

**5th SURANA & SURANA & KLE LAW COLLEGE
NATIONAL CONSTITUTIONAL LAW MOOT COURT
COMPETITION 2022-23**

10 – 12, February 2023

Professional Partner &
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Surana & Surana
International Attorneys



KLE Society's Law
College
Bengaluru

VENUE

Virtual (Online)

RULES AND REGULATIONS

I. AIM & PURPOSE

- a. The Surana & Surana National Constitutional Law Moot has been conceived with the aim of creating opportunities for learning the development of jurisprudence on emerging trends in Constitutional Law besides developing cutting edge skills in research, writing and advocacy.

II. Venue and Date

The 5th SURANA & SURANA & KLE LAW COLLEGE NATIONAL CONSTITUTIONAL LAW MOOT COURT COMPETITION shall be held from **10 – 12, February, 2023** in virtual mode via **Google Meet platform**.

III. The competition shall be in the English language.

IV. Eligibility

The competition is open for students who are studying LLB three year or five year course during the current academic year interested in Constitutional Law and who belong to institutions that have been invited.

V. Team Composition

- a. Each team should consist of a minimum of 2 and maximum of 3 members. This number cannot be modified under any circumstances.
- b. There shall be 2 speakers and 1 researcher designated for each team. The researcher shall be allowed to argue with prior permission of the court and National Administrator in case of illness of the designated speakers.
- c. Each team will **be provided a competition team code** during orientation. Teams should not disclose the identity of their institution; such disclosure shall invite penalties including disqualification. The decision for the same shall be at the discretion of the National Administrator.

VI. Registration

- a. Online registrations are open from **19th December 2022**. The teams must register online by **29th January 2023**. Teams will have to register online at www.moot.in. No

temporary registration requests will be entertained. Kindly refrain from sending such requests to Surana & Surana or the host KLE Society Law College.

- b. Participants will receive an automated system generated acknowledgement on successful submission of registration. Participants will receive an approval as acceptance of their request for participation latest by **30th January 2023 8:00 PM** or earlier.
- c. A scanned copy of the letter from the participating college/ institution / university duly signed by any one of the following :- Faculty-in-charge of MCS/MCA, Registrar, Principal, Dean, Director, Chancellor or Vice-Chancellor confirming the names of the participants, Year / semester in which studying, representing the college/ institution / university for the moot competition will have to be attached during the online registration process (The approval letter shall be formatted on the letterhead of the participating institution/college/university alternatively you may use the registration form itself as appended below as page 8 with the official seal)
- d. Registrations without the scanned copy of the approval letter from the college/institution/ university or duly attested registration form will not be valid.
- e. The registration fees of Rs. 2500 to be paid online by **30th January 2023** to the following UPI id: **4683671080600@cnrb**
- f. Registration particulars and receipt of payment should be sent by e-mail to suranamoot@klelawcollege.org marked as “5TH SURANA & SURANA & KLE LAW COLLEGE NATIONAL CONSTITUTIONAL LAW MOOT COURT COMPETITION REGISTRATION” as the subject of the mail latest by **30th January 2023**

VII. Rounds

- a. There will be two preliminary rounds of arguments, an Octa-final, a Quarterfinal, a Semi-Final and a Final round.
- b. Octa-final will be conducted if the participation exceeds 30 teams
- c. Quarterfinal will be conducted if the participation exceeds 16 teams

Preliminary Round

- a. There will be two preliminary rounds of arguments per team, once for applicant & another for respondent.
- b. No team will face each other more than once in the preliminary rounds.
- c. Each team will face a different bench in their second round of arguments.
- d. Preliminary I & II / Octa final / Quarter finals will be held on **11th February 2023**(Saturday), and the top sixteen / eight teams, will qualify for the Octa finals / Quarterfinals as mentioned above.
- e. Top sixteen / eight teams from the Preliminary Rounds will advance to the Octa / Quarter final rounds that will be decided on
 - a. Win points
 - b. Win points + Aggregate raw points
 - c. Win points + aggregate raw points (in case of tie minus memorial marks)

Memorial marks will be added to the scores of both the preliminary rounds only.

