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9th National Moot Court
Competition**

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About The Institution



B.M.S. College of Law was established in the year 1963 by Sri. B.S. Narayan, Donor Trustee, BMSET, under the aegis of B.M. Sreenivasaiah Educational Trust. The Trust is named after Dharmaprakasha Rajakaryaprasaktha Sri. B.M. Sreenivasaiah, whose vision laid the foundation for the first private Engineering College in the State of Karnataka. The institution is affiliated with Karnataka State Law University, Hubballi and is approved by the Bar Council of India, New Delhi. The college offers B.A. LL.B., B.Com. LL.B., B.B.A.LL.B (5-Year Degree) and L.L.B., (3-Year Degree) Courses. The Institution is accredited with B++ Ranking by the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC).

With an aim of imparting quality legal education, B.M.S. College of Law has a strong foundation and infrastructure with a highly qualified and dedicated team of faculty committed to providing a world-class learning experience. Eminent Alumni of the Institution form a strong professional network and work tirelessly to contribute back to the Institution. Apart from imparting legal education through the regular prescribed syllabus, the college is endeavouring to promote legal awareness, particularly about contemporary issues including intellectual property rights, consumer welfare schemes, and women's rights among the general public through the activities undertaken by various cells and committees including National Moot Court Competition and other academic activities. The college also regularly organises legal awareness programs, public lectures, walkathons, cleanliness drives, charity drives and other community-based extension activities.

About the Moot Court Society

The B.M.S. College of Law's Moot Court Society was established to foster students' interests in the activity of mooting, assist them in learning the nuances of legal research, give them a firm grasp on the use of online legal databases, organise research into concise and understandable legal arguments on the issues presented in a moot proposition, and culminate all of this in a winning argument in a moot court competition. The Society periodically holds workshops and training programmes to polish budding legal brains' drafting and persuasive skills. It conducts various internal moot court competitions through the faculty and student body, enabling students to compete in national and international external moot court competitions. The society also organizes one of the most prestigious *B.M. Sreenivasaiah Memorial National Moot Court Competition* every year. To continue this legacy, the Moot Court Society of B.M.S. College of Law is conducting the *B.M. Sreenivasaiah Memorial 9th National Moot Court Competition, 2024 from 12-14 July, 2024*. The said competition will provide a platform to students across the nation to hone their mooting, research and communication skills.



INVITATION

The B.M.S. College takes this opportunity to announce the prestigious B.M. Sreenivasaiah Memorial 9th National Moot Court Competition. With the grand success of the last 8 National Moot Court Competitions, B.M.S. College of Law is back for its next instalment, which is scheduled to be held from 12-14 July, 2024.

The legacy of the institution with its vision and mission of aligning with transformative learning, has long since enacted various pedagogical approaches including Moot Court Competition. This year the Moot Proposition revolves around the nuance's topic of Overseas Citizens. The proposition incubates various perspectives, including a humanitarian dialogue. The proposition tests the interpretative and critical thinking skills, research aptitude and observatory skills of the participants.

The competition provides excellent opportunity to passionate law students to involve themselves in intellectual discourse and an excellent networking opportunity.

The event will take place at B.M.S. College of Law, Bengaluru. To ensure the comfort of the participating teams, an orientation program has been scheduled on the 12th of July to guide the participants about the conduct of the competition. In case of any further queries write to us at: mcs@bmscl.ac.in

On behalf of the entire fraternity of B.M.S. College of Law, invitation is hereby extended to your esteemed institution to participate in the moot court competition.

Looking forward to hosting your team for the event.

Ms. Sahana Florence
Faculty Co-ordinator

Dr. Anitha F N D' Souza
Principal

Important Dates



Last date for receipt of Provisional Registration through Google form	10 June, 2024
Final Registration and payment of Registration Fee	15 June, 2024
Last date for queries regarding the problem	16 June, 2024
Last date for submission of Moot Memorials (Soft Copy)	1 July, 2024
Last date to receive Hard Copy of the Memorial , Registration Form, Fee Payment Receipt and Bonafide Certificate	5 July, 2024
Inaugural Program	12 July, 2024
Draw of Lots and Exchange of Memorial for Preliminary Rounds	12 July, 2024
Researcher Test	12 July, 2024
Preliminary Rounds and Quarter Final	13 July, 2024
Semi Final and Finals	14 July, 2024
Valedictory Program	14 July, 2024



