

LEX OMNIA 2024

BITS GoA -NALSAR Hyderabad



RULEBOOK

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## 1. ADMINISTRATION

- 1.1 Lex Omnia Moot Court Competition, 2024 is presented by the Waves, BITS Pilani Goa and Moot Court Society, National Academy of Legal Studies and Research .
- 1.2 The Competition is to be held from 8th to 10th November 2024 on BITS Goa Campus.
- 1.3 The Organising Committee (O.C.) shall be responsible for all administrative matters concerning the competition and shall supply and distribute all necessary information to the participating teams.
- 1.4 The official email ID for all the correspondence is waves.lexomnia@gmail.com .

## 2. ELIGIBILITY FOR PARTICIPATION

- 2.1 All students enrolled bona fide in an undergraduate of Law i.e., 3 years/ 5 years from any college or university shall be eligible for participation in the competition.
- 2.2 Cross Institutional Teams are allowed in the competition.
- 2.3 The maximum number of participants in a team shall be 3. The composition of a team shall be 2 speakers and 1 researcher.

## 3. REGISTRATION

- 3.1 The teams are required to duly complete the registration by a date and time that will be notified soon, by filling [the google form](#). After the registration, the teams
- 3.2 are required to confirm their registration by Paying the registration fees, the details of which will be shared by mail later. Any change in the composition of the
- 3.3 team will not be entertained once the memorials have been submitted except in cases of medical emergencies.

## 4. ANONYMITY OF TEAMS

- 4.1 All teams that have duly registered will be allotted a team code after expiry of the last date for the registration.
- 4.2 No team shall reveal their identity except by means of their team code during the course of the competition.
- 4.3 The memorials or any materials (compendium, etc.) to be submitted shall not contain any sign, logo, name etc. revealing the identity of the college/institution/university/ team members.

## 5. CLARIFICATIONS

- 5.1 Clarifications to the Moot Proposition shall be sought by sending an e-mail to waves.lexomnia@gmail.com Clarifications sent after the provided deadline shall not be entertained.
- 5.2 The clarifications, if any, will be circulated amongst the registered teams by 23rd September,2024

## 6. OFFICIAL LANGUAGE

- 6.1 The official language of the Competition shall be English. All Rounds including the memorials shall be in English.

## 7. WRITTEN SUBMISSION

- 7.1 Each team is required to prepare Memorials (written submissions) for both the sides i.e., the Claimant and the Respondent.
- 7.2 The memorials shall contain the following:
- Cover page
  - Table of Contents
  - Index of Authorities
  - Statement of jurisdiction
  - Statement of Facts (not exceeding one page)
  - Statement of Issues
  - Summary of Arguments
  - Arguments Advanced
  - Prayer (not exceeding one page)
- 7.3 No memorial shall exceed the maximum limit of 40 pages including the arguments advanced which shall not exceed 20 pages.
- 7.4 Every Memorandum shall go through a plagiarism check via the Organising Committee's plagiarism software. Any memorandum, the plagiarism for which extends beyond 15% shall lead to disqualification from further evaluation.
- 7.5 The formatting requirements for the memorial shall be as follows:

- Typed on Standard A4 Size Paper.
- Font Type (including footnotes): Times New Roman
- Font Size: 12
- Spacing: 1.5
- Font Size for footnotes: 10
- Spacing for footnotes: 1.0
- Margin: 1-inch margin on each side of the A4 Size page
- The citations shall comply with Bluebook method of citation – 20th Edition
- The footnotes shall include only relevant citations and any other information supporting the arguments shall not be included.

- 7.6 The colour scheme of the cover page for the Respondent/Defendent memorial shall be RED and for the Claimant/Petitioner/Claimant memorial shall be BLUE. The
- 7.7 Memorials shall not contain any annexure, photographs, graphs, diagrams or any other representation of the like nature.
- 7.8 Memorial Submission: The soft copy of each memorial (in pdf format), shall be sent through e-mail before 15th October 2024 to waves.lexomnia@gmail.com . Submissions made thereafter shall be accepted only with the penalty applicable as under Rule 13.
- 7.9 If any soft copy is sent which cannot be opened by reason of a virus or any other reasons, the submission shall not be valid and will attract penalty for non-submission until a soft copy of the same which is compatible is sent to the official email address.
- 7.10 The name of the file for the memorial shall be the allocated team number followed by the first letter of the side represented; an ‘R’ for the Respondent and ‘A’ for Claimant. For example, the Respondent Memorial for Team 01 shall be named as follows: ‘T01R’ and the Claimant Memorial for Team 01 shall be named ‘T01A’.
- 7.11 Memorials for both sides must be submitted in the same email. The subject line should indicate team number only. For example, the subject line for team 01 will read as follows: ‘Team 01 Memorials’. No other information revealing the identity should be included in the email.
- 7.12 Any submission made after the official date will be subject to penalty as per Rule 13.

- 7.13 The memorials will be screened and best 32 will be selected for Oral Rounds. The selected teams will be notified soon and will be required to pay the additional fees for oral rounds.

## 8. RESEARCHER'S TEST

- 9.1. The test will carry 50 marks. There shall be a total of 15 objective questions carrying 2 marks each, and 5 subjective questions carrying 4 marks each.
- 9.2. The Lex Omnia Organising Committee shall conduct a researcher's test for Lex Omnia Moot Court Competition.
- 9.3. All students appearing for the test will constitute a merit list as researchers.
- 9.4. The test question paper shall include subjective and objective questions based on the moot problem, area of law, and essential cases.
- 9.5. The pool of researchers shall be determined based on cumulative marks of researchers' tests and total memorial marks.

