# 1ST SANKHLA & ASSOCIATES NATIONAL VIRTUAL MOOT COURT COMPETITION BY THE AMIKUS QRAIE 2022







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### **ABOUT THE ORGANIZATION**

### **About The Amikus Qriae**

The Amikus Qriae is the brainchild of several legal luminaries and eminent personalities across the country and the globe. TAQ is a dream online the platform which aims at proliferating legal knowledge and providing an ingenious understanding and cognizance of various fields of law to make sure that legal knowledge and experience penetrates to every nook and corner of the ever-growing legal fraternity. Through ambitious and studious legal brains across the country, TAQ aims at providing valuable contributions to contemporary legal issues and developments in the omnipresent field of law to the masses. The Amikus Qriae is also registered under Indian Partnership Act 1932 and Ministry of MSME, Government of India and is also a ISO 9001: 2015 organization. The Amikus Qriae is presently the 8th Largest Legal website in India. We are connected to more than 20k law students from accross 80+ law schools in India.

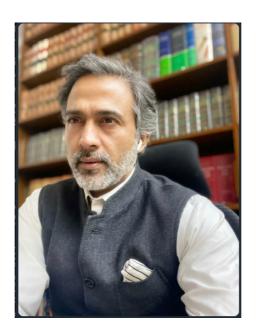
### About Sankhla & Associates

Sankhla and Associates is a full-service commercial and corporate law firm with pan India presence and global footprint. The law firm is associated with some of the best lawyers in India, the UK, and Singapore.

The legal team of lawyers and corporate consultants provide personalized tailored legal solutions to individuals, companies, businesses, and corporations. Our corporate lawyers, Litigation lawyers, bankruptcy lawyers and company lawyers are well recognized in the field of Insurance law, Bankruptcy law, Recovery and Debt Management, Corporate law, Advisory, Insolvency and Bankruptcy Laws, etc.

Our Alternate Dispute Resolution (ADR) legal team is well known for its Arbitration and Conciliation practice, while our Intellectual Property legal team is now grown especially in the world of Trademarks and Copyright Laws. A dedicated labor law department comprising of labour lawyers and consultants provide litigation support as well as due diligence to avoid litigation.

### **ABOUT THE PATRON-IN-CHIEF**



Mr. Kapil Sankhla

Kapil Sankhla, who established Sankhla & Associates approximately 20 years ago, is the company's managing partner at the moment. He has been practising ever since 1999, and received the coveted 2016 SuperLawyer of the Year. His background includes a wide range of topics related to disputes corporate and legal advice, litigation and arbitration business-related issues, white-collar offences, employment, infrastructure, and public policy issues, governance, ethics, and policy are all related. He has been recognised as one of the top attorneys in India occasionally appears in several media.

The appointed attorney has been Mr. Kapil Sankhla for a number of government agencies and the major Typical customers are GAIL, DDA, DSIDC, Wagf Board in Chandigarh, life insurance, and DJB, Indian Corporation and various private, enterprises like Sriram Life Insurance Business DHI India Water, SpiceJet Ltd., CH2M Hill, and Ltd. Alchemist Group, MD, and & Environment Ltd. LR Organization, Era Infra Engg. Ltd. Considerable Representations Worked for the Ministry of Natural Resources Gas and the General Directorate of Hydrocarbons in several international arbitration proceedings in the UK and Against Reliance Petrochem and Cairn, Singapore British Gas; energy. Performed services for the Directorate General of hydrocarbons with indicative capacities in a number of Arbitrations and concerns of strategy. Represented GAIL in court cases and arbitration matter. Worked in Manipur for the Central Government Taking Off Matter. Worked for former home minister Haryana Sh. The Geetika Murder: Gopal Goyal Kanda matter Participated in a multi-party transaction on behalf of Era Infra Enginering Ltd. Arbitration involving million against Railway Vikas Nigam Limited. Represented Pacific Business Center Ltd. Arbitrations. Represented Adel Landmarks Ltd. Legal disputes with Countrywide Promoters Ltd. and other non-public entities. Represented Golden Globe Hotels Pvt. Ltd. against the Goan State. Participated in Society of Fuel and Environment activities improve Delhi's CNG laws. Was hired by the Indian and MoPNG governments to manage NAFTOGAZrelated issues in India. Has spent a lot of time researching franchise laws and helped several businesses and enterprises, including RoC, flourish U.S. Dollar Store and (Republic of Chicken) by way of the Franchise

