







### 5<sup>TH</sup> CCI - NUJS NATIONAL COMPETITION LAW AND DIGITAL FORENSIC MOOT







# KING STUBB & KASIVA ADVOCATES AND ATTORNEYS

## RULE BOOK





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### [1] **DEFINITIONS**

- 1.1. "Advanced Rounds" shall refer to the Quarter-Final, Semi-Final, and Final Rounds held in the offline format.
- 1.2. "Clarifications" shall refer to the requests for information with respect to the Moot Proposition, to be submitted by 20th August 2025.
- 1.3. "Compendium" shall refer to the collection of judgements and resources used to support the oral and written submissions of the party.
- 1.4. "Competition" shall refer to "5th CCI NUJS National Competition Law and Digital Forensics Moot"
- 1.5. "SITC Website" shall refer to the website where all updates pertaining to the competition will be provided. It can be accessed <u>here</u>.
- 1.6. "Cross-institutional Team" shall refer to teams that consist of members from more than one institution.
- 1.7. "Dispute Resolution Committee" shall consist of the Chief Event Coordinator, Faculty Advisor and Selected members of the Organising Committee.
- 1.9. "Open Teams" shall refer to the teams participating in the competition independent of their institutional affiliation, including Cross-Institutional Teams.
- 1.10. "Organising Committee" shall refer to the Committee constituted by SITC for conducting the competition.
- 1.11. "Plagiarism" shall refer to the direct or substantial duplication of work represented as one's own, without acknowledgement.



- 1.12. "Preliminary Rounds" shall refer to the rounds which take place before the Advanced Rounds of the Competition and for the purpose of determining which teams advance to the Advanced Rounds.
- 1.13. "Proof of Enrolment" shall mean to include College Identity Card or a similar document.
- 1.14. "Registration Fees" shall refer to the one time amount payable by all teams participating in the Competition.
- 1.15. "Registration Form" shall refer to the <u>Google Form</u> through which the participants will register for the competition. It can be accessed at <a href="https://forms.gle/PE6nWvGULKhNwW3Q9">https://forms.gle/PE6nWvGULKhNwW3Q9</a>.
- 1.16. "Soft Copies" of a document shall include the document in both PDF (.pdf) and Microsoft Word (.doc or .docx) format.



### [2] INTERPRETATION OF RULES

- 2.1. The Organising Committee shall serve as the final arbiter of the implementation and interpretation of the Rules.
- 2.2. The Competition shall be conducted in accordance with these Rules. All Participating Teams shall be presumed to have read and understood these Rules.

### [3] LANGUAGE

- 3.1. All oral and written submissions are required to be made in English.
- 3.2. It shall also be the official language of the Competition.

### [4] STRUCTURE OF THE COMPETITION

4.1. The Competition shall comprise of 2 rounds-

Memorandum Elimination Round: The results of this round shall be based on the evaluation of Memorandums and shall determine the 32 teams that will proceed to the Oral Rounds.

Oral Rounds: The teams that qualify the Memorandum Elimination Round shall be eligible to participate in the Oral Rounds, which shall comprise Preliminary Rounds and Advanced Rounds.



#### 4.2. The Tentative Timeline shall be as follows:

5 <sup>th</sup> August 2025	Early bird registrations open and release of moot proposition
20 <sup>th</sup> August 2025	Last date for sending in clarifications
30 <sup>th</sup> August 2025	End of early bird registrations Release of clarifications
30 <sup>th</sup> September 2025	Last date for registration for memo qualifier round and payment
15 <sup>th</sup> October 2025	Deadline for submission of memorials
30 <sup>th</sup> October 2025	Announcement of Results of memo qualifier round
4 <sup>th</sup> November 2025	Last date for registration of Oral Rounds
14 <sup>th</sup> November 2025	Opening Ceremony and Exchange of memorials for preliminary rounds
15 <sup>th</sup> November 2025	Preliminary and Quarter Final Rounds
16 <sup>th</sup> November 2025	Semi-Final Rounds, Finale Round and Valedictory Ceremony