Prizes and Awards

CITATION	AWARDS
WINNERS	₹ 35,000 + Trophy + 1 year SCC Online Web Edition Platinum Academic Subscription worth of ₹ 88,500.
RUNNERS-UP	₹ 30,000 + Trophy + 1 year Subscription to EBC Learning worth ₹ 43,500.
BEST WRITTEN SUBMISSION	₹ 5,000 + Trophy
BEST ORATOR - MALE	₹ 5,000 + Trophy
BEST ORATOR - FEMALE	₹ 5,000 + Trophy
BEST RESEARCHER	₹ 5,000 + Trophy

Every Participating Team shall be awarded a “Token of Appreciation and Certificate of Participation”

MOOT PROPOSITION

1. The Union of Indudesh is a developing country with a rich culture and legacy. The citizens of Indudesh are governed by the Constitution of Indudesh. The Union of Indudesh is home to 1/4th of the world's population but over a period of time its citizens have migrated to foreign countries looking for opportunities and better lifestyles.
2. Indudesh is a federal constitutional democracy and a republic consisting of 28 states and 8 union territories. Indudesh follows a bi-cameral parliamentary system, where the prime minister is the legislative head of the country and the president is the executive head of the country. Indudesh also follows a bi-party system consisting of the Indudesh Janata Party and the Indudesh Labour Party.
3. In recent years, the concept of dual citizenship has emerged as a complex and contentious issue within the legal framework of the Union of Indudesh. In the wake of recent developments such as globalization and increased migration patterns, the Government of Indudesh introduced the Overseas Citizenship of Indudesh Scheme with the aim of fostering stronger ties with the Indudeshian diaspora and facilitating their engagement with their homeland, Union of Indudesh
4. Accordingly, the Union of Indudesh made amendments, after following due process of law, to the Citizenship Act, 1955 ("Act") in the year 2015 by introducing the Citizenship Amendment Act, 2015 ("Amendment Act, 2015") which made the new amendments to the Act: (a) Section 2 (ee) – Overseas Citizen of Indurashtra Cardholder(OCIs); and (b) Sections 7A to 7D that define the rights and conditions for grant of 'Overseas Citizen of Indurashtra Cardholder' and conditions for its continuation and/or cancellation.
5. Under the Amendment Act, 2015, persons registered as OCIs were granted rights on par with citizens of Indudesh, subject to the restrictions and limitations as stipulated under Section 7A to 7D of the Act as amended by the Amendment Act, 2015. The amendments made to the Act, was envisioned as a means to grant dual citizenship rights to individuals of the Indudeshian origin residing in foreign countries, thereby allowing them to maintain a connection with their cultural and ancestral roots.
6. Additionally, the OCI Scheme facilitates visa-free entry, employment, and business opportunities for this group of foreign citizens without requiring them to give up their foreign citizenship.
7. Mr. Well Read, a person of Indudesh Origin, residing in New York, wanted to set up a Software company in Indudesh and in this regard wanted to apply for the Overseas Citizen Card from the Government after the amendment in the year 2016. His application was accepted and was granted the Overseas Citizen Card.

8. He had applied for allotment of Land for establishing his company in Kannada Rashtra, a State in the southern part of Indudesh. The State of Kannada Rashtra, under its agency called the Industrial Development Board allotted 25 acres of Land to Mr. Well Read in a place called Basavanagiri after making payment of the requisite premium of \$1,000,000/- (Indudesh Dollar One Million Only) and getting a valid conveyance deed executed in his favour, which was a land exclusively reserved for Industrial Purposes.
9. Mr. Well Read managed to use only 10 acres of the allotted Land for his company and had envisioned to use remaining 15 acres for the expansion of the company in the future years.
10. Mr. Well Read married Ms. Intelligent, a citizen of Australia in the year 2016 and later in the year 2020 she too obtained Over Seas Citizenship Card from the Government of Indudesh under the provisions of Section 7 A (1) (d). They both continued to stay together in Indudesh.
11. Due to the pandemic COVID 19, the software company of Mr. Well Read had to face financial hardships and was incurring huge losses. Mr. Well Read, died due to COVID 19 in the year 2021 and Ms. Intelligent inherited the property of her husband by way of intestate succession under laws governing inheritance in Australia.
12. In the year 2024, a new secular nationalist government formed by the Indudesh Janata Party (“IJP”) was elected to the parliament of Indudesh. In its manifesto for the election, it stated that interference by foreign nationals and countries was affecting elections and therefore, such actions have to be controlled and interference from foreign nationals, overseas citizens and foreign governments have to be stopped.
13. Thereafter, the Government of Indudesh introduced a new amendment to the Act, which was passed by an overwhelming majority in both houses of the Parliament and thereafter, received the assent of the President of Indudesh and was published in the official gazette on February 25, 2024 (“Amendment Act, 2024”). Under the Amendment Act, 2024 a new provision was introduced in Section 7D which reads as follows:

“7D. Cancellation of registration as Overseas Citizen of Indudesh Cardholder.—The Central Government may, by order, cancel the registration granted under sub-section (1) of section 7A, if it is satisfied that—

[(da) the Overseas Citizen of Indudesh Cardholder has violated any of the provisions of this Act or provisions of any other law for time being in force as may be specified by the Central Government in the notification published in the Official Gazette or causes and/or attempts to espouse disaffection against the Government of Indudesh and/or wages or attempts to wage war and/or affects the territorial integrity of the Union of Indudesh in any manner whatsoever]”

14. In the month of March 2024, there was large-scale mob violence between different communities occurring in the Western part of Indudesh. Subsequently, after the violence had abated, the government of Indudesh appointed a committee consisting of a retired senior ranking judicial officer and an administrative officer (“Committee”) to conduct an enquiry into the large-scale violence and was awaiting the Report from the Committee. In the meantime, Ms. Intelligent who was a harsh critic of the IJP had written an article in an online blog post hosted on a public website, with over 10 million views, that there was widespread violation of minority rights in Indudesh and that a pogrom was being conducted by the IJP government against certain minorities in Indudesh resulting in the deaths of hundreds of people and destruction of properties worth millions of dollars. Thereafter, the central government through the prescribed authority issued a show-cause notice to Ms. Intelligent as to why she was spreading false news about Indudesh and being an OCI Cardholder was espousing disaffection against the Government of Indudesh and the IJP Government. Ms. Intelligent sent a written response stating that she was exercising her rights under Article 19 of the Constitution and that she was entitled to critic the government in a fair and reasonable manner. Thereafter, Ms. Intelligent was informed through an official postal message from the Government of Indudesh that her Overseas Citizenship Card had been cancelled and that she no longer can claim any benefits relating to the same. It may be noted that she was asked to vacate the country within 45 days or to apply for a Visa to continue her stay. Ms Intelligent decided to leave the country immediately.

15. On or at the same time as amending the Citizenship Act in 2024, the Government of Indudesh also made an amendment to the Enemy Property Act, 1968 (“EPA”) by including a new explanation to the definition of Section 2 (b) which reads as follows:

“[Explanation 3: An enemy shall mean and include any person or individual whose Overseas Citizenship of Indudesh Cardholder has been revoked and/or cancelled under Section 7D (da) of the Citizenship Act, 1955]”

The 2024 Amendment to the EPA came to be published on April 20, 2024, in the official gazette of the Union of Indudesh after being passed by both houses of parliament and receiving due assent from the President of Indudesh.

16. The Government of Indudesh published a Notification in their Official Gazette on April 30, 2024, relating to the Acquisition of the Lands which were classified as Enemy Property after the amendment in the year 2024. In the said notification the Land that was allotted to Late Mr. Well Read to the entire extent of 25 acres of his Land was also mentioned since the property card / khata had been transferred in the name of Ms. Intelligent as his legal heir. The notification stated that from the date of the said publication, all the properties mentioned therein were deemed to have been classified as Enemy Property and vested with the government free of cost.