### **IMPORTANT DATES**

Serial No.	Event	Date
1	Release of moot problem	10 <sup>th</sup> July 2022
2	Last Date for seeking clarification	7 <sup>th</sup> August 2022
3	Release of final clarification	14 <sup>th</sup> August 2022
4	Last date for registration	25st August 2022
5	Team code allocation	26 <sup>th</sup> August 2022
6	Last Date of submission of the memorial in soft copy	27 <sup>th</sup> August 2022
7	Dates of Moot court competition	2 <sup>nd</sup> - 4 <sup>th</sup> September 2022
8	Inaugural ceremony and researchers test	2 <sup>nd</sup> September 2022
9	Dates for Preliminary Round I, II & Quarter Final	3 <sup>rd</sup> September 2022
10	Dates for semi-final & final round	4 <sup>th</sup> September 2022
11	Dates for valedictory ceremony	4 <sup>th</sup> September 2022

<sup>\*</sup>TITLE.- This Moot Court Competition shall be called "1stSankhla and Associates National Virtual Moot Court Competition" by The Amikus Qraie 2022.\*

### **DEFINITIONS**

In this rules & regulations unless the context otherwise requires

- Competition- The "Competition" means 1st Sankhla and Associates National Virtual Moot Court Competition by The Amikus Qraie 2022.
- Court Master- The "Court Master" shall be an officer of the Court. The officer shall be entrusted with the duties of smooth functioning of the Court. Such an officer shall be the medium of communication between the organizing committee and the Court during the competition.
- **Dispute Resolution Committee** The organizing committee in certain issues shall be referred as "Dispute Resolution Committee (DRC)". The decision of the DRC shall be final. No further appeal is allowed from any order of the DRC.
- **Document** Any file, either printed or digital, having information relevant to the competition shall be referred to as document in this competition.
- Institution- "Institution" means and includes- any recognised University/ College/Law School for the purpose of this constitution.
- Judge- A learned person who presides over the proceedings in the Moot Court Competition shall be referred as the "Judge". Such a person shall be awarding scores to teams in oral rounds on the feedback-cum-score sheet. The Judge's decision in certain matters is final.
- Memorial Evaluation Committee- The committee entrusted with the evaluation of memorials in the competition shall be referred to as the "Memorial Evaluation Committee". The committee shall submit the feedback-cum-score sheet to the organizing committee after scrutinizing the memorial of the teams.

- Organizing Committee- The organizing members of the competition shall be referred to as the "organizing committee". The details of these members are mentioned in rule 12 of this rule book.
- Registered e-mail id- The e-mail address submitted during the registration for the competition in the google form shall be the "registered mail-id". The registered e-mail address shall be associated with any member of the team and be used for further communication with the teams.
- Registration fee- An official fee paid by each team to cover administrative expenses of the moot competition shall be the registration fee. The procedure for payment of the fee shall be determined by the organizing committee.
- Rules and Regulations- The rules mentioned in this rule book as the regulating procedure of the moot competition shall be the "rules & regulations".

## GENERAL PROVISIONS OF THE MOOT COMPETITION

### 1.1. Organization

1st Virtual National Moot Court Competition by The Amikus Qriae 2022 is an initiative of "The Amikus Qraie [TAQ]". This competition is an annual competition which will witness participation from recognised law universities/colleges all over India.

### 1.2. Administration

The 1st Virtual National Moot Court Competition by The Amikus Qraie 2022 shall be an annual Moot Court Competition administered by 'The Amikus Qraie'. The Amikus Qriae is organisation registered under the Ministry of MSME, GOVERNMENT OF INDIA. which aims to cater to the needs of scholars, professionals, researchers and everybody else in the legal domain.

### 1.3. Structure of the Competition

The competition will be held in rounds viz., Prelims Round-1, Prelims Round-2, Quarterfinal, Semi-final, Final Round. Each round consists of written submission (Memorial) and oral pleadings (Oral Round). For the purpose of this competition, each team shall have to submit memorials on the behalf of Petitioner as well as Respondent.

### 1.4. Language

The Language of the competition shall be English.

