

VII SURANA & SURANA AND UPES SCHOOL OF LAW, NATIONAL INSOLVENCY LAW MOOT COURT COMPETITION 2024



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INVITATION

It gives us immense pleasure to announce that UPES School of Law, is organizing the VII Surana & Surana and UPES School of Law National Insolvency Law Moot Court Competition, 2024, which is to be held in two phases, 10th August, 2024 (Virtual Mode) and 6th - 7th September, 2024 (Offline Mode).

The case record of the competition revolves around defining and exploring the laws of Insolvency and Bankruptcy. The competition aims to delve into the intricacies of the legal framework governing insolvency and bankruptcy proceedings in India.

We extend our warm invitation to your esteemed institution, recognizing the value you bring to the competition. We eagerly anticipate your active participation in this prestigious Moot Court Competition.





UPES ABOUT OUR INSTITUTION

UPES was established in the year 2003 through UPES Act, 2003, of the State Legislature of Uttarakhand. The University has been accredited with grade 'A' by the National Assessment and Accreditation Council, Government of India in 2021 and strives to achieve more heights in the coming years. As per National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF) 2022, the Ministry of Education, India, UPES School of Law has been ranked 21 in Law and was also ranked among the Top 10 Private Law colleges in India by India Today.

We have a vision to provide quality legal education in this new age of digital transformation. The institute is committed to not only exploring, but also implementing an outcome-based education. We focus on applying the new-age learning technologies to competency-based, adaptive and collaborative education. This will help us in creating a learning space which meets the unique needs of every student.

In the coming years, we aim to focus on digital learning, through a balanced combination of technology, digital content, live instruction and experiential learning. Our partnerships with global institutions would provide the much needed 'international exposure at home' to our students. We have the privilege of becoming the first Indian university to partner with the UK-based University of Law. We also have MoUs with renowned institutions such as Maurer School of Law and Nottingham Trent University to provide progression opportunities for higher education.



ABOUT SURANA & SURANA INTERNATIONAL ATTORNEYS

Surana & Surana International Attorneys, established in 1971, is dedicated to providing clients with prompt support and has been recognized as the "first choice" and "go-to" firm for legal counsel in South India.

Since 1998, the firm has been consistently listed among the top law firms in India by national and international magazines as well as clients, providing legal services such as Dispute Resolution, Real Estate & Infrastructure, Corporate, Commercial, Intellectual Property, Defence Law, Regulatory Investigation Advisory, Tax, Cyber-Entertainment-Media-Technology.

It is the world's first law firm to achieve SA8000 and ISO 14000 certification as well as Asia's first to achieve ISO 9001 certification for professional legal services.

The firm was featured as the only Indian case study in the best-selling book "Developing a Profitable Practice in Asia" by Mr. Robert C Sawhney, Hong Kong in a full chapter titled 'An Uncommon Law Firm: Principles before Profits'.

The firm's Academic Initiatives division has pioneered the Moot Court Competitions in the country which is now the world's largest moot court program.



ABOUT SURANA & SURANA ACADEMIC INITIATIVES

For over 28 years, the firm has hosted, administered, and supported a dozen moot court events each year. It is crucial to understand the larger picture of this mammoth initiative, which is now the world's largest moot court program.

Hon'ble Justice Krishna Iyer, during one of his stay with the Surana Family in the late 1980s spoke at length with the firm's Founder, Mr. P.S Surana on the need & importance of developing young advocates with strong advocacy abilities. He was particularly concerned that talented young law graduates were leaving the Bar to join the corporate sector, thereby depriving the Bar of strong talent.

Inspired by this interaction, Mr. P.S. Surana designed a well-structured and transparent moot court competition platform to provide law students with an opportunity to hone their talents in oral and written advocacy, as well as legal research. Surana & Surana has conducted more than 350 Moot Court competitions with more than a dozen every year besides judgment writing, arbitral award, and essay competitions. The moot court advisory board has over the years had about 50 members at various points in the journey from Chief Patron (Late) Fali S Nariman to designated Senior Advocates and distinguished Academicians.



ABOUT MOOT COURT ASSOCIATION

The Moot Court Association (MCA) is the flagship committee of the School of law, UPES entrusted with fostering, administering, and facilitating moot activities while upholding the benchmark of excellence that the University has set for itself.

