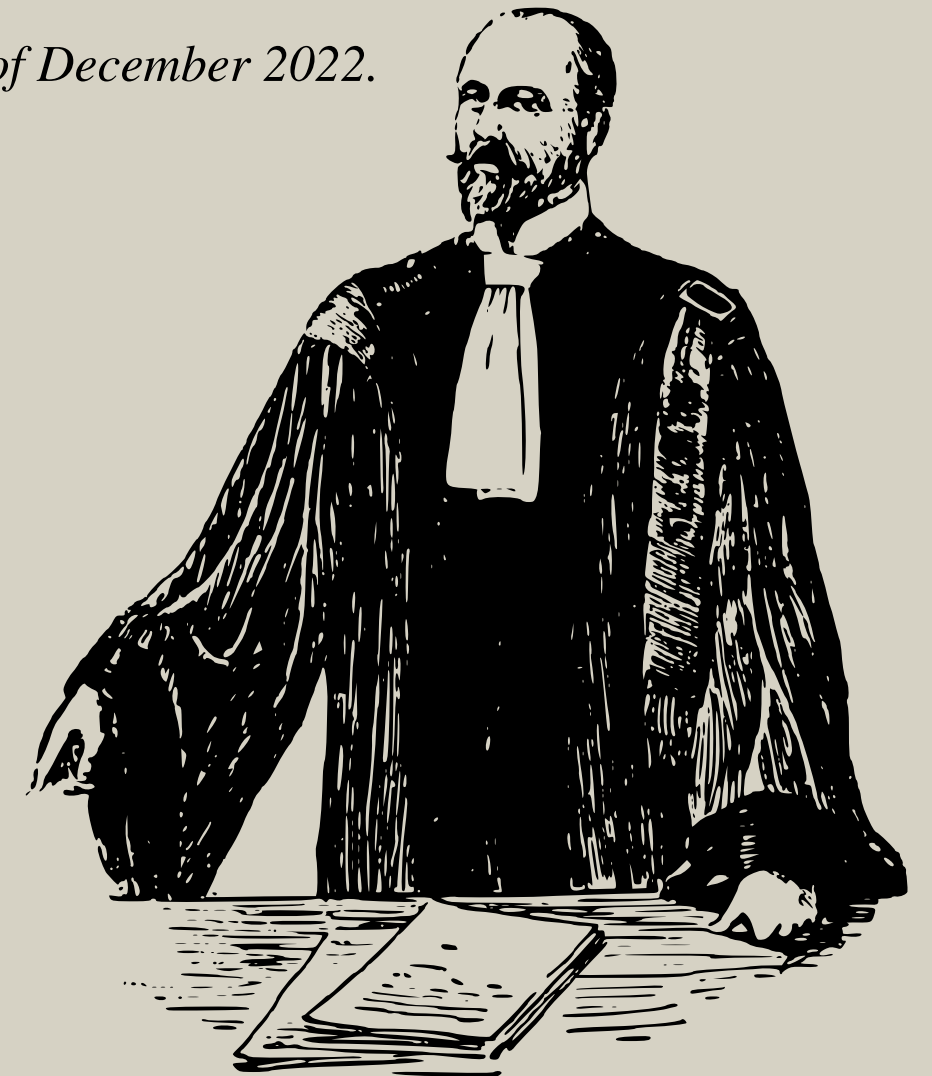
17. CLARIFICATIONS OR QUERRIES

Teams may request for clarifications by writing an email at mcc.vsl@vitap.ac.in or may telephonically contact to the persons designated as Student Convenors and Co-Conveners for Moot Court Competition 2023.

DISCLAIMER

The Moot Court Competition is based on a purely fictitious and hypothetical problem, whereby the characters and the incidents or the course of events in the problem are completely imaginary and the same has no relation to any person living or dead or any past/present real-life incident. The Moot Court problem is made solely for the purpose to train the law students of India for the Bar. Moot Proposition is drafted by Kadimisetty Sai Sreenadh, Advocate, High Court of Andhra Pradesh for National Moot Court Competition to be held at Vellore Institute of Technologies (VIT)-AP School of Law, Andhra Pradesh at Amaravati.

These National Moot Court Competition Rules and Guidelines were finalised on this the 26th day of December 2022.



ANNEXURE 1
AUTHORITY LETTER

VSL-CCI 1ST NATIONAL MOOT COURT COMPETITION ON COMPETITION LAW 2022-23

Date:

To
The Convener
VSL-CCI 1st National Moot Court Competition On Competition Law 2022-23
VIT-AP School Of Law
VIT-AP University
Amaravathi-AP

Respected Sir/Madam,
Subject:

I,....., Dean/HOD/Faculty Coordinator of the (name of university)
hereby consent toand.....[team] seeking to participate in VSL-CCI 1st National Moot Court Competition
On Competition Law 2022-23at VIT-AP School Of Law, VIT University, Amaravati.

Signature and Seal