### 1.5. Copyright

- a. The rules and regulations of this competition is the property of the organizing committee. Any form of reproduction without the prior consent of the organizers is strictly prohibited.
- b. The author's rights shall remain with teams drafting the memorial.
- c. The memorial once submitted shall be the property of the organizers. Further use and exhibition of these materials, electronically or otherwise, shall be the exclusive right of the organizers.

### 1.6. Dispute Resolution Committee (DRC)

There shall be a Dispute Resolution Committee, herein also referred as, DRC. This committee shall be formed by the organizing committee which will decide upon the issues raised in the competition. The DRC is an appellate committee consisting of the Members of Organizing Committee Tier-1. The committee shall have the right to disqualify or penalise teams in case of any violations of terms and rules of the competition.

### 1.7. Power to Promulgate Additional Measures

The organizing committee shall have the power to formulate all such additional measures so that fair and healthy competitive spirit of the moot competition is maintained. Any such proposed additional measures shall not violate the core of the competition. All the major changes (if necessary) shall be informed to the teams participating in the moot competition.

### 2.

### PARTICIPATION & ELIGIBILITY

### 2.1. Team Eligibility

Any student pursuing a degree in law either a five-year law course, three-year law course or even LLM students from any recognised institutions in India shall be eligible to take part in the competition. The determination of the eligibility of the teams shall be at the discretion of the organizing committee.

### 2.2. Team Composition

- a. Each team shall consist of at least 2 members (2 speakers) or 3 members (2 speakers and 1 researcher).
- b. There shall also be a researcher test, the details about the same shall be communicated to the teams after the memorial submission.

### 2.3. Team Selection Process

Each recognized Institution shall allow a maximum of 4 teams to participate in this competition.

### 2.4. Problem Correction and Clarification

Teams may request for moot problem correction and clarification as per date given in Annexure-1. Such correction and clarification shall be sent at theamikusqriaemootsociety@gmail.com

### 2.5. Anonymity of Team

- a. Teams are requested not to disclose the identity viz., Name of the speaker/researcher, name of the institution at any stage of the competition. Any such disclosure and violation of this rule shall amount to disqualification from the competition.
- b. Any form of visual representation which discloses teams' identity during the competition shall lead to disqualification. Provided that DRC has the power to reconsider disqualification in matters of such violation.
- c. Any dispute wrt. violation of rule 2.5 (a) or 2.5 (b) shall be presented before DRC. The decision of DRC in this regard shall be final.

### 3.

### TEAM ENROLLMENT AND RELATED PROCEDURES

### 3.1. Team Registration

- 1. Every team shall register for the moot competition using the following link: <a href="https://forms.gle/f41uj5Y6nXSoFy6M8">https://forms.gle/f41uj5Y6nXSoFy6M8</a>
- 2. Teams shall submit the following details viz Name, Mail-id, Contact Number, College/Institution, Course (For E.g.- B.A LL.B/LL.B) and Semester.
- 3. The details about 1st speaker, 2nd speaker and Researcher (as the case may be) shall be submitted through google form in due time. There shall be a single google form for registration purposes. Speakers 1 and 2 and researcher, (if any) cannot be interchanged post submission.
- 4. Teams shall have to submit a scanned copy of their recognised institution ID card/ ERP for verification of the participants.
- 5.In absence of an ERP/ID card, teams can write an e-mail to their recognised institution authority seeking permission to participate in moot competition. Such mail shall be approved by the Faculty/Principal/Dean of the institution in which the participating team is studying. \*Note: Such permission is required, only if the teams are unable to submit their ID cards\*
- 6. Every team doesn't have to necessarily submit any letter of approval from theinstitution or the Moot Court Society.
- 7. Teams can be allowed on the basis of provisional registration but in that case approval of the Organizing Committee is mandatory.
- 8. The competition shall have a ceiling limit of 100 teams only and it can be determined on first come first serve basis.

