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SRM UNIVERSITY
DELHI-NCR, SONEPAT

1st SRMUH MOOT COURT COMPETITION

THEME: IPR, COMPETITION LAW & AI

DATES:

Online Rounds- 24th November, 2024

Offline Rounds- 7th & 8th December, 2024



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About SRM University Delhi-NCR, Sonapat

SRM University Delhi-NCR, Sonapat (SRMUH) is a prestigious state private university established under the Haryana Private Universities (Amendment) Act, 2013, and is part of the renowned SRM Educational Group. Located in the Rajiv Gandhi Education City, Sonapat, SRMUH is recognized by the University Grants Commission (UGC) under section 2(f) of the UGC Act, 1956. SRM Group's commitment to academic excellence and cutting-edge research is reflected across its multiple disciplines.

The university offers over 50 multidisciplinary programs spanning Engineering & Technology, Management, Law, Science, and Humanities. With students from more than 25 states and union territories, SRMUH has rapidly risen in academic rankings, placing it among the Top 50 universities in India. Accredited with an A+ by NAAC, the university is also recognized for its excellence in IT-enabled learning by Education World. Powered by NASSCOM FutureSkills, SRMUH ensures that its curriculum aligns with the needs of a dynamic and evolving workforce.

Founded as part of SRM Group's broader objective to expand quality education across Northern India, SRMUH carries forward the legacy that began in 1969 with a small primary school. Today, the SRM Group operates 22 institutions and 4 universities across India. SRMUH strives to be a leading global educational institution, fostering the highest standards of instruction while integrating experiential learning, life skills, and social responsibility into its programs. Graduates from SRMUH are equipped not only with academic excellence but also with the ethical and leadership qualities needed to contribute to society and take on future leadership roles.



Message from the Chairperson



Dr. Vijay Kumar Singh

Professor and Dean

Department of Law &

Chairperson Moot Court Committee

Dear Participants,

It gives me immense pleasure and pride to extend a warm welcome to all of you on the occasion of the 1st SRMUH Moot Court Competition at SRM University Delhi-NCR, Sonipat. This event marks a significant and exciting moment in the journey of the Faculty of Law, as it reflects our commitment to advancing legal education and promoting the essential skills that shape the next generation of legal professionals. Moot court competitions are an indispensable part of a law student's academic life, offering an arena where theoretical knowledge meets practical application. As legal educators, we recognize the critical importance of giving our students the opportunity to engage with complex legal problems, simulate courtroom proceedings, and practice the art of advocacy. Mooting sharpens a wide range of skills—legal research, drafting, critical thinking, and oral advocacy—that are crucial to success in the legal profession. It also instils in students a deep appreciation of the ethical dimensions of law and the importance of upholding justice, fairness, and integrity.

The 1st SRMUH Moot Court Competition is more than just a test of legal knowledge; it is a forum for intellectual exchange and a celebration of the rigorous preparation and dedication shown by students from law schools across the country. It brings together some of the brightest young legal minds, who, through their participation, contribute to a culture of academic excellence and collaborative learning. For many, this will be the first of many opportunities to test their legal reasoning, enhance their persuasive abilities, and cultivate the professionalism that will guide them throughout their legal careers.

I would also like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the tireless efforts of our Moot Court Committee, faculty members, and student organizers. Their passion, dedication, and meticulous planning have made this event possible. I am confident that their hard work will bear fruit, as this competition promises to be a platform for dynamic legal debate and innovative arguments, enriching not only the participants but also the entire academic community. To the participants, I encourage you to approach this competition with enthusiasm, determination, and a spirit of learning. Moot court is not simply about winning or losing, but about growing as individuals and as advocates. Each of you has the potential to make a meaningful contribution to the legal profession, and this competition is a vital step in your journey toward becoming responsible and effective legal professionals.

I wish all the participants the very best in their endeavours, and I hope this experience will be both intellectually rewarding and personally fulfilling. May this moot court competition inspire you to continue striving for excellence in all your future legal pursuits.

Warm regards,

Prof. (Dr.). Vijay Kumar Singh

Dean, Faculty of Law

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Justice in Action !!

The Faculty of Law at SRM University Delhi-NCR, Sonipat stands as a beacon of excellence in legal education, committed to nurturing the next generation of skilled legal professionals. In today's complex global landscape, law as a career offers prestigious and diverse opportunities across corporate houses, law firms, government agencies, and public service sectors. The Faculty of Law plays a pivotal role in the vibrant SRMUH community, offering professional courses recognized by the Bar Council of India (BCI) and supporting the university's vision to become a leading world-class institution of higher learning.

With an interdisciplinary approach, the Faculty of Law provides students with unique opportunities to collaborate with other departments and faculties on projects, skill-based courses, and assignments. The department offers a variety of programs including the three-year LL.B. (Hons.), the one-year LL.M., and five-year integrated courses such as B.B.A. LL.B. (Hons.) and B.A. LL.B. (Hons.), all designed to align with the highest legal standards in the country. These programs are competitively priced to ensure accessibility while maintaining academic rigor.

