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**SURANA & SURANA**  
**AND**  
**VINAYAKA MISSION'S LAW SCHOOL**  
**STATE LEVEL TAMIL FAMILY LAW MOOT COURT**  
**COMPETITION 2024**

**Sep 26-28, 2024**

**RULES**

**Host & Joint Organizer**

**Vinayaka Mission's Law School**  
**Chennai**

**Joint Organizer**

**Surana & Surana International Attorneys**  
**Chennai**

**Venue**

**Vinayaka Mission's Law School**  
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## **ABOUT THE ORGANIZERS**

### **ABOUT VMLS**

Vinayaka Mission's Law School (VMLS), a constituent college of the Vinayaka Mission's Research Foundation - Deemed to be University, Salem, is mentored by the finest law school in India, Jindal Global Law School (QS World University Rankings 2024 - No. 1 in India, No. 72 in the world), and the OP Jindal Global University, Sonapat.

In furtherance of its emphasis on skills-based learning and inclusive legal education for the 21st century, VMLS has associated with more than 50 law firms and law practitioners who offer value added courses, internships, and knowledge partnership avenues for the law school and its students. In academic year 2023-24 alone, nearly 60 different guests from across various streams of legal practice addressed VMLS students and trained them in areas as diverse as sports law, arbitration, and criminal trial advocacy.

VMLS' foreign-qualified faculty, including its Dean who is double-Ivy League qualified, design and teach nearly 30 future-focused electives on cutting edge areas like emerging technologies and their impact on law and policy, climate transitions, and new models of interdisciplinary legal education. Its 4 centres of excellence incubate varied research commitments in the areas of justice through technology, public international law, maritime law, and Tamil language and culture and its interplay with the world of law and justice. VMLS also takes pride in its state-of-the-art infrastructure that includes smart classrooms that are digitally enabled, a regal moot court hall, a library designed with reading culture as its DNA, and a comprehensive Digital Library that offers access to leading treatises and databases.

### **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.



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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.



## **RULES AND REGULATIONS**

### **I. AIM & PURPOSE**

The Surana & Surana and Vinayaka Mission's Law School State level Tamil Family Law Moot Court Competition has been conceived with the aim to

- i. Create awareness on Human Rights Law in a systematic / scientific manner and train participants for effective practice.
- ii. Facilitate the evolution of Human Rights Law through the jurisprudential analysis of the existing law and consequential emergence of new laws besides developing cutting edge skills in research, writing and advocacy.

### **II. VENUE AND DATE**

The Surana & Surana and Vinayaka Mission's Law School State level Tamil Family Law Moot Court Competition shall be held from Sep 26<sup>th</sup> to Sep 28, 2024 at Vinayaka Mission's Law School Campus.

**III. LANGUAGE :** The competition & submission of Memorials shall be in the Tamil language.

### **IV. ELIGIBILITY**

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

### **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 team code prior to the submission of memorials via e- mail. This team code is only for the memorials. Teams should not disclose the identity of their institution in their memorials; 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 **17<sup>th</sup> July 2024**. The teams must register online by **14<sup>th</sup> August 2024**. Teams will have to register online at [www.moot.in](http://www.moot.in).
- b. **Multiple Teams (maximum 2 Teams) per institution can Register, subject to Approval by any of the Signatory as listed below, letter to be enclosed.**
- c. No temporary registration requests will be entertained. Kindly refrain from sending such requests to Surana & Surana or Vinayaka Mission's Law School.
- d. 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 by **16<sup>th</sup> August 2024** or earlier.

e. **Registration Process**

**Option 1** - The Registration form cum Approval letter as provided in the rules duly signed & sealed by your university / college / moot society.

**Option 2** - Upload both (i) & (ii) together as a **single PDF**

- i. The Registration form cum Approval letter (without seal & signature) as provided in the rules duly filled along with
- ii. Scanned copy of authorisation letter with sign and seal from your university / college / moot society

**or**

An email communication from the official id (to be filled as notification email id during online registration process) of the institution, from your university / college / moot society to complete the registration process.