### 3.2. Fee for the Competition

- 1. The fee for the competition shall be Rs. 1500 INR, paid during registration. The screenshot of the payment receipt shall be attached in the google form.
- 2.In case of more than four registration from one recognised institution, the top four teams to register first in the moot shall be given preference. The fee of the other team from the same recognised institution shall be refunded back to the team subject to rule 2.3.
- 3. Participation of more than four teams from the same recognised institution shall not be allowed in any circumstances.
- 4. The fee after registration is not refundable subject to the rule 2.3. & 3.2.(b).
- 5. A/C Details for the payment of fee.
- Account Holder Name: Rupam Banerjee
- Account Number: 38137097733
- Bank Name- State Bank of India
- IFSC Code-SBIN0012401
- Branch name- Syampur
- For GPay/paytm/phonPe: +91 7364006404



### 3.3. Mode for Payment of the Fee

The fee for the competition shall be paid to the bank account/UPI/QR Code mentioned at the 'The Amikus Qriae' official website. After payment of fee, the candidate/team must ensure that the screenshot is taken. The screenshot shall be used for verification purposes.

### 3.4. Confirmation of Registration

- 1. The teams after registration will receive a confirmation mail from the organizing committee with respect to confirmation of the slot for the competition.
- 2. The teams shall be provided a unique team code.
- 3. This unique code shall be used in the preparation of memorial as stated in rule 5.5.a. Teams shall only be addressed by this code in the oral rounds.

### 3.5. Changes to Member's Registered Information

- 1. No request for change in team members shall be entertained.
- 2. Registered information viz correction in Names, recognised institutions or any other information mentioned under rule 3.1. (b) can be changed only after the approval of the organizing committee.

### 3.6. Changes to Documents after Submission

No request for change in any document shall be allowed once it has been submitted to the organizing committee. Such changes shall only be made with prior permission of the organizing committee.

### 4.

### JUDGE FOR THE COMPETITION

### 4.1. Power & function of a Judge

The judge shall preside over the round for the purpose of the moot competition. Judges shall be assisted by the Court Masters during the rounds. The Judges for rounds shall be assigned to the Courtrooms by the organizing committee through a cause list. Judges shall have the authority to take certain steps during the moot which they may think fit for maintaining fair and healthy competition. Steps taken in this regard by any judge shall not be called in question.

### 4.2. Decision

The decision of the judge after completion of oral rounds shall be final. Provided that, if there is any dispute or violation of the Moot Court Competition rules and regulations, the judge can refer such teams to DRC after due consideration.

### 4.3. Comments by the Judge

The Judges shall be given feedback cum score sheet. Judges are requested to provide feedback and scoring to the teams after completion of an oral round. Such scores shall not be revealed to anyone. After adjudicating the round, the judge shall share the score sheet with the organising committee only.

### 4.4. Restrictions

The Judges are encouraged not to ask the name/institution of the counsel participating in the competition as to maintain anonymity. The teams shall be addressed with their team code only. Such team code shall be provided to Judges in the cause list. Feedback & Score sheet shall not be revealed to the teams after the completion of the oral round.

### 5. MEMORIAL GUIDLINES

### 5.1. Submission of Memorial

- 1.Only soft copy of the memorial shall be sent by email sent to organising committee at theamikusqriaemootsociety@gmail.com
- 2. The subject of the email shall be 'Team Code: Memorial'.
- 3. The memorials shall be sent & submitted in the required manner mentioned in rule 5.1. (a) and (b) before the deadlines for the submissions.
- 4.Once the memorial is submitted no revision/supplements/addition shall be allowed.

### 5.2. Registration Deadlines and Rules for Disqualification

- 1. Every submission after the deadlines mentioned in annexure list-A shall amount to a penalty of 5 marks per day.
- 2. No submission shall be entertained after 2 days from the given deadlines.
- 3. Any submission made after 2 days from the date of deadline mentioned shall lead to disqualification from the competition.

### 5.3. Memorial Content

The memorial must contain the following parts:

- 1. Cover page
- 2. The table of contents
- 3. The index of authorities (with page number of the cases where it has been cited)
- 4. Table of Abbreviation
- 5. The statement of jurisdiction
- 6. The statement of facts (2 page only and argumentative statement of facts would attract penalties)
- 7. The statement of issues
- 8. The summary of arguments (not more than 2 page)
- 9. The arguments advanced (not more than 15 pages)
- 10. The prayer

### 5.4. Style, Formatting and other Requirements

- 1. The submitted memorials under rule 5.1. shall be made in "PDF format" and in "A4 size" only.
- 2. The headings will be in "Times New Roman", with "font-size 14" and in "Bold". The content will be in Font "Times New Roman"; size should be 12 ( with 1.5 line spacing) and for footnotes it should be 10 (single spacing) with 'Justify' alignment.
- 3. The memorial should have a margin measuring one inch on all sides of each page.
- 4. The page numbering should be on the 'bottom right side' of each page.
- 5. The overall memorial shall not exceed 30 pages. Exceeding the limit shall lead to deduction of 5 marks per page.

