



## **AMITY LAW SCHOOL DELHI**

### **12<sup>TH</sup> AMITY MOOT COURT COMPETITION**

#### **RULES OF THE COMPETITION**

##### **PART I - DEFINITIONS**

- a) 'The Competition' means the 12<sup>th</sup> Amity Moot Court Competition, March 2013.
- b) 'OC' means the Organising Committee as constituted by the management of Amity Law School Delhi.
- c) 'Participants' means those persons eligible to participate under Rule A.1 and registered under Rule A.3.
- d) 'The college' means Amity Law School Delhi.
- e) 'Knock out rounds' means the Quarter-Final, the Semi-Final and the Final rounds of the Competition.
- f) 'Aggregate Total' for the purpose of application of Rule B.3 means Oral Scores plus Memorial Marks.

##### **PART II - GENERAL RULES**

###### **A.1 Eligibility & Team Composition**

All teams shall consist a maximum of three participants [two members designated as 'Speaker' and one member designated as researcher], enrolled as full-time LL.B. [both 3 year and 5 year programme] students in the law school they represent at the time of the Competition. No person enrolled in a postgraduate law programme may act as a team member. A team may however consist of two participants in which case both the members

shall be designated as 'Speakers'.

#### A.2 Accommodation

Accommodation will be provided only to participants (not more than three) and shall be for the duration of the competition only i.e. from 1st to 3rd March 2013. The teams are requested to inform the organizers in advance of their arrival details by filling up the form annexed herewith as Annex II so as to enable them to make the necessary arrangements. The charges for the extra days (as and when informed by the OC) will have to be paid by the participants concerned, subject to availability of rooms. **No accommodation will be provided for teams from colleges in Delhi and NCR.**

#### A.3 Registration

All teams that desire to participate in the competition shall cause the registration form (Annexure I) to be filled. A scanned copy of the said form has to be e-mailed to [alsdmcc@gmail.com](mailto:alsdmcc@gmail.com) on or before 23:59 hrs, **20<sup>th</sup> December, 2012**. Participation will be on the basis of first come first served basis only. The maximum number of entries would be restricted to 25 (excluding other Amity teams). The first 25 teams to be registered will be confirmed of their participation in the competition through email on or before **20<sup>th</sup> December, 2012**. The hard copy of the registration form of those colleges whose participation has been confirmed has to reach the college by registered post (acknowledgement due) or speed post on or before **8<sup>th</sup> January, 2013**. No change of participants will be permitted after the registration form is received by us, except at the sole discretion of the OC.

#### A.4 Registration Fee

Each team shall submit a demand draft for Rs. 3000/- (Rupees Three Thousand Only) in the name of '**Amity Law School**' payable at New Delhi as Registration Fee. This demand draft must reach the college along with the Registration Form via registered post (acknowledgement due) or speed post latest by **8<sup>th</sup> January, 2013**. If participation is denied on any ground, this amount will be refunded.

#### A.5 Team Codes

Upon confirmation of participation, each team will be allotted a 'Team Code'. The teams shall refer to themselves during the competition using this code only. They shall otherwise not disclose their identity to anybody except as and when a member of the OC demands.

A.6 Attire

Participants should be appropriately attired for the rounds of the competition. Robes are not permitted. The dress code for all the functions at the competition will be Western formals for Gentlemen and Western or Indian formals for Ladies. The teams should make their own provisions to comply with the dress code of the competition.

A.7 No Scouting

No member of any team will be permitted to hear the arguments in any court room in which that team is not one of the contesting teams whilst that team is still in the competition. The Organizers may take appropriate action, including disqualification from the competition, against any team found to be scouting through a team member or through any other means.

A.8 Decorum

All Participants are expected to maintain decorum in the Court Room and in all ceremonies during the competition and are expected to conduct themselves in a manner befitting the legal profession.

A.9 Clarifications to the Problem

Any team wishing to make a clarification to the problem may do so by email, listing their questions in a '.doc' document. The email has to be sent to [alsdmcc@gmail.com](mailto:alsdmcc@gmail.com) on or before **20<sup>th</sup> January 2013**. The file name of the document containing the team's questions should be the Team code.

