

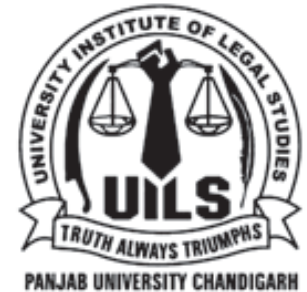
**1ST SURANA & SURANA
&
UNIVERSITY INSTITUTE OF LEGAL STUDIES
NATIONAL ENVIRONMENT LAW
MOOT COURT COMPETITION, 2018**

6 – 8 April 2018



**Profession Partners &
Joint Organisers**

Venue



**Host &
Joint Organisers**

University Institute of Legal Studies
Panjab University
Sector 14 Chandigarh, U.T. - 160014 India

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Register online at www.moot.in

RULES AND REGULATIONS

I. AIM AND PURPOSE

- a. The Surana & Surana Environment Law Moot has been envisaged with the aim of creating opportunities for learning the development of jurisprudence on emerging trends in Environment Law besides developing cutting edge skills in research, writing and advocacy.
- b. Further, it is aimed at facilitating the evolution of Environment Law through jurisprudential analysis of the existing law and consequential emergence of new laws.

II. VENUE AND DATE

The 1st Surana & Surana & UILS Environment Law Moot Court Competition, 2018 shall be held from **6th – 8th April, 2018** at University Institute of Legal Studies, Panjab University, Chandigarh.

III. LANGUAGE

The competition shall be in English language only.

IV. ELIGIBILITY

The competition is open for students pursuing bachelors in law in either three year or five year course during the current academic session.

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 National Administrator in case of illness of the designated speakers or any other justifiable circumstances.
- c) Each team will **be provided a 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.
- d) The National Administrator for the purposes of this competition will be The Director, UILS, Panjab University, Chandigarh.

VI. REGISTRATION

- a. Online registrations are open from the 10th of February, 2018. The teams must register online by 10th March, 2018. Teams will have to register online at www.moot.in and send the soft copy of registration form at uilssurana@gmail.com. The teams will be registered on first-cum-first serve basis with the maximum of 24 teams.
- 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 12th March 2018 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 will have to be attached during the online registration process. Such letter shall include the names of the students representing their college/ institution / university for the moot competition along with their Year / semester. (The approval letter shall be formatted on the letterhead of the participating institution/college/university OR the registration form given below at Page 15 stamped with the official seal shall be used for the same)
- d. Registrations without the copy of the approval letter from the college/institution/university or duly attested registration form will not be valid.
- e. The Registration fees for the competition shall be **Rs. 4,000 (Rupees Four Thousand only)** and the registered teams will be required to make a draft for the Registration fees in the favor of:

**Director, University Institute of Legal Studies,
Panjab University, Chandigarh**

- f. Registration particulars as soft copy should be sent by e-mail to: uilssurana@gmail.com marked as **THE SURANA & SURANA & UILS ENVIRONMENT LAW MOOT COURT COMPETITION REGISTRATION** as the subject of the mail latest by **10th March, 2018**. **The provisional team code shall be allotted to the registered teams by Host University soon after receiving of registration particulars.**

VII. ORIENTATION

There will be an Orientation Program for all the participants on 6th April 2018 (Friday) followed by a draw of lots & exchange of memorials. Team codes and side will be allotted during orientation only.

VIII. ROUNDS

There will be two preliminary rounds of arguments, a quarter-final round, a semi-final round and a final round.

VIII. A. 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. The Preliminary rounds will be held on **7th April 2018 (Saturday)**.
- d. Top Eight teams from the Preliminary Rounds will advance to the Quarter finals rounds that will be decided on:
 - i. Win points
 - ii. Win points + Aggregate raw points
 - iii. 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.

VIII.B. Quarterfinals / Semi-finals Round / Final Round:

- a. Lots / power matching will decide the side of the arguments in Quarterfinals, Semifinals & Finals.
- b. The Quarter Final Rounds will be held on **7th April 2018**.
- c. The Semi-final Rounds and Finals will be held on **8th April 2018**.
- d. The Quarterfinals / Semi-finals will be a knockout rounds.

IX. RESULTS

Results of the preliminary rounds shall be announced after the completion of rounds of all the teams. Similarly, the results of the Quarterfinals / Semifinals shall be announced after completion of the rounds of all qualified teams of respective rounds. The results of the final rounds shall be announced in Valedictory Ceremony.

