



14TH NYAYAVALOKAN TRIAL ADVOCACY AND JUDGMENT WRITING COMPETITION, 2025-26



RULES OF THE COMPETITION – PART B



**RULES FOR THE 14TH NYAYAVALOKAN TRIAL ADVOCACY AND JUDGMENT
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1. ADMINISTRATION AND GENERAL RULES

The name of the Competition is the '*14th Nyayaavalokan Trial Advocacy and Judgment Writing Competition, 2025-26*' ("The Competition").

2. IMPLEMENTATION AND INTERPRETATION OF THE RULES

2.1. Rules and Procedures contained in this document shall be applicable to all participating teams. In relation to the practice and procedure of the Competition, the final interpretation in case of any conflict lies with the Moot Court Society ("MCS"). The decision of the MCS shall be final and binding.

2.2. The rules of this part are in addition to the "*14th Nyayaavalokan Trial Advocacy and Judgment Writing Competition, 2025-26 Rules and Regulation PART A*".

3. WITNESSES:

3.1. The MCS will provide the witnesses to the participating teams. The witnesses will be generally briefed and assigned by the MCS. However, each team will have an opportunity to specially brief their witnesses. The witnesses to be briefed will be assigned to each team prior to the commencement of the respective rounds. All the participating teams will ensure that the witnesses depose only in English Language.

3.2. It is mandatory for the Prosecution and the Defence to examine ALL the witnesses and dropping a witness will result in loss of marks. However, the order in which witnesses are to be examined shall be determined by the concerned team taking examination in chief.

3.3. The team conducting examination in chief of their witnesses or the team cross-examining the witnesses will desist from arguing with the witnesses.

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- 3.4. It will be the responsibility of the participating teams to brief the concerned witnesses on the mode and manner of tendering relevant documents, i.e. the Annexures attached with the Trial Problem.
- 3.5. All the CA witnesses have been briefed by a forensic expert to better equip them to face examination-in-chief and cross-examination and hence the witness who has been so briefed, shall **not** be assigned by the participating teams as any other witness. However, all the participating teams are free to brief the CA witnesses with whatever instructions they deem fit.

4. EXHIBITS

- 4.1. The Participants are required to prove the CA Toxicology Reports (by Prosecution) and the Letter from Rupesh Athalye (by Defence). Participants are put on notice that 15 marks are specially assigned for this purpose.
- 4.2. The prosecuting teams should be proficient in knowing the mode and manner of proving CA Reports under the provisions of BSA.
- 4.3. The defence teams will be required to prove the Letter from Rupesh Athalye as given in the Trial Proposition and must know who is the correct defence witness through which the same may be proved.
- 4.4. The opposing teams must know how to take proper objections at the right time along with the reason for objecting, as provided under the BSA. This will be taken into consideration by the Judges when allotting marks for judging the ability to conduct examination-in-chief and cross-examination.

N.B. As required under Sec. 105 Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, the participants will not challenge that the recovery proceedings and every panchnama as mentioned in the Trial Proposition were recorded by audio-video electronic means and the participants shall not ask that the same be produced.

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5. CRITERIA FOR ASSESSMENT OF ORAL SUBMISSIONS

- 5.1. The Oral Rounds shall be judged by professionals having experience in the field of Criminal Law and the Judges shall be made well aware of the Procedure and Rules of the Competition.
- 5.2. The Criteria for assessment shall include but are not limited to the following and shall be out of a maximum of 100 marks:
- a) Knowledge of facts.
 - b) Logic & clarity in reasoning.
 - c) Persuasiveness and deference to court.
 - d) Proper, articulate and systematic analysis of the issues arising out of facts.
 - e) Understanding of the relevant Laws.
 - f) Ability to successfully conduct chief/cross examination within the allotted time.
 - g) Ability to elicit favourable facts from witnesses or deal with unreceptive, argumentative witnesses.
 - h) Proving CA Toxicology Reports (by Prosecution) or Letter from Rupesh Athalye (by Defence).

Note: Both the teams must be aware of procedure for taking contradictions, omissions, objections and for proving documents mentioned in 5.2 h) above.

The decision of the MCS for the application of the Rules and Regulations mentioned hereinabove shall be final and binding.

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