Our primary goals include planning, organizing, and executing International, National and Internal Moot Court Competitions, nurturing upcoming mooters, as well as furthering our vision of developing the moot culture in the Law School. MCA has proudly orchestrated 14 illustrious editions of the Dr. Paras Diwan Moot Court Competition, with the 14th edition graced by a collaboration with JSA. Similarly, we have conducted 6 remarkable editions of the National Insolvency Moot Court Competition, with a distinguished partnership with Surana & Surana since 2018. Furthermore, MCA annually hosts a Novice Moot Court Competition and an Internal Moot Court Competition, showcasing our unwavering commitment to legal excellence within the School of Law, UPES.

The Moot Court Association encourages and provides opportunities of participation to all batches. MCA also organizes workshops and interactive seminars with experienced mooters and professionals in line with its vision.

ABOUT PREVIOUS EDITIONS OF THE COMPETITION

Moot Court Association of UPES has successfully organized 6 editions of “Surana & Surana And UPES School of Law National Insolvency Law Moot Court Competition”.

The first Surana & Surana UPES School of Law National Insolvency Law Moot Court Competition was held in 2018 in association with esteemed joint organizer Surana & Surana International Attorneys, Chennai & New York. The competition was organized from September 28, 2018, to September 30, 2018. Hon'ble Justice U.C. Dhyani, Chairman of the Public Service Tribunal in Dehradun and a former judge of the Uttarakhand High Court in India, attended the inaugural ceremony. Dr. Vinod Surana, CEO and Partner of Surana & Surana International Attorneys, Chennai & New York, served as the valedictory ceremony's chief guest. Our Guest of Honour, Advocate Sumant Batra, Managing Partner and Head, Kesar Dass B. & Associates, as well as Dr. Mamta Suri, Executive Director, Insolvency & Bankruptcy Board of India, attended the farewell ceremony.

The second edition was held on 29 September 2019. The competition aimed at learning the development of jurisprudence on emerging trends in Insolvency Law.

The third edition of Surana & Surana was conducted online from 29 January 2021 to 31 January 2021. We received participation from 26 teams across India. Gujarat National Law University

was adjudged as the Winners, while Symbiosis Law School, Noida was declared as the runners-up.

The fourth edition was held in collaboration with our esteemed joint organizer Surana & Surana International Attorneys, Chennai. The competition was scheduled from February 4th, 2022 to February 6th, 2022. The edition witnessed an exceptional participation of 30 teams.

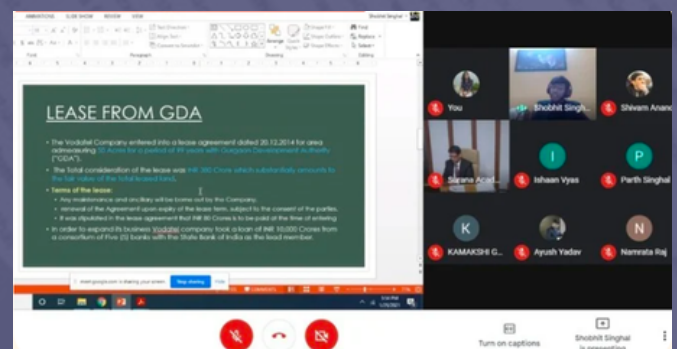
The fifth edition was held from October 14th 2022 to October 16th, 2022. The competition witnessed the participation of 20 teams and University Institute of Legal Studies, Punjab University, Chandigarh was adjudicated as the winners and National Law University Odisha was adjudged the runners-up.

The sixth and the latest edition of Surana and Surana was held from 18th August, 2023 to 20th August, 2023. The competition was held virtually and the edition witnessed an exceptional participation of almost 40 teams. National University of Study and Research in Law, Ranchi was adjudged as winners and Sastra Deemed University, Tamil Nadu was adjudged as runners-up.