X. 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 (Applicant and Respondent).
- b. One advance hard copy of the memorials (both Applicant & Respondent) must reach the host institution (University Institute of Legal Studies, Panjab University) for evaluation by **31st March, 2018** latest by 5:00 p.m. No excuses in respect of delayed courier services will be entertained. The memorials should be sent to following postal address **through speed post only:**

**Dr. Jai Mala,
Faculty Co-ordinator, UILS MCS
University Institute of Legal Studies, Panjab University, Sector 14
Chandigarh, U.T. - 160014 India**

- c. The Soft copy of the memorials from both sides in word format (*.doc or *.docx) must be mailed to: **mootcourt@lawindia.com** and **uilssurana@gmail.com** by **25th March 2018** latest by 23:59 p.m.
- d. Late submission of soft copy of the Memorials will be penalised by one point for every hour, maximum penalty not exceeding 20 points.
- e. Late submissions of Hard Copy of the Memorials will be penalized by one point each memorial for every day of delay after due date.
- f. The teams are requested to carry along **4 copies** from each side of the Memorials with them and submit the same during orientation on **6th April 2018**.
- g. Once the memorials have been submitted, any revisions, supplements, or additions will be allowed at the discretion of the National Administrator.
- h. The memorials have to be submitted on typed A4 size paper printed on both sides and must contain:
 - i. Table of Contents
 - ii. Index of Authorities
 - iii. Statement of Jurisdiction (not more than 1 page)
 - iv. Statement of Facts (1 page only and argumentative statement of facts would attract penalties)
 - v. Statement of Issues (not more than 1 page)
 - vi. Summary of Arguments (not more than 2 pages)
 - vii. Arguments Advanced (not more than 15 pages)
 - viii. Prayer (not more than 1 page)

- i. Uniform font style is to be followed throughout the Memorial. The Font Style should either be Times New Roman or Garamond. The font size of the text should be 12 points (double space) and the font size for footnotes should be 10 points (single space) with double space between two foot notes.
- j. The memorials should be staple bound or stitched. Any other form of binding will attract penalty.
- k. The memorial must have a margin measuring one inch on all sides of each page.
- l. All the pages of the memorial, except the Cover Page shall be numbered. The page numbering should be on the top right corner of each page.
- m. Covers must be placed on briefs as follows:
Applicant: Blue Colour;
Respondent: Red Colour.
Use of Cellophane sheets over the covers or inside will be penalized
- n. The cover page of the memorial must state the following:
 - i. The cause title
 - ii. Identify brief as Applicant & / Respondents as is applicable
 - iii. Provisional Team Codes (see, Rule VI (f)) on the top right corner of Cover Page.
- o. The teams are advised not to reveal their personal identities or the identity of their institution anywhere in the memorials. Violation of this provision shall result in penalties including deduction of marks or disqualification from the Competition. The decision of the National Administrator shall be final in this regard.

XI. ORAL ROUNDS

XI.A. Preliminary Rounds & Quarterfinals

- a. Each team will get a total of 30 minutes to present their case. This period of 30 minutes is inclusive of the time reserved for rebuttal and sur-rebuttal.
- b. The division of time is at the discretion of the team members, subject to a maximum of 15 minutes per speaker. It is the duty of the team to inform the division of time to the court clerk before the arguments begin.
- c. Oral Pleadings shall be confined to the pleading in the Memorials.
- d. The Researcher can, through Court Clerks, pass notes to the Speakers during the Oral Pleading Round subject to the discretion of the Judges.
- e. The attendance of the Researcher at the time of Oral Pleading Rounds is compulsory.

XI.B. Semifinals & Finals

- a. Each team will get 45 minutes to present their case inclusive of the time reserved for rebuttal and sur-rebuttal.
- b. The division of time is at the discretion of the team members, with a maximum of 25 minutes and minimum of 20 minutes per speaker.
- c. Oral Pleadings shall be confined to the pleading in the Memorials.
- d. The attendance of the Researcher at the time of Oral Pleading Rounds is compulsory.

XII. DRESS CODE

The dress code shall be advocate's attire (black and white formals including coats) during the competition rounds.

XIII. SCOUTING

Teams will not be allowed to observe the orals pleading rounds of any other teams. Scouting is strictly prohibited. Scouting by any of the team members shall result in disqualification from the Competition.