**Note :**

1. Signatories on the registration form should be any of the following :- Faculty- in-charge of MCA / MCS / MCC, Registrar, Dean, Principal, Director, Chancellor or Vice-Chancellor
  2. Registration without the scanned copy of the approval letter / an email communication from the college/institution/university or duly attested registration form will not be valid.
- f. Soft copy of the registration and approval letter/ an email communication as a **single PDF** to be sent by email to : [gvlc@vmls.edu.in](mailto:gvlc@vmls.edu.in) marked as **Surana & Surana and Vinayaka Mission's Law School State level Tamil Family Law Moot Court Competition - REGISTRATION** as subject of the mail latest by **16<sup>th</sup> August 2024**. The provisional team code shall be allotted to the registered teams by Host University



soon after receiving of registration particulars. The Provisional team code is to be used for submission of only the soft copies of your memorials.

- g. A registration fee of Rs. 2,000/- is to be paid online by 16<sup>th</sup> August, 2024 thru the given QR code.

Receipt of the online payment to be sent by email to: [gtlc@vmls.edu.in](mailto:gvlc@vmls.edu.in)

**Fee once paid will not be refunded.**

- h. *In addition to the Participants, any Student who wish to attend the Tamil Moot Court Competition as an Observer can be permitted. Authorization Letter from the Institution & copy of ID Card to be sent by email to [gtlc@vmls.edu.in](mailto:gvlc@vmls.edu.in) on or before 20<sup>th</sup> September 2024.*

- i. **Prior Registration as Observer is mandatory, no External Student's will be permitted during the Competition days without completing the Registration in advance.**



## VII. CLARIFICATIONS

Clarifications on the moot proposition may be sought before 30<sup>th</sup> August 2024 with an email to [ai@lawidia.com](mailto:ai@lawidia.com) & copy to [gtlc@vmls.edu.in](mailto:gvlc@vmls.edu.in)

## VIII. ORIENTATION

There will be an Orientation Program for all the participants on 26<sup>th</sup> September 2024. It will be followed by a draw of lots and exchange of memorials for the Preliminary Rounds. **Competition team codes and side will be allotted during the orientation only.**

## IX. RESEARCHER'S TEST

- Participation in the Researcher's Test is mandatory for all teams and failure to participate may result in disqualification of the team.
- The Researcher nominated by the institution through the registration form will be allowed to write the researcher's test
- The duration of the Researcher's Test shall be One Hour and may include both multiple choice as well as subjective questions. The number of questions, type, etc., shall be at the discretion of SSIA & VMLS.





- d. The objective of the researcher's test is to test the knowledge of the laws involved as well as the factual details of the Moot problem and the application of the relevant laws to the circumstances in the Moot Problem.
- e. Researcher's Test shall not be conducted in the open book format i.e., notes, bare acts, books or any other material or electronic aid shall not be permitted during the test.
- f. On the basis of the score in the researcher's test the **Best Researcher** will be selected.

## X. ROUNDS

There will be two preliminary rounds of arguments, an octa final, a quarterfinal, a semi-final and a final round. The organisers reserve the right to amend the schedule / rounds as per the number of participating teams.

Octa final will be conducted if the participation exceeds 30 teams

Quarter final will be conducted if the participation exceeds 16 teams

### Preliminary Round

- a. There will be two preliminary rounds of arguments per team, once for Petitioner & another for Respondent.
- b. No team will face each other more than once in the preliminary rounds.
- c. Each team will face a different two-judge bench in their second round of arguments.
- d. Preliminary rounds I, II will be held on **27<sup>th</sup> September, 2024 (Friday)**.
- e. Top eight teams from the Preliminary Rounds will advance to the Quarter final rounds. Preliminary rounds will be decided on
  - Win points
  - Win points + Aggregate raw points
  - Win points + Aggregate raw points (in case of tie minus memorial marks)

NB: Aggregate raw points = oral scores + memorial score.

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

- f. The dress code shall be advocate's attire during the rounds of the competition.
- g. The oral arguments need not be confined to the issues presented in the memorials

### Octa Final / Quarterfinal / Semi Final Round / Final Round:

- a. Draw of lots/ Power match will decide the side of the arguments in Octa Finals, Quarterfinals, Semifinals & Finals. The Quarterfinal / Semifinal are knockout rounds.
- b. The Octa Final and Quarterfinals will be held on **27<sup>th</sup> September 2024**  
The Sem-Final & Finals will be held on **28<sup>th</sup> September 2024**



## XI. RESULTS (Announcement)

Results will be announced within 30 minutes after the full completion of the respective 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.