Under the esteemed leadership of Dr. Vijay Kumar Singh, Dean, and Dr. Sandeep Kulshrestha, Head of Department, the curriculum is focused on imparting both theoretical knowledge and practical skills. This holistic approach equips students to excel in the competitive legal profession, ensuring they graduate with the integrity, social sensitivity, and life skills necessary to succeed in their careers and serve society.

As a center of excellence in legal education, the Faculty of Law has established several specialized research centers, including:

- Centre for Constitutional Law and Public Policy (CCPL)
- Centre for International Law and Institutions (CILI)
- Centre for Criminal Law and Policy (CCLP)
- Centre for Corporate, Competition, and Insolvency Laws (CCCIL)
- Centre for Law and Technology (CLT)
- SRMUH Centre for Intellectual Property Rights (SCIPR)
- SRMUH Centre for Alternative Dispute Resolution (SCADR)

These centers foster research, capacity building, and excellence in their respective fields, helping to create a robust academic environment.

Additionally, the Faculty of Law houses the Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Chair on Justice – Social, Economic, and Political, furthering its commitment to promoting research and social justice.

The department also actively supports student-led initiatives through the Moot Court Committee, which organizes regular moot court competitions, workshops, and mentoring sessions to hone students' advocacy skills & The Legal Aid Cell, managed by the Legal Aid Committee, offers pro-bono services and community outreach programs, reflecting the faculty's dedication to social responsibility and justice.

The Faculty of Law at SRMUH is deeply committed to shaping capable, ethical, and socially responsible legal practitioners. With its focus on academic excellence and real-world relevance, it is the ideal destination for aspiring lawyers ready to meet the challenges of the 21st century and beyond.

SRM University Delhi-NCR Moot Court Committee: A Legacy of Excellence in Legal Advocacy

At the heart of SRM University Delhi-NCR's legal education is the dynamic and visionary Moot Court Committee, led by our esteemed Dean and Chairperson, Dr. Vijay Kumar Singh. The committee is committed to nurturing the legal acumen of our students by offering them a unique platform to develop their advocacy, research, and litigation skills. Through meticulously organized events and hands-on experience, the Moot Court Committee has become a hallmark of excellence, empowering students to succeed in the competitive world of law. Our commitment to holistic development begins at home. The Moot Court Committee regularly organizes workshops and Intra Moot Court Competitions, providing a robust foundation for students to practice their skills in a simulated courtroom environment. These events not only hone their legal knowledge but also refine their research, drafting, and oral advocacy capabilities.

In a special effort to engage students from the very beginning of their legal journey, we introduced the Neophyte Intra Moot Court Competition in 2023, designed exclusively for first-year students. This initiative reflects our belief in building legal minds with essential mooting experience early on, nurturing them to grow into confident and skilled advocates. SRM University Delhi-NCR has also made its mark as an organizer of prestigious moot court competitions. Notably, we had the privilege of hosting the 27th and 28th editions of the Surana & Surana Stetson International Environmental Moot

Our external participation in moot court competitions is nothing short of impressive. Students from SRM University Delhi-NCR have represented the university in number of moots. As of September 2024 for this academic year we represented in Over 40 moot court competitions, both national and international. This relentless participation has allowed us to showcase our legal prowess on various esteemed platforms.

2024 has been a particularly remarkable year for our moot teams. We proudly emerged as Runners-up in the Sir Syed National Moot Court Competition at Aligarh Muslim University & won best memorial in Surana & Surana Judex 2.0 National Human Rights Law Moot Court Competition, 2024. Our teams have also reached the semi-finals and quarter-finals in several prestigious competitions**, proving their resilience, skill, and dedication.

Beyond these achievements, our students have participated in renowned moot court competitions such as:

- Henry Dunant Memorial Moot Court Competition
- Surana & Surana Stetson International Environmental Moot Court Competition
- K.K. Luthra Memorial International Criminal Law Moot Court Competition
- Surana & Surana Judex 2.0 National Human Rights Law Moot Court Competition
- NALSAR Justice B.R. Sawhny Memorial Moot Court Competition

Our students' talents have not gone unnoticed—they have consistently won accolades for Runner up, Best Speaker, and Best Memorial in number of moots like being Runner up in IILM National Moot Court Competition, 2023, Best Speaker & 2nd Best Speaker in 28th Stetson International Environmental Moot Court Competition etc.

We now stand on the cusp of another significant milestone as we proudly present the 1st National Moot Court Competition at SRM University Delhi-NCR. This prestigious event promises to bring together the brightest legal minds from across the country, where they will engage in rigorous debates, showcase their advocacy skills, and push the boundaries of legal knowledge. With expert mentorship from seasoned faculty members and legal practitioners, participants will receive an unparalleled learning experience that will shape their future careers.

Join us as we continue our journey to advance legal education, inspire the next generation of lawyers, and uphold our legacy of excellence in mooting.