#### [5] ELIGIBILITY

- 5.1. The Competition is open to students enrolled bona fide on a regular basis in an Undergraduate/Postgraduate law course (including LL.M. programs) or its equivalent conducted by any institution recognised by the Bar Council of India.
- 5.2. The Competition is open to students currently enrolled in LL.B. Degree Courses (3 year/5 year) or LLM Postgraduate Degree Courses.
- 5.3. Applications from Cross-institutional Teams are accepted. There is no limit on the number of teams applying from one institution.
- 5.4. The Competition shall not be open to participants currently enrolled as students in the National University of Juridical Sciences (NUJS).
- 5.5. The Organising Committee shall reserve the right to cancel the participation of a participant/team on valid grounds.

### [6] TEAM COMPOSITION

- 6.1. Each team shall comprise two or three members.
- 6.2. In three-member teams, two members shall perform the role of speaker and one member shall perform the role of researcher.
- 6.3. Any additional members, including observers, will not be recognised as part of the team for the purposes of the Competition.
- 6.4. The substitution of any team member is not allowed after the Registration Deadline, except in extenuating circumstances and only with the permission of the Organising Committee.



### [7] REGISTRATION

- 7.1. In this edition of the competition, all the teams desirous of participating in the competition should register themselves by completing the payment and filling out this form, by 30th September 2025. Following which the teams will be assigned their team codes, which would be required to submit the memos.
- 7.2. In case a team finishes their registration before 30th August 2025, their registration shall be considered as early bird registration.

### [8] REGISTRATION FEE

- 8.1. The registration fee per team for the memo qualifier round is INR 4,500 for early bird registrations and INR 6,000 for regular registrations.
- 8.2. The top 32 teams will be required to make an additional payment of INR 6,000 by 4th November 2025 for registration in the speaking rounds (this would include accommodations and local transportation from the University to the place of accommodation for the days of the event).
- 8.3. The payment of Registration Fees must be made to the following Bank Account:

Account Name : The Society for International Trade and

Competition Law

Account Number: 520101247029374 IFSC Code: UBIN0906638

8.4. Teams that have registered for the competition may withdraw from the competition after informing the OC of such withdrawal on or before 10th September 2025. If a team intimates a notice of withdrawal on or before 10th September 2025, then the registration fee paid, if any, will be refunded to the Team, after deducting transaction costs. In case a Team fails to intimate a notice of withdrawal within the stipulated time, such Team shall not be entitled to any refund.



#### [9] ANONYMITY

- 9.1. Memorandum Elimination Round: The identity of the participants, particularly the institution represented, should not be revealed in the memorandum. Any such disclosure will amount to non-compliance.
- 9.2. Oral Rounds: The speakers may only state their First Names or team codes during the Oral Rounds. The speaker must not, in any way or under any circumstance, reveal the institution they are representing to the judges during their participation in the Competition. Any such disclosure will amount to non-compliance.
- 9.3. Non- compliance with rules 9.1 or 9.2 will result in disqualification of the participating team.
- 9.4. Any other submissions, including Compendiums, are subject to Rule 9.1. Disclosure of identity through any mode, including the names of individuals/institutions in the copies of the legal sources used in the compendium, shall result in disqualification of the participating team.



### [10] COMMUNICATIONS

- 10.1. All communications to the Organising Committee shall be via email, addressed to <a href="mailto:sitcmoot@nujs.edu">sitcmoot@nujs.edu</a> or through the WhatsApp group created with participants upon qualification to the Oral Rounds.
- 10.2. The Organising Committee may update its Website and other Socials for important announcements, and it shall be considered as communicated to the participants.
- 10.3. Any information communicated to one member of a team shall be considered as communicated to the whole team.