### **PART III - COMPETITION RULES**

- B.1 The competition rounds will be held over a period of two days (2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2013). The Inauguration Function, the Orientation for the participants and the Written Test for the Best Researcher Award will be held a day prior to the competition rounds (1<sup>st</sup> March 2013).

- B.2 In the preliminary rounds, each team shall argue for both the sides (Plaintiff & Defendant) in two separate rounds. Memorial scores will be added to the team's oral scores in the preliminary rounds for declaring the winner of each round. In case, after addition of the memorial scores, the scores remain tied, the round shall be declared a draw.
- B.3 Qualification to the Quarter Final rounds will be based on number of 'Win Points'. For each win in the Preliminary Rounds, a team earns one Win Point and for each draw, 0.5 Win Point. Top 8 teams with the maximum Win Points will qualify for the quarter finals. In case of tied Win Points, the teams' aggregate total from the Preliminary Rounds will serve as a tie-breaker.
- B.4 The Quarter Finals, Semi Finals and Finals shall be knockout Rounds. The winner of these rounds will be decided solely on the basis of their oral scores in the respective rounds. The memorial scores will not be added during the knockout stages except for the application of Rule B.5.
- B.5 In the knockout rounds, in case the Round Total of the two teams is the same, the team with higher memorial marks will be credited with a win.

#### **PART IV – MEMORIAL RULES**

- C.1.1 All teams shall submit Memorials from both sides (Plaintiffs and Defendants) .

C.1.2 Requirements of the Memorials

All teams must submit typed Memorials for both the sides fulfilling the following specifications: The Memorial must contain the following parts:

- a. Cover Page
- b. Table of Contents.
- c. Index of Authorities.
- d. Statement of Jurisdiction.
- e. Statement of Facts.
- f. Issues Involved.
- g. Summary of Arguments.
- h. Body of Arguments/ Arguments Advanced.

i. Prayer.

- C.1.3 The Memorial Cover Page should follow the following colour scheme - Blue for the Plaintiff and Red for the Defendant. Use of decorative cover pages will attract negative marking. The teams are advised to use as far as possible light shades for their cover pages. The Cover page should contain the team code (see Rule A.5) in the top right hand corner followed by the letter 'P' indicating an Plaintiff memorial or the letter 'D' indicating a Defendant memorial.
- C.1.4 The Statement of Facts shall not be argumentative. Any argumentative Statement of Facts will attract negative marking. It may however seek to draw necessary inferences from the Facts provided. The Statement of Facts shall not contain any footnotes.
- C.1.5 The Summary of the Arguments should consist of a substantive summary of the Arguments of the Memorial, rather than a simple reproduction of the headings contained in the Arguments. The Summary of Arguments should not contain footnotes.
- C.1.6 Length of the Memorial
- a) The Statement of Facts shall not be more than 1200 words including headings.
  - b) The Summary of Arguments shall not be more than 1200 words including headings.
  - c) The Body of Arguments/ Arguments Advanced shall not be more than 9000 words including all headings, footnotes, headers and footers.
- C.1.7 The Memorials should be typed on '.doc' documents compatible with Microsoft Word 2003 (or higher) only. The page size should be A4; Font shall be 'Times New Roman' throughout the document with font size 12 (including headings), 1.5 lines spacing & 1 Inch margin on each side; Footnotes shall be in 'Times New Roman' with Font Size 10 and 1.0 spacing. The Participants may use uniform page borders.
- C.1.8 The Memorials shall use *The Bluebook: A Uniform System of Citation*, on for formatting of all cited authorities.
- C.1.9 The Memorial should be spiral bound only. Any other form of binding will attract negative marking.
- C.1.10 No amendment of the Memorials will be permitted after submission.

C.1.11 The identity of the team (except the Team Code) or the names of the participants shall not be disclosed in any part of memorials. Doing so attracts disqualification straight away.