### 5.5. Cover Page

The cover page of the memorial must include the following:

- 1.Team Code (top right corner) followed by "P" for 'Petitioner' or "R" for Respondent. (e.g., TAQ-101-P)
- 2. Name of the moot competition (in header)
- 3. Name of the Court
- 4. Year of the competition
- 5. Name of the case
- 6. Title of the document (i.e., Memorial for the Petitioner or Respondent as the case may be).
- 7. Covers page must be placed on briefs: Petitioner: Light Blue Colour; Respondent: Red Colour.

### 5.6. Citation & Quotation Requirements

Footnotes must be used to cite the source of information/statement made in the body of the memorial. 20th Bluebook citation method must be followed. Use direct quotations judiciously. A quotation of more than two lines in length must be 'block quote' and with 'single-spacing'.

### 5.7. Review & Scoring of Memorials

- 1. The organizing committee after receiving the memorial shall refer it to the memorial evaluation committee.
- 2. Each Judge shall score & review the Memorial on the quality of analysis of the issues involved, the persuasiveness of the arguments, logic and reasoning, formatting, knowledge of fact, use of authorities, grammar and extent of research.
- 3. The organizing committee may deduct 5 points for non-adherence to the rule and other related rules and regulation.

Criteria Marks	Marks
Knowledge of fact & law	25
Persuasiveness of the arguments	20
Analysis of the issues involved	15
Formatting	10
Clarity and Organization	10
Use of authorities & Citation of sources	10
Grammar and extent of research	10

### 5.8. Anonymity of Memorial

Teams for the purpose of ensuring anonymity must not specify the Name of the participants, Institution/College of the team. Neither any form of sign should be represented in the Memorial. Any violation to the said rule will amount to immediate disqualification. The decision of the organizing committee shall be final in this regard.

### 5.9. Memorial Exchange

Every team shall receive access to the memorial of their respective opposite team before the oral round in due time. The memorial shall be shared at registered email with the organizing committee.

### 5.10. Miscellaneous

The team must prepare the memorial from both the sides viz Memorial for Petitioner and Memorial for Respondent. In case of any substitution or changes in the moot proposition, the teams shall be informed in due time. Teams have the liberty to make necessary changes in formatting without violating the rules & regulations mentioned under this rule book.

## PROCEDURE FOR THE ORAL ROUNDS

### 6.1. General Procedure

The oral rounds of the competition shall be of 60 minutes. The individual teams shall be allotted 30 minutes for the oral submissions. Time for rebuttal shall be included within the individual team time. After the oral submissions. Minimum Individual time is 12 minutes .

### 6.2. Extension of Time at Judges' Discretion

The Judges may extend the time provided in rule 6.1. The Judges may at their discretion extend the time of the competition beyond the given time.

### 6.3. Oral Courtroom Communication between Judge & Counsel

The Judges shall be asking questions based on the oral submissions made by the speakers representing their teams. The speaker must ensure that he/she is not interfering and obstructing the Judges while asking such questions.

### 6.4. Oral Courtroom Communication between Judge & Court Master

The Court Master shall assist the Judges and act as a medium of communication between the organizing committee and the Judges. Such Court Masters shall ensure that Judges have the feedback-cum-score sheet (refer to rule 6.13.) along with the other essentials for the smooth functioning of the competition.

### 6.5. Oral Round Structure

Each team shall proceed with the following stages in an oral round:

- I. [Speaker 1 & Speaker 2] for the petitioner
- II. [Speaker 1 & Speaker 2] for the respondent
- III. Rebuttal for the Petitioner (Speaker 1 or 2)
- IV. Rebuttal for the Respondent (Speaker 1 or 2)

### 6.6. Round wise oral submission time limit

The round wise oral submission of arguments time frame is as follows:

Rounds | Time Allocated (Minutes per team)

a. **Preliminary Round (1 & 2)**: (30 Pleading including rebuttal)

c. **Quarterfinal**: (30 Pleading including rebuttal)

d. Semi-final: (40 Pleading including rebuttal)

e. Final: (40 Pleading including rebuttal)

Provided such timing shall be subject to change as per discretion of the Judges (refer to rule 6.2.).