### [11] CLARIFICATIONS

- 11.1. Clarifications regarding the Moot Proposition should be sought by filling out the form in the Clarification Section of the website or emailing the Organising Committee at <a href="mailto:sitcmoot@nujs.edu">sitcmoot@nujs.edu</a> with the subject "Clarifications | 5th CCI NUJS NCDFM".
- 11.2. A team can ask up to 5 clarifications.
- 11.3. The Clarification as and when issued become a part of the Moot Problem. The request for clarifications shall be clear and related to the facts of the case and not related to the substantive arguments.
- 11.4. The deadline for sending clarifications is 20th August 2025 (11:59 PM IST). No requests for clarification received after the deadline will be accepted.
- 11.5. The clarifications will be released by 30th August 2025 on the Website.



## [12] MEMORIAL SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

- 12.1. Every team that has successfully registered for the Competition shall submit two Memorandums: Memorandum on behalf of the Informant(s) and Memorandum on behalf of the Opposite Party.
- 12.2. All teams are required to submit Soft Copies of their Memorandums for the Memorandum Elimination Round by 15th October 2025 (11:59 P.M. IST) through the submission form on the website. Any Memorandum not submitted through the submission form will not be considered and will entail disqualification of the team.
- 12.3. All soft copies of the Memorandum submitted must be in both PDF (.pdf) and Microsoft Word Document format (.doc/.docx). They must be identical to each other. Any inconsistency between the Word and PDF file, shall result in immediate Disqualification of the Team.
- 12.4. Each Memorandum should be contained in a single file with the name of the file being the allocated Team Code followed by an 'I' for Informant(s) and 'O' for Opposite Parties. For instance, the Memorials of Team Code 10 should be named '10I' & '10R' for Informant(s) and Opposite Parties Memorials Respectively.
- 12.5. Teams are required to remove any identification from the meta-data in soft copies. Refer to Rule 9.1.
- 12.6. If a team makes more than one submission before the deadline, the last submission shall be considered final for all purposes of the Competition.
- 12.7. After the completion of the Competition, the Organising Committee reserves the right to publish, disseminate, and use the Memorandums as it deems appropriate.



### [13] MEMORANDUM

- 13.1. The memorandums are required to contain the following sections:
- 13.2. Each of the above sections shall begin on a new page and the entire Memorandum shall not exceed 40 pages.
- 13.3. Cover Page: Participants must strictly adhere to providing only the following information in the order specified: (this information should be centered, except where stated otherwise):
  - 1. Cover Page
  - 2. Table of Contents
  - 3. Table of Abbreviations
  - 4. Index of Authorities
  - 5. Statement of Jurisdiction
  - 6. Statement of Facts
  - 7. Issues Raised
  - 8. Summary of Arguments
  - 9. Arguments Advanced
  - 10. Prayer
- 13.4. The Team Code in the top right-hand corner of the page. For instance, the team with Team Code 27 would put TC-27 in the top right-hand corner of the cover page.
- 13.5. The name and the year of the Competition (i.e., "5th CCI NUJS National Competition Law and Digital Forensics Moot, 2025").
- 13.6. The name and place of the forum.
- 13.7. The relevant legal provision under which the forum has been approached as according to the Moot Proposition.
- 13.8. The Cause Title.



- 13.9. The title of the document (i.e., "Memorandum for Opposite Party" or "Memorandum for Informant")
- 13.10. Auto-generated hyperlinked (clickable) Table of Contents is preferred.
- 13.11. Table of Abbreviations: The Table of Abbreviations must be in alphabetical order.
- 13.12. Index of Authorities: The Index of Authorities must contain a list of all legal authorities and other sources (together "authorities") cited in the Memorandum. The Index of Authorities must contain the page number(s) of the Memorandum where the authorities are so cited. Refer to Rule 14.8.
- 13.13. The Index of Authorities must classify the authorities into sections (Books, Statues, Articles, Indian Cases, Foreign Cases etc.).
- 13.14. Auto-generated hyperlinked (clickable) Index of Authorities is preferred.
- 13.15. Statement of Facts: This section shall not exceed two pages.
- 13.16. The Statement of Facts shall only contain the relevant facts from the Moot Proposition, the Clarifications, and nothing else. Legitimate inferences that can be drawn from the moot proposition are allowed.
- 13.17. Summary of Arguments: This section shall not exceed two pages.
- 13.18. Arguments Advanced: This section shall not exceed 25 pages.
- 13.19. Any excess over the page limit will not be evaluated and Penalties under Rule 15 would apply.