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TIMELINE

RELEASE OF CASE RECORD	26TH JUNE'24
COMMENCEMENT OF PROVISIONAL REGISTRATION	26TH JUNE'24
COMMENCEMENT OF FINAL REGISTRATION	26TH JUNE'24
LAST DATE FOR PROVISIONAL REGISTRATION	7TH JULY'24
LAST DATE FOR FINAL REGISTRATION	20TH JULY'24
LAST DATE FOR SEEKING CLARIFICATIONS	22ND JULY'24
RELEASE OF CLARIFICATIONS	24TH JULY'24
LAST DATE OF MEMORIAL SUBMISSION	30TH JULY'24
INAUGURATION AND ORIENTATION	9TH AUGUST'24
RESEARCHER'S TEST AND MEMORIAL EXCHANGE	9TH AUGUST'24
PRELIMINARY ROUNDS	10TH AUGUST'24
REGISTRATION AND SUBMISSION OF PHYSICAL HARDCOPIES OF MEMORIALS	5TH SEPTEMBER'24
OCTA FINAL/QUARTER-FINAL AND SEMI-FINAL ROUNDS	6TH SEPTEMBER'24
FINAL-ROUND	7TH SEPTEMBER'24
VALEDICTORY CEREMONY	7TH SEPTEMBER'24

AWARDS AND PRIZE MONEY

AWARDS	PRIZE MONEY
Winners	₹30,000
Runners up	₹15,000
Best Researcher	₹5,000
Best Student Advocate	₹5,000
Best Memorial for Appellant	₹3,000
Best Memorial for Respondent	₹3,000

All the participants will be awarded with participation certificates.

RULES OF THE COMPETITION

I AIM AND PURPOSE

The Surana & Surana and UPES School of Law's National Insolvency Law Moot Court Competition aims to facilitate understanding of evolving jurisprudence in Insolvency Law emerging trends. It also focuses on enhancing research, writing, and advocacy skills. By participating in this competition, individuals have the opportunity to enhance their legal acumen and contribute to the growth of this specialized field.

II DEFINITIONS

1. **Advanced Rounds:** It shall refer to the Octa - Final, Quarter – Finals, Semi – Finals, and a Final Round of The Competition. Octa Final rounds shall be conducted at the discretion of Organisers, if the Registration exceeds 30 Teams.
2. **Competition:** It shall refer to the VIIth edition of the Surana & Surana and UPES School of Law, National Insolvency Law Moot Court Competition, 2024.
3. **Disqualification:** It shall render a team invalid to continue participating in the Competition.
4. **Judge:** It shall refer to any person appointed to evaluate a Participant's Memorial or Oral Pleading.
5. **Memorial:** It shall refer to the written arguments submitted by each team, on behalf of both the Parties, according to the official competition rules.
6. **National Administrator:** It shall refer to the Dean, School of Law, UPES (Chairman, Moot Court Association, UPES).
7. **Oral Rounds:** It shall refer to a team's pleadings, composed of both speakers, submitted orally in front of the judges, on behalf of one of the parties, against another team representing the opposing party.
8. **Parties:** It shall refer to the parties to the dispute as identified by the case record as Informant/ Appellant and Opposite Party/Respondent.
9. **Penalties:** It shall refer to points deducted for violation of any Rules mentioned hereunder.

NOTE: The organizing committee reserves the authority to disqualify any team if there is any grave violation of these Rules.

10. **Preliminary Rounds:** It shall refer to the Oral Rounds which will take place prior to the Advanced Rounds of the Competition for the purpose of determining the teams which will proceed to the Advanced Rounds.
11. **Rules:** It shall refer to these official Competition Rules and such other applicable supplements to these Rules published by the Organizing Committee.
12. **Organizing Committee:** Shall mean and include members mentioned in brochure.
13. **Scouting:** It shall refer to the act of attending a round in which the members of the team or any person related to the team are not competing.
14. **Team Code:** It shall refer to the unique number allotted to each participating team for the purpose of this Competition. This would primarily be used for all submissions of memorials.
15. **Competition Code:** For the oral rounds based on the fixtures competition codes will be allotted through a draw of lots as part of the orientation.

III VENUE AND DATE

Surana & Surana and UPES School of Law National Insolvency Law Moot Court Competition shall be held in Hybrid Mode, The virtual rounds will take place on 10th August, 2024 and offline rounds will take place from the 6th September, 2024-7th September, 2024 in the Kandoli Campus of University of Petroleum and Energy Studies.

IV LANGUAGE

The competition shall be conducted in the English language.

V ELIGIBILITY

The competition is open for students who are pursuing LLB (three-year / five-year) courses during the current academic year.

VI TEAM COMPOSITION

1. The maximum number of participants per team shall be restricted to 3 wherein only 2 shall be speakers and 1 shall be the designated researcher. The researcher shall be allowed to argue with the prior permission of the court and National Administrator in case of illness of the designated speakers.