## XII. 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 (Petitioner and Respondent) in **Tamil Language**.
- b. The soft copy of the Memorials for the Petitioner / and the Respondent should be mailed to [gtlc@vmls.edu.in](mailto:gtlc@vmls.edu.in) with copy to [ai@lawindia.com](mailto:ai@lawindia.com) on or before **10<sup>th</sup> September 2024 latest by 5:00PM**.
- c. The Soft copy and the Hard copy of the memorial submitted shall be the same and identical in all aspects. If any change is found, then the memorial shall be rejected and no marks shall be awarded.
- d. Late submission will be penalized by **four point each per memorial per day**.
- e. Once the soft copy of the memorials has been submitted, **no revisions, supplements, or additions will be allowed**.
- f. The teams are requested to carry along **5 copies** from each side of the Memorials with them and submit the same during Registration on **26<sup>th</sup> September 2024**. **The participants should mention their Competition code only on the hard copy of the memorials.**
- g. The memorials 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
- h. The font size should be Times New Roman 12 (one & half space) and for footnotes it





should be Times New Roman 10 (single space) & double space between two footnotes. Substantive Footnoting is strictly prohibited, Citation method - The Bluebook / Harvard Law Review, 20<sup>th</sup> edition. / ILI / A Uniform System of Citation.

- i. The memorial must have a margin measuring one inch on all sides of each page
- j. The page numbering should be on the top right side of each page.
- k. Covers must be placed on briefs as follows:

**Petitioner : Light Blue Color ; Respondent : Light Red Color.**

- l. The cover page of the memorial must state the following :
  - i) Team code (on the top right corner)
  - ii) The cause title
  - iii) Identify brief as Petitioner & Respondent as is applicable
- m. 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.
- n. The teams may share a separate paper book (compendium) of not more than 50 pages, which will carry all the annexure and case laws that have been referred to in the memorial. The paper book will have a white cover. The teams may submit through screen sharing with judges or submitted during virtual registration before commencement of the Competition as advised by the organisers. Any identifying marks/seal of the college/university shall attract severe penalties including disqualification.

### XIII. ORAL ROUND

#### **Preliminary Round, Octa Finals & Quarter Finals**

- a. Each team will get a total of 30 minutes to present their case.
- b. This time will include rebuttal and sur-rebuttal time
- c. The division of time is at the discretion of the team members, subject to a minimum of 10 minutes per speaker (excluding the rebuttal time) Division of time shall be informed to the court officer before arguments begin.
- d. The oral arguments need not be confined to the issues presented in the memorials.
- e. Passing of notes to the speakers by the researcher during the rounds is allowed subject to the discretion of the Judges.
- f. The attendance of the researcher at the time of the oral pleading rounds is compulsory.



### **Semifinal & Final**

- a. Each team will get 45 minutes to present their case that will include rebuttal time
- b. The division of time is at the discretion of the team, with a minimum 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 orals.

### **XIV. 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.

### **XV. 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 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:
  - a. Neatness, legibility, no typographical errors or format errors
  - b. Logical progression of ideas
  - c. Effective use of headings to outline arguments
  - d. Understanding essential legal issues presented
  - e. Focus on essential (not collateral) issues



- f. Clear, concise and unambiguous writing style
- g. Forceful and persuasive presentation
- h. Integration of facts into legal argument
- i. Understanding of strengths and weaknesses of case
- j. Discussion of viable alternative arguments
- k. Understanding and analysis of authority
- l. Proper use of citations and citation form
- m. Effective use of authority to support arguments
- n. Ability to distinguish adverse cases

## **XVI. AWARDS**

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|-------------------------|--------------|
| i. Winning team         | Rs. 25,000/- |
| ii. Runner up team      | Rs. 15,000/- |
| iii. Best Speaker Male  | Rs. 5,000/-  |
| iv. Best Speaker Female | Rs. 5,000/-  |
| v. Best Memorial        | Rs. 2,500/-  |
| vi. Best Researcher     | Rs. 2,500/-  |

In addition to the above awards, plaques and certificates will be given to other categories of winners. All participants will be awarded participation certificates.