- f. There will be an Orientation Program for all the participants on **10th February 2023** (Friday) followed by a draw of lots & exchange of memorials, Competition team codes and argument side will be allotted.
- g. The dress code shall be advocate's attire during the competition rounds as prescribed by BCI rules.
- b. The oral arguments need not be confined to the issues presented in the memorials

Octa final / Quarterfinal / Semi Final Round / Final Round:

Lots / power matching will decide the side of the arguments in Octa finals, Quarterfinals, Semifinals & Finals. The Semi Finals and Finals will be held on **12th February 2023** (Sunday). The Octa finals / Quarterfinal / Semifinal are knockout rounds.

Results (Announcement)

Results will be announced within 30 minutes after the completion of the preliminary / Octa / quarter / semifinal rounds. The Final result and the winners of the various categories will be announced only during the valediction / prize distribution ceremony.

VIII. Memorials

The following requirements for memorials must be strictly followed. Non-conformities will be penalised:

a. Each team must prepare memorials for both parties to the dispute (Petitioners and Respondent).

b. Soft copy of the memorials in word format must uploaded on this link on or before **5th February 2023:**

<https://forms.gle/wFwuJtCLMAupo6Bw7> Submission of memorials in any other form or mode will not be accepted.

c. Late submission will be penalized by two points each memorial for every six hours of delay after due date/time.

d. Once the memorials have been submitted, **no** revisions / supplements / additions will be allowed.

e. The memorials have to be submitted on typed A 4 size and must contain:

- The table of contents
- The index of authorities
- The statement of jurisdiction
- The statement of facts (1 page only and argumentative statement of facts would attract penalties)
- The statement of issues
- The summary of arguments (not more than 1 page)
- The arguments advanced (not more than 15 pages)
- The prayer

f. The font size should be 12 (doubles space) and for footnotes it should be 10 (single space).

g. The memorial must have a margin measuring one inch on all sides of each page

h. The page numbering should be on the top right side of each page.

- i. Covers must be placed on briefs: **Petitioner: Light Blue Colour; Respondent: Light Red Colour.**
- j. The cover page of the memorial must state the following
 - The cause title
 - Identify brief as Petitioners / Respondents as is applicable
- n. Identity of the institution shall not be revealed anywhere in the memorial. Violation of this provision shall result in penalties including disqualification. The National Administrator's decision shall be final.

IX. Oral Round

Preliminary Round, Octa finals & Quarterfinals

- a. Each team will get a total of 30 minutes to present their case. This time will include rebuttal and sur-rebuttal time.
- b. The division of time is at the discretion of the team members, subject to a maximum of 15 minutes per speaker. Division of time shall be informed to the court officer before arguments begin.
- c. The oral arguments need not be confined to the issues presented in the memorials.
- d. Passing of notes to the speakers by the researcher during the rounds is allowed.
- e. The researcher shall sit with the speakers at the time of the orals.

Semifinal & Final

- a. Each team will get 45 minutes to present their case that will include rebuttal and sur-rebuttal time
- b. The division of time is at the discretion of the team, with a maximum of 25 minutes per speaker.
- c. The oral arguments need not be confined to the issues presented in the memorials.
- d. The researcher shall sit with the speakers at the time of the orals.