17. Ms Intelligent was upset with the recent developments of losing her Overseas Citizenship Card and her husband's property being classified as Enemy Property. So she decided to consider Legal recourses to find the remedy. She went to the Videshi Mitra, an NGO which was established to protect and promote the rights of Overseas Citizenship Card Holders in Indudesh seeking their help and support.
18. Mr. Paradeshi, a prominent Overseas Citizenship Card Holder in Indudesh, decided help Ms Intelligent with her issues and decided to challenge the legality Amendments made to the Citizenship Act, 1955 and Enemy Property Act, 1968, as it was a problem being faced by many Overseas Citizenship Card Holders in Indudesh.
- 19, Mr. Paradeshi through Videshi Mitra, filed a public interest petition under Article 32 of the Constitution of Indudesh before the Supreme Court of Indudesh challenging the 2024 amendments to the Act and EPA on, inter-alia, following grounds:
 - 1.The amendments are arbitrary and violative of rights granted to OCIs. The amendment gives the government/executive the arbitrary right to revoke OCI status and empowers the Government of Indudesh to revoke the OCI status which violates constitutional provisions of being treated on an equal footing with citizens of Indudesh.
 - 2.Any classification of the property of the individuals whose OCI status has been cancelled as an Enemy and resulting in statutory vesting of Property is contrary to the objectives of the Enemy Property Act, 1968.
 - 3.Any revocation of OCI status by the Government would result in statutory vesting of the properties owned by such OCI with the custodian under the EPA as Enemy Property without payment of any compensation that is provided under Article 300A of the Constitution and in violation of the principles of legitimate expectation of treatment of citizens of foreign nationals under applicable international laws.
20. The said petition was objected to by the Government of Indudesh stating that the petition was not maintainable under the law since the Parties are interested and not espousing matters of public necessity. Further, the Government has also object to the petition, *inter-alia*, on the ground that the amendments to both laws are necessary for security of the nation and the prevention of foreign interference in domestic affairs of the country.
21. The government stated that Section 7D of the Citizenship Act clearly defines under what circumstances can the prescribed authority revoke the status of an Overseas Citizen and hence, no arbitrary and un-canalised power was vested with the executive and hence, the amendment is legal in nature. Further, that an overseas citizen is only a visa holder and a citizen of another country having affinity and loyalty towards that nation and therefore, any such person engaged in activities against the country of Indudesh does not have any right to seek rights equal to that of citizen of Indudesh.

22. The Government of Indudesh further stated the amendments have been made to act as a matter of financial policy to act as a deterrent against persons from harming the interests of the country and/or interfering in elections of the government and that the amendments in the Enemy Property Act for compulsory vesting of property shall act as warning and deterrent against any overseas citizen conducting activities against the interests of the country and not letting anyone affront the dignity of the nation of Indudesh and that any such actions will have legal consequences. Further, since the consequence of the amendment to the Enemy Property Act has financial consequences and a financial policy legislature, the ability of the Supreme Court to review such legislation is limited only to hold whether it has been enacted in accordance with the procedure laid down under the law. Further, the government has taken a lenient view and has not made any penal provisions of the criminal laws applicable to such offences being made against the country by such individuals who are citizens of a foreign country.
23. The government further stated that principles of legitimate expectation though available under International Law cannot be claimed by the petitioner since such right shall also have to be balanced with the rights of the government to independently exercise its sovereign right in the matters of legislative ability of domestic laws and that international law has no application in the internal affairs of the nation of Indudesh.
24. The Hon'ble Supreme Court of Indudesh after conducting the preliminary hearings have called the concerned parties for a final hearing upon the merits of issues raised including maintenance of the petition before the Court.

Issues for Arguments:

1. Whether the amendments made to the Citizenship Act are constitutionally valid?
2. Whether the 2024 amendments to the Enemy Property Act, 1968 is constitutionally valid?
 - (a) Whether the 2024 amendments to the Enemy Property Act, 1968 are arbitrary and violative of rights granted to Overseas Citizens of Indudesh?
3. Whether the classification of the property of the individuals whose OCI status has been cancelled as an Enemy Property is contrary to the objectives of the Enemy Property Act, 1968?
4. Whether the vesting of the property under the Enemy Property Act, 1968 without payment of any compensation is violative of Article 300A of the Constitution of Indudesh?
 - (a) Whether the vesting of the property under the Enemy Property Act, 1968 without payment of any compensation is violative of the principles of legitimate expectation of treatment of citizens of foreign nationals under applicable international laws.

- NOTE:**
- The customs, laws, rules, regulations, notifications etc. of the Union of Indudesh are in pari materia to the laws, rules, regulations, notifications etc. of the Union of India.
 - Explanation 3 to Sec 2 (b) of Enemy Properties Act as mentioned in Para 15 of the proposition is hypothetical in nature.
 - The teams are strictly required to adhere to the issues provided and are not allowed to frame more issues.

Rules and Regulations

ELIGIBILITY:

The competition is open to bonafide undergraduate students from recognized Colleges/Institutions/Universities currently pursuing Bachelor's Degrees in Law either a 3-year or 5-year LL.B. Program. The participants should not be above 30 years of age as of the last date of Registration.