## **XVII. 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 Valedictory.
- 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).

## **XVIII. LIVE STREAMING OF THE FINALS**

The organisers will arrange for the live streaming of only the finals of the competition through the YouTube & Instagram, links be provided by Surana & Surana.

## **XIX. DECISION OF THE JUDGES WILL BE FINAL AND BINDING**

## **XX. ACCOMMODATION, FOOD & TRAVEL ALLOWANCE**

- a. Accommodation (on sharing basis) to the participating team members from Law Colleges will be provided by the Organizing Committee / Host college on the request of the teams.



- b. The cost of accommodation provided by VMLS is **revised to Rs. 2,000 Per Team (2 or 3 Member Team) including Food for 3 days Sep 26<sup>th</sup> to Sep 28, 2024** (earlier quoted as INR 500/- per person per day) (including food).
- c. No additional member shall be accommodated under any circumstances
- d. The accommodation shall be subject to the conditions imposed by the Organizing Committee / Host college
- e. Food and refreshments shall be provided to the participating team members at the venue of the competition
- f. The Local transit from the place of accommodation to the venue of the Moot Court competition will be arranged if necessary by the Organizing Committee / Host college on the timing fixed by them. The teams shall adhere to the timings of the organizing committee, failure on which, teams have to make their own arrangements.

## XXI. 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, Vinayaka Mission's Law School 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 Vinayaka Mission's Law School, 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 in print or on affiliated websites such as [www.moot.in](http://www.moot.in) and other platforms by Surana & Surana 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.



## IMPORTANT DATES

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| <b>Start of Online Registration</b>  | <b>17<sup>th</sup> July, 2024</b>      |
| <b>Last date for Online Registration</b>   | <b>14<sup>th</sup> August, 2024</b>    |
| <b>Last date for receiving copies of Reg. Form/Approval letter by Vinayaka Mission's Law School</b>                                      | <b>14<sup>th</sup> August, 2024</b>    |
| <b>Payment of Registration Fee</b>   | <b>16<sup>th</sup> August, 2024</b>    |
| <b>Last date for seeking Clarification to the case</b>   | <b>30<sup>th</sup> August, 2024</b>    |
| <b>Release of Clarifications</b>   | <b>2<sup>nd</sup> September, 2024</b>  |
| <b>Last Date for Submission of Memorials (both Prosecution and Defence)<br/>Soft Copy by eMail with temporary Team code</b>              | <b>10<sup>th</sup> September, 2024</b> |
| <b>Last Date for submission of Travel Plans</b>  | <b>16<sup>th</sup> September, 2024</b> |
| <b>Researcher's Test</b>   | <b>26<sup>th</sup> September, 2024</b> |
| <b>Orientation, Draw of Lots, Exchange of Memorial</b>   | <b>26<sup>th</sup> September, 2024</b> |
| <b>Submission of Memorials 5 (Five) hard copies (both Petitioner and Respondent)<br/>(No markings, Competition code to be mentioned)</b> | <b>26<sup>th</sup> September, 2024</b> |
| <b>Prelims I &amp; II / Octa finals / Quarterfinals</b>  | <b>27<sup>th</sup> September, 2024</b> |
| <b>Semifinals, Finals, Valedictory &amp; Prize Distribution</b>  | <b>28<sup>th</sup> September, 2024</b> |



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 Vinayaka Mission's Law School for any claim or dispute arising out of the further use and exhibition of these materials.

(All particulars must be given)

**Name & Address of the participating Institution:**

| Name of the Participant                    | Gender | Course | Year | Signature |
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| <b>Primary Email id and Contact number</b> |        |        |      |           |

Seal & signature of  
the Head of the  
Institution

Duly filled, sealed & signed soft copy of the Registration form should be sent by eMail : [gvlc@vmls.edu.in](mailto:gvlc@vmls.edu.in) by **16<sup>th</sup> August 2024**. The subject of the email must be **“Surana & Surana and Vinayaka Mission's Law School State level Tamil Family Law Moot Court Competition - Registration”**.