X. 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.

XI. Scoring

A. Orals

The parameters for judging the oral presentation on a scale of 0 – 100 points are:

- a. Knowledge of facts
- b. Logic and reasoning
- c. Organisation and clarity
- d. Persuasiveness
- e. Deference to the court
- f. Proper and articulate analysis of the issues arising out of facts
- g. Understanding of the legal principles directly applicable to the issues
- h. Ability to explain clearly the legal principles in general keeping to the time allotted
- i. Knowledge and use of legal sources and authorities and general principles of national law
- j. Ingenuity (ability to argue by analogy from related aspects of law)

B. Written Submissions (Memorials)

- a. The memorials shall be marked on a scale of 1-100 points each.
- b. Any revisions, supplements or additions to the memorials after submission shall attract severe penalties subject to the discretion of the National Administrator.
- c. Award of the points shall be based on the following parameters:
 - Neatness, legibility, no typographical errors or format errors
 - Logical progression of ideas
 - Effective use of headings to outline arguments
 - Understanding essential legal issues presented
 - Focus on essential (not collateral) issues
 - Clear, concise and unambiguous writing style
 - Forceful and persuasive presentation
 - Integration of facts into legal argument

- Understanding of strengths and weaknesses of case
 - Discussion of viable alternative arguments
 - Understanding and analysis of authority
 - Proper use of citations and citation form
 - Effective use of authority to support arguments
 - Ability to distinguish adverse cases
- d. Non-compliance of the rules mentioned in Clause VII above shall attract severe penalties

XII. Awards

- i. Winner – Rs. 20,000/-
- ii. Runner up – Rs.10,000/-
- iii. Best Memorial - Trophy
- iv. Best Student Advocate - Trophy

All participants will be issued participation certificates.

XIII. Anonymity

- a. Student counsel may introduce her/himself to the court in the usual manner and may also state her/his names. However, the team's college / institution affiliation may not be mentioned at any time before the awards ceremony.
- b. Further, all team members, coaches, advisors, and observers shall refrain from identifying a team's school at any time and in any manner, including, but not limited to, wearing any identifying items, such as school clothing, ties, patches, or pins or carrying identifying material (such as a books with a college logo, or college seal).

XIV. DECISION OF THE JUDGES IS FINAL

XV. POLICY FOR VIRTUAL ROUND

- a. The Oral Rounds for the competition will take place virtually via Google Meet platform.
- b. It would be the responsibility of every team to ensure a stable internet connection. The audio and video of every member of the team should be clear. Every team must ensure a

proper background. The organisers will under no circumstances be obligated to provide the participants with any such facility.

- c. All participants should mandatorily join with their laptops or desktops and other forms of device are to be avoided.
- d. The link or the ID and password for the room on Google Meet will be conveyed to the participating teams before the oral rounds.
- e. Each participating member of every team is advised to install the Google Meet platform on their devices well in time.
- f. Each team is required to join the room at least twenty minutes before the scheduled time of commencement of the oral rounds.
- g. The participants' camera and microphone shall be firmly positioned throughout the oral rounds so as to show speakers and to ensure their voices are clearly audible.
- h. All participants must keep their cameras on at all times during the rounds. Camera to be switched off in case of technical glitches with the permission of the bench.
- i. At the time when one participant is speaking, others are expected to keep their microphones on mute. In case a participant is found disturbing the other pleader anyway, he/she or the entire team to which such participant belongs may be disqualified upon the discretion of the bench.
- j. Each participant is responsible for finding a suitable venue and background to participate. The venue must be a quiet location and one which has adequate and reliable internet connectivity and has a desk and chairs for the oralist. Location in open spaces hallways or cybercafes or similar areas are NOT permitted.
- k. Participants are cautioned to ensure that all equipment has a power supply sufficient to last for at least two hours without interruption.
- l. In case of a loss in internet connection, each team will be given a reasonable time to reconnect. If the problem still persists the decision made by the organizers shall be final and binding.