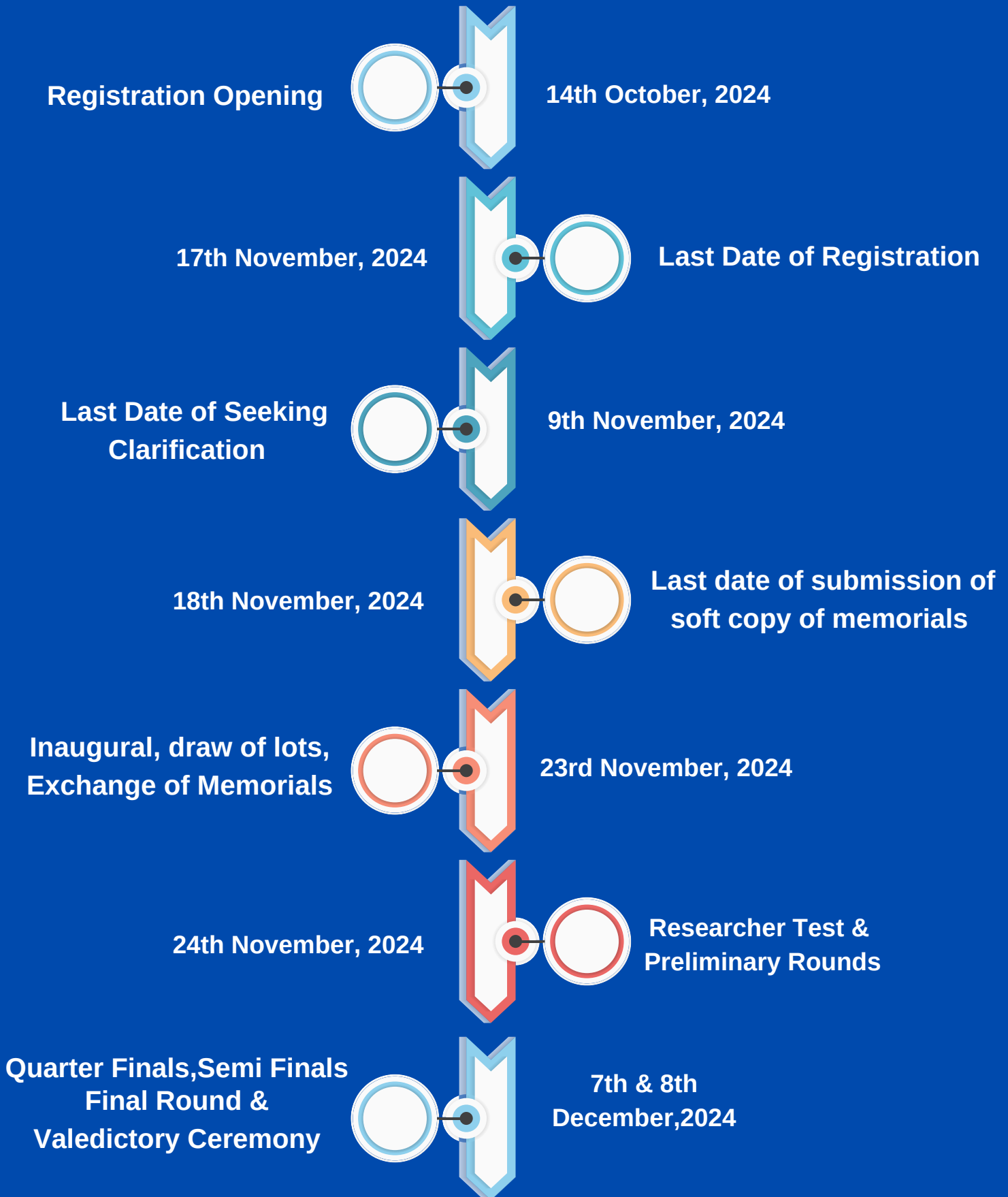




Important Dates



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- On January 20, 2022, Mr. Tyeb Raza, a renowned electronic music composer from Dilli, Indiana, released a soundtrack titled "DHWANI" on his YouTube channel. The soundtrack was composed with the assistance of AMIT (Autonomous Music Invention Tool), an artificial intelligence-based music composition software developed by Robomusic Private Limited. Tyeb Raza was licensed to use AMIT under Robomusic's prescribed terms and conditions.
- AMIT utilizes advanced AI algorithms to analyze a vast library of musical elements, including thousands of instruments and over one million sound samples. The software autonomously generates unique compositions by combining AI-driven creativity with music theory, with minimal human intervention. Users like Tyeb can adjust parameters to customize the output, but the primary creative process remains with AMIT.
- DHWANI was created by combining musical notations from four pre-existing soundtracks: Blue Bone, Macro Dosing, Shock Beat, and Beating Beast. AMIT autonomously executed this integration. Robomusic Private Limited had previously acquired the copyright licenses for these soundtracks, permitting the reuse of their musical notations in new compositions like DHWANI.
- On February 15, 2022, Tyeb Raza filed for copyright registration of DHWANI with the Indiana Copyright Office, naming AMIT as the author of the musical notations. Tyeb argued that the AI had autonomously created the compositions, raising the question of whether an AI system can be recognized as an "author" under the Copyright Act, 1957.
- The Copyright Examiner issued a letter of discrepancy on March 12, 2022, noting that the Copyright Act of 1957 defines an author as either a natural person or a legal entity. Tyeb was asked to identify a natural person as the author or justify why AMIT should be recognized as the author. Failure to comply would lead to rejection of the application.
- Tyeb replied, arguing that AMIT should be recognized as the author due to its autonomous role in creating the music. However, on March 22, 2022, the Copyright Office rejected his application, citing that the Copyright Act of 1957 does not recognize AI as an author or legal entity.
- On May 3, 2022, Tyeb submitted a revised application, identifying himself as the author and naming AMIT as the co-author. The Registrar of Copyrights, Dr. Lalit Sindhu, accepted this revised application on May 28, 2022, acknowledging Tyeb as the author of DHWANI and AMIT as a co-author.
- On June 10, 2022, a security breach occurred in the servers of Robomusic Private Limited, potentially exposing confidential user data, including information on AI-generated music compositions and licensing agreements. This raised concerns under the Information Technology Act, 2000, particularly with regard to the protection of sensitive data in AI platforms.



