THAKUR RAMNARAYAN COLLEGE OF LAW

LEX Communique

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LEX COMMUNIQUE 2026

TRIAL ADVOCACY

RULES & REGULATIONS

1. ELIGIBILITY

1.1. The Competition is open for all students who are pursuing 3 years or 5 years LL.B. Degree Course in Universities Colleges/ Law Departments in India as recognized by the Bar Council of India.

2. MEDIUM OF LANGUAGE

2.1. The official language for the Competition shall be English only.

3. TEAM COMPOSITION

3.1. The team must consist of minimum 3 and maximum of 4 Members only. Two Speakers and One Researcher/ Two Speakers and Two Researchers. This number cannot be modified under any circumstances.

3.2. Each team will be provided with a unique team code. Team codes shall be used to communicate with the judges, court clerks, volunteers and organizers throughout the Competition.

3.3. No changes in the team composition shall be permitted once the final registration is confirmed by the organizers. However, the organizers may permit change in the order of the Speakers in the team upon request, prior to the commencement of the competition.

3.4. The participants are strictly prohibited from disclosing or revealing their college/university identity to any other participant belonging to another college/ university, or the judges, either directly or through symbolic representation, including but not limited to their dress code or through applications, books, compendiums, and any other material submitted or used by the participants. Contravention of the same may lead to disqualification based on sole discretion of the organizers.

4. DRESS CODE

4.1. The dress code for the competition shall be strictly formals. Teams are not permitted to wear neck bands, or Advocate Gowns for the competition. The participants must adhere to the following dress code only:

Gentlemen - Black Trousers, White Shirt, Black Blazer, Black Tie

Ladies - Black Trousers / Black Chudidar Pants, White Shirt / White Kurta and Black Blazer

5. REGISTRATION

5.1. A total of 26 teams will be participating in the Trial Advocacy Competition, 2026. Hence, registration shall be on first come first serve basis only.

5.2. Institutions/Teams interested in participating in the competition will have to provisionally register by sending an email to lexcommunique@trcl.org.in and only after the confirmation of provisional slot by the Organizers, they can complete the formalities of the final registration.

5.3.Only the teams who have received confirmation of provisional registration via an email must submit the REGISTRATION FORM with the details of participants and registration fee paid on or before 31st January, 2026.

5.4. Not more than 2 teams per College/Institution/University shall be permitted to take part in the Competition.

5.5. Registration Fees: The registration fee shall be accepted only through online transaction.

Registration Fees per team: INR 4000/-

Accommodation Charges: INR 2000/- per person.

5.6. Bank Details for UPI/RTGS/NEFT:

Name of the Account: Thakur Ramnarayan College of Law- A/c Lex Communique

Bank name: Indian Bank

Branch: Kandivali (East)

A/c. No.: 6701666981

IFSC Code: IDIB000K161

6. ORAL ROUNDS

6.1. There shall be four rounds conductedfor the purpose of this Competition:

a) Preliminary Round; (Qualification on Merit)

b) Quarter-FinalRound; (Knock-out)

c) Semi-Final Round; (Knock-out)

d) Final Round (Knock-out)

- **Preliminary Round** – Each team shall argue only from the allotted side which shall be decided by the draw of lots. The top eight teams of the Preliminary Rounds as determined by scoring criteria shall qualify for the Quarter Final Rounds.
- **Quarter Final Round** – The team shall argue only from one side for this round. The four teams out of eight teams of the quarter final round proceed to the Semi Finals; this will be a knockout round.
- **Semi-Final Round** – The team shall argue only from one side for this round. The two teams out of four teams of the Semi-final rounds proceed to the Finals; this will be a knockout round.
- **Final Round** –The team shall argue only from one side for this round. This will be a knockout round.

6.2. The teams shall examine minimum of two witnesses from each side, within the time allotted to them. Each speaker shall have to conduct Examination-in-Chief and Cross Examination of at least one witness in each round.

6.3. It shall be the discretion of the Speakers with regards to the distribution of businesses of Opening Statement and Final Arguments among themselves. No one Speaker can deal with both businesses.

6.4. The order of the speakers, examination and statements is to be intimated by the teams to the court officers before the commencement of the rounds and can be altered only with the permission of the organizers before starting the respective rounds. Roles of Speaker 1 and 2 can be swapped subject to Organizing Committee's approval. However, swapping between Speaker to a Researcher and vice-versa is not allowed.

6.5. The order of examination is as follows:

i) Examination-in-Chief of Prosecution Witness No.1 by the Prosecution

ii) Cross Examination of Prosecution Witness No.1 by the Defence

iii) Examination-in-Chief of Prosecution Witness No.2 by the Prosecution

iv) Cross Examination of Prosecution Witness No.2 by the Defence (Likewise, for all remaining Defence Witnesses)

7. ALLOCATION OF TIME

7.1. **Preliminary Round**

i) Each team shall get a maximum of 30 minutes in each Preliminary Round.

ii) Thus, the total time of the Preliminary Round shall not exceed 60 minutes.