DATE AND MODE OF CONDUCTING:

The competition shall be held at B.M.S. College of Law, Bengaluru from 12 to 14 July, 2024.

DRESS CODE:

Girls: Black trousers, White shirt, Black blazer and Black formal shoes.

Boys: Black trousers, White shirt, Black tie, Black blazer and Black formal shoes.

LANGUAGE:

The entire proceedings of the competition, written as well as oral shall be in English.

TEAM COMPOSITION:

Each team shall comprise a maximum of three (03) members and a minimum of two (02) members consisting of either two speakers and one researcher or two speakers. This number cannot be modified under any circumstances. Teams shall identify the speakers and researchers during registration. No swapping of designation of members shall be allowed. No more than one team shall be allowed to register and participate in the competition from the same College/Institution/University.

Registration Amount shall be paid through NEFT/UPI Payments to the following Account:

Name of Bank	Indian Bank
Account Number	20022950403
IFSC	IDIB000B605
Branch	Basavanagudi, Bengaluru
In Favour of	Principal, BMS College of Law, Bengaluru



SCAN TO PAY

REGISTRATION:

- Teams are required to complete their Provisional Registration on or before **10 June, 2024**.
- The Provisional Registration shall be done by scanning the QR code:

<https://forms.gle/2H1y6adybFkxCucG7>



- The final registration shall be completed on or before 15 June, 2024 along with payment of the Registration fee of ₹.4,000/-.
- No refund of the registration fee shall be entertained in any circumstances.
- Registration form must be accompanied by a bonafide student certificate to participate in the competition from the Head of the Institution.
- Registration form is attached with the Brochure.
- Registration form, bonafide certificate and the Registration fee paid receipt shall be sent to the organizers Email **mcs@bmscl.ac.in** on or before 5 July, 2024.
- The registration process shall be deemed complete only after the receipt of the Registration fee which is non-refundable.
- A confirmation mail shall be sent from the organizers on receipt of the final registration form along with the registration fee paid receipt.
- **Note:** Hard copy of the Duly filled registration form (Enclosed), Bona-fide certificates and fee paid receipt shall reach organizers by 05 July, 2024.
- The entries are restricted to 32 (Thirty-Two) teams on a first come first serve basis along with completion of the final registration process.

ALLOTMENT OF TEAM CODES:

Each team will have a team code allotted by the organizer and the same will be sent through e-mail to the participants. Participants are strictly required to maintain confidentiality of the team codes. Disclosure of identity of the parent college/institution/university shall be made only in the registration form and in case of any breach at any other point of time during the competition, shall be liable for a penalty which includes disqualification.

MEMORANDUM OF WRITTEN SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

The following requirements must be strictly followed concerning the submission of Memorandum of Written Submissions. Non-conformity to the same shall attract penalties while awarding marks thereon.

1. Each team must prepare a Memorandum of Written Submissions for both sides to the petition (Petitioner/Respondent).
2. Once the Memorandum of Written Submissions has been submitted, no revisions, supplements, or additions will be allowed, however, teams may submit annexures at the beginning of each round.
3. Teams shall send the soft copy of the Memorandum of Written Submissions in M.S. Word .doc/.docx and PDF format to mcs@bmscl.ac.in latest by 1 July, 2024 with a subject line 'Memorandum of Written Submissions for Team Code (___)' and 4 hard copies for both the sides (Petitioner and Respondent) shall reach the organizer by 5 July, 2024. Kindly note that failure to submit the physical copies shall lead to disqualification of the team.
4. The file name of the soft copy of the Memorandum of Written Submissions shall contain only the team code and the representation in the following format (for example:- for team code 01, the file names will be 01P and 01R, as 'P' stands for Petitioners and 'R' for Respondent)
5. Every rule not adhered to shall lead to a deduction of 2 marks each and the late submission of Memorandum of Written Submissions shall lead to a deduction of 3 Marks per day of delay.
6. Teams shall cite the authorities in the Memorandum of Written Submissions using footnotes only using the 21st Bluebook edition. Explanatory or illustrative footnotes are not allowed.
7. The Memorandum of Written Submissions have to be submitted on typed A4 size paper printed on one side and must contain the following mandatory heads:
 - Cover page shall include the team code on the top right corner of the page, cause the title (identity of the college/ participant should not be disclosed), the side of the memorial (Petitioner/Appellant or Respondent), name and place of the forum, the relevant legal provision under which it is filed and the year of the competition.
 - Table of Contents
 - Table of Abbreviations
 - Index of Authorities
 - Statement of Jurisdiction
 - Statement of Facts (not exceeding 1 page)
 - Issues Raised
 - Summary of Arguments (not exceeding 2 pages)
 - Arguments Advanced (not exceeding 25 pages)
 - Prayer (not exceeding 1 page)
 - Appendix (Optional)
 - Exhibits (Optional)