XIV. SCORING

XIV. A. Orals Rounds

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

- i. Knowledge of facts
- ii. Logic and reasoning
- iii. Organization and clarity
- iv. Persuasiveness
- v. Deference to the court
- vi. Proper and articulate analysis of the issues arising out of facts
- vii. Understanding of the legal principles directly applicable to the issues
- viii. Ability to explain clearly the legal principles in general keeping to the time allotted.
- ix. Knowledge and use of legal sources and authorities and general principles of Environment Law.
- x. Ingenuity (ability to argue by analogy from related aspects of law)

XIV.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:
 - i. Neatness, legibility, no typographical errors or format errors
 - ii. Logical progression of ideas
 - iii. Effective use of headings to outline arguments
 - iv. Understanding essential legal issues presented
 - v. Focus on essential (not collateral) issues
 - vi. Clear, concise and unambiguous writing style
 - vii. Forceful and persuasive presentation
 - viii. Integration of facts into legal argument
 - ix. Understanding of strengths and weaknesses of case
 - x. Discussion of viable alternative arguments
 - xi. Understanding and analysis of authority
 - xii. Proper use of citations and citation form
 - xiii. Effective use of authority to support arguments
 - xiv. Ability to distinguish adverse cases
- d. Non- compliance of the rules mentioned in Clause X above shall attract severe penalties.

XV. AWARDS

All the awards for the event are sponsored by **Lala Dip Chand Memorial:**

- a. Winner – Rs. 10,000/-
- b. Runner's up – Rs.7,000/-
- c. Best Memorial – Rs. 4,000/-
- d. Second Best Memorial – Rs. 2,500/-
- e. Best Student Advocate – Rs. 4,000/-
- f. Second Best Advocate – Rs. 2,500/-

All participants will be issued participation certificates.

XVI. 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).

XVII. FINALITY OF THE DECISION

The decision of the judge shall be final and binding.

XVIII. 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 University Institute of Legal Studies, Panjab University 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 University Institute of Legal Studies, Panjab University 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.

XIX. ACCOMMODATION, FOOD & TRANSPORT

- a. Accommodation and transport between the hostel/hotel and the competition venue to the participating teams will be provided by University Institute of Legal Studies, Panjab University *only during the period of competition i.e. 6 – 8 April 2018.*

- b. The name and mobile number of the student volunteers in charge of transport / accommodation will also be made available after finalization. Teams should fill in their travel plan in the sheet available on page 15 positively so as to reach the scanned copy by **5.00 p.m. on 15th March 2018** by email to **uilssurana@gmail.com**.

XX. ANY CLARIFICATIONS FOR THE COMPETITION CAN BE SOUGHT FROM:

Regarding queries on case / submission of memorials / registration form / accommodation / transport / etc.

Faculty Co-ordinator, UILS, MCS

- **Dr. Jai Mala**
Phone: +919915337608
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Regarding registration

Dr. S. Ravichandran

Advocate & Head, Academic Initiatives
Surana & Surana International Attorneys
Email: mootcourt@lawindia.com

Student Coordinators:

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Mr. Jaspinder Singh Bhullar – +91 99145-35335
Ms. Zaheen Kaur -- +91 78373-27007

<u>Important Dates</u>	
Start of Online Registration	19 February 2018
Last date of Online Registration	10 March 2018
Last date for receiving hard copies of Reg. Form / Approval letter and Travel form	15 March 2018
Last Date for Submission of Memorials soft copy (both applicant and respondent)	25 March 2018 by 23:59 p.m.
Last Date for Submission of Memorials One Hard Copy (both applicant and respondent)	31 March 2018 by 5:00 p.m.
Submission of Memorials (Four Hard Copies) During Orientation	6 April 2018
Orientation and Registration	6 April 2018
Prelims/Quarterfinals	7 April 2018
Semifinals / Finals & Valedictory and Prize Distribution	8 April 2018

Date:

Registration form/ Approval letter
(Please fill in capital letters)

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 University Institute of Legal Studies, Panjab University, Chandigarh 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:

Notification Email:

Regd. Mobile:

Name of the participant	Gender	Course	Year	Signature

Seal & Signature of the
Head of the Institution

Registration online at www.moot.in by 10 March 2018

Hard copy to be submitted by 15 March 2018

TRAVEL FORM

Institution Name:

Name of Participants	1			
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Date of Arrival				
Mode of Arrival	Railways	Airways	Roadways	
Train/Flight/Bus Details				
Time & Place of Arrival				
Date of Departure				
Mode of Departure	Railways	Airways	Roadways	
Train/Flight/Bus Details				
Time & Place of Departure				

To be submitted by 15 March 2018