Note: Only the designated speaker in the Preliminary Rounds shall be eligible for the Best Advocate award.

2. No Team Coach, mentors, observer or any other person shall be accompanying registered participating team members.
3. 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.

VII REGISTRATION

• Provisional Registration

1. Provisional Registration commences from **26th June 2024**.
2. The Provisional Registration shall be done by **7th July 2024**. It is mandatory for every university to register provisionally via its moot court's ID at [LINK](#).
3. **Teams will receive confirmation mail of the successful provisional registration from the Host University.**

• Final Registration

1. Final Registration for teams commences from **26th June 2024**.
2. The teams must register online by **20th July 2024**. Teams will have to register online at www.moot.in
3. After registering online, the teams must complete the Registration Process as stated below by sending a copy of the documents for authentication, at mootcourt@ddn.upes.ac.in
4. Participants will receive approval as acceptance of their request for participation within 2 days from the last date of registration.

• **Authenticated Documents**

The following documents are required by the teams at the time of Final Registration:

1. An external participation form / approval letter (with seal and signature) as provided in the rules (refer to page no.31 duly filled from the participant's institution / moot society).
2. Scanned copy of the receipt of online payment.

Note: Signatories on the registration form should be any of the following: Faculty- in charge of MCA / MCS / MCC, Registrar, Dean, Principal, Director, Vice-Chancellor.

• **Registration Fee**

A registration fee of Rs. 3,500/- (Three Thousand Five Hundred rupees only) is to be paid online by the team through Net Banking for online rounds only. Additional amount for advance rounds (including accommodation, transport, food etc) is Rs. 3,000/- (Three Thousand rupees only).

Account details are as follows:

- (i) **Beneficiary Name:** University of Petroleum and Energy Studies
- (ii) **Account Number:** 01159460000224
- (iii) **IFSC Code:** YESB0000115
- (iv) **Branch:** Yes bank Ltd., ground floor, 56, Rajpur road, Dehradun-248001

FEE ONCE PAID WILL NOT BE REFUNDED UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES.

VIII CLARIFICATION

1. Teams may seek clarification latest by **22nd July 2024 (11:59 PM IST)** through the following [Google Form](#).
2. All the clarifications shall be posted on www.moot.in and emailed to all the participants on their respective email-ids provided in the registration form by **24th July 2024**.

IX WRITTEN SUBMISSION

1. Each Team is required to prepare Written Submissions for both sides, i.e., the Applicant(s)/Claimant(s)/Petitioner(s) and the Respondent(s) of the case. A Written Submission shall be identified solely by the Team Code assigned to the Team under the Rules of the Competition. The Written Submissions shall not, in any way, disclose any fact about the Identity of the Team, its members, or the Institution/College/University represented by the Team.
2. The cover page of the Claimant's memorial should be Blue for the Applicant(s)/Claimant(s)/Petitioner(s) and Red for the Respondent.
3. The soft copy of the Memorials for the Applicant(s)/Claimant(s)/Petitioner(s) and the Respondent should be submitted in a zip folder on [LINK](#) and also to email to mootcourt@ddn.upes.ac.in and ai@lawindia.com on or before **30th July 2024 (11:59PM IST)**. Late submissions will be penalized by one point each per memorial for every hour of delay.
4. Once the soft copy of the memorials have been submitted, no revisions, supplements, or additions will be allowed.
5. The submissions shall be the original work of the team. The similarity (Plagiarism) for a Memorial should not be more than 15%.
6. The teams are requested to submit 8 hard copies of memorials of both sides (only for the offline rounds) on **5th September 2024** on the registration desk.
7. The memorials shall be submitted in Word format as well as PDF Format. The file shall be named as "Team Code- Appellant" and "Team Code- Respondent" respectively. Once the soft copy of the memorials has been submitted, no revisions, supplements, or additions will be allowed.

