



THE OFFICIAL RULES
OF
THE 2019 CLINTON MOOT COURT
COMPETITION & AWARDS

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DEFINITIONS

"Competition" means the 2019 Clinton Moot Court Competition & Awards.

"Oral Round" means a single match of oral presentation between two Teams, one representing.

"Rules" means these Official Rules of the Competition.

"Penalty" means the consequence of a rule violation.

"Team" means a team of eligible students recognized by the Executive Office that registers to compete in the Competition.

"Memorial" means the written pleadings of each Team, written and submitted pursuant to these Rules.

"Competition Problem" means the official Problem of the Competition.

"Speaker" means any eligible student who is registered as a competitor on behalf of a Team, specifically for oral presentation.

"Researcher" means any eligible student who is registered as a competitor on behalf of a Team, as an advisor.

1. STRUCTURE OF THE COMPETITION:

The Competition will be structured as per the following format:

- a) Preliminary Rounds
- b) Semi Final Rounds
- c) Final Round

2. LANGUAGE

The language of the Competition shall be English.

3. ELIGIBILITY

- Students pursuing 4 years undergraduate LL.B. degree course are eligible to participate in this competition.

4. TEAM COMPOSITION

- The team composition, for the competition, shall comprise of either two members (being designated as Speakers) OR three members (two of them shall be designated as Speakers and one Researcher/advisor).
- There can be observers from various institutions. The Observers will not be permitted to argue as Speaker in any case whatsoever.
- The Researcher may be permitted to argue as Speaker in case of illness or any unforeseen event, but the permission of the Moot Court Coordinators in such case shall be mandatory.

5. TEAM BALLOTS

- A team that meets all the above requirements must elect a team representative to ballot on behalf of the Team Two days before the commencement of the oral rounds

6. PARTICIPATION AND REGISTRATION PROCEDURE

- The teams must register online at www.clintonconsultancy.business.site. Before 9th

August, 2019.

- The registration form is on the website provided, applicants must fill and submit the form before 9th August, 2019
- The official Rules and Moot Problem can be downloaded after registration.

7. MEMORIALS

- All memorials submitted for all purposes of the Competition shall strictly adhere to the rules of the competition.
- Each Team participating in the Competition must prepare one Memorial on behalf of the assigned part (either Applicants or Respondents), as a result of the ballot.
- Further each team has to submit 1 hard copy and 1 soft copy of the Memorials. Non-compliance will entail a penalty of 1 point per copy not submitted.
- Hard copies of the memorial must reach the organizers before 16th September, 2019. In addition to the soft copy of their memorials, in .pdf format only, for evaluation before September 01, 2019.

8. GUIDELINES FOR FORMATTING:

- **Memorial Structure:** The memorial must have following pages only:
 - i. Cover Page – The cover page shall contain the case title, side of the memorial, year of
 - ii. competition, name of the Court and team Code on top right corner.
 - iii. Table of Contents
 - iv. List of Abbreviations
 - v. Index of Authorities
 - vi. Statement of Jurisdiction
 - vii. Statement of Facts
 - viii. Issues Raised
 - ix. Summary of Arguments
 - x. Pleadings /Arguments Advanced
 - xi. Prayer
- **Team Code:** Numbers will be assigned to the team at the time of registration.
E.g. (team 101, 201, 301 etc...) The team code must be ascribed on the top right corner of the cover page.
- **Content Specifications:** The following content specifications must be strictly adhered to:
 - i. Font and Size (General) - Times New Roman, 12 pts
 - ii. Line Spacing (General) - 1.5 lines
 - iii. Font and Size (Footnotes) - Times New Roman, 10 pts
 - iv. Line Spacing (Footnotes) - Single line
 - v. Page Margins - 1 inch on all sides
 - vi. The Hard Copies of the Memorial shall be printed on only one side.

- vii. The citation should be in compliance with the 20th edition of Bluebook. Speaking footnotes or
- viii. Endnotes are not allowed.

• **MARKING CRITERIA FOR MEMORIALS:**

MARKING CRITERIA	MARKS ALLOTTED
Evidence of Original Thought	20
Knowledge of Law and Facts	20
Proper and Articulate Analysis	20
Correct format and Citation	20
Extent and Use of Research	20
TOTAL MARKS	100

9. RULES FOR THE ORAL ROUNDS

- Each team will get a total of 30 minutes to present their case. This time will include rebuttal and sur-rebuttal time (if permitted by the judge(s)). The division of time per speaker is left to the discretion of the team subject with a minimum of 10 minutes per speaker and not more than 15 minutes per speaker. Rebuttals can be assigned a time period of not more than 2 minutes.
- The oral arguments should be confined to the issues presented in the memorial. The researcher may sit with the speakers during the oral rounds. Maximum scores for the oral rounds shall be 50 points per speaker per judge. The speakers can provide the copies of the compendium, only if the same is permitted by the panel of judges in their respective court rooms. No two Teams will argue against each other more than once in the Preliminary Rounds.

- **The oral rounds shall be judged on the following criteria:**

MARKING CRITERIA	MARKS ALLOTTED
Preparation and familiarity with facts	10
Structure of Legal Argument	10
Knowledge & Application of Law	10
Organization, Presentation, Speaking Ability	05
Responsiveness to Questions	05
Persuasiveness and Advocacy	05
Courtroom Etiquette	05
TOTAL MARKS	50

10. AWARDS

The competition embraces following awards:

- Best Team
- Best Memorial
- Best Speaker/Oralist
- Best Researcher

11. GENERAL RULES

- In case of evaluation of all the Rounds, the Memorial Marks and Oral Marks shall be included to decide the merit.
- But in case a tie takes place in the Semi Final or Final Rounds, the marks of the Preliminary Rounds shall be the basis for deciding the winner.
- The decision of the judges with regard to the outcome of the rounds shall be final.

12. CLARIFICATIONS

Any clarifications regarding the competition may be sought from;

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