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- On July 2, 2022, Robomusic Private Limited filed an appeal in the High Court of Dilli under Section 72 of the Copyright Act, 1957, challenging the Registrar's decision. Their arguments were:
 - i. Section 2(d) of the Copyright Act, 1957 limits authorship to natural persons or legal entities, excluding AI systems like AMIT from being recognized as co-authors.
 - ii. The licensing agreement between Robomusic and Tyeb prohibits users from claiming authorship over music generated by AMIT. Tyeb's revised application violated this agreement, and AMIT cannot be recognized as a co-author.
- On July 3, 2022, Tyeb Raza filed a complaint with the Competition Commission of India, claiming that Robomusic's licensing agreement was unfair and anti-competitive under Section 3 of the Competition Act, 2002. Tyeb argued that the clause preventing users from claiming copyright over AI-generated works restricted competition in the music creation market and was an abuse of Robomusic's dominant market position.
- After investigation, the Competition Commission ruled on August 10, 2022, that Robomusic's licensing terms were indeed anti-competitive and violated Section 3 of the Competition Act. The Commission imposed a Rs. 5 Crore fine on Robomusic, finding that the restrictive conditions distorted competition by limiting users' rights to assert control over AI-generated works.
- On July 30, 2022, Robomusic Private Limited filed an appeal with the National Company Law Appellate Tribunal (NCLAT), arguing that the licensing restrictions were permissible under Section 3(5) of the Competition Act, 2002, which allows certain restrictions to protect intellectual property rights. The NCLAT overturned the Competition Commission's decision, holding that the restrictions were justified as they safeguarded Robomusic's intellectual property rights.
- In response, on September 1, 2022, Tyeb Raza submitted a petition to the Supreme Court of India, seeking:
 - i. Withdrawal of the ongoing authorship dispute before the High Court of Dilli.
 - ii. Re-examination of the NCLAT's ruling on the licensing agreement under the Competition Act, 2002.
 - iii. Consideration of broader legal questions regarding the protection of AI-generated works under the Copyright Act, 1957, and the impact of restrictive licensing on market competition.
 - iv. Examination of Robomusic's liability under the Information Technology Act, 2000, for failing to safeguard sensitive user data, especially in relation to AI-generated works.



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ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION BEFORE THE SUPREME COURT

ISSUE 1: Can the Copyright Act of 1957 protect AI-generated works, such as musical notations created by AMIT? Can AI-generated works like DHWANI be protected under the moral rights provisions of the Copyright Act, 1957?

ISSUE 2: Can AI systems like AMIT, capable of independently creating creative works, be recognized as “authors” or “co-authors” under the Act, or should only the human user (Tyeb Raza) be recognized as the author?

ISSUE 3: Does the introduction of AI like AMIT challenge the doctrine of originality under copyright law, given that the AI is reusing pre-existing sound samples?

ISSUE 4: Does Robomusic's licensing agreement, which prohibits users from claiming copyright over AI-generated works, constitute anti-competitive behavior under Section 3 of the Competition Act, 2002?

ISSUE 5: The security breach at Robomusic also involved access to personal data related to music preferences and user interactions with AMIT. Could this raise privacy concerns under the DPDPA, 2023 (or a similar statute, assuming it is enacted)?

ISSUE 6: Can the restrictions in Robomusic's licensing agreement be justified under the intellectual property exemption in Section 3(5) of the Competition Act, 2002?

NOTE: The Laws of Indiana are in pari materia with that of the laws of India. As the jurisprudence in Indiana on the aspect of AI, copyright and competition issues are emerging, the courts look forward to the decisions of other countries like USA, EU and others.