8. A Written Submission shall consist of the following mandatory heads:
 - A. Cover Page
 - B. Table of Contents
 - C. List of Abbreviations
 - D. Index of Authorities
 - E. Statement of Facts (not exceeding 2 pages)
 - F. Issues Raised
 - G. Summary of Arguments (not exceeding 2 pages)
 - H. Arguments Advanced (not exceeding 30 pages)
 - I. Prayer (not exceeding 1 page)
9. The Cover Page of a Written Submission must contain the following information:
 - A. The Team Code in the upper right-hand corner in accordance with the Rules of the Competition.
 - B. The name of the case
 - C. The side for which the Written Submission has been prepared
 - D. Name of the forum resolving the dispute.
10. Teams shall cite all authorities in the Written Submission using footnotes as per Bluebook (21st Edition).
11. The Written Submission shall not contain any annexures, photographs or any other representation of nature.
12. The Written Submission (including the preliminary pages and excluding the cover page) shall adhere to the following mandatory specifications:
 - A. Paper size: A4
 - B. Font type: Times New Roman
 - C. Font size: 12
 - D. Line spacing: 1.5
 - E. Body of text: Justified
 - F. Margin: 1 inch on all sides
 - G. Page Numbering: Top right side of each page
13. For footnotes, the formatting specifications are:
 - A. Font type: Times New Roman
 - B. Font size: 10
 - C. Line spacing: 1
 - D. Paragraph spacing: 0
 - E. No additional space between 2 footnotes
 - F. Body of text: Justified

14. The identity of the institution shall not be revealed anywhere in the memorial. Violation of this provision shall result in penalties including disqualification. The Organizing Committee's decision shall be final.

X COMPENDIUM

1. Teams are required to submit their compendium at the mootcourt@ddn.upes.ac.in via email to Moot Court Association. Only then will they be allowed to present it during the rounds. Teams can present their compendium via screen-sharing during the virtual rounds and physically during the offline rounds.
2. In case of failure of a team to submit a compendium to the organizing committee, the team shall not be allowed to share the compendium with the bench.
3. Any identifying marks/seal of the college shall attract severe penalties including disqualification. There will not be any passing of notes to the judges. The compendium will have to take care of this requirement. The teams can take them back after the respective rounds.
4. It is not mandate for the teams to make the compendium. However, if a team is making one then they are required to submit the submit via mail by **30th July 2023 (11:59 PM)**.

XI ROUNDS

There will be two Preliminary Rounds which will be held Virtually, a Octa Final, Quarter-final, a Semi-Final, and a Final Round which will be conducted Offline at the campus of UPES Dehradun. Octa- Final rounds would be conducted only at the discretion of the organising committee depending on the number of teams.

Octa Final Rounds will be conducted if the Registration exceeds 30 Teams.

1. Preliminary Round (Virtual Mode)
 - 1.1. There will be two preliminary rounds of arguments per team, once on behalf of the Claimant and another on behalf of the Respondent in online mode on **10th August 2024**.
 - 1.2. No team shall appear before each other more than once in the Preliminary Rounds.
 - 1.3. Each team will face a different bench of judges in their second round of arguments.
 - 1.4. Each team will get a total of 30 minutes to present their case. This includes time for rebuttals.

- 1.5. The division of time is at the discretion of the team members, subject to a minimum of **15 minutes** per speaker. Division of time shall be informed to the court officer/moderator before arguments begin.
- 1.6. The researcher shall sit with the speakers at the time of the Oral Rounds.
- 1.7. Extension of time will be allowed only at the judges' discretion.

2. Octa Final Rounds (Offline Mode)

- 2.1. Octa finals will be held offline at UPES Dehradun Kandoli Campus.
- 2.2. Octa finals will be held on **6th September 2024**, and the top 16 (Sixteen) teams will qualify for the Octa finals.
- 2.3. Each team will get a total of **30 minutes** to present their case. This includes time for rebuttals.
- 2.4. The division of time is at the discretion of the team members, subject to a minimum of **15 minutes** per speaker. Division of time shall be informed to the court officer/moderator before arguments begin.
- 2.5. The researcher shall sit with the speakers at the time of the Oral Rounds.
- 2.6. Extension of time will be allowed only at the judges' discretion.

3. Quarter Final Rounds (Offline Mode)

- 3.1. Quarter Finals will be held offline at UPES Dehradun Kandoli Campus.
- 3.2. Quarter-finals will be held on **6th September 2024**, and the top 8 (Eight) teams will qualify for the Quarter Finals.
- 3.3. Quarter-Final & Semi-Finals will be knockout rounds.
- 3.4. Each team will get a total of **45 minutes** to present their case. This includes time for rebuttals.
- 3.5. The division of time is at the discretion of the team members, subject to a minimum of **20 minutes** per speaker. Division of time shall be informed to the court officer/moderator before arguments begin.
- 3.6. The researcher shall sit with the speakers at the time of the Oral Rounds.
- 3.7. Extension of time will be allowed only at the judges' discretion.