The Memorandum of Written Submissions shall not be less than 25 pages and more than 45 pages, including the cover page. The memorials shall be bound with a Blue sheet for the Petitioners and a Red sheet for the Respondent.

FORMATTING GUIDELINES:

For main text:

Font: Times New Roman
Font size: 12
Line spacing: 1.5
Alignment: Justified

For foot notes:

Font: Times New Roman
Font size: 10
Line spacing: single
Alignment: Justified

For cover page:

Font: Times New Roman
Font size: 16

EVALUATION OF WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS:

- The Memorials submitted by the teams will be evaluated by a team of experts.
- The Memorial Scores of the teams shall be taken into consideration along with oral marks in both Preliminary rounds of the Competition.
- In case of a tie between two teams in any of the rounds, memorial scores will be taken into consideration to break the tie accordingly.

PARAMETERS FOR MARKING THE MEMORANDUM OF WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS SHALL BE:

Sl No.	Parameters	Marks
1.	Logical progression of ideas	20M
2.	Originality in analysis and arguments	20M
3.	Clear, concise and unambiguous writing style	20M
4.	Integration of facts into legal arguments	20M
5.	Effective use of Authority and Proper use of citations	20M
TOTAL		100M

RESEARCHER'S TEST:

- The designated researcher would only be allowed to take the test.
- The test will contain 30 questions which carry 02 marks each.
- The test will be conducted in B.M.S. College of Law, Bengaluru.
- The test would be Multiple Choice questions with a time limit of 30 minutes.
- The marks obtained by the researcher will be used as a metric to determine the award of 'Best Researcher'.
- In case of a tie, the participant who has answer the most number of starred questions will have benefit over others.
- The Researcher test will be conducted on 12 July, 2024 and shall be based on applicable laws, precedents, facts and current affairs relating to the Moot Proposition.

STRUCTURE OF ORAL ROUNDS:

1. Preliminary Round:

There shall be two preliminary rounds and the participating team shall be allowed to argue on behalf of both sides. The side would be determined by the way of 'DRAW OF LOTS'.

Each team will get 20 minutes to present their oral arguments and this time includes rebuttal and sur-rebuttal (if allowed by the judges).

The division of time between the speakers is at the discretion of the team members, subject to a maximum of ten minutes for any one speaker and division of time must be communicated to the court clerk prior.

- a) Any extension of the time beyond the specified period is subject to the discretion of the Bench.
- b) No Orator of a Team shall speak for more than 10 minutes, including the time reserved for rebuttals.
- c) No team shall reserve more than 2 minutes for Rebuttals.
- d) No Researcher of any team will be permitted to speak but would be allowed to communicate with his/her team members in a discreet manner.

Top eight teams on their cumulative marks scored in oral arguments as well as in the written submission, shall qualify for the Quarter-Final Rounds. In case of a tie, the teams shall advance to the next round on the basis of highest memorial score in aggregate. If the tie is still not broken, then the highest speaker score will determine which team advances to the Quarter-finals.

2. Quarter Finals:

The qualifying teams shall argue on behalf of one side in the Quarter Finals and the side to be represented by the team shall be determined by way of 'DRAW OF LOTS'.

Each team shall get 20 minutes to present their oral arguments. The time includes rebuttal and sur-rebuttal (if allowed by the judges). The division of time between the speakers is at the discretion of the team members, subject to the maximum of ten minutes for any one speaker and division of time must be communicated to the Court-clerk in prior.

- a) Any extension of the time beyond the specified period is subject to the discretion of the Bench.
- b) No Orator of a Team shall speak for more than 10 minutes, including the time reserved for rebuttals.
- c) No team shall reserve more than 2 minutes for Rebuttals.
- d) No Researcher of any team will be permitted to speak but would be allowed to communicate with his/her team members in a discreet manner.

