



**3<sup>RD</sup> SURANA & SURANA AND RGNUL  
INTERNATIONAL LAW MOOT  
COURT COMPETITION, 2019**

**15<sup>TH</sup> – 17<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2019**

**VENUE**

**Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law, Punjab**

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## RULES AND REGULATIONS

### I. AIM AND PURPOSE

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

### II. VENUE AND DATE

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Surana & Surana and RGNUL International Law Moot Court Competition, 2019 shall be held from 15<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> November 2019 at Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law, Punjab, Bhadson Road, Sidhuwal, Patiala-147001.

### III. LANGUAGE

The competition shall be in English language only.

### IV. ELIGIBILITY

The competition is open for students who are studying L.L.B. three years or five years course during the current academic year interested in International Law.

### 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.
- 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.

## VI. REGISTRATION

- a. Online registrations are open from **3<sup>rd</sup> August 2019**. The teams must register online by **31<sup>st</sup> August 2019**. Teams will have to register online at [www.moot.in](http://www.moot.in). and send a mail to [mootcommittee@rgnul.ac.in](mailto:mootcommittee@rgnul.ac.in) **Only 24 teams will be registered to participate in the competition on first-come-first serve basis.**
- b. Participants will receive an automated system generated acknowledgment on successful submission of registration. Participants will receive an approval as acceptance of their request for the participation latest by 1<sup>st</sup> October 2019 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 MCA/MCS/MCC, Registrar, Dean, Principal, Director, Chancellor or Vice-Chancellor confirming the names of the participants, Year/semester of study, representing the college/institution or 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 college/institution/university. Alternatively, you may use the registration form itself as appended below on **page 14** with the official seal).
- d. Registration 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. 5,000 (Rupees Four Thousand Only) and the registered teams will be e-mailed the web link for online payment of Registration Fees.
- f. Registration particulars as soft copy should be sent by email to: [mootcommittee@rgnul.ac.in](mailto:mootcommittee@rgnul.ac.in) marked as THE SURANA & SURANA AND RGNUL INTERNATIONAL LAW MOOT COURT COMPETITION REGISTRATION as subject of the mail latest by **30 September 2019**. **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 15<sup>th</sup> November 2019 followed by a draw of lots and exchange of memorials. Team codes and side will be allotted during the 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 and another for respondent.
- b. No team will face each other for more than once in the preliminary rounds.
- c. Each team will face a different bench in their second round of arguments.
- d. Preliminary Rounds will be held on **16<sup>th</sup> November 2019**.
- e. Top 8 teams from the Preliminary Rounds will advance to the Quarter-Final round that will be decided on :
  - (a) Win points
  - (b) Win points + Aggregate raw points
  - (c) Win points + Aggregate raw points – Memorial marks (in case of tie)
- f. Memorial marks will be added to the scores of both the preliminary rounds only.

### VIII.B. Quarter-Final Round/Semi-Final Round/Final Round:

- a. Lots/Power matching will decide the side of the arguments in the Quarter-Final, Semi-Final and the Final Rounds.
- b. The Quarter-Final and the Semi-Final Rounds will be conducted on **16<sup>th</sup> November 2019**.
- c. The Final Round will be conducted on **17<sup>th</sup> November 2019**.
- d. The Quarter-Final/Semi-Final/Final Rounds will be 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 Quarter-Final/Semi-Final Rounds shall be announced after completion of the rounds of all qualified teams of respective rounds. The results of the Final Round shall be announced in the Valedictory Ceremony.

## X. MEMORIALS

The following requirements for the memorials shall be strictly followed. Non-conformities will be penalized:

- a. Each team must prepare memorials for both parties to the dispute (Applicant and Respondent).
- b. One advance hard copy of memorials (both Applicant and Respondent) must reach the host institution (Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law, Punjab) for evaluation by **25<sup>th</sup> October 2019**. No excuses in respect of delayed post services shall be entertained. The memorials should be sent to the following postal address ***through speed post only***:

**Dr. GEETIKA WALIA**  
**FACULTY CO-ORDINATOR, RNMCC**  
**RAJIV GANDHI NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF LAW**  
**BHADSON ROAD, SIDHUWAL, PATIALA, PUNJAB – 147001**