4. Semi-Final Rounds (Offline Mode)

- 4.1. The Semi-Final Rounds will be held on **6th September 2024**. The pairing of Teams for the Semi-Final Rounds shall be done by a draw of lots/power matchups.
- 4.2. Each team will get a total of **45 minutes** to present their case. This includes time for rebuttals.

- 4.3. The division of time is at the discretion of the team members, subject to a minimum of **20 minutes** per speaker. Division of time shall be informed to the court officer/moderator before arguments begin.
- 4.4. The researcher shall sit with the speakers at the time of the Oral Rounds
- 4.5. Extension of time will be allowed only at the judges' discretion.

5. Final Round (Offline Mode)

- 5.1. The Final Rounds will be held on **7th September 2024**. The sides for the final rounds will be determined by a draw of slots.
- 5.2. Each team will get a total of **45 minutes** to present their case. Further 5 minutes for rebuttal and sur-rebuttal. (Total time for each team = 45 +5).
- 5.3. The division of time is at the discretion of the team members, subject to a minimum of **25 minutes** per speaker. Division of time shall be informed to the court officer/moderator before arguments begin.

6. Results

- 6.1. The Final result and the winners of the various categories will be announced only during the valedictory ceremony on **7th September 2024**.

XII DRESS CODE

The dress code for the competition shall be as per the Bar Council of India Rules for Advocates.

XIII SCOUTING

1. Teams will not be allowed to observe the oral rounds of any other teams. Scouting is strictly prohibited. Scouting by any of the team members shall result in disqualification.
2. In the virtual format, the presence of any team member in the virtual courtroom of any other team except their own will qualify as Scouting.

XIV ANONYMITY

Student counsel may introduce herself/ himself to the court through their Competition Codes and sides represented. However, the team's college/ institution affiliation may not be mentioned at any time before the Valedictory Ceremony. 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 book with a college logo, or college).

XV EVALUATION CRITERIA

A. Evaluation Criteria for Written Submission

- Written Submission will be marked on a scale of 100 marks per the following criteria:

PARAMETER	MARKS
Analysis of issues	20
Ability to explain clearly the legal principles in general	10
Proper and articulate analysis of issues arising out of facts	10
Understanding of the legal principles directly applicable to the issues	10
Presentation of arguments	20
Use of legal sources: custom, precedents, and general principles of law	10
Variety and depth of research	10
Variation in approach (new points of law, unique interpretation of facts/law etc.)	10
TOTAL	100

B. Evaluation Criteria for Oral Pleading Sessions

- Oral Pleadings will be marked on a scale of 100 marks as per the following criteria:

PARAMETER	MARKS
Knowledge of Facts	10
Logic and reasoning	10
Organisation and clarity (time management)	10
Persuasiveness	10
Style, Poise, Courtesy, Demeanor and Deference to the court	10
Proper and articulate analysis of issues arising out of facts	10
Understanding of the legal principles directly applicable to the issues	10
Ability to explain clearly legal principles in general	10
Knowledge and use of legal sources	10
Ingenuity (ability to argue by analogy from related aspects of law)	10
TOTAL	100

XVI POLICY FOR VIRTUAL ROUNDS

1. The Oral Rounds for the Preliminary Rounds will take place virtually via the **Google Meet** platform.
2. 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 organizers will under no circumstances be obligated to provide the participants with any such facility.
3. All participants should mandatorily join with their laptops or desktops and other forms of devices are to be avoided.
4. The link for the room on the platform will be conveyed to the participating teams before the oral rounds.
5. Each team is required to join the room at least 20 minutes before the scheduled time of commencement of the oral rounds.
6. The participants' camera and microphone shall be firmly positioned throughout the oral rounds to show speakers and to ensure their voices are audible.
7. All participants must keep their cameras on at all times during the rounds. The camera can be switched off in case of technical glitches with the permission of the bench.
8. At the time when one participant is speaking, others are expected to keep their microphones on mute.
9. 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.
10. 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. Locations in open spaces or hallways or cybercafes or similar areas are **NOT** permitted.
11. Participants are cautioned to ensure that all equipment has a power supply sufficient to last or at least two hours without interruption.