(The issues are not exhaustive in nature & teams may at their discretion merge the issues)



Rule 1 - Definitions

1. Advanced rounds refers to the Quarter-finals, Semi-finals and Final rounds of the Competition, which shall be knock-out rounds.
2. Bench Memorandum means the memorandum of law and authorities concerning the Competition Proposition prepared by the University for the exclusive use of Competition judges
3. Competition refers to SRMUH National Moot Court Competition. The Competition includes memorial rounds, oral rounds, and researchers' test.
4. Competition Proposition or Proposition means the official proposition of the Competition as supplemented, corrected, and/or clarified
5. Competition Rules or Rules refers to the rules contained herein and such other notification as the Organising University may make in respect to conduct of the competition.
6. Corrections and Clarifications means the corrections and clarifications to the proposition, as published by organisers.
7. Ex-parte round means an oral round wherein only one team submits their pleadings, ie. in the absence of the opposite team.
8. Memorial refers to the written arguments submitted by each team, on behalf of both the Parties, according to the competition rules. A team shall prepare only one (1) memorial for each party to the dispute.
9. Memorial Evaluators refers to the evaluators who will be responsible for evaluating the memorials that have been submitted by the teams
10. Oral rounds refers to a team's pleadings, comprising of oral submission by the team, in front of the judges, on behalf of one of the parties, against another team representing the opposing party. The competition includes two categories of oral rounds i.e. Preliminary Rounds and Advanced Rounds
11. Parties refers to the parties to the dispute as identified by the moot proposition as Informant/ Appellant and Opposite Party/Respondent
12. Preliminary rounds: It refers to the Oral Rounds which will take place prior to the Advanced Rounds of the Competition for the purpose of determining the teams that will proceed to the Advanced Rounds.
13. Raw Scores
 - For Preliminary Round: The aggregate of the marks obtained in the memorial and the oral round will constitute the Raw Scores of a team for the preliminary rounds.
 - For Advanced Round: The aggregate of the marks obtained in the said oral round will constitute the Raw Scores of a team for that specific advanced round.
14. Recognized Institution includes: the university and its constituent colleges, school, faculty of law, institute, etc. if any, authorized to enroll students for obtaining a bona fide degree in law as per their legal system.
15. Team code: Team code refers to the unique Code allotted to each participating team for the purpose of this Competition.



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Rule 2 - Eligibility Criteria

- All students enrolled Bona-fide on a regular basis in an undergraduate/post-graduate law course (Bachelors' Degree in Law i.e. 3-Year LL.B. or 5-Year LL.B. Integrated Programme) or its equivalent conducted by any recognized institution.
- However, only one (1) team shall be eligible to participate, per recognized institution. In a system where a university has constituent colleges/institutes/school/faculty of law/department etc, each such constituent entity can register a team or the university as such can be represented by a team comprising students from different constituent colleges

Rule 3 - Team Composition

- Each Team shall comprise of a maximum of three (3) members out of which two (2) members shall be designated as speakers. and one (1) member shall be a researcher.
- Once the team composition is communicated to the organizing committee no change in team composition shall be permitted unless prior permission has been obtained from the organizer.

Rule 4 - Team Registration

- Registration for the Competition will commence on the date as notified in the brochure.
- The last date for registration shall be notified in the brochure.
- The teams shall be required to send the final registration fee: Registration fee- Rs. 1500 (Rupees One Thousand Five Hundred Only) per team.
- All meals during the competition will be provided at the University campus.
- The teams qualifying for the Advanced rounds has to pay additional Rs - 2500 (Rupees Two Thousand Five Hundred Only) per team for accomodation.
- The following scanned documents are required to be submitted by the teams at the time of the registration:
 1. Letter of approval from the concerned recognised Institution permitting the team to take part in the competition.
 2. The receipt of online payment of registration fee.
 3. Any ID issued by the Government OR ID Issued by the Recognised Institution the Participant is enrolled with.
 4. The registration form can be accessed here: <https://forms.gle/2xKUJ3XCL9CkdGoM9>

Rule 5 - Payment Details

- Name of the bank: Federal Bank
- Address: Kundli, Sonipat – 131028
- IFSC Code: FDRL0002116
- A/C No.: 12330100200333

The payment for participating shall be made in the name of SRM EDUCATION & RESEARCH INSTITUTE



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Rule 6 - Judges Responsibility

Judges shall ensure a thorough adherence to the spirit of judgeship in the competition

Rule 7 - Assistance from any other team

- No Assistance, generally, to be Taken from Non-members: Every team must research and write its memorial without the assistance of non-members. Teams may receive general advice from their respective Team Coaches. However, such advice must be limited to general advisory on the area of law concerned, the structure of written arguments, and general commentary on the team's arguments. No advice whatsoever may be taken from any member or team coach of another team.
- No Assistance to be Provided to Another Team: Team Members and Team Coaches from any Team, including Teams that have been eliminated from the Competition, shall not provide assistance in any way to any other Team. Prohibited assistance includes, but is not limited to, the following:
 - a. giving the Team's notes or Memorials to a Team still in the Competition;
 - b. posting the Team's Memorials online so that a person who is not a registered Team Member may access them
 - c. engaging in practice Moots against a Team with whom their preliminary rounds have been fixed; and
 - d. providing video or audio recordings of previous Moots, whether practice Moots or Competition Moots, to a Team still in the Competition.
- The organizer may allow for otherwise prohibited assistance if deemed to be in the best interests of the Competition
- Use of Bench Memorandum and Other Teams Memorials by Teams: The Bench Memorandum shall be confidential at all times. Any team found making use of the Bench Memorandum, however acquired, shall be disqualified. In preparing its Memorials, no team may incorporate arguments or other information from the Memorials of other teams.

