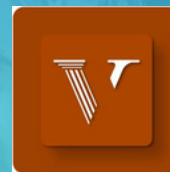


JUSTICE C.K. THAKKER NATIONAL MOOT AND MEDIATION COMPETITION 2024

2nd - 4th February, 2024

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NMIMS School of Law offers an outstanding legal education to inculcate a wide range of legal skills useful for the legal profession including the corporate level. Established in 2018 by NMIMS University, one of the premier Deemed to be Universities in India, the programs offering in our law school has all qualities and niceties of the programs offering by the world class Universities over the world. The school's faculty members are well qualified and experienced with wide range of quality legal publications and associated with social justice legal education. A Law School with global focus and international outreach dedicated to advance human dignity, social and economic welfare, and justice through knowledge of law.

ABOUT SOLARIS'24

SOLARIS is the flagship law fest organised by the NMIMS School of Law. The Fest is organised through the cooperation of 9 societies of the School of Law, The Fest strives to bring together esteemed academic institutions by means of participation in the grand competitions, through budding camaraderie among students as well as academicians along with networking opportunities with eminent personalities in numerous professions. The Fest shall comprise of a series of events stretching across a span of 3 days, the competitions including 1st Edition of National Moot and Mediation Competition, Paper Presentation Conference, National Parliamentary Debate Competition, Legal Hackathon, Sports Events (Competitive Team sports and Individual Sports,) and Informals (A number of Cultural and Informal competitions and events).

ABOUT 1st NATIONAL VIRTUAL MOOT COURT COMPETITION

The quest for knowledge, wisdom and insight is part and parcel of life. While the pandemic still roars on the edges, and everyone is stuck at their homes, The Moot Court Society of NMIMS School of Law, Bengaluru takes immense pleasure while announcing our 2nd National Virtual Moot Court Competition 2021 in association with S.S. Rana & co. With a goal of improving clinical legal education in India, the School of Law, Narsee Monjee Institute of Management Studies organizes moot court competitions every year and invites law students from various law schools and universities across the country to master the art and abilities of advocacy. A moot court not only improves legal knowledge, but also communication, drafting, legal research, and presentation skills. The competition is scheduled to be held from 1st - 3rd October, on a virtual platform. To judge the moot, we have on board with us legal luminaries with excellent expertise in the legal field. The Chief Guest for this event Hon'ble (Retd.) Justice C.K. Thakker, Former Judge, Supreme Court of India. This event would not have been possible without immense support by S.S. Rana & Co., our title sponsor, SKILLxPRO, our education partner & SCC Online, our knowledge partner.

ABOUT 2nd NATIONAL VIRTUAL MOOT COURT COMPETITION

Nations across the world were bracing up their preparation to face the challenges thrown by the coronavirus. India was also following the impeccable measure of social distancing. But at the same time, we were not standing apart; rather technology had enabled us to maintain our life in both social as well as professional spaces. With the help of this technological advancement The Moot Court Society of NMIMS School of Law Bangalore felt honoured and proud to organize National Virtual Moot Court Competition 2020 in collaboration with M Mulla Associates from 11th - 13th September 2020. Our Chief Guest for the inaugural ceremony was Hon'ble (Retd.) Justice Kurian Joseph (Former Judge, Supreme Court of India). And for the purpose of this competition, we had collaborated with JJ&J Attorneys as our Law Firm Partner, Value as our Technology Partner, Anuj Tyagi as Patron, EBC and SCCOnline as Knowledge Partner, Virtual Law School as Academic Coordinator, S & M Partners as Out Reach Partners, R&R Chambers as Chamber Partner and LiveLaw as the Media Partner.

ABOUT OUR FIRST NATIONAL MOOT & MEDIATION COMPETITION 2024

National Moot and Mediation Competition, 2023 is an extraordinary event brought to you through the collaborative efforts of the Moot Court Society and the Board of ADR of the prestigious NMIMS School of Law, Bengaluru. This one-of-a-kind competition promises to blend the exciting realms of moot court advocacy and mediation into a dynamic and innovative platform. Within this exceptional event, participants will engage in a simulated legal setting where a common proposition, accompanied by a similar factual background, will set the stage for pre instituted Mediation followed by Moot Competition.