Top four teams on their cumulative marks scored in oral arguments of the Quarter-final round shall advance to the semi-finals.

3. Semi-Final Round:

There shall be ONE round of semi-final and the qualifying teams shall argue on behalf of one side. The side to be represented by the team shall be determined by way of 'DRAW OF LOTS'.

Each team shall get 20 minutes to present their oral arguments. The time includes rebuttal and sur-rebuttal (if allowed by the judges). The division of time between the speakers is at the discretion of the team members, subject to a maximum of ten minutes for any one speaker and the division of time must be communicated to the court clerk prior.

- a) Any extension of the time beyond the specified period is subject to the discretion of the Bench.
- b) No Orator of a Team shall speak for more than 10 minutes, including the time reserved for rebuttals.
- c) No team shall reserve more than 2 minutes for Rebuttals.
- d) No Researcher of any team will be permitted to speak but would be allowed to communicate with his/her team members in a discreet manner.

On the basis of "Knockout Round" two teams shall advance to the final rounds of the Competition

4. Finals:

The qualifying teams shall argue on behalf of either of the sides in the Finals. The side to be represented by the team shall be determined by way of 'DRAW OF LOTS'.

Each team shall get 30 minutes to present their oral arguments. The time includes rebuttal and sur-rebuttal. The division of time between the speakers is at the discretion of the team members, subject to the maximum of ten minutes for any one speaker and division of time must be communicated to the Court-clerk in prior.

- a) Any extension of the time beyond the specified period is subject to the discretion of the Bench
- b) No Orator of a Team shall speak for more than 15 minutes, including the time reserved
- c) No team shall reserve more than 5 minutes for Rebuttals.
- d) No Researcher of any team will be permitted to speak but would be allowed to communicate with his/her team members in a discreet manner.

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.

EX-PARTE PROCEEDINGS:

At the outset, if a team fails to appear within 5 minutes of the scheduled time (in any of the four rounds) or in case of odd number of teams, then the oral round of the attending party may proceed Ex parte. In case of failure of appearance of teams within stipulated time period, the attending party will be declared winner.

PARAMETERS FOR JUDGING ORAL ROUNDS:

Sl No.	Marking Criteria	Max. Marks
1.	Knowledge of Law and Facts	10M
2.	Appreciation and Application of Law and Facts	10M
3.	Interpretation of Facts and Law	10M
4.	Use of Authorities	10M
5.	Response to Questions	10M
6.	Organization of Arguments	10M
7.	Clarity of Thought and Expressions	10M
8.	Argumentative Skills and Creativity	10M
9.	Reference to written submissions in the course of Oral Pleadings	10M
10.	Court Etiquettes	10M
	TOTAL	100M

ACCOMMODATION, FOOD AND TRANSPORTATION:

- Accommodation shall be provided only to the outstation teams on the days of the competition only i.e. 12 & 13 July, 2024. It shall be extended to the members of the team (maximum three) only. Team/s shall be solely responsible for any/all damages caused by them during their stay.
- Food shall be provided to all the teams on days of the competition.
- Transportation between the accommodation and the college for the participating teams shall be provided. All teams shall send their travel plan on or before 05 July, 2024.

CODE OF CONDUCT:

All the participants must behave in a dignified manner and not cause any inconvenience to the organizers. Deference to the Judges of the moot court competition must be maintained inside the Court Hall. Participants will be immediately disqualified from the competition if found misbehaving, or causing nuisance, or making abusive statements, showing disrespect towards judges, co-participants or members of the host institution.

QUERIES REGARDING THE MOOT PROPOSITION:

All queries regarding moot proposition, rules and regulations, shall be mailed to mcs@bmscl.ac.in and the same will be cleared by the organizers. Any queries after 16 June, 2024 with regard to moot proposition will not be entertained, except at the sole discretion of the organizers.

MISCELLANEOUS:

- The Organising Committee (OC) reserves the right to amend, modify, change, or repeal any of the Rules of the Competition. The OC shall communicate any changes made in the Rules of the Competition to the teams.
- The OC reserves the right to make decisions on any matter not mentioned in the Rules of the Competition. Any such decision taken by the OC shall be final and binding.
- The OC reserves the right to interpret any of the Rules of the Competition. Such interpretation shall be final and binding.
- If any member of a team is notified or informed of any detail or information concerning the Competition, it shall be deemed as if the said team as a whole has been duly notified or informed.

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