### [14] MEMORANDUM FORMAT

- 14.1. Layout: All pages of the Memorandum must be of A4 size, with a 1- inch margin on all sides (Normal Margin).
- 14.2. Font and Spacing: The font and size of the text of all parts of the Memorandum shall be Times New Roman, size 12, 1.5-line spacing.
- 14.3. The Footnotes shall only be in Times New Roman, size 10, with single (1) line spacing.
- 14.4. All text must be justified. This rule is not applicable to the Cover Page.
- 14.5. Citations: The citation format should be according to the 2nd Edition of the NUJS Citation Standard & Style Sheet accessible here.
- 14.6. Speaking footnotes and endnotes are not allowed.
- 14.7. Page Numbers: The Page numbers shall appear in the bottom right-hand corner of the page.
- 14.8. The Memorandum shall contain page numbers in the following manner:
  - Cover Page and Table of Contents: No page number
  - Sections (3) to (8) & (10) under Rule 13.1: Roman Numerals (I, II, III...)
  - Arguments Advanced: Hindu Arabic Numerals (1, 2, 3...)



### [15] MEMORANDUM EVALUATION

15.1 Two evaluators shall evaluate each Memorandum. Each evaluator shall evaluate each Memorandum out of 100. Thus, each team will be scored out of 400 points. The criteria for evaluation are as follows:

CRITERIA	MAX MARKS
KNOWLEDGE AND UNDERSTANDING OF FACT SITUATION	20
CLARITY AND ORGANIZATION OF ARGUMENTS	20
USE OF AUTHORITIES AND CITATIONS	15
PRESENTATION AND FORMATTING	15
ORIGINALITY AND PERSUASIVENESS	20
GRAMMAR AND LANGUAGE	10
TOTAL	100

15.2. There shall be an upper ceiling of Objective Deductions or penalties, which shall not exceed 50 points. The Objective Deductions are to be done by the Organisers, as per this table:



### [15] MEMORANDUM EVALUATION

VIOLATION	PENALTY
NON SUBMISSION OF BOTH MEMORIALS	20
DELAY IN SUBMISSION OF MEMORIAL	2 POINTS PER MEMORIAL PER HOUR WITHIN THE 5 HOURS OF DEADLINE 4 POINTS PER MEMORIAL PER 5-12 HOURS AFTER DEADLINE DISQUALIFICATION BEYOND 12 HOURS
MISSING FILE FORMAT	DISQUALIFICATION
INCONSISTENCY BETWEEN WORD AND PDF FORMAT	DISQUALIFICATION
NON ADHERENCE OF PRESCRIBED FILE NAMING FORMAT	5 POINTS PER FILE
BREACH OF ANONYMITY	DISQUALIFICATION
MISSING OR ADDITIONAL SECTION(S)	5 POINTS PER VIOLATION
SECTION NOT STARTING ON A NEW PAGE	2 POINTS PER VIOLATION