Rule 8 - Clarification to the Moot proposition

- Clarifications can be sought and Corrections may be requested, until the date as notified in the brochure, through a mail at mootcourt@srmuniversity.ac.in
- Based upon the requests received from all Teams, Corrections and Clarifications to the Competition Proposition will be mailed on the date as notified in the brochure. Each Team must ensure that it receives and adequately notes the Corrections and Clarifications in preparation for the Competition.
- Rights over the memorials: The organizing committee reserves the right to disseminate and reproduce the memorials for the purposes of the Competition. The MCC will not be responsible for any mistakes or errors that are a part of the memorial.



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Rule 9 - Rules Regarding the Memorial's

- The memorial submission for registered teams must be made via a Google form that will be sent to the team post-registration.
- Each participating team is required to prepare a memorial for each party to the dispute with the following mandatory heads:
 1. Cover Page
 2. Table of Contents
 3. Index of Authorities
 4. Statement of Jurisdiction
 5. Statement of Facts (not exceeding 2 pages).
 6. Issues Raised
 7. Summary of Arguments (not exceeding 2 pages)
 8. Arguments Advanced (not exceeding 25 pages)
 9. Final Submission/Prayer (not exceeding 1 page)
- Teams shall cite authorities following the Uniform citation method using footnotes in accordance with the 21st Edition of Bluebook: A Uniform System of Citation
- The Cover Page of each memorial must contain only the following information:

The Team Code in the upper right corner of each memorial

The name of the forum resolving the dispute,

The name of the Competition

The Cause Title.

The party on behalf of which the memorial is prepared.

- All teams shall attach one copy of the memorials for each side in (docx) format (Microsoft Office 365, 2019, 2016, 2013 or 2010) as well as one copy in (pdf) format in the Google Form link provided.
- All four files (two.docx and two.pdf) should be submitted in a single form submission.
- For delay of every hour after submission deadline 1 mark will be deducted.
- Memorials submitted thirty six (36) hours after the memorial submission deadline, will not be accepted and such teams shall be disqualified from the Competition.
- A memorial once submitted will be considered final and cannot be revised.
- In the scenario where any memorial is sent late (in a separate form submission), the penalty for late submission imposed on the latter memorial will be imposed on the earlier memorials as well. The penalty will also be imposed if the aforementioned memorials are submitted in different form submissions
- It is the responsibility of each participating team to ensure that the electronic copies of the memorials can be opened with Microsoft Office 365, 2019, 2016, 2013 or 2010 (docx format) and Adobe Acrobat Reader 9 (.pdf format).
- Memorials shall be named according to the team code and the party for which the memorial is submitted. (For instance, Team 01 will name its memorials as 01-P and 01-R where P is the Petitioner/Informant/Appellant and 'R' is Respondent/Opposite Party).
- All teams are required to submit Five (5) sets of hard copies for each side of the memorials to the Organizing Committee, upon their arrival at the venue of the Competition only when qualified for the advanced rounds.
- The memorials shall be collected by the Registration-Team designated by the Organising team after the successful on-site registration of the respective teams.
- All parts of the memorial (including headers, footers and headings) shall be typed on A4-sized paper/format, with the following formatting specifications:



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1. Font Size: 12
 2. Font Type: Times New Roman
 3. Line Spacing: 1.5
 4. Margins: 1 inch on each side
 5. For footnotes, the formatting specifications are
 6. Font Type: Times New Roman
 7. Font Size: 10
 8. Single Spacing between lines
 9. Margins: 1 inch on each side
 10. Speaking footnotes or endnotes are not allowed.
 11. The memorials shall be spiral-bound/soft bound. The following color scheme should be followed for the cover page of the memorials:
 12. Informant/Appellant/ Petitioner -BLUE
 13. Opposite Party/Respondent-RED
- The memorials shall not contain any annexure, photograph, graph, diagram, or any other representation of such nature.
 - The hard copies of the memorials must be identical to the soft copies submitted by the team. In case of any violation of this rule, the team shall incur a penalty, subject to the decision of the Organizing Secretary. In case of non-identical submissions, the prior submission shall be considered as final.
 - A Team may prepare a compendium of cases, though the same shall not be a part of the memorial or be used for memorial evaluation purpose.

Rule 10 - Penalties

- Any memorial violating any of the specifications mentioned under Rule 8 will be penalized according to the following scheme:

S No.	Criterion	Penalty Deductions
1.	Late submission of memorials	1 marks, for every hour after the deadline
2.	Failure to comply with page limit as prescribed	1 Mark per extra page
3.	Failure to comply with the rules regarding specification in memorial	0.25 Marks per specification with a maximum of 5 marks per memorial
4.	Failure to comply with rule regarding citation	0.25 per violation, with a maximum of 5 Marks per memorial
5.	Exclusion of items mentioned to be in memorial	2 Marks per specification
6.	Inclusion of speaking footnote/ endnote	0.5 Marks per footnote/ endnote



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- For late submission of memorials, a maximum deduction of 36 marks will be imposed as a penalty.
- For failure to comply with the formatting specifications prescribed above along with speaking footnotes and endnotes, a maximum deduction of 20 marks will be imposed as a penalty.
- There will be no cap on imposing penalties for all other specifications save and except those mentioned above.

