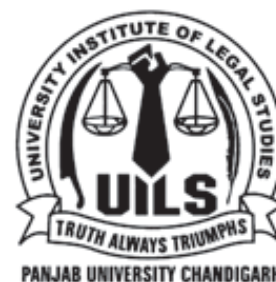


**4th SURANA & SURANA  
&  
UNIVERSITY INSTITUTE OF LEGAL STUDIES  
NATIONAL ENVIRONMENT LAW  
MOOT COURT COMPETITION, 2021**

**3 – 5 December 2021**



**Profession Partners &  
Joint Organisers**



**Host &  
Joint Organisers**

**Venue**

**Online (Virtual)**

Rules Revised Typo correction

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## 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 4<sup>th</sup> Surana & Surana & UILS Environment Law Moot Court Competition, 2021 shall be held virtually from 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> December, 2021

### 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 **14<sup>th</sup> October 2021**. The teams must register online by **8<sup>th</sup> November 2021**. Teams will have to register online at [www.moot.in](http://www.moot.in). **Only 50 teams will be registered to participate in the competition on first-come-first serve basis**
- b. No temporary registration requests will be entertained. Kindly refrain from sending such requests to Surana & Surana or UILS.
- c. 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 9<sup>th</sup> **November 2021** or earlier.

**d. 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.
- e. Soft copy of the registration and approval letter/ an email communication as a **single PDF** to be sent by email to: [uilssurana@gmail.com](mailto:uilssurana@gmail.com) marked as 4<sup>TH</sup> SURANA & SURANA AND UNIVERSITY INSTITUTE OF LEGAL STUDIES NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL LAW MOOT COURT COMPETITION REGISTRATION as subject of the mail latest by 9<sup>th</sup> **November 2021. The provisional team code shall be allotted to the registered teams by Host University soon after receiving of registration particulars.**
- f. On receiving the provisional team code from moot committee/society of UILS you may proceed to pay the registration fees.
- g. **A registration fee of Rs. 500/- is to be paid online by 12<sup>th</sup> November 2021 at:**  
Director, UILS  
Account No. 10444979993  
IFS Code: SBIN0000742  
SBI, Sector 14  
Panjab University  
Receipt of the online payment to be sent by email to: [uilssurana@gmail.com](mailto:uilssurana@gmail.com) by **12<sup>th</sup> November 2021.**

Fee once paid will not be refunded.

- h. In the event a team drops out of the competition or is disqualified the team next in line as per registration data (When the registration exceeds beyond the permitted 50 teams) will be offered the chance to participate in the competition at short notice. Such teams

will have to submit memorials to be eligible at least 3 days prior to the start of the competition.

## **VII. ORIENTATION**

There will be an Orientation Program for all the participants on 3rd December 2021 (Friday) followed by draw of lots & exchange of memorials. Competition Team codes and side will be allotted during orientation only.

## **VIII. ROUNDS**

There will be two preliminary rounds, an Octa-final round, 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 **3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> December, 2021 (Saturday)**.
- d. Top Sixteen teams from the Preliminary Rounds will advance to the Octa-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. Octa-finals / Quarter-finals / Semi-finals Round / Final Round:**

- a. Lots / power matching will decide the side of arguments in Quarterfinals, Semi-finals & Finals.
- b. The Octa Final Rounds & Quarter Final Rounds will be held on **4<sup>th</sup> December, 2021**.
- c. The Semi-final Rounds and Finals will be held on **5<sup>th</sup> December, 2021**.
- 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 Octa-finals / Quarter-finals / Semi-finals 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 penalized:

- a. Each team must prepare memorials for both parties to the dispute (Applicant and Respondent).
- b. The Soft copy of the memorials from both sides in word format (\*.doc or \*.docx) must be mailed to: [mootcourt@lawindia.com](mailto:mootcourt@lawindia.com) and [uilssurana@gmail.com](mailto:uilssurana@gmail.com) by 18<sup>th</sup> November 2021 latest by 23:59 p.m. **Memorials beyond a delay of 24 hours will not be accepted.**
- c. Soft copy of the memorials should be emailed with the subject as “Team Code- Memorial Submission”. The memorials shall be submitted in **Word format**. The file shall be named as “**Team Code- Memorial for Applicant**” and “**Team Code- Memorial for Respondent**” respectively. The memorials for the two sides shall be attached as two separate attachments in the same email communication.
- 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. **Once the memorials have been submitted, any revisions, supplements, or additions will be allowed at the discretion of the National Administrator.**
- f. 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)
- g. 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), Double space is to be adhered to between two foot notes. .
- h. The memorial must have a margin measuring one inch on all sides of each page.
- i. 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.
- j. The blue book: A uniform System of Citation (20<sup>th</sup> Edition) should be followed in the written submission throughout Non-Compliance will result in a penalty of 1 mark per page. Substantive/speaking footnotes are strictly prohibited.
- k. Covers must be placed on briefs as follows:  
**Applicant: Blue Colour; Respondent: Light Red Colour.**
- l. The cover page of the memorial must state the following:
  - a. The cause title

- b. Identify brief as Applicant & / Respondents as is applicable
- c. Provisional Team Codes (see, Rule VI (f)) on the top right corner of Cover Page.
- m. 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 Ad
- 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.

## **XI. ORAL ROUNDS**

### **XI.A. Preliminary Rounds, Octa-finals & Quarter-finals**

- 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 need not be confined to the pleading in the Memorials.
- d. Passing of notes to the speakers by the researcher during the rounds is allowed.
- e. The attendance of the Researcher at the time of Oral Pleading Rounds is compulsory.