- c. The Soft Copy of the memorials from both the sides in word format (\*.doc or \*.docx) must be mailed to: [mootcourt@lawindia.com](mailto:mootcourt@lawindia.com) and [mootcommittee@rgnul.ac.in](mailto:mootcommittee@rgnul.ac.in) by **15<sup>th</sup> October 2019** latest by 5:00 PM.
- d. Late submission of soft copy of the Memorials will be penalized by one point for every hour, maximum penalty not exceeding 20 points.
- e. Late submissions of Hard Copy of Memorials will be penalized by one point each memorial for every day of delay after the 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 **15<sup>th</sup> November 2019**.
- g. Once the memorials have been submitted, **no** revisions, supplements, or additions will be allowed.
- h. The memorials have to be submitted on typed A4 size paper printed on one side 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 used 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 of the footnotes should be 10 points (single space) with double space between two footnotes.
- j. The memorials should be spiral/staple bound or stitched. Any other form of binding will attract penalty.
- k. The memorial must have a margin measuring 1 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 color;
  - Respondent:** Red color.Use of cellophane sheets over the covers or inside will be penalized.
- n. The cover page of the memorial must state the following:
  - (a) The cause title
  - (b) Identify brief as Applicants & / Respondents as is applicable
  - (c) Provisional Team Codes [see Rule VI (f)] on the top right corner of the 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 & Quarter-Final Round**

- 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 18 minutes and minimum of 12 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 pleadings in the Memorials.
- d. The Researcher can, through the 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 the Oral Pleading Rounds is compulsory.

### **XI.B. Semi-Final and Final Rounds**

- 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 pleadings in the Memorials.
- d. The attendance of the Researcher at the time of Oral Pleading Round is compulsory.

## **XII. DRESS CODE**

The dress code shall be advocate's attire during the competition rounds.

## **XIII. SCOUTING**

Teams will not be allowed to observe the oral pleading round 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**

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

- i. Knowledge of facts
- ii. Logic and reasoning
- iii. Organisation and clarity
- iv. Persuasiveness
- v. Deference to the court
- vi. Proper and articulate analysis of the issues arising out of the 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 International law
- x. Ingenuity (Ability to argue by analogy from related aspects of law).

### **XIV.B. Written Submission (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 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 the 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**

- a. Winner – Rs. 15,000
- b. Runner’s up – Rs. 10,000
- c. Best Memorial – Rs. 5,000
- d. Best Student Advocate – Rs. 5,000

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 name. However, the team’s college/institution affiliation shall not be mentioned at any time before the awards ceremony.
- b. Further, all the 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 books with a college logo or college seal).

## **XVII. FINALITY OF THE DECISION**

The decision of the judges shall final and binding.

## XVIII. COPYRIGHT

- a. The copyright over the memorials submitted for participation in the competition is assigned by the participants and shall also vest completely and fully in Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law, Punjab 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 further use and exhibition of these materials.
- b. Further use and exhibition of these materials, electronically or otherwise, shall be the exclusive right of Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law, Punjab and Surana & Surana International Attorneys, Chennai and they shall not be responsible for any liability to any person for any loss caused by the 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](http://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. ACCOMODATION, FOOD AND TRANSPORT

- a. Accommodation to the participating teams will be provided by Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law, Punjab **only during the period of competition i.e. 15<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> November 2019.**
- b. The name and mobile number of the student volunteers in charge of accommodation will also be made available after finalization.

## XX. CLARIFICATIONS

Any clarifications for the Competition can be sought from:

**Regarding queries on case/submission of memorials/transport etc.**

**DR. GEETIKA WALIA**

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### Regarding registration

**Dr. S. Ravichandran**

Advocate & Head, Academic Initiatives  
Surana & Surana International Attorneys  
Moot Court Co-ordinator  
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### Student Member

Ms. Shruti Tandon: 8860951750

### Important Dates

<b>Start of Online Registration</b>	3 <sup>st</sup> August 2019
<b>Last date of Online Registration</b>	30 <sup>th</sup> September 2019
<b>Last date for receiving hard copies of Reg. Form/Approval Letter</b>	10 October 2019
<b>Last date for Submission of Memorials Soft Copy (both applicant and respondent)</b>	15 October 2019 at 5 PM
<b>Last date for Submission of Memorials One Hard Copy (both applicant and respondent)</b>	25 October 2019
<b>Submission of Memorials (Four Hard Copies) during Orientation</b>	15 November 2019
<b>Orientation and Registration</b>	15 November 2019
<b>Prelims/Quarterfinals/Semifinals</b>	16 November 2019
<b>Finals &amp; Valedictory and Prize Distribution</b>	17 November 2019

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 organisers, i.e. Surana & Surana International Attorneys, Chennai and Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law, Punjab for any claim or dispute arising out of the further use and exhibition of these materials.

(All particulars must be given)

Name and Address of the Participating Institution:

Notification Email:

Regd. Mob.:

Name of Participant	Gender	Course	Year	Signature

Seal & Signature of Head of Institution /  
Authorised Signatory

Completed Hard Copy must reach Administrator (RGNUL) by 30<sup>th</sup> September 2019  
**(Postal Address as mentioned in Rule X)**