Rule 11 - Scoring Criteria

Memorial Scoring Criteria

The marks distribution for the memorial shall be as follows:

S.No.	Criterion	Marks
1	Application of Facts	25 Marks
2	Reasoning	25 Marks
3	Use of authorities and precedents	20 Marks
4	Understanding Law and procedure	20 Marks
5.	Formatting	10 Marks

10.2. Anonymity

- There should be no indication of the institution which the team represents, the name of the members in the memorials, or any other material carried inside the courtroom. The teams must also not disclose, or attempt to disclose, any such information at any stage of the Competition, either to the Judges or any other person as decided by the Organizing Committee.
- The violation of this rule will result in severe penalties, which may involve disqualification, as determined by the Organizing Committee.
- Teams must not reveal the identity of their institution, Jurisdiction, or nationality of origin to judges at any time during a Round.
- Organizing Committee may impose a Penalty (up to and including disqualification) against any Team that intentionally or inadvertently discloses its school, Jurisdiction, or country of origin to a judge during a Round, whether or not such disclosure occurs during a Moot. All instances of disclosure during a Round shall be reported to the Organizing Committee.
- Merely posting pictures of a participating Team or Team Member(s) on social media or a publicly available website, absent other facts, does not constitute a violation of this Rule.

Rule 12 - Format of the Competition

- Researchers Test:
- A Researcher Test shall be conducted for adjudicating the "Best Researcher" on Validictory ceremony. The Speakers shall not be eligible to participate in the test..
- The test will be conducted through online mode consisting of 25 questions to be submitted in 20 minutes.
- The winner will be determined on basis of correct answers with timing.
- Oral Rounds:

A) General: The mode of communication for the Competition shall be English only.

The dress code to be adhered to for the duration of the Competition is-

- Girls: Courtroom Formals (Preferably Black Blazer).
- Boys: Courtroom Formals (Preferably Black blazer).
- (B) Format:

The match up of teams in Preliminary Rounds shall be determined on the basis of a random fixtures to be circulated by organizing committee

The team with the higher Raw Score in a round will be deemed to have won a round.

In a situation where after the preliminary rounds, there exists a tie in two or more teams, it will be decided in the following order:

- On the basis of marks obtained under the head 'Reasoning in the Application of Principles'.
- Stiff if tie occurs on the basis of the Researcher Test scores

The marks breakup for the Oral Rounds shall be as follows:

S. No.	Criterion	Marks
1.	Response to Questions and Articulation	25 Marks
2.	Reasoning and Application of Principles	25 Marks
3.	Use of Authorities and precedents	20 Marks
4.	Application of Facts	20 Marks
5.	Advocacy Skill, Court Craft and Demeanour	10 Marks



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Bench strength:

- The Bench for the purposes of the Preliminary Rounds shall consist of two judges. For the Advanced Rounds, two-judge bench for Quarterfinals & a three-judge bench for Semi Finals and a Five-judge bench for the Final Rounds. Organising Committee reserves the right to change number of judges per bench.

Communication between members of the team:

- The members of a team are allowed to communicate among themselves during the Oral Rounds. However, the same must be in written form only and must not be in violation of general courtroom practices.

Electronic devices inside the Courtroom:

- During oral rounds of the competition, oralists at the podium and Team Members seated at counsel table may operate, only for purposes directly relating to the said oral round, laptop, tablet, mobile phone, PDAs, etc., provided such devices are not internet-enabled or data-capable, or have instant messaging capabilities.
- Violation of the said rule shall lead to disqualification from the concerned oral round.

Time keeping devices inside courtroom:

- The official time of the match shall be indicated by the bailiff. No one other than the bailiff shall display timecards or otherwise signal to the oralist how much time is left.

Scouting:

- There are two types of scouting, both of which are prohibited. "Direct Scouting" occurs when a Team attends a Moot involving one or more Teams against which it will compete in a future Moot.
- "Indirect Scouting" occurs when a Team attends a Moot involving two Teams against which it is not scheduled to compete in the Preliminary Rounds, or when a Team, through any other means, obtains or attempts to obtain information about another Team regardless of whether the Team seeking the information will compete against the Teams for which information is sought.
- The decision of Organizing committee shall be final with regard to any disciplinary action taken against team for violation of rules under this clause.

Duration:

- For the Preliminary Round, each team will be allotted a total of thirty (30) minutes to present their arguments. No speaker shall be allowed to plead for more than twenty (18) minutes. Each team is entitled to reserve a maximum of five (5) minutes, out of the total thirty (30) minutes, for rebuttals and sur-rebuttals.
- For Advanced Rounds, each team will be allotted a total of forty-five (45) minutes to present their arguments. No speaker shall be allowed to plead for more than twenty-five (25) minutes. Each team is entitled to reserve a maximum of five (5) minutes, out of the total forty-five (45) minutes, for rebuttals and sur-rebuttals.
- The teams are to arrive at the designated Courtroom fifteen (15) minutes before the Round is supposed to start. In case the team fails to report to the designated Courtroom within ten (10) minutes of the starting of the Round, the team will be deemed to have forfeited the Competition and the Round will continue as an ex-parte round.



