

SURANA & SURANA INTERNATIONAL MINORITY RIGHTS

MOOT COURT COMPETITION – 2008

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I. Aim and Purpose

The Surana & Surana International Minority Rights Moot Court Competition has been conceived to

- a. Create awareness on the rights of ethnic, religious and linguistic minorities all over the world
- b. Facilitate the evolution of minority rights through the jurisprudential analysis of the existing law and consequential emergence of new law in the world under each constitution.

II. Date and Venue

The Surana & Surana International Minority Law Moot Court Competition shall be held from **22 – 24 August 2008** at A.K K New Law Academy, 2390B, K.B. Hidayatullah Road, Azam Campus, Camp, Off Shankar Sheth Road, Pune – 411 001.

III. Dress Code

Formal wear

- Ladies: Light coloured salwar, kurta, pant / suit
Gentlemen: White shirt with tie and dark coloured trousers / suit (black)

IV. Language

The competition shall be in English.

V. Eligibility

- a. The competition is open for law students interested in contributing to the development of laws, regulations and jurisprudence regarding the rights of minorities, and
- b. Participants should be currently pursuing their bachelors degree in law i.e. 3 Year LL.B. Programme or 5 Year LL.B. Programme.

VI. Team Composition

- a. Each team shall consist of a minimum of 2 and maximum of 3 members. This number cannot be modified under any circumstances.
- b. There can be 2 speakers and 1 researcher designated in each team. Teams shall identify such speakers and researcher during registration.
- c. Each team will have a team code and each participant shall be given an individual code. Teams shall not disclose their identity or that of their institution or city, etc.; such disclosure shall invite penalties including disqualification. The decision for the same shall be at the discretion of the Administrator.

VII. Registration

Teams must register by **5 August 2008**. Communication should be sent on the college letterhead duly signed by the Principal to A.K.K. New Law Academy, 2390B, K.B. Hidayatullah Road, Azam Campus, Off Shankar Sheth Road, Pune – 411 001, and a copy by e-mail to principal@nlapune.org and mootcourt@lawindia.com marked as SURANA & SURANA INTERNATIONAL MINORITY RIGHTS MOOT 2008 REGISTRATION as the subject.

VIII. Rounds

There will be two preliminary rounds of argument, a quarterfinal, a semi-final and a final round. The time of the quarterfinal round will be at the discretion of the Administrator (23 August 2008 evening or 24 August 2008 morning).

Preliminary Round

- a. There will be **two** preliminary rounds.
- b. Orientation & draw of lots will be on **22 August 2008** evening (Friday).
- c. Preliminary rounds will be held on **23 August 2008** (Saturday). Top four teams will qualify for the Semi Finals that would be held on **24 August 2008** fore noon (Sunday).
- d. The quarterfinals will be a knockout round.
- e. The qualification to the knockout stage (Quarterfinals) will be based on
a) Win Points (2 wins) b) in case of a tie, teams with the highest aggregate of scores in the preliminaries (inclusive of memorial marks)

Quarterfinal, Semi Final and Final Rounds

The Quarterfinals and Semi Finals will be a knockout round evaluated only on the oral arguments. Lots picked by the teams will decide the side of the arguments in Quarterfinals, Semi finals & Finals

The **Finals** will be held on **24 August 2008 (Sunday – afternoon)**.

IX. Memorials

The following requirements for memorials must be strictly followed. Non-conformities will be penalised:

- a. Each team must prepare memorials for both sides to the dispute (Appellant and Respondent)
- b. The briefs shall be consistent with the Supreme Court Rules.
- c. Once the memorials have been submitted, no revisions, supplements, or additions will be allowed.
- d. Six (6) copies each of the memorials for Applicant & Respondent + a soft copy on CD (both memorials can be on the same CD) must reach the organisers latest by 4:30 pm on **22 August 2008**.
- e. One advance copy of each memorial (Appellant & Respondent must reach the organizers by **Tuesday 12 August 2008** for evaluation. Late submissions beyond the stipulated date will attract 1-point penalty for each day of delay.
- f. The memorials have to be submitted on typed A 4 size paper printed on one side and must contain:
 - The table of contents
 - The index of authorities
 - The statement of jurisdiction

- The statement of facts (1 page only and submissions of an argumentative statement of facts would attract penalties)
 - The statement of issues
 - The summary of arguments
 - The arguments advanced (15 pages)
 - The prayer
- g. Arguments must not exceed 15 (fifteen) pages. The font size should be 12 and for footnotes it should be 10.
- h. **Memorials should be staple bound.** Comb/spiral or any other form of binding shall not be accepted.
- i. Memorials must have a one inch margin on all sides of each page
- j. Page numbering should be at the bottom middle of each page.
- k. Covers must be placed on briefs as follows:
Petitioner / Applicant: Blue Color **Defendant/Respondent: Red Color.**
Use of cellophane / plastic sheets in the memorials will attract penalty.
- l. The cover page of the memorial must state the following
 1. The cause title
 2. Identify brief as Appellants / Respondents.
- m. Identity of the institution shall not be revealed anywhere in the memorial. Instead code numbers allotted to the students should be mentioned. Violation of this provision shall result in penalties including disqualification. The Administrator's decision shall be final.

X. Oral Rounds

In each oral round a team will be represented by two speakers who present arguments. The researcher will not participate in the arguments but will be seated along with the speakers.

Preliminary and quarterfinal Rounds

- a. Each team will get a total of 30 minutes to present their case. The time includes questioning by judges.
- b. The division of time is at the discretion of the team members, subject to a maximum of 18 minutes per speaker. Division of time should be informed to the Court Assistants / Clerks before the beginning of the rounds.
- c. The oral arguments need not be confined to the issues presented in the memorials.
- d. Passing of notes to the speakers by the researcher during the rounds is allowed.