### 6.7. Rebuttal

- a. There shall be rebuttal and round after the oral submissions from both the counsels (i.e., petitioner/ respondent as the case may be).
- b. Teams in no circumstances shall not be allowed to use time for rebuttal for argument submission.

### 6.8. Spectators

- a. The meeting link of the preliminary 1 & 2, , quarterfinal rounds shall not be made open for everyone.
- b. No other teams or any other person except the teams, Judges, Court Masters and organizing committee shall be allowed to join the Courtroom link.

### 6.9. Scouting

Any form of scouting practice is prohibited. Teams shall not peek into other team's oral proceedings. Teams shall be allowed to view or attend other team oral submissions only in the semi-final and final rounds.

### 6.10. Audio & Video Recording

Any form of screen recording or audio or video recording of the competition without the prior permission of the organizing committee is prohibited.

### 6.11. Anonymity of teams in Courtroom

Speakers must ensure the anonymity of their respective teams while oral submissions. Any violation of this rule will amount to immediate disqualification.

### 6.12. Court masters' role in ensuring time limit

During the oral submissions, each Court Master shall ensure that no team is exceeding the time limit allocated to them under rule 6.6. and 6.1. Such limits may exceed and also be subject to rule 6.2.

### 6.13. Scoring

• The organizing committee shall provide a moot competition feedback-cum score sheet to the Judges in each round. The Judges shall review and allocate marks to the teams in the rounds.

• Such allocation will be based on knowledge of law, application of law to facts, ability to answer the questions asked by the Judges, grammar and presentation, time management, clarity on the issues raised and Style Poise, Courtesy and Demeanour in the moot problem.

Criteria	Marks
Knowledge of law	25
Application of law of facts	20
Ability to answer the questions	15
Grammar and presentation	10
Time Management	10
Clarity on the issue raised	10
Style Poise, Courtesy and	10
Demeanour	

## 7. ROUND QUALIFICATION RULES

### 7.1. Preliminary Round 1 and 2

The teams participating in the competition shall be competing with other teams in preliminary round-1 followed by preliminary round-2. The teams shall be allocated petitioner or respondent side to make their oral submissions based on a draw of lots. The position of the teams shall be reversed in preliminary round-2. The organizing committee shall ensure that every team gets an opportunity to represent both sides during the competition. (For example: Let's say, if team A represented 'Petitioner' in prelims round-1, In its subsequent prelims round-2, it shall be representing 'Respondent'). Time limit for the quarterfinal shall be according to rule 6.6.a.

### 7.2. Elimination Procedure

Top 8 scoring teams from the oral rounds shall be allowed to further compete with other teams in the competition. Remaining teams shall not be allowed to further compete in the competition.

### 7.3. Quarterfinal

The quarterfinal shall be amongst top 8 teams out of which 4 teams shall qualify for the semi-final. Time limit for the quarterfinal shall be according to rule 6.6.c. The selection of teams shall be through Knockout Rounds Quarterfinals onwards.

### 7.4. Semi final

The semi-final of the competition shall be amongst the top 4 teams.

### 7.6. Final

The team securing more points shall be the 'Winner' of the competition. The other team shall be 'Runner-Up'. Such teams shall be awarded as per rule 10. The teams competing each other in finals shall be allotted time as per rule 6.6.e.

### 7.7. Other Procedures

In case of equal scores of two different teams in oral rounds. The organizing committee shall take into consideration the overall scores i.e., (Oral rounds +

Memorial assessment) including researcher test scores. The teams secured higher marks shall be allowed to proceed further.

### 7.8. Complaint Procedure

Any complaint during the competition with regards to the violation of any rule shall immediately be communicated to the organizing committee. The committee shall take necessary actions as per rules given in this regard.

## 8. VIRTUAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

### 8.1. Internet connection

- 1. Teams must ensure that they are having a strong Internet connection with good audio and video facilities.
- 2. The participants must use a laptop or pc for the oral presentation.
- 3. In case of poor connection, the Court will wait for 5 mins to re-join. The discretion of the Judges in this regard shall be final.
- 4. The time taken to re-join the video call shall not be included in the team's time limit mentioned in rule 6.6.
- 5. If the speaker is not able to re-join with this time, the researcher can present the case with the permission of the Court.
- 6. The Organizing Committee shall not be liable for the technical glitches which arise from the side of participants.