Rules for the Competition



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Rule 13 - Power to promulgate additional measures

- The Organizing Committee may promulgate any other measures for the orderly conduct of the Competition or to correct deficiencies in the Competition. It is anticipated that additional measures will be adopted when Team Registration has been completed.

Rule 14 - Exemplary power clause

- The Organising Committee reserves the right to make changes in the rule if situation so warrant.
- In case of any dispute arising in the interpretation of the rules, or otherwise, the decision of the Organizing in consultation with the memorial evaluator would be final and binding.
- Scores obtained by the teams/participants in preliminary rounds will be shared after the competition. However the scores of Advanced Rounds shall be kept confidential with Organizing University, whereas upon receiving official written request from statutory authorities of a participating institution the Organising Committee may disclose them the results of the team of their institution. Such request shall be made within 7 days of the completion of the event, after which no such requests shall be entertained.

Rule 15 - Code of Conduct

- A violation of the prescribed Code of Conduct will invite sanctions which will be decided by the Organizing Committee
- Teams are expected to behave with other team members and the Judges/Organisers/ Volunteers in a dignified manner.
- Teams should not attempt to influence Judges/Organisers in any manner.
- Participants are expected to maintain decorum in the courtroom during the Competition and to conduct themselves in a manner befitting the legal profession.
- The teams should not engage in any form of unethical, unprofessional, or wrongful conduct during the entire period of the Competition..
- Participants should not indulge in the consumption/carrying of drugs/alcohol/arms or ammunition / immoral/ illegal activity or any other form(s) of taste/addiction during the course of the Competition.



Registration Process



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- Registration for the Competition will commence on the date as notified in the brochure.
- The last date for registration shall be notified in the brochure.
- The teams shall be required to send the final registration fee: **Registration fee- Rs. 1500 (Rupees One Thousand Five Hundred Only) per team.**
- All meals during the competition will be provided at the University campus.
- The teams qualifying for the Advanced rounds has to pay additional Rs - 2500 (Rupees Two Thousand Five Hundred Only) per team for accomodation.
- The following scanned documents are required to be submitted by the teams at the time of the registration:
 1. Letter of approval from the concerned recognised Institution permitting the team to take part in the competition.
 2. The receipt of online payment of registration fee.
 3. Any ID issued by the Government OR ID Issued by the Recognised Institution the Participant is enrolled with.

The registration form can be accessed here:

<https://forms.gle/2xKUJ3XCL9CkdGoM9>

Payment Details

Name of the bank: Federal Bank
Address: Kundli, Sonipat – 131028
IFSC Code: FDRL0002116
A/C No.: 12330100200333

The payment shall be made in the name of SRM EDUCATION &
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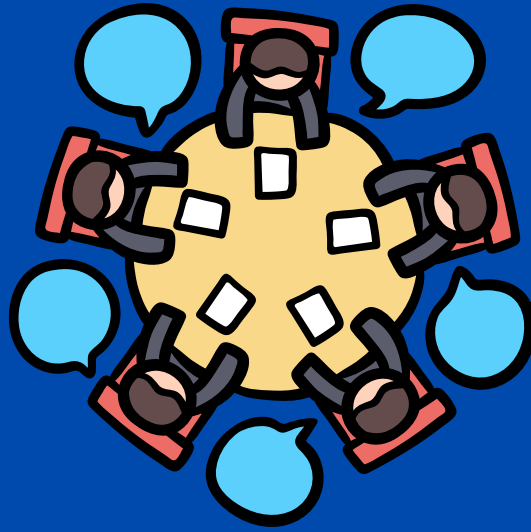


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Date:

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Approval Letter (Please fill in capital letters) UNDERTAKING

1. We hereby state that our participation complies with the rules and regulations of the competition.
 2. We certify that the materials which are being/ will be submitted are prepared by us and shall indemnify the organizers for any claim or dispute arising out of the further use and exhibition of these materials.
- (All details must be provided on the form or can be typed on the participating Institutions letterhead)

Name of the Institution:

Address:

E-mail: Ph: Fax:

Name of the Participant /Gender Course / Year/ Semester & Signature

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3.

Team's preferred Tel No. & Email id for communication:

(Signature & Seal of the Head of the Institution)



Travel Plan



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TRAVEL PLAN

TO BE EMAILED TO THE ORGANIZING COMMITTEE AT mootcourt@srmuniversity.ac.in
ON OR BEFORE 1st DECEMBER, 2024

1. Name of Institution-
2. Arrival Details-
 - a. Mode of Arrival: Train/ Air/ Bus -
 - b. Train No./ Bus No./ Flight No. -
 - c. Estimated Time of Arrival -

3. Any other details:

(Signature & Seal of the Head of the Institution)

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