VIOLATION	PENALTY
EXCEEDING MEMORIAL PAGE LIMIT	PER PAGE EXCEEDING 10 POINTS
MISSING, ADDITIONAL OR INCORRECT INFORMATION ON THE COVER PAGE	5 POINTS (ONE-TIME DEDUCTION)
NON ADHERENCE TO COLOR OF COVER PAGE	5 POINTS (ONE-TIME DEDUCTION)
MISSING INFORMATION OR PAGE NUMBER ON THE TABLE OF CONTENTS	2 POINTS (ONE-TIME DEDUCTION)
TABLE OF ABBREVIATIONS NOT IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER	2 POINTS (ONE- TIME DEDUCTION)
MISSING PAGE NUMBER IN THE INDEX OF AUTHORITIES	2 POINTS (ONE-TIME DEDUCTION)
EXCEEDING PAGE LIMITS IN STATEMENT OF FACTS	5 POINTS (ONE-TIME DEDUCTION)
EXCEEDING PAGE LIMITS IN SUMMARY OF ARGUMENTS	5 POINTS (ONE-TIME DEDUCTION)
EXCEEDING PAGE LIMITS OF THE ARGUMENTS IN ARGUMENTS SECTION	5 POINTS PER PAGE



VIOLATION	PENALTY
INCORRECT PAGE MARGIN OR	2 POINTS (ONE-TIME
SIZE	DEDUCTION)
INCORRECT FONT, SIZE OR	2 POINTS (ONE-TIME
SPACING IN THE MAIN BODY	DEDUCTION)
INCORRECT FONT, SIZE OR SPACING IN THE FOOTNOTES	2 POINTS (ONE-TIME DEDUCTION)
INCORRECT ALIGNMENT	2 POINTS (ONE-TIME DEDUCTION)
INCORRECT OR IRREGULAR CITATIONS	2 POINTS (ONE-TIME DEDUCTION)
USE OF SPEAKING	10 POINTS (ONE-TIME
ENDNOTES/FOOTNOTES	DEDUCTION)
NON-ADHERENCE TO PAGE	5 POINTS (ONE-TIME
NUMBERING GUIDELINES	DEDUCTION)



### [16] PLAGIARISM

- 16.1. Plagiarism found within the Memorandums can result in the team's disqualification based on the occurrence's severity.
- 16.2. The permissible limit of similarity is 25%, exclusive of citations and footnotes. However, direct plagiarism not amounting to 25% can also attract disqualification.
- 16.3. The standard applies to research-based plagiarism within the document (lifting texts from other sources without proper citation) and inter-memorial plagiarism (between participating teams).
- 16.4. If an instance of plagiarism is found to be prevalent in a Memorandum, the involved team may be issued a show cause notice by the Organising Committee. In cases of gross violation, the Organising Committee may directly disqualify the team with proper reason.
- 16.5. Portions of research directly quoted from other sources, properly cited, and within quotation marks will not be considered plagiarism.



### [17] QUALIFICATION TO ORAL ROUNDS

- 17.1. After evaluation of the Memorandums, the top 32 teams, on the basis of their total scores in the Memorandum Elimination Round, shall qualify for the Oral Rounds.
- 17.2. The results of the Memorandum Elimination Round shall be declared on 31st October 2025.
- 17.3. Subject to the discretion of the Organising Committee, more than 32 teams may qualify for the Oral Rounds based on the closeness of scores and the number of participants.

### [18] CONFIRMATION OF PARTICIPATION

- 18.1. The teams that qualify for the Oral Rounds will be required to confirm their participation in the Oral Rounds by filling out the confirmation form sent to them by email before 4th November 2025 (11:59 IST).
- 18.2. In the event that a team fails to confirm participation within the specified timeline, invitations to other teams will be issued on the basis of the scores of the Memorandum Evaluation Round by 6th November 2025.
- 18.3. The teams that qualify shall make all necessary travel arrangements to the campus premises of NUJS, Kolkata and shall share the details of these travel arrangements with the Organising Committee if and when asked by the Organising Committee.