The journey begins with the Invitation for Memorial Submission Round, where Law Schools and prominent legal platforms will extend a warm welcome to eager participants.

During this round, participants will be required to submit their written memorials, which will be evaluated by a panel of expert judges. These memorials serve as a crucial component of the competition as they showcase the participants' research, writing, and advocacy skills. The top teams will then be selected to compete in the Mediation Round, where they will engage in a simulated mediation process. This round will test their ability to negotiate, communicate, and resolve conflicts effectively.

Following the Mediation Round, the top teams will advance to the Moot Court Competition, where they will argue their case before a panel of experienced judges. This round will challenge participants to demonstrate their oral advocacy skills, legal knowledge, and ability to think on their feet.

The National Moot and Mediation Competition, 2023 promises to be a unique and exciting opportunity for law students to showcase their skills, network with peers, and gain valuable experience in the fields of mediation and advocacy. We look forward to welcoming you to this exceptional event and wish all participants the best of luck in their journey towards success.

RETD. HON'BLE JUSTICE C.K. THAKKER

His Lordship was born on November 10, 1943. Rendered services as Assistant Government Pleader and Additional Public Prosecutor from December, 1975 to 1982. Appeared in a number of Civil, Criminal and Constitutional matters. Offered services as part time Lecturer in Law in Sir L.A. Shah Law College, Ahmedabad for about 20 years. Written books "Lectures on Administrative Law", "Civil Procedure" and "Criminal Procedure" which have been appreciated in India as well as in U.S.A. Also revised V. G. Ramchandran's monumental work "Law of Writs" (1993) and Ratanlal and Dhirajlal's "Law of Crimes" (2002) (Silver Jubilee Edition). Assumed the Office of Chief Justice of High Court of Himachal Pradesh on 5th May, 2000. His Lordship was transferred and took oath as the Chief Justice of High Court of Bombay on 31st December, 2001. Justice Thakker was appointed a judge of the Supreme Court of India on 7 June 2004. He was also acting governor of the State of Maharashtra from July to October 2002



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Anirudh Suresh self-laid the foundation for his ascent as one of the rising lawyers in the country and founded Anirudh Associates. The success story of Anirudh Suresh as a first-generation lawyer was featured on Brut. He has been recognised as one of the Top 50 Disputes Lawyers in Asia (Litigation and Arbitration) by Thomson

Reuters on the basis of his work, positive market feedback and endorsements from satisfied clients. In 2022, Anirudh's firm was recognised by IFLR1000 as a 'Notable Firm' in the specialised area of Insolvency and Restructuring. In 2023, Asia Law conferred him the title of 'Rising Star,' highlighting his exemplary contributions to the legal field.



Anirudh aspires to change the current view among the public that a legal case requires over ten years to be resolved. The proof of his aspiration is his remarkable track record of achieving swift resolutions, including obtaining a final order from the NCLT, Amaravati, in just 28 days for an 11.5 crore dispute and securing final orders from the Commercial Court in Bangalore within a mere 45 days.

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RULES AND REGULATIONS

Date- 2nd to 4th February, 2024

Venue – School of Law, NMIMS Bengaluru.

Dress Code:

Ladies: White shirt and black pant / black skirt along with black coat.

Gentlemen: White shirt, black trousers, black tie along with black coat.

Language- The language of the competition will be ENGLISH only.

STRUCTURE OF THE COMPETITION

The competition shall consist of the following rounds:

a) Memorial Selection Rounds

b) Oral rounds

(Note: The Event is one singular Competition consisting of Moot and Mediation Rounds.)

TEAM COMPOSITION

The Participating Team will consist of 3 members and the same team will be competing in the Moot as well as the Mediation Rounds.

a) Each participating team for the purpose of the Mediation Rounds will designate their members as the Mediator, Client and Counsel.

b) Whereas for the Moot Court Rounds, the same members shall be designated as Speakers for the Moot Court Oral Submissions.

c) Each team will be given a unique team code number which will thereafter be the identity of the team and its members.

d) The team shall designate one of its members as the contact person in the registration form and fill the required contact details of the same in the form.

e) There will be no substitution of any team member.

