

## **RULES AND REGULATIONS**

### **3<sup>RD</sup> MIT-WPU MOOT COURT COMPETITION 2025**

**21<sup>ST</sup> AND 22<sup>ND</sup> MARCH 2025**



#### **I. Aim & Purpose:**

MIT World Peace University, School of Law Moot Court Competition has been conceived with the aim to:

- a.** Create opportunities to learn the development of jurisprudence on emerging trends in intellectual property law in a systematic/scientific manner and train participants for effective practice.
- b.** Facilitate the evolution of Intellectual Property Law through the jurisprudential analysis of existing law and the consequential emergence of new laws, besides developing cutting-edge skills in research, writing, and advocacy.

<b>Last Date of Registration</b>	<b>15 February 2025, 5 PM</b>
<b>Last Date of memorial submission</b>	<b>10 March 2025, 5 PM</b>
<b>Last Date to seek clarifications</b>	<b>1 March 2025, 12 Noon</b>
<b>Allotment of sides</b>	<b>19/20 March 2025</b>
<b>Orientation, Preliminary and Quarter Finals</b>	<b>21<sup>st</sup> March 2025</b>

<b>Semi-final, Finals and Prize Distribution</b>	<b>22<sup>nd</sup> March 2025</b>
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## **II. Venue and Date:**

The MIT World Peace University, School of Law Moot Court Competition shall be held from the 21st and 22nd of March 2025 at MIT WPU (Kothrud campus) Pune.

## **III. Language:**

The Competition shall be in English language.

## **IV. Eligibility:**

The competition is open to students pursuing LLB three-year / five-year courses during the current academic year. Any number of teams per university/institution is eligible to participate.

## **V. Team Composition:**

- a. Each team should consist of a minimum of 2 and a maximum of 3 members. This number cannot be modified under any circumstances.

- b. Two speakers and one researcher shall be designated for each team. The researcher shall be allowed to argue with the prior permission of the court and Chief Administrator in case the designated speakers are ill.
- c. Each team will be provided with a team code prior to submitting memorials via e-mail. This team code is to be used only for the soft copy of the memorials. Teams should not disclose the identity of their institution in their memorials; such disclosure shall invite penalties, including disqualification. The decision regarding this shall be at the discretion of the Chief Administrator.

#### **VI. Registration:**

- a. Online registrations are open from 15th January 2025. The teams must register online by 15<sup>th</sup> February 2025 (5 PM). Teams will have to register online by scanning the QR Code available in the Brochure and Flyer and by sharing the screenshot of registration details at [mitmootcourtcommittee@gmail.com](mailto:mitmootcourtcommittee@gmail.com).
- b. Teams will be registered on a first come first served basis with a maximum of 24 Teams.
- c. No temporary registration requests will be entertained. Kindly refrain from sending such requests to MIT World Peace University, School of Law, Pune
- d. Participants will receive an automated system-generated acknowledgement on successful submission of registration. Participants will receive an approval email as acceptance of their request for participation by 25<sup>th</sup> February 2025 or earlier.

e. Confirmation of Teams based on the evaluation of memorials submitted will be on or before 12th March 2025, 05.00 pm. The date of memorial submission shall be by 10<sup>th</sup> March 2025 through online mode. Teams shall carry 7 hard copies of each memorial on the day of the event. There is no need to send hard copies through post. The memorials will have to be mailed to [mitmootcourtcommittee@gmail.com](mailto:mitmootcourtcommittee@gmail.com).

f. The registration fee is Rs. 2500/—per team without accommodation. Students are responsible for their own accommodation.

g. Fees once paid will not be refunded.

h. In the event a team drops out of the competitions or is disqualified the team next in line as per the memorial rankings will be offered the chance to participate in the competition at short notice.

## **VII. Clarifications:**

Clarifications on the moot proposition may be sought by emailing [mitmootcourtcommittee@gmail.com](mailto:mitmootcourtcommittee@gmail.com) before 01 March 2025 (12:00 Noon).