### [19] ORAL ROUNDS

- 19.1. There shall be two stages of Oral Rounds- Preliminary Rounds and Advanced Rounds.
- 19.2. The Preliminary Rounds shall consist of Preliminary Round I ("Prelims I") and Preliminary Round II ("Prelims II"). Each team shall argue in both rounds, once as Informant and once as Opposite Party. No team shall face the same bench or team more than once in the preliminary rounds.
- 19.3. A two-judge bench will judge each round in the Preliminary Rounds.
- 19.4. In the Preliminary rounds, the Memorial scores of the teams will be used to determine the matchups; a power match-up system (Team 1 v Team 24, Team 2 v Team 23...) and a slide match-up system (Team 1 v Team 12, Team 2 v Team 13...) shall be used for Prelims–I and Prelims–II respectively.
- 19.5. Each round shall be decided by allocating a total of 6 round points, with all points awarded based on the Oral Scores of the teams.
- 19.6. A total of 3 points per judge will be allocated for the Preliminary Rounds. If the difference between the Cumulative Oral Scores is more than 10% of the higher score, the team with the higher score will be awarded 3 points. If the difference is less than 10%, then the Team with the higher score will be awarded 2 points and the other Team will be awarded 1 point. In the case of a tie, the teams will be awarded 1.5 points each for that judge.

#### 19.7. For Example:

i. Team A: 175 marks

Team B: 155 marks
Difference: 20 marks

Since the difference is more than 10% of 175:

Team A: 3 points Team B: 0 points



ii. Team A: 170 marks

Team B: 165 Marks Difference: 5 marks

Since the difference is less than 10% of 170:

Team A: 2 points Team A: 1 point

iii. Team A: 160 marks

Team B: 160 marks

Difference: 0

Since there is a tie: Team A: 1.5 points Team B: 1.5 points

19.8. The teams will be ranked based on the points secured in the Preliminary Rounds. In case of a tie, first, the Memorandum Score will be used to break the tie. If it is also a tie, then Cumulative Oral Scores will be used as tiebreakers.



### [20] ADVANCED ROUNDS

- 20.1. Quarter-final: The top 8 teams from the Preliminary Rounds shall advance to the Quarter-final Rounds.
- 20.2. Semi-final: The winning Team in each of the four Quarter-final Rounds shall advance to the Semi-final Rounds.
- 20.3. Grand-final: The winning team in each of the two Semi-final Rounds shall advance to the Grand-final Round.
- 20.4. A random draw of lots shall be used to determine the matchups for the Advanced Rounds.

## [21] PROCEDURES FOR ORAL SUBMISSION

- 21.1. The time allotted to each team to present their case during the Oral Rounds shall include time for arguments advanced, rebuttals, and sur-rebuttals. The Judges, at their discretion, may, however, extend the time limits for the team, provided that no team may be granted time greater than five (5) minutes beyond the prescribed limit, including the time necessary to answer the questions of the bench. While exercising this discretion, it will be the responsibility of the bench to ensure that both teams are treated fairly.
- 21.2. Each team will be allotted 30 minutes to present their case in Preliminary Rounds and the Quarter Finals.
- 21.3. Each team shall be allotted 45 minutes to present their case in the Semi-Finals and One hour in the Final Rounds.



- 21.4. A researcher may be allowed to argue instead of a speaker only with the permission of the Organising Committee and the bench in extenuating circumstances.
- 21.5. The division of time between the two speakers is up to the discretion of the team. However, a speaker can speak for a maximum of:
  - 18 minutes in the preliminary and quarter finals round,
  - 27 minutes in the semi final round, and
  - 36 minutes in the finals.

A maximum of 5 minutes can be reserved for rebuttals and sur-rebuttals.