ELIGIBILITY

- All students enrolled in undergraduate Law Programmes (3 Year/5 Year programme) shall be eligible for participation in the competition.
- A Maximum of 2 Teams are allowed from a University.
- No Cross - Institutional Teams are allowed for the Competition.

DEFINITIONS

- a) "**Administrator**" shall mean School of Law NMIMS, Bengaluru.
- b) "**Competition**" shall refer to NMIMS's 2nd National Virtual Moot Court Competition, 2021
- c) "**Competition problem**" shall refer to the facts and issues released by the Organizing Committee (OC) of the competition with its clarifications and corrections.
- d) "**Competition rules**" shall refer to the official rules of the competition as amended from time to time
- e) "**IST**" shall refer to Indian standard time.
- f) "**INR**" shall refer to Indian National Rupee.
- g) "**Knock out round**" shall refer to Quarter Finals, Semi-finals and Final rounds of the competition.
- h) "**Memorial**" shall refer to the memorandum of written submissions submitted by any participating team as per the Competition Rules.
- i) "**Court Room**" shall refer to the online platform where the oral round shall take place.
- j) "**Organizing Committee**" (hereinafter to be referred as O.C.) shall refer to the committee appointed for the administration and conduct of the competition including any other authorized persons, and of all events leading up to the competition.
- k) "**Official Email**" shall refer to the official email id of the Moot Court Society (MCS), i.e. mcs.sol@nmims.edu.in
- l) "**Participating Team**" shall refer to the team that has registered itself for the competition as per the rules given below.

MEMORIAL SUBMISSION

Each team is required to prepare Memorials (Written Submissions) for both sides: Petitioner and Respondent

THE MEMORIAL SHOULD CONTAIN THE FOLLOWING:

- Cover page
- Table of Content
- List of Abbreviations
- Index of Authorities/Table of Cases
- Statement of Jurisdiction
- Summary of facts
- Statement of Issues
- Summary of Arguments
- Arguments Advanced
- Prayer

THE COVER PAGE SHALL INCLUDE:

- The Name of the Court
- The Year of the Competition
- The Name of the Case
- The Name of the parties
- Team Code to be indicated at the bottom right corner in bold. (For example – ‘NVMC01’) which shall be intimated to the respective teams.
- The title of the Document (i.e., “Memorial for Petitioner” or “Memorial for Respondent”).

a. The arguments advanced shall not exceed 15 pages. However, the total number of pages for the memorial shall be limited to 30 pages including the cover page. Exceeding the limit, the candidate will lose 02 Points per page.

b. The Memorial shall be typed on A4 size page in Font type Times New Roman, Font size: 12, 1.5-line spacing and; 1-inch margin on each side. All the pages of the memorials should have page numbers at the bottom.

c. 20th Blue Book edition for footnotes shall be followed.

d. The Cover Page of the Memorial must follow the following colour scheme, Blue for the Petitioner Cover Page and Red for the Respondent Cover Page.

e. Soft copies of memorials shall be submitted in both PDF and doc format latest by 20th January, 2024, 11:59pm . Late entries shall be penalised with a loss of 3 marks per day and no memorials shall be accepted after one day (21st January 11:59 Pm) from the prescribed date for submission.

f. Participants will be provided with a link of google forms for the submission of memorials.

g. The name of the memorial file must be "Memorial Submission- (Team Code) - 2024" and the format of file must be docx. and pdf.

h. In case the name of the file is not as prescribed, the memorials will not be accepted and the organising committee will not be responsible for the delay of such submissions.

i. Identification mark of any type is strictly prohibited. Breach of this rule shall lead to penalty or disqualification.

j. Memorial submission from each side shall carry a total of Hundred (100) marks.

k. The contents of the memorial should not be plagiarised (20% limit) or else it will amount to total deduction of memorial marks or disqualification. The decision of the organizers shall be final.