## **VIII. Orientation:**

There will be an Orientation Program for all the participants on 21st March 2025 (Friday). It will be followed by a draw of lots for the preliminary round (online mode either on the 19<sup>th</sup> or 20<sup>th</sup> March 2025) and an exchange of memorials for the

Preliminary Rounds. Competition team codes and sides will be allotted during the Orientation only.

**The teams will be allotted sides, whether they will be the applicant or respondent, for the Preliminary round either on 19th or 20th March (online mode), but they will get the exchanged memorial of their opponent on the day of competition only.**

### **IX. Rounds:**

There will be one Preliminary Round of arguments, a Quarterfinal, a Semi-Final, and a final round. The organizers reserve the right to amend the schedule/rounds according to the number of participating teams.

#### **Preliminary Rounds –**

- a. Each team will have one Preliminary Round of arguments, one for the Applicant and another for the Respondent side.
- b. No team will be facing each other more than once in the Preliminary Round
- c. Each team will face a different two-judge bench in their second round of arguments.
- d. Preliminary Round and Quarterfinal rounds will be held on 21<sup>st</sup> March January 2025.

e. The top eight teams from the Preliminary Rounds will advance to the Quarter Final.

Rounds will be decided based on the following:

i. Win points.

ii. Win points + Aggregate raw points.

iii. Win points + Aggregate raw points (in case of tie minus memorial marks)

NB: Aggregate raw points = oral scores + memorial score

Memorial marks will be added to the scores of the Preliminary Round only.

f. The dress code shall be BCI advocate's attire during the rounds of the competition

g. The oral arguments need not be confined to the contents that are presented in the submitted memorials, subject to the issues covered within the case data.

### **Quarter Final / Semi-Final Round & Final Round –**

a. Draw of lots/power match will decide the sides of the arguments in Quarter Finals, Semi Finals & Finals. The quarter-finals and Semi-Finals are knockout rounds.

b. The Quarter Finals & Preliminary round will be held on 21st March 2025 (Friday)

c. The Semi-finals and Finals will be held on Sunday 22nd March 2025 (Saturday).

## **X. Results (Announcement):**

Results will be announced within 30 minutes of the full completion of the respective Preliminary, Quarter, and semi-final Rounds. The Final result and the winners of the various categories will be announced only during the valedictory/prize distribution ceremony.

## **XI. Memorial:**

The following requirements for memorials must be strictly followed. Non-conformities will be penalised:

- a. Each team must prepare memorials for both parties to the dispute (Applicant and Respondent).
- b. The soft copies of the memorials for the Applicant and Respondent should be mailed to [mitmootcourtcommittee@gmail.com](mailto:mitmootcourtcommittee@gmail.com) on or before 10 March, at the latest by 5 Noon.
- c. Late submission will be penalised by one point for every hour, a maximum penalty not exceeding 20 points for delay of each memorial.
- d. Once the memorials have been submitted, no revisions, supplements or additions will be allowed.
- e. The teams are requested to carry along 7 hard copies from each side of the Memorials with them and submit the same during Registration on 21<sup>st</sup> March 2025. The participants should mention the Competition code on the hard copy (by pen or

print, whichever is possible) of the memorials which would be allotted to all the teams through a draw of lots through communication via e-mail or WhatsApp before the event.

f. The memorials have to be submitted on typed A4 size paper printed on one side and must contain:

- Cover Page
- The Table of Contents
- The Index of Authorities
- The Statement of Jurisdiction
- The Statement of Facts (1 page only and an argumentative statement of facts would attract penalties)
- The Statement of Issues
- The Summary of Arguments (not more than 1 page)
- The Arguments Advanced (not more than 15 pages)
- The prayer

g. Uniform font style is to be followed throughout the Memorial. The font should be either Times New Roman or Garamond. The font size of the text should be 12 (1.5 lining space) and for footnotes, it should be 10 (single space) & 1.5 lining space between two-foot notes. Footnoting must conform to the **21<sup>st</sup> Bluebook citation style**.