- 21.6. The Informant's rebuttal shall be limited to responding to the Opposite Party's oral pleadings; whereas the Opposite Party's sur-rebuttal is limited to responding to the Informant's rebuttal.
- 21.7. Before the Oral Round begins, the team must inform the manner in which the team wishes to divide its total time between its (i) first speaker, (ii) second speaker, and (iii) the rebuttal (for Informants) or sur-rebuttal (for Opposite Party) to the Bailiff of that round.
- 21.8. Oral communication during the rounds is limited to the speaker presenting the oral pleadings and the Bench. If the need arises, the researcher may discreetly pass chits to the speakers, however, no oral communication shall be allowed amongst teammates during the rounds. Any communication between the speakers of a team during the Oral rounds, if required, shall be in writing. Teams should avoid any inappropriate behaviour that disturbs the presentation of the Oral Round.
- 21.9. The Participants must be dressed in formal courtroom attire.



21.10. The maximum marks in an oral round shall be 100 marks per speaker per judge. The basis for evaluation shall be as follows:

CRITERIA	MAX MARKS
KNOWLEDGE AND UNDERSTANDING OF LAW	20
APPLICATION OF LAW AND FACTS	20
REASONING AND INGENUITY OF ARGUMENTS	20
ORGANISATION AND ABILITY TO ANSWER	20
STYLE, COURTROOM MANNERISM AND TIME MANAGEMENT	20
TOTAL MARKS	100



### [22] GENERAL PROCEDURE

- 22.1 The Oral Rounds shall be conducted physically at the campus premises of NUJS, Kolkata, and shall comprise of Preliminary Rounds, Quarter- Finals, Semi-Finals and Final Rounds.
- 22.2. Upon arrival for the Competition, the teams must submit 5 hard copies (printed back-to-back on A4 Paper) of each Memorandum during the Check- in Process to the Organising Committee. The cover page of the memorials must be colour printed.
- 22.3. During the Check-in process, the submitting teams may furnish 2 physical copies of each compendium (optional) prepared as per Rule 23.
- 22.4. The team representing the Informant shall submit their arguments first, followed by the team representing the Opposite Party. Upon completion of the arguments, the Informant shall have the option of submitting rebuttals, followed by the Opposite Party. Sur-rebuttals shall/shall not be permitted, subject to the discretion of the judges.
- 22.5. The participants may state their First Names during the oral rounds but are not allowed to reveal the name of their institution and must use their Team Code in all circumstances.
- 22.6. The Judges shall be provided with the Memorandum of each party and may pose any questions to the teams that they deem fit, with or without reference to their respective submissions.
- 22.7. Teams, during Oral Rounds, wishing to cite authorities other than those mentioned in their memorandums may do so only with the prior permission of the Judges.
- 22.8. Teams are not allowed to use any electronic device during the Rounds.



- 22.9. The Judges' decision regarding the conduct of proceedings shall be final visà-vis their Courtroom.
- 22.10. The Judges' decision regarding the outcome of the rounds shall be final.
- 22.11. The reasoned verdict for qualifying one team in the Advanced Rounds over another shall be recorded by the Organising Committee.

### [23] COMPENDIUM

- 23.1. It is not mandatory to submit a Compendium. However, submission of a Compendium must only be in physical (printed) format only.
- 23.2. The compendium must indicate the Team Code and the side represented on its first page.
- 23.3. Any disclosure of identity will attract disqualification.
- 23.4. An index for the compilation (at the beginning of the file/folder) is mandatory. The responsibility of making a coherent, accessible compendium folder lies with the teams.
- 23.5. In case of judgements exceeding 20 pages, only the first page and relevant pages of the judgment are required to be attached.
- 23.6. The Organising Committee bears no responsibility for any issues caused to Judges in finding a relevant document or page.



### [24] MEMORANDUM PRINTING GUIDELINES

- 24.1. The First Page of the Memorandums must be printed in colour according to Rule.
- 24.2. Non-compliance shall lead to deductions as given under Rule 15.2, to the Oral Scores of the Oralists or any other penalty deemed fit by the Organising Committee.
- 24.3. All Memorandums must be spiral-bound. Memorandums cannot be stapled. Non-adherence may lead to penalties as deemed fit by the Organising Committee.
- 24.4. The hard copies must be identical to the soft copies. Any changes found in the hard copy, regardless of magnitude, will entail instant disqualification of the team.