12. In case of a loss in internet connection, each team will be given a reasonable time to reconnect. If the problem persists the decision made by the organizers shall be final and binding.
13. If one or both of the speakers cannot join due to connectivity issues, the team may be disqualified from the competition, and under no circumstances can another member of the team be allowed to switch roles.
14. Where a team does not appear within 10 minutes of the scheduled time for the round, the round shall proceed as ex-parte.
15. 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 to submit a soft copy via mailing it to the official mail id of the moot court association.

XVII FINALITY

1. The decision of the judges shall be final and binding regarding the oral rounds and memorial submissions.
2. In the case of any conflict regarding the composition of the team, the decision of the National Administrator will be final.
3. In the case of a gross misdemeanor, the decision of the Organizers in consultation with the judges will be final.
4. In the case of conflict regarding a situation outside the scope of the rules, the decision of the Organizers will be final.
5. The Administrator retains the right to amend the rules of the competition at their discretion, with the concurrence of the National Administrator.

XVIII RESEARCHER’S TEST

1. The Researcher’s Test shall be conducted on **9th August 2024** via the Online medium.
2. The participant shall ensure complete integrity and shall not resort to unfair means while attempting the test. Any such attempt shall result in disqualification.
3. Necessary Details will be mailed to the respective team members after their Soft Copy Submission.

XIX COPYRIGHT

The copyright over the memorials submitted for participation in the competition is assigned by participants and shall also vest completely and fully in, Surana & Surana and UPES School of Law, Dehradun. The participants shall be responsible for any claim or dispute arising out of the further use and exhibition of these materials.

Further use and exhibition of these materials, electronically or otherwise, shall be the exclusive right of Surana & Surana and UPES School of Law, Dehradun, 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.

XX MISCELLANEOUS

1. The 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.
2. 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.
3. The OC reserves the right to interpret any of the Rules of the Competition. Such interpretation shall be final and binding.
4. If any one 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.
5. The copyright in the Written Submissions of Teams shall vest with Surana & Surana and UPES School of Law shall not be responsible for any liability accrued to any person or for any loss caused to any person because of the content of the Written Submissions.
6. No audio recording or videotaping of oral pleadings is permitted without the permission of the OC, the Bench before which the team is scheduled to present, and the opposing Team. The OC reserves all rights to audio recording and videotaping,

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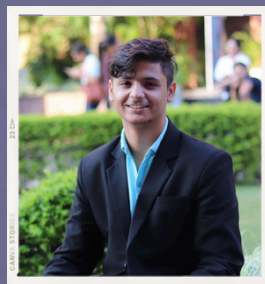
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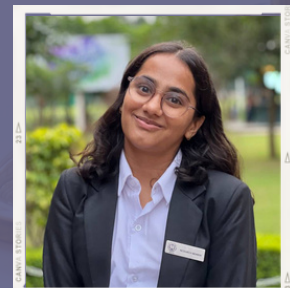
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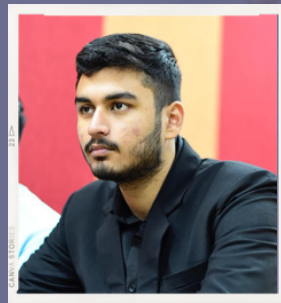
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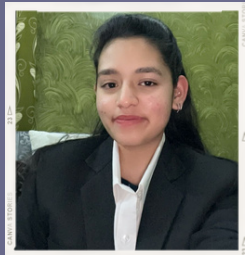
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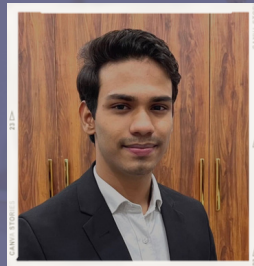
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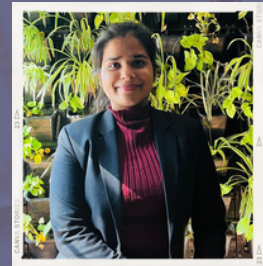
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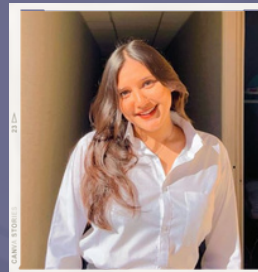
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