## 9. ORAL ROUNDS

### 9.1 General Rules

- 10.1.1. The competition will be held over a period of 3 days, comprising of 4 rounds: Preliminary Rounds, Quarter Final Rounds, Semi Final Round and the Final Round.
- 10.1.2. Each team should comprise of 3 members, where 2 of the members are speakers, and one is the researcher.
- 10.1.3. Right of the teams to present rebuttals and sur-rebuttals is at the sole discretion of the Tribunal.
- 10.1.4. For rebuttal and sur-rebuttal, only one speaker shall be allowed to present. The time reserved for rebuttal and sur-rebuttal cannot be divided between the speakers. Rebuttal time shall not be reserved beyond 2 minutes.
- 10.1.5. The researcher shall sit with the speakers during the orals and at no point of time the researcher shall be allowed to speak or address the bench. The researcher can communicate with the speakers only through chits and not by any other means.

- 10.1.6. The speakers can provide the copies of the compendium, only if the same is permitted by the panel of judges in their respective courtrooms.
- 10.1.7. Use of any electronic device during the course of the proceedings shall not be allowed and violation of the same shall attract penalty as per Rule 13.

## 9.2 Preliminary Rounds

- 9.2.1 Each Team shall appear in two Preliminary Rounds. They shall have to argue as the Claimant and Respondent once each.
- 9.2.2 No two teams shall face each other more than once in the preliminary rounds.
- 9.2.3 Draw of lots shall determine which two teams would face each other.
- 9.2.4 Draw of lots shall determine the side shall be represented by each team.
- 9.2.5 For the purposes of qualification from the Preliminary Rounds to the Quarter Finals, the top eight teams shall be decided on the basis of the aggregate of oral scores and memorial scores. In case two or more teams having the same aggregate score, their Researcher's score shall be taken into consideration.
- 9.2.6 Each team will get a total of 15 minutes to present their case. This time will include rebuttal and surrebuttal time. Non-adherence to time may result in deduction of marks.

## 9.3 Quarter Final Rounds

- 9.3.1 The Quarter Finals shall be knock-out rounds and the determination of opponents for the eight qualifying teams shall be based on their ranking in the preliminary rounds.
- 9.3.2 A coin toss shall determine the side that shall be represented by each team in the knockout rounds.
- 9.3.3 The team's score will be the aggregate of their oral round scores. In case of a tie, the team with the higher memorial score will stand qualified for the semi-final round.
- 9.3.4 Each team shall get a total of 20 minutes to present their case. This time will include rebuttal and surrebuttal time. Non-adherence to time may result in deduction of marks.

9.3.5 The division of time per speaker is left to the discretion of the team subject to a lower limit of 8 minutes per speaker and upper limit of 12 minutes per speaker.

#### 9.4 Semi Final Rounds

9.4.1 The semi-finals shall be knock-out rounds and the determination of opponents for the four qualifying teams shall be based on their ranking in the Quarterfinal rounds.

9.4.2 The highest-ranking team shall compete with the lowest ranking team and the same method shall be followed for the other teams.

9.4.3 Draw of lots shall determine the side that shall be represented by each team in the knockout rounds.

9.4.4 The qualifying teams will be determined by the aggregate of their oral round scores. In case of a tie, the team with the higher memorial score will stand qualified for the final round.

9.4.5 Each team shall get a total of 30 minutes to present their case. This time will include rebuttal and surrebuttal time. Non-adherence to time may result in deduction of marks.

9.4.6 The division of time per speaker is left to the discretion of the team subject to a lower limit of 12 minutes per speaker and upper limit of 18 minutes per speaker.

#### 9.5 Final Rounds

9.5.1 The two teams qualifying from the semi-final rounds shall compete in the final round.

9.5.2 Each team will get a total of 40 minutes to present their case. This time will include rebuttal and surrebuttal time. Non-adherence to time may result in deduction of marks.

9.5.3 The division of time per speaker is left to the discretion of the team subject to a lower limit of 15 minutes per speaker and upper limit of 25 minutes per speaker.

These rules are subject to change as deemed fit by the Organising Committee of Lex Omnia 2024.



## 10. MEMORIAL EVALUATION

10.1. The memorials shall be evaluated on the following criteria:

- Application and appreciation of facts
- Structuring and presentation of issues
- Application of legal principles, authorities and precedents
- Ingenuity and logical reasoning
- Lucidity and writing skills
- Proper Footnoting and formatting

## 11. EVALUATION OF ORAL SUBMISSIONS

11.1. The oral rounds shall be judged on the following criteria

- Marshalling of facts
- Application of legal principles
- Logical structuring and reasoning
- Ingenuity and originality
- Articulation of issues
- Presentation skills and communication ability
- Response to questions posed
- Use of authorities and precedents
- Court etiquettes

11.2. The evaluation of the total marks for each speaker shall be the aggregate of marks awarded by each judge.

## 12. SCOUTING

12.1 Teams shall not be allowed to observe the orals of another team. Scouting is strictly prohibited.

12.2 Scouting by any team shall entail instant disqualification.

### 13. MISCELLANEOUS

- 13.1 During the course of the oral submissions, if any team is found to be non-compliant with the guidelines, it shall attract a penalty as deemed fit by the O.C.
- 13.2 The Organizers reserve the right to alter the rules and regulations during the course of the competition which shall be promptly communicated to the participating teams.
- 13.3 The right of audio and video taping including any other form of such reproduction, or any part thereof, of the oral submissions in all rounds of the competition shall vest with the Organizers. Any complaints with regard to any participating team or conduct of the competition shall be made to the O.C. in written form.
- 13.4 The Organizers reserve the right to interpret the Rules and Regulations of the competition and such interpretation shall be final and binding.
- 13.5 The Organizers shall have the discretion to decide with regard to any subject that has not been covered under the Rules and any such decision shall be final and binding.