- m. In the event where one or both of the speaker could not join due to connectivity issue, the team may be disqualified from the competition and at no circumstances can other member of the team be allowed to switch roles.
- n. Where a team does not appear within 10 minutes of the scheduled time for the round, the round shall proceed as ex-parte.
- o. Compendium & memorials shall be mailed to suranamoot@klelawcollege.org with a copy to mootcourt@lawindia.com along with the team codes on completion of the Orientation as directed by the organizers.
- p. Any compiled Research Material (Compendium) or other supplementary documents may be, as per the discretion of the bench, presented by the team by using the “screen sharing” option given they have fulfilled the preceding sub-clause.
- q. Participants will not be allowed to use the feature of personal chat to communicate with their team members or members of the opposing team.
- r. Teams shall not use internet or any other devices during the rounds for anything, except participating in the rounds.
- s. Participants can only sip water on screen during the competition. Consumption of other beverages or eatables is not permitted. Non-Speakers are to switch off video before drinking water.
- t. Participating speakers and researcher are permitted to join for the Virtual Competition from the same premises/room. However, the screen space shall be independent and the speakers, researcher to represent before the bench through individual/separate devices.
- u. Appropriate court room demeanor is to be maintained.
- v. Participants are expected to cooperate with the organizers and the judges, in case anyone faces any issue.
- w. The organizers shall take best available measures to resolve or mitigate any connectivity issues that may arise. However, in cases where that is not possible, the organizer cannot be held responsible for the unforeseen issues which includes (but are not limited to) – Software failure and connectivity issues. The decision of the Organizers in consultation with the judges shall be final and binding.

XV. Copyright

- a. The copyright over the memorials submitted for participation in the competition is assigned by participants and shall also vest completely and fully in KLE Law College, Bengaluru and Surana & Surana International Attorneys Chennai. The participants shall certify in writing the originality of materials contained therein and shall be responsible for any claim or dispute arising out of the further use and exhibition of these materials.
- b. Further use and exhibition of these materials, electronically or otherwise, shall be the exclusive right of Surana & Surana International Attorneys, Chennai and KLE Law College, Bengaluru and they shall not be responsible for any liability to any person for any loss caused by errors or omissions in this collection of information, or for the accuracy, completeness, or adequacy of the information contained in these materials.
- c. Distribution of these materials on affiliated websites such as www.moot.in does not constitute consent to any use of this material for commercial redistribution either via the Internet or using some other form of hypertext distribution. Links to the collection or individual pages in it are welcome.

XVI. The **National Administrator** of the competition is **Prof. (Dr.) J M Mallikarjunaiah**, Principal, KLE Law College, Bengaluru.

XVII. Any clarifications for the competition can be sought from:

Regarding Queries on Case / Submission of Memorials

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IMPORTANT DATES

Start of Online Registration	19th December 2022
Last date for Online Registration	29th January 2023 8.00PM IST
Last date for receiving copies of Reg. Form/Approval letter by KLE	30th January 2023
Payment of registration fees	30th January 2023
Last Date for Submission of Memorials (both petitioner and respondent) Soft Copy by email with temporary team code	5th February 2023
Submission of Memorials During Orientation with competition team code (soft copy)	10th February 2023
Orientation / Draw of Lots/ Exchange of Memorial for Prelims	10th February 2023
Prelims I & II / Octa / Quarters	11th February 2023
Semifinal/ Finals and Valedictory	12th February 2023

NOTE:

1. Temporary team code will be allotted by KLE on confirmation of registration / submission of registration form / approval letter by E-mail.
2. Competition team code will be allotted during the orientation on 10th February 2023. Further instructions will be given during the orientation.
3. The schedule proposed is tentative .

Date:

Registration form/ 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 submitted/to be submitted are prepared by us and agree to indemnify the organizers, i.e. the Surana & Surana International Attorneys, Chennai and the KLE Law College, Bengaluru for any claim or dispute arising out of the further use and exhibition of these materials.

Name & Address of the participating Institution:

Notification Email:

Regd. Mobile #:

Name of the participant	Gender	Course	Year / Semester	Photo	Signature

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Completed scanned copy of the form should reach

Administrator (KLELC) by 30th January 2023 to suranamoot@klelawcollege.org

& The subject of the email must be "SURANA & SURANA & KLE LAW COLLEGE NATIONAL CONSTITUTIONAL LAW MOOT REGISTRATION"