### [25] AWARDS AND PRIZES

S. No	. Award	Prize
1.	KSK Winning Team Award	INR 50,000 + Internship opportunity at King Stubb & Kasiva + Certificate of Merit
2.	Shivadass & Shivadass Runners Up Award	INR 30,000 + Internship opportunity at Shivadass & Shivadass + Certificate of Merit
3.	Best Speaker (Prelims)	INR 20,000 + Internship opportunity at Khaitan & Co.+ Certificate of Merit
4.	Runner – Up Speaker (Prelims)	INR 10,000 + Internship opportunity at Khaitan & Co.+ Certificate of Merit
5.	BTG Advaya Best Memorial Submission (Complainant)	INR 20,000 + Internship opportunity at BTG Advaya + Certificate of Merit
6.	Chandhiok & Mahajan Best Memorial Submission (Respondent)	INR 20,000 + Internship opportunity at Chandhiok & Mahajan + Certificate of Merit



### [26] SCOUTING AND OBSERVATION

- 26.1. Teams shall not be allowed to observe any of the Oral Rounds of another team unless they have been officially knocked out of the competition
- 26.2. Scouting by any team shall entail instant disqualification.
- 26.3. Non-participants may be allowed to observe any of the Advanced Rounds at the discretion of the Organising Committee.

### [27] ACCOMMODATION AND TRAVEL

- 27.1. Accommodation and food shall be provided to all teams by the Organising Committee from the Evening of 14th November, 2025 to Noon of 16th November 2025 (3 days).
- 28.2. If any team wishes to arrive earlier or postpone their stay beyond the given schedule, they shall bear additional accommodation costs.
- 28.3. Reasonable transport arrangements shall be made from the place of accommodation to the venue of the Competition by the Organising Committee.
- 28.4. The form seeking details regarding travel must be duly filled and promptly sent by the teams shortlisted for the Oral Rounds whenever such form is sent by the Organising Committee.



## [28] POWERS OF THE ORGANISING COMMITTEE

- 28.1. All Participants are expected to maintain decorum in the Court during the competition and conduct themselves in a manner befitting the legal profession.
- 28.2. The Organising Committee reserves the right to take appropriate action for unethical, unprofessional, or immoral conduct.
- 28.3. If any situation is not contemplated in the rules, the Organising Committee's decision on the same shall be final and binding.
- 28.4. The Organising Committee reserves the right to vary, alter, modify, or repeal any of the above rules without any prior notification, if so required and as they may deem appropriate.
- 28.5. The institution follows a Zero Tolerance Policy towards sexual harassment and ragging. The Organising Committee reserves the right to disqualify the participants for engaging in such conduct without prejudice to any other action which can be initiated under appropriate law.
- 28.6. The Organising Committee may set up an Equity Committee to ensure the orderly conduct of all participants of the Competition.
- 28.7. Any issue or matter concerning the Competition will be decided by the Organising Committee.
- 28.8. Any grievance may be addressed to the Dispute Resolution Committee, whose decision shall be final.



### [29] AI POLICY

- 29.1. The use of AI is permitted under the following circumstances:
  - AI-enhanced research tools to find relevant sources (For example, Search Engines & AI-powered Legal Databases).
  - AI-enhanced proof-reading tools.
  - Using AI to generate overviews or briefings on relevant factual and legal topics solely for the team's own research purpose. For the avoidance of doubt, no such overviews or briefings may be submitted as part of the written memorandum.
  - AI-enhanced translation tools to translate and understand legal sources.
- 29.2. All other uses of AI are expressly prohibited as acts in violation of these Rules and will result in the written memorial being automatically disqualified.
- 29.3. Using any document issued by the Organising Committee of the Competition, to 'train' any AI tool, or using an AI tool that has been trained on the competition problem, to write and submit any part of the Memorials, shall result in immediate disqualification.



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