C.2 Marking criteria for the Memorials

Each Memorial will be marked out of a total of 100 marks. There will be separate marking for the Plaintiff and Defendant Memorials. The following will be the Marking Criteria and the allocation of marks to each category:

S. No.	Marking Criteria	Marks Allocated
1.	Use of Facts and Law	20
2.	Proper and Articulate Analysis of Issues	20
3.	Research	20
4.	Formatting and Citation	20
5.	Clarity and Organisation of the Memorial	10
6.	Grammar and Style	10
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	Total	100

C.3 Submission of Memorials

C.3.1 The teams should e-mail one copy of both Memorials (attached independently in the same mail) to [alsdmcc@gmail.com](mailto:alsdmcc@gmail.com) on or before **23:59 hours, 4<sup>th</sup> February 2013**. The soft copy should be in '.doc' format only and should be compatible with Microsoft Word 2003 (or higher). The file name should be the Team code followed by the letters 'P' or 'D' depending on which side the memorial is from.

For eg., if the memorial belongs to Team 1229 and is a Defendant memorial, the file name should be 1229D.

C.3.2 Nine hard copies of each memorial shall be submitted to the college via courier or R.P.A.D on or before **10<sup>th</sup> February 2013**.

**PART V - ORAL SUBMISSIONS**

D.1 Non disclosure of identity

As specified hereinabove in Rule A.1, each team shall comprise of two speakers who shall divide the oral submissions between themselves. Further, during the course of the Oral Submissions, no speaker shall reveal his or her identity or the identity of their college/ university by any means whatsoever. They shall only identify themselves by their Team Code (Rule A.5).

## D.2 Distribution of time

Each team will have a maximum of 30 minutes to present their Oral Submissions during the Preliminary Rounds. They shall have a maximum of 45 minutes in the Quarter Final Rounds and the Semi Final Rounds. The teams shall be granted 60 minutes each in the Final Rounds. This will include the time that each team may want to reserve for their rebuttal /sur-rebuttal.

D.2.1 At the commencement of each session of Oral Submissions, each team must notify the Court Officer of the amount of time that the team reserves for their rebuttal/sur-rebuttal. A maximum of 5 minutes can be reserved for the rebuttal/ sur-rebuttal in the Preliminary Rounds, 7 minutes in the Quarter Finals and the Semi Finals and 10 minutes in the Finals.

D.2.2 No speaker will be permitted to address the Court for more than 20 minutes in the Preliminary Rounds, 30 minutes in case of Quarter- Finals & Semi-Finals and 40 minutes in the Final Rounds.

D.2.3 Speakers shall not be permitted to continue speaking on completion of their time unless expressly allowed to do so by the judges. Participants are however advised to strictly adhere to the time limit as **the judges would be briefed to not allow time extensions** except in rare circumstances.

## D.3 Prohibition on the use of certain materials

Participants will not be permitted to make any audio/ visual representation nor will they be allowed to use personal computers, laptops, tablets, phones or any other technical or mechanical device during their oral submissions. Such electronic devices cannot be carried into the courtroom by the teams.

D.4 All teams are expected to carry with them hard copies of any case law or authority which they intend to refer to which may be passed to the bench. Teams may also compile compendiums which maybe passed to the Bench with its permission. However such compendiums shall not be in violation of Rule D.3.

D.5 Oral Submissions

Each Speaker will be marked on a total of 100 marks per judge. The Round Total will be the aggregate of the total of the marks for oral submission of the two speakers.

**Note:** The decision of the judges as to the marks allocated to any team shall be final (So as to ensure uniformity in the marking system all the judges will be provided with a marking guideline).

**PART VI - RESEARCHER TEST**

E.1 Conduct of the Researcher test

A Researcher Test will be held before the commencement of the Oral Rounds to determine the best researcher. Only the Researcher specified in Rule A.1 will be allowed to sit for the above test.

E.2 Content of the Researcher test

The test will comprise of questions relating to the Problem, both legal and factual. The questions may also test the knowledge of the Researcher in basic areas of Intellectual Property Law. The test would be for a duration of an hour and will comprise of a total of fifty marks.

E.3 Evaluation

The Researcher Test will be evaluated by a panel of independent judges as decided by the OC.

**PART VII - AWARDS**

F.1 There shall be a Rolling Trophy and a cash prize for the Winning and Runner-Up team.



F.2 There shall be a Trophy/ Award for the Best Memorial.

F.3 There shall be a Trophy/ Award for the Best Speaker.

**Note:** The Best Speaker Award will be determined by the points scored by the Participant from the preliminary rounds alone.