CRITERIA FOR EVALUATION

Sr. No.	PARAMETERS	MARKS
1	Knowledge of law and facts	20
2	interpretation and application of law	20
3	Extent and use of research	20
4	Clarity and organisation	20
5	Adherence to norms regarding styles, grammar and citation source	20
	Total	100

RULES FOR ORAL ROUNDS

A. MEDIATION

1. There shall be two [2] teams competing against each other in a room before the Judge.
2. A mediation session shall comprise of six [6] people which shall be inclusive of two [2] mediators and four [4] mediating parties, comprising two [2] Counsels and two [2] Clients respectively.
3. The mediator(s) shall lead towards a settlement between the two disputing parties.
4. Each session shall go on for a time period of 40 minutes. If any team or member fails to join the session after passing a maximum of 5 minutes since the commencement of the prescribed time slot, they shall be immediately disqualified.
5. In the time frame mentioned above, it is at the discretion of the mediator(s) to adopt the common code of procedure of the mediation session, provided that no such procedure shall contravene the general rules of the competition at any cost.
6. Participants shall leave the Room on expiry of the session time of 40 minutes. No extra time shall be granted in any case whatsoever.
7. During the session, it is NOT MANDATORY to call for a private caucus and it is solely at the discretion of the Mediator(s) or the parties to call for one.
8. The Mediator(s) shall NOT call for more than one private caucus during the course of the mediation session.
9. A private caucus may be for a maximum of 5 minutes, which is included in the total time of 40 minutes provided for the session. The Mediator and the Mediating pair, both, will be responsible for managing and adhering to the aforementioned time limit, failure of which will result in deduction of marks.
10. During a caucus, the other party will be asked to leave the mediation session and will be informed to re-join the session by the session supervisor.

CRITERIA FOR EVALUATING THE MEDIATING PAIR

Sr. No.	PARAMETERS	MARKS ALLOTTED
1	Opening Statement	10
2	Constructive Approach	10
3	Advocating Interests	10
4	Teamwork and Coordination	10

5	Use of services of Mediator	10
6	Effective use of confidential information	10
7	Body Language	10
8	Mutually Generating Creative Options	10
9	Negotiation Strategy	10
10	Time Management	10
Total		100

CRITERIA FOR EVALUATING THE MEDIATOR

Sr. No	PARAMETERS	MARKS ALLOTTED
1	Opening Statement	10
2	Creating an appropriate environment	10
3	Control over the session	10
4	Ability to work as team	10
5	Eliciting information from Mediating Pair	10
6	Conduct and Demeanour	10
7	Facilitating Option Generation	10
8	Conduct	10
9	Closing statement	10
10	Time Management	10
Total		Total

RULES FOR ORAL ROUNDS

B. MOOT

1. It is mandatory for the members to be present on the date slot assigned to them in the courtroom.
2. The speakers can provide the copies of the compendium, only if the same is permitted by the panel of judges in their respective courtrooms.
3. The fixtures will be decided following the procedure of matchups by the organising committee.
4. Each team will be allotted sides (petitioner or respondent) via draw of lots.
5. In case of a tie, memorial marks shall be considered for a tie- breaker. In case of further tie, marks of the Speaker 1 shall be taken into consideration.
6. Each team shall plead for a maximum of 40 minutes. Extension of 2 minutes will be given to each speaker at the discretion of the Judge, after which a penalty of 0.25 marks will be levied per minute.
7. For rebuttal and sur-rebuttal, only one speaker shall be allowed to present. The time reserved for rebuttal and surrebuttal cannot be divided between the speakers. Rebuttal time shall not be reserved beyond 5 minutes.
8. Scouting is strictly prohibited. Any team indulging in the same shall be disqualified from the competition, effective immediately.
9. The criterion for scoring of the speakers has been given herein below:

Sr. No.	PARAMETERS	MARKS ALLOTTED
1	Knowledge of law	20
2	Application of law	20
3	Ingenuity and ability to answer questions	20
4	Style, poise, courtesy, demeanour	15
5	Time management	10
6	Coordination and teamwork	10
7	adequacy of the prayer	5
	Total	100

RULES FOR REGISTRATION

- a) Teams are supposed to complete their Registration before the deadline.
- b) The Registration shall be done by filling up the Google Form provided in the mail.
- c) The Registration fees is **Rs. 3500/-** per team.
Please find the registration link on the website :
<https://www.nmimsbengaluru.org/event/solaris-sol-blr/>
- d) The Registration shall be deemed complete only when the Registration fee has been remitted successfully and the Application form is duly filled.
- e) Once the registration is complete, each team will be provided with a Team Code along with the confirmation mail.
- f) The teams shall quote this Team Code in all further communications with the OC.

IMPORTANT DATES

Details	Date
Event Live Online	6th December, 2023
Release of Moot Problem	6th December, 2023
Registration Begins	6th December, 2023
Registrations Ends	10th January, 2024
Last date for clarification	12th January, 2024
Clarifications Release	15th January, 2024
Memorial Submission	20th January, 2024
Results of Memorial Rounds	24th January, 2024
Offline Oral Round	2nd - 4th February, 2024

PAYMENT DETIALS

Payment to be made with the help of the details given below:

ACCOUNT DETAILS

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ORGANISING COMMITTEE

- 1.The O.C. reserves the right to amend, modify, change or repeal any of the competition rules at any stage.
- 2.The O.C. shall communicate any changes made in the competition rules to the Participating Teams.
3. If a team believes that a violation of the rules of the competition has taken place at any stage of the competition, the team (s) shall inform within half an hour after the completion of the round to the OC.
- 4.Team(s) under no circumstances shall approach the Judges with any complaints or requests.
- 5.All communications shall be made by the official mailing address of the Moot Court Society and The Board of ADR of NMIMS SOL BENGALURU i.e.,mcs.sol@nmims.edu.in and board.adr.sol@nmims.edu.in.

PENALTIES

Sr. No.	PARTICULARS	PENALTY
1	Delay in submission of memorial	3 Points
2	Resubmission of Memorial	5 points
3	Formatting violation	1 point per violation
4	Disclosure of team identity	Disqualification
5	Use of electronic devices and any unprofessional conduct during the rounds	Disqualification
6	Scouting	Disqualification
7	Exceeding page limit of memorial	2 points per page
8	Exceeding pleading time	0.25 points per minute

AWARDS UP TO 1.35 LAKH + INCENTIVES

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2. Best Mediation Team



3. Runners-up Mooting Team



4. Runners-up Mediation Team



5. Best Memorial



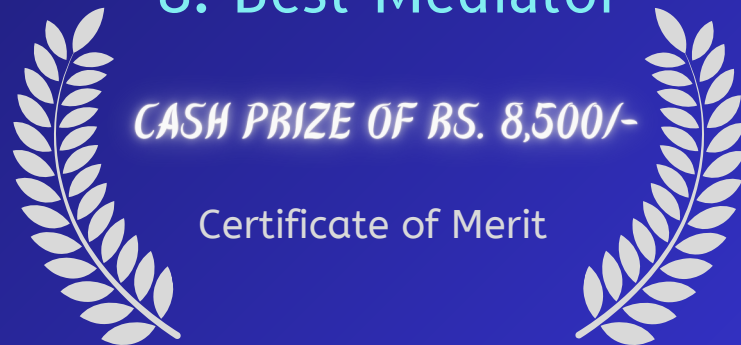
6. Best Negotiating Pair



7. Best Speaker



8. Best Mediator



PROSPECTIVE ACCOMMODATION PLAN FOR THE PARTICIPANTS

(The following Accommodation Plan is completely optional and voluntary and this service is only for the convenience of the Participants.)

Cost: Rs. 2,500/- per person.

(4,500/- for the Entire Team of 3 Participants)

- This Includes a 3 – day stay at the property.
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(Further Details regarding the Exact location of the Property would be shared post the Memorial Selection Round.)

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