RULES FOR THE COMPETITION

GENERAL SECTION

A.1 Composition

A team shall consist of three members [Two speakers and One researcher], enrolled as full-time LL.B. 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.2 Accommodation

Accommodation will be provided only to participants (not more than three) and it shall be for the duration of the competition only i.e. from 5th to 7th March 2010 (Till Noon). The teams are requested to inform the organizers in advance their arrival details so as to enable them to make the necessary arrangements. The charges for the extra days, however, will have to be paid by the participants concerned, subject to availability of rooms. No accommodation will be provided for teams from Delhi and NCR Region.

A.3 Notice of Intent to Participate and Participation

Each team that desires to participate in the competition shall intimate such intention to Amity Moot Court Society not later than January 29, 2010 via email amitylawschool.newdelhi@gmail.com. At this time, the team should also designate an official contact person and provide the contact details of such person. All future communications will then be addressed only to the official contact person. The necessary team details in the attached registration form must be forwarded latest by February 8, 2010. Participation will be on the basis of first come first served basis. The maximum number of entries would be restricted to 25. No change of participants will be permitted after the names are sent, except at the sole discretion of the organizers.
A.4 Registration Fee

Each team shall submit a demand draft for Rs. 1500/- (Rupees One Thousand Five Hundred Only) in the name of 'Amity Law School' payable at New Delhi as Registration Fee. This amount must reach us latest by February 8, 2010 along with the Registration Form. If participation is denied due to the requisite number of teams already having registered, this amount will be refunded.

A.5 Attire

Participants should be appropriately attired for the rounds of the competition. However, 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.6 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 will take strict action, including disqualification from the competition, against any team found to be scouting through a team member or through any other means.

A.7 Court Decorum

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

COMPETITION ROUNDS

B.1 The competition rounds will be held over a period of two days. 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.
B.2 In the preliminary rounds, each team shall argue for both the sides (Plaintiff and Defendant) in two separate rounds. Memorial scores will be added to the individual oral scores in the preliminary rounds for declaring the winners. However, memorial scores will not be added during the knockout stage. (Quarter Finals, Semi Finals & Final) except for the application of Rule B.4

B.3 Qualification to the Quarter Final rounds will be based on Win points. Teams with two wins will qualify for the quarter finals. In case of more than eight teams with two wins each, the top eight teams with the highest aggregate total will qualify. In the event of less than eight teams with two wins, then the teams with one win with the highest aggregate total (both rounds) will qualify. The Quarter Finals and Semi-Finals will be a knock-out round.

B.4 A team will be credited with a win if their Round Total is greater than that of the opposing team. In case the Round Total of the two teams is the same, the team with higher memorial marks will be credited with a win.

**MEMORIALS**

C.1 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, and only the following parts:

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C.1.1 The Statement of Facts may not be argumentative. Any argumentative Statement of Facts will attract negative marking. It may however seek to draw necessary inferences from the Facts provided.

C.1.2 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 references to any authorities.

C.1.3 Length of the Memorial

- The substantive section of the Memorial including the Conclusion/Prayer must not be longer than 25 pages.
- The Summary of Arguments must not be longer than 2 pages.
- The Statement of Facts must not be longer than 2 pages.

C.1.4 The Memorial should be typed on A4 size sheets in Times New Roman with font size-12, 1.5 lines spacing & 1 Inch margin on each side; Footnotes in Times New Roman with Font Size 10 and Single Spacing. (The Oxford Standard for Citation of Legal Authorities, University of Oxford, 2006 is preferred and is available at http://dlenning.law.ox.ac.uk/published/oscola_2006.pdf)

C.1.5 The Memorial should be spiral bound only. Any other form of binding will attract negative marking. Only normal printing papers (approximately 65-70 GSM) should be used in the memorials.

C.1.6 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.

C.1.7 The Memorial should not contain any Annexure/Photographs/Sketches/Exhibits/Affidavit etc.

C.1.8 No amendment of the Memorials will be permitted after submission.

C.2 Marking criteria for the Memorials

Every Memorial will be marked on a total of 100 marks. There will be separate marking for
the Petitioner and Respondent Memorials. The following will be the Marking Criteria and the allocation of marks to each category:

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C.3 Submission of Memorials

The Memorials (Eight Copies from each side), alongwith a soft copy on a Compact Disk should be sent on or before 23rd February 2010. The documents sent on the Compact Disk should be compatible with Word 97-2003. The Memorials should also be e-mailed to amitylawschool.newdelhi@gmail.com. The copies of the Memorials and the Compact Disk should be couriered to:

*The Moot Court Coordinator*

*Amity Law School*

*F-1 Block, Amity Campus, Sector-125, NOIDA-201303*

**ORAL SUBMISSIONS**

D.1 Non disclosure of identity

As specified hereinafter 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 Numbers.
D.2 Distribution of time

Each team will have a maximum of 30 minutes to present their Oral Submissions during the preliminary and the Quarter Final Rounds and 45 minutes during the Semi Final and 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.

D.2.2 No speaker will be permitted to address the Court for more than 15 minutes (25 minutes in case of Semi-Final and Final Rounds). This includes the time the speaker addresses the Court during the rebuttal/sur-rebuttal.

D.2.3 If any speaker continues to speak after the completion of his/her time, the additional time which he/she speaks for will be deducted from the time allocated to his/her co-speaker, or from the time allocated for the rebuttal and sur-rebuttal, as the case may be. Granting of additional time would be on the discretion of the Bench Judges.

D.3 Prohibition on use of certain material

During the course of oral submissions the participants cannot submit to the court any material containing pictorial representation whatsoever. Further the participants will not be permitted to make any audio/visual representation nor will they be allowed to use personal computers, laptops and any other technical or mechanical device during their oral submissions.

D.4 All teams are expected to carry with them any case law and authorities which they intend to refer to.

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 2 (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).

**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 be comprised of questions relating to the Problem, both legal and factual. Certain questions based on Intellectual Property Rights and Constitutional Law will also be included. The test would be for a duration of an hour and will comprise a total of 50 (fifty) marks.

E.3 **Evaluation**

The Researcher Test will be evaluated by a panel of independent judges.

**AWARDS**

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

F.2 There will be a Rolling Trophy and a cash prize for the Best Memorial.

**Note:** A special panel of Judges will assess the Memorials for the Best Memorial Award

F.3 There will be awards and cash prizes for the Best Speaker

**Note:** The Best Speaker Award will be determined by the points scored from the preliminary rounds alone.
F.4 There will be an 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 Certificates of Participation and all the winners of awards specified in F.1 to F.4 will receive Certificates of Merit.

POWERS OF THE AMITY MOOT COURT SOCIETY

G.1 The Amity Moot Court Society has the sole discretion to

   a) enforce all the competition Rules;
   b) provide a definitive interpretation of the competition Rules;
   c) resolve any dispute that may arise during the Competition;
   d) has the power to change or supplement the competition Rules, if necessary.
      Changes or supplements will be duly communicated to all participating teams;
      and
   e) reserves the right to take appropriate action for any unethical, unprofessional and immoral conduct.

G.2 The Director’s decision shall be final in all matters concerning the competition.

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