F.4 There will be an Trophy/ Award for the Best Researcher to be determined in accordance with the Researcher Test. The researcher securing the highest marks in the Researcher Test will be awarded the Best Researcher Award.

F.5 All participants will be awarded 'Certificate of Participation' and all the winners of awards specified in F.1 to F.4 will receive 'Certificate of Merit' in addition to the 'Certificate of Participation'.

F.6 All Amity Law Schools and colleges belonging to the Amity family are not eligible for prizes mentioned from Rules F.1 to Rule F.5.

### **PART VIII - POWERS OF THE ORGANISING COMMITTEE**

G.1 The Organising Committee has the power and sole discretion to

- a) Enforce all the competition Rules;
- b) Provide a definitive & final interpretation of the Competition Rules;
- c) Resolve any dispute that may arise during the Competition;
- d) Change or supplement the competition Rules, if necessary. Changes or supplements will be duly communicated to all participating teams; and
- e) Take appropriate action for any unethical, unprofessional and immoral conduct by any participant/ participating teams.

G.2 The decision of the Director of Amity Law School, Delhi shall be final in all matters concerning the competition.

The complete Postal Address of the host institution for all communications and the venue of the competition is:

Amity Law School, Delhi

F-1 Block, Amity University Campus,  
Sector 125, Noida 201 303,  
Uttar Pradesh,  
India.

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**ANNEXURE - I**

**12<sup>TH</sup> AMITY MOOT COURT COMPETITION**

**REGISTRATION FORM**

**PARTICIPATING INSTITUTION**

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**FACULTY –IN- CHARGE:** \_\_\_\_\_ **POSITION:** \_\_\_\_\_

**TELEPHONE:** \_\_\_\_\_ **EMAIL:** \_\_\_\_\_

**TEAM MEMBERS**

**SPEAKER 1:** \_\_\_\_\_ **DEGREE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**TELEPHONE NUMBER:** \_\_\_\_\_ **EMAIL ID:** \_\_\_\_\_

**SPEAKER 2:** \_\_\_\_\_ **DEGREE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**TELEPHONE NUMBER:** \_\_\_\_\_ **EMAIL ID:** \_\_\_\_\_

**RESEARCHER :** \_\_\_\_\_ **DEGREE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**TELEPHONE NUMBER:** \_\_\_\_\_ **EMAIL ID:** \_\_\_\_\_

**KINDLY AFFIX SELF ATTESTED PHOTOS OF THE TEAM MEMBERS BELOW:**

**SPEAKER 1**

**SPEAKER 2**

**RESEARCHER**

## **PAYMENT DETAILS**

**(DEMAND DRAFT IN FAVOUR OF 'AMITY LAW SCHOOL' PAYABLE AT NEW DELHI)**

**BANK:** \_\_\_\_\_

**BRANCH:** \_\_\_\_\_ **DEMAND DRAFT No:** \_\_\_\_\_

**DATE :** \_\_\_\_\_

## **DECLARATION**

**WE THE UNDERSIGNED DECLARE THAT THE INSTITUTION AND ITS TEAM MEMBERS WILL ABIDE BY ALL THE RULES OF THE COMPETITION SET OUT IN THE OFFICIAL RULES AND AS NOTIFIED TO US FROM TIME TO TIME THROUGHOUT THE PERIOD OF THE COMPETITION. WE ALSO DECLARE AND CONFIRM THAT ALL THE INFORMATION PROVIDED IN THE REGISTRATION FORM IS TRUE AND ACCURATE.**

**SPEAKER 1:** \_\_\_\_\_ **SPEAKER 2:** \_\_\_\_\_

**RESEARCHER:** \_\_\_\_\_

**FACULTY ADVISOR :** \_\_\_\_\_  
**(SIGNATURE WITH INSTITUTION SEAL)**

**DEAN OF SCHOOL:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**(SIGNATURE WITH INSTITUTION SEAL)**

**KINDLY SEND A SCANNED COPY OF THE FILLED IN FORM TO [alsdmcc@gmail.com](mailto:alsdmcc@gmail.com) ON OR BEFORE 20<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2012. THE HARD COPY SHALL BE ADDRESSED TO:**

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