h. The memorials should be staple-bound stitched or spiral-bound.

i. The memorial must have a margin measuring one inch on all sides of each page.



j. Except Cover page, all the pages of Memorials shall be numbered. The page numbering should be on the top right side of each page.

k. Covers must be placed on briefs as follows:

**Applicant: Light Blue Color    Respondent: Light Red Color.**

l. Use of Cellophane sheets over the covers or inside will be penalised.

m. The cover page of the memorial must state the following:

i. Team / Competition Code (on the top right corner) of soft/hard copy

ii. The cause title

iii. Identify brief as Applicant & Respondent as is applicable

n. The institution's identity shall not be revealed anywhere in the memorial, both in soft and hard copy. Violation of this provision shall result in penalties, including disqualification. The Chief Administrator's decision shall be final.

o. The teams **may** share a separate paper book (compendium) of not more than 50 pages, which will carry all the annexures and case laws referred to in the memorial. The book will have a white cover. Any identifying marks/seal of the college/university shall attract severe penalties, including disqualification.

## **XII. Oral Round Preliminary Rounds & Quarter Final Round:**

a. Each team will get a total of 25 minutes to present their case.

b. This time will include rebuttal and sur-rebuttal time.

- c. The division of time is at the discretion of the team members, subject to a minimum of 10 minutes per speaker (excluding the rebuttal time). It is the team's duty to inform the court officer of the division of time before arguments begin.
- d. The oral arguments need not be confined to the contents that are presented in the submitted memorials, subject to the issues covered within the case data.
- e. Passing of notes to the speakers by the researcher directly or through the Court Officers during the rounds is allowed subject to the discretion of the Judges.
- f. The attendance of the researcher at the time of the oral pleading rounds is compulsory.

#### **Semi-Final & Final Round –**

- a. Each team will get 40 minutes to present their case which will include rebuttal and sur-rebuttal time
- b. The division of time is at the discretion of the team, with a maximum of 25 minutes and a minimum of 20 minutes per speaker.
- c. The oral arguments need not be confined to the contents that are presented in the submitted memorials, subject to the issues covered within the case data.
- d. The attendance of the researcher at the time of the oral pleading rounds is compulsory.

#### **XIII. Scouting:**

Teams will not be allowed to observe the orals of any other teams. Scouting is strictly prohibited. Scouting by any of the team members shall result in disqualification.

#### **XIV. Scoring:**

##### **A. Orals –**

The parameters for judging the oral arguments on a scale of 0 – 100 points are:

- a. Knowledge of facts
- b. Proper and articulate analysis of the issues arising out of facts
- c. Understanding of the International / National legal principles directly applicable to the issues
- d. Ability to explain clearly International / National legal principles in general keeping to the time allotted.
- e. Knowledge and use of legal sources of IPR
- f. Ingenuity (ability to argue by analogy from related aspects of international/national law)
- g. Logic and reasoning
- h. Organisation and clarity
- i. Persuasiveness
- j. Deference to the Court

##### **B. Written Submission (Memorials) –**

- a. The memorials shall be marked on a scale of 0-100 points each under
  - Presentation
  - Quality of arguments
  - Formatting and Syntax
- b. Any revisions, supplements, or additions to the memorials after submission shall attract severe penalties subject to the discretion of the Chief Administrator.

c. Award of the points shall be based on the following parameters:

- Logical development of ideas
- Novelty in analysis and arguments
- Understanding pertinent legal issues
- Clear, concise and unambiguous writing style
- Integration of facts into legal argument
- Understanding of strengths and weaknesses of the case
- Discussion of viable alternative arguments
- Proper use of citations and citation form
- Effective use of authority to support arguments
- Ability to distinguish adverse cases
- Neatness, legibility and formatting