- Opening Statement by the Prosecution – 03 minutes;
- Opening Statement by the Defence – 03 minutes;
- Examination-in-Chief of Prosecution Witnesses– 08 minutes;
- Cross Examination of Prosecution Witnesses– 14 minutes;
- Examination-in-Chief of Defence Witnesses– 08 minutes;
- Cross Examination of Defence Witnesses- 14 minutes;
- Closing Statement/Final Arguments by the Prosecution – 05 minutes;
- Closing Statement/Final Arguments by the Defence – 05 minutes.

7.2. **Quarter and Semi-Final Rounds**

i) Each team shall get a maximum of 45 minutes in Quarter and Semi-Final Rounds.

ii) Thus, the total time of each Round shall not 90 minutes.

- Opening Statement by the Prosecution – 05 minutes;
- Opening Statement by the Defence – 05 minutes;
- Chief Examination of the Prosecution Witnesses – 12 minutes;
- Cross Examination of the Prosecution Witnesses – 20 minutes;
- Chief Examination of the Defence Witnesses – 12 minutes;
- Cross Examination of the Defence Witnesses – 20 minutes;
- Closing Statement/Final Argumentsby the Prosecution – 08 minutes;
- Closing Statement/Final Arguments by the Defence – 08 minutes;

7.3. **Final Round**

i) Each team shall get a maximum of 60 minutes in the Final Round.

ii) Thus, the total time of the Final Round shall not exceed 120 minutes;

- Opening Statement by the Prosecution – 05 minutes;
- Opening Statement by the Defence – 05 minutes;
- Chief Examination of the Prosecution Witnesses – 16 minutes;
- Cross Examination of the Prosecution Witnesses – 24 minutes;
- Chief Examination of the Defence Witnesses – 16 minutes;
- Cross Examination of the Defence Witnesses – 24 minutes;
- Closing Statement/Final Arguments by the Prosecution – 10 minutes;
- Closing Statement/Final Arguments by the Defence – 10 minutes;

8. CRITERIA FOR ASSESSMENT OF ORAL SUBMISSIONS

8.1. Parameters for evaluating Speakers: Each Speaker shall be marked on the following criteria:

SR. NO.	PARAMETERS	MAXIMUM MARKS
1.	Knowledge of facts	20 Marks
2.	Logic, reasoning and systematic analysis of the issues arising out of facts	20 Marks
3.	Persuasiveness & deference to court	20 Marks
4.	Understanding of laws of evidence and procedure	20 Marks
5.	Ability to conduct chief / cross examinations in allotted time	20 Marks
TOTAL		100 Marks

8.2. Parameters for evaluating Witness: Every Witness-cum-Researcher in the Preliminary Round shall be marked on the following criteria:

SR. NO.	PARAMETERS	MAXIMUM MARKS
1.	Knowledge of problem	20 Marks
2.	Ability to maintain Character of Witness	20 Marks
3.	Ability to Answer Questions	20 Marks
4.	Logical Reasoning and Clarity	20 Marks
5.	Court Etiquette	20 Marks
TOTAL		100 Marks

9.WITNESSES

9.1. The organizers will **not** be providing witnesses for the Preliminary, Quarter-Final and Semi- Final Rounds. The researcher of the teams will play the role of the Witnesses. The witness scores will be combined with the team's overall score in the Preliminary Round. However, witnesses will be provided in the Final Round.

9.2. Teams must inform the court officers prior to the start of each round, which witnesses they intend to examine in that round.

10. MISCELLANEOUS

10.1. The Trial Proposition includes "Undisputed Facts" that cannot be altered, amended, or interpreted by the teams to suit their convenience.

10.2. All requests for clarifications must be sent via email with the subject line "Clarifications: Lex Communique 2026" to mca@trcl.org.in. No queries regarding the Trial Proposition will be entertained after the deadline.

10.3. If any rules or scoring criteria are not explicitly defined and cannot be reasonably anticipated, the organizers, in consultation with the faculty-in-charge, reserve the right to establish such rules or criteria.

10.4. The contents of the Trial Proposition are entirely fictional and are not intended to resemble any real-life incident or person, living or deceased. All names, characters, locations, dates, and other materials are fictitious and do not aim to offend or degrade any community, religion, group, or individual. Any resemblance is purely coincidental and unintentional.

10.5. The competition will be conducted based on the major criminal laws, namely Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023, Bhartiya Sakshya Adhiniyam, 2023, Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 & Narcotic Drugs & Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985

10.6. The laws of Zindia are pari materia with the laws of India.

11. AWARDS

TITLE	AWARDS
Winners	Cash Prize + Trophy + Certificates
Runners-Up	Cash Prize + Trophy + Certificates
Best Speaker	Cash Prize + Trophy + Certificates
Best Witness	Cash Prize + Trophy + Certificates
Participation	Certificates

12. DISCLAIMER

12.1. The institution/association reserves the right to modify or cancel any rules as deemed appropriate at any time during the competition, and the organizers' decisions shall be final.

CONTACT DETAILS

All correspondence must be written to lexcommunique@trcl.org.in and CC to mca@trcl.org.in

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