Semi- final Rounds

- a. Each team will get a total of 45 minutes to present their case.

- b. The division of time is at the discretion of the team members, subject to a maximum of 25 minutes per speaker. Division of time should be informed to the Court Assistants / Clerks before the beginning of the rounds.

Final Round

- a. Each team will get a total of 45 minutes to present their case.
- b. The division of time is at the discretion of the team members, subject to a maximum of 25 minutes per speaker.
- c. The oral arguments need not be confined to the issues presented in the memorials.

XI. Scouting

- a. Teams will not be allowed to observe the orals of any other teams. Scouting is strictly prohibited. Scouting by any of the teams will result in disqualification.
- b. Any team can file a written complaint with the Administrator, regarding a case of scouting. The Administrator's decision will be final.
- c. The researchers shall sit with the speakers at the time of the orals and shall not attend the court sessions of any other team participating in the competition.

XII. Scoring

A. Orals

Parameters for judging on a scale of 0 – 100 points are:

- a. Knowledge of facts
- b. Logic & 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 laws governing minorities and other laws directly applicable to the issues
- h. Ability to explain clearly legal principles
- i. Knowledge and use of legal resources
- j. Ingenuity (ability to argue by analogy from related aspects of law)

B. Written Submissions (Memorials)

- a. Any revisions, supplements or additions to the memorials after submission shall attract severe penalties subject to the discretion of the Administrator.
- b. A total of 100 points will be awarded for each of the memorials.
- c. Parameters for judging on a scale of 0-100 points are
 - Logical progression of ideas
 - Originality in analysis and arguments
 - Effective use of headings to outline arguments

- Understanding essential legal issues presented
 - Focus on essential (not collateral) issues
 - Clear, concise and unambiguous writing style
 - Forceful and persuasive presentation
 - Integration of facts into legal argument
 - Understanding of strengths and weaknesses of case
 - Discussion of viable alternative arguments
 - Understanding and analysis of authority
 - Proper use of citations and citation form
 - Effective use of authority to support arguments
 - Ability to distinguish adverse cases
 - Neatness, legibility, no typos or format errors
- d. Non- compliance of rules mentioned in Clause IX shall attract penalties for each non-conformity.

XIII. Awards

- a. *Best Team of the Year Award* – The Team will receive a Plaque, Manupatra citator and a cash prize of Rs 18,000/- only
- b. *Second Best Team of the Year Award* will receive a Plaque and a cash prize of Rs. 9,000/- only
- c. *Advocate of the Year Award* – A Plaque, Manupatra citator and a cash prize of Rs. 4,000/- only
- d. *II Best Advocate of the Year Award* – A Plaque and a cash prize of Rs. 2,000/- only
- e. *Best Memorial Award* – The Team will receive a Plaque, Manupatra citator and a cash prize of Rs. 4,000/- only
- f. *II Best Memorial Award* – The Team will receive a Plaque and a cash prize of Rs. 2,000/- only
- g. In addition to the above awards plaques and certificates are given to other categories of winners

XIV. Announcements of results

- h. The results of the Preliminary rounds / Quarter Final shall be announced shortly after the rounds on **23 August 2008 2007**
- i. The results of the Semi Finals Rounds will be announced shortly after the rounds on **24 August 2008.**
- c. The winners of the competition will be announced during the **Awards Ceremony on 24 August 2008**

XV. Anonymity

- a. Student counsel may introduce him/herself to the court in the usual manner and may also state their names. However, the team's law-college 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 / college at any time and in any manner, including, but not limited to, wearing any identifying items, such as badges, blazers, or pins or carrying identifying material (such as a books with a college logo, or college seal).

XVI. Video Recording

- a. The organisers will arrange for the video recordings of the semi-final and final rounds of the competition. Teams wanting to obtain a copy of the recordings may do so on payment of Rs. 500/- for each of these rounds.
- b. Teams wanting to obtain a video recording of their own session shall have to apply in writing to the Organizing Committee latest by the **15 August 2008**. The recording shall be sent to the college on payment of Rs. 500/- per copy in the form of a Demand Draft (DD only) made out in favour of A.K K New Law Academy, Pune.

XVII. 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 A.K K New Law Academy, Pune and Surana & Surana International Attorneys Chennai, in lieu of waiver of competition registration fees. 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 A.K K New Law Academy 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.mootsite.com**, 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.
- d. Winning memorials may be (a) published in the Minority Jurisprudence Journal and (b) displayed and distributed during the National Seminars on Minority Rights and Issues, to be hosted by A.K K New Law Academy.

XVIII. Accommodation, food and transport

(a) Accommodation, (b) food and (c) transport between the guest house/hotel and the competition venue to the participating teams will be provided by A.K K New Law Academy from 22 –25 August 2008 till 12.00 noon. Those teams who want to stay after 25 August 2008 have to bear the expenses for their accommodation, food and transport.

XIX. Any clarifications for the competition can be sought from:

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Undertaking

1. We hereby state that our participation complies with the rules and regulations of the competition.
2. We certify that the materials submitted are prepared by us and indemnify the organizers for any claim or dispute arising out of the further use and exhibition of these materials.

Name of the Institution:

Email:

Phone:

Name	Signature
1.	
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Seal & signature of
the Head of the
Institution

Completed form should reach Administrator by **12 August 2008**

Email form to: mootcourt@lawindia.com and principal@nlapune.org

Fax to: 91- 020 - 2643 5959 or 91 - 044 – 2538 3339

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