### **XI.B. Semi-finals & Finals**

- a. Each team will get 45 minutes to present their case inclusive of the time reserved for 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**

### **A. Orals Rounds**

- a. 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 & authorities and general principles of Environment Law.
  - x. 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:
  - 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**

- a. Winner – Rs.10,000/-
- b. Runner's up – Rs.7,000/-
- c. Best Memorial – Rs.4,000/-
- d. Second Best Memorial – Rs.3,000/-
- e. Best Student Advocate – Rs.4,000/-
- f. Second Best Student Advocate – Rs.2,000/-

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 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).

## **VI. POLICY FOR VIRTUAL ROUNDS**

- a) The Oral Rounds for the competition will take place virtually via **Google Meet** platform.
- b) It would be the responsibility of every team to ensure a stable internet connection. The audio and video of every member of the team should be clear. Every team must ensure a proper background. The organisers will under no circumstances be obligated to provide the participants with any such facility.
- c) All participants should mandatorily join with their laptops or desktops and other forms of device are to be avoided.
- d) **The link or the ID and password for the room on Google Meet will be conveyed to the participating teams before the oral rounds.**
- e) Each participating member of every team is advised to install the Google Meet platform on their devices well in time.
- f) Each team is required to join the room at least twenty minutes before the scheduled time of commencement of the oral rounds.
- g) The participants' camera and microphone shall be firmly positioned throughout the oral rounds so as to show speakers and to ensure their voices are clearly audible.
- h) All participants must keep their cameras on at all times during the rounds. Camera to be switched off in case of technical glitches with the permission of the bench.



- i) At the time when one participant is speaking, others are expected to keep their microphones on mute. In case a participant is found disturbing the other pleader anyway, he/she or the entire team to which such participant belongs may be disqualified upon the discretion of the bench.
- j) Each participant is responsible for finding a suitable venue and background to participate. The venue must be a quiet location and one which has adequate and reliable internet connectivity and has a desk and chairs for the oralist. Locations in open spaces or hallways or cybercafes or similar areas are NOT permitted.
- k) Participants are cautioned to ensure that all equipment has a power supply sufficient to last for at least two hours without interruption.
- l) In case of a loss in internet connection, each team will be given a reasonable time to reconnect. If the problem still persists the decision made by the organisers shall be final and binding.
- m) In the event where one or both of the speaker could not join due to connectivity issue, the team may be disqualified from the competition and at no circumstances can other member of the team be allowed to switch roles.
- n) Where a team does not appear within 10 minutes of the scheduled time for the round, the round shall proceed as ex-parte.
- o) Compendium & memorials shall be mailed to [uilssurana@gmail.com](mailto:uilssurana@gmail.com) along with the team competition codes on completion of the Orientation as directed by the organizers.
- p) Any compiled Research Material (Compendium) or other supplementary documents may be, as per the discretion of the bench, presented by the team by using the “screen sharing” option given they have fulfilled the preceding sub-clause.
- q) Participants will not be allowed to use the feature of personal chat on Google Meet to communicate with their team members or members of the opposing team.
- r) Teams shall not use internet or any other devices during the rounds for anything, except participating in the rounds.
- s) Participants can only sip water on screen during the competition. Consumption of other beverages or eatables is not permitted. Non-Speakers are to switch off video before drinking water.
- t) Participating speakers and researcher are permitted to join for the Virtual Competition from the same premises/room. However, the screen space shall be independent and the speakers, researcher to represent before the bench through individual/separate devices.
- u) Appropriate court room demeanour is to be maintained. This is mandatory.
- v) Participants are expected to cooperate with the organisers and the judges, in case anyone faces any issue.
- w) The organizers shall take best available measures to resolve or mitigate any connectivity issues that may arise. However, in cases where that is not possible, the organizer cannot be held responsible for the unforeseen issues which includes (but are not limited to) – Software failure

and connectivity issues.

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

The decision of the judge shall be final and binding. The organizers reserve the right to amend the rules of the Competition.

## **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](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. ANY CLARIFICATIONS FOR THE COMPETITION CAN BE SOUGHT FROM:**

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

1. Faculty Co-ordinator, UILS, MCS  
**Dr.Pushpinder Kaur, Phone:** +91 9417503115

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### Important Dates

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| <b>Start of Online Registration</b>                                  | <b>14<sup>th</sup> October 2021</b>                      |
| <b>Last date of Online Registration</b>                              | <b>8<sup>th</sup> November 2021</b>                      |
| <b>Last date for receiving copies of Reg. Form / Approval letter</b> | <b>9<sup>th</sup> November 2021</b>                      |
| <b>Last date for payment of Registration fee</b>                     | <b>12<sup>th</sup> November 2021</b>                     |
| <b>Last date for seeking clarifications to the case</b>              | <b>12<sup>th</sup> November 2021</b>                     |
| <b>Submission of Memorials</b>                                       | <b>17<sup>th</sup> November 2021</b>                     |
| <b>Orientation</b>   | <b>3 December, 2021</b>                                  |
| <b>Prelims / Quarterfinals</b>                                       | <b>3<sup>rd</sup> &amp; 4<sup>th</sup> December 2021</b> |
| <b>Semi-finals / Finals &amp; Valedictory and Prize Distribution</b> | <b>5<sup>th</sup> December 2021</b>                      |

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 |
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| Participant's Primary Email ID :<br>Phone Number : |        |        |      |           |

Seal & Signature of the  
Head of the Institution