### 8.2. Audio & Video

- 1. During oral presentation, teams must ensure that their video is ON, and the background is plain and shall not contain any symbol or any representation.
- 2. When one participant is speaking, others shall keep their microphone off.
- 3. The participants must keep their background free from other noises which may disturb the competition.

### 8.3. How to Join

- 1. The Meeting ID & Link for each session shall be shared with the participants before each round.
- 2. The participants shall join the link 10 min before the given time.

### 8.4. Online platform

- 1. The participant should be familiar with the online platform where the competition will take place.
- 2. The organizing committee has all the authority to change the online platform if any issue arises and will inform all the participants in advance.
- 3. Sharing of the Court meeting link to any person other than the team members is strictly prohibited. It shall directly lead to disqualification.

### 8.5. Dress Code

The dress code to be adhered for the duration of the Competition shall be:

- 1. Boys: White shirt, black trousers Western formals with a black tie.
- 2. Girls: Black and white Western or Indian formals.

### 9. PENALTIES

### 9.1. Memorial Penalties

- 1. Any actions which in violation of rule 5 to this rule and regulation shall amount to penalties.
- 2. Participants shall submit the memorials in PDF files otherwise there will be marks deduction.
- 3. There shall be a penalty for late submission. There shall also be a deduction (of 5 points) for every day of delay with regard to submission after the due date.
- 4. Identity of the institution on the memorials will directly lead to disqualification.

### 9.2. Plagiarism

'Plagiarism' means the use of some other person's ideas or information or writing without giving them due credit. The teams shall not adhere to plagiarism. Any form of plagiarism is prohibited. The organizing committee can impose a penalty of 10 points in violation to this rule.

### 9.3. Oral Round Penalties

The teams shall not perform any act in contravention with rules mentioned under rule 6. Any form of violation will lead to disqualification or penalties as the case may be.

### 9.4. Penalties on Receipt Complaint

The teams shall ensure proper code of conduct during this competition. Any form of misbehaviour with the Judges, Court Masters & with the organizing committee shall not be encouraged. The organizing committee shall have every right to take cognizance on receipt of such complaint. The committee after due consideration shall have the power to impose penalties or may disqualify any team in this regard.

### 9.5. Appeal

The appeal in this rule shall be referred to the Dispute Resolution Committee (DRC) for due consideration. The decision of DRC in this regard shall be final.

### 10. AWARDS

### 10.1 Prizes & Perks

Every Participating Team will get assured Virtual Internship Opportunities & Free Publication Opportunities.

Total Prizes worth INR 40000/- \*(T&C)

- The **Winning Team** shall be awarded with a **prize money of INR 8000**/- Free Publication Opportunity at Lex-Manthan Book with ISBN Number, Internship Opportunity at Sankhla & Associates along with Certificate of merit.
- The Runner-Up Team shall be awarded with a prize money of INR 6000/- free Publications Opportunity at Lex-Manthan Book with ISBN Number, Internship Opportunity with Sankhla & Associates along with Certificate of merit.
- The **Second Runner-Up Team** shall be awarded with Internship Opportunity at Lexpeeps. A discount of 50% to all the Lexpeeps Xcell courses to the team along with certificate of merit.
- The **Best Memorial** shall be awarded with a **prize money of INR2000**/- Free Publications Opportunity at Jus Corpus Law Journal (ISSN: 2582: 7820), Traineeship Opportunity at Counsel Cottage along with Certificate of merit.
- The **Best Speaker** shall be awarded with a **prize money of INR 2000**/- Internship Opportunity at GL Pareek Law Chambers of Law, will get 60% discount at Lexpeeps Xcell courses by Lexpeeps along with Certificate of merit.
- The **Best Researcher** shall be awarded with a **prize money of INR 2000**/- Internship Opportunity at GL Pareek Law Chambers, 60% discount Lexpeeps Xcell courses by Lexpeeps along with Certificate of merit.

<sup>\*</sup>Prizes worth 40k include cash prizes up to 20k and perks worth 20k.

### 11. MISCELLANEOUS

### 11.1. Communication

- a. The issues regarding any form of misconduct in the Courtroom shall be informed by Court Masters to the organizing committee. The organizing committee in this regard shall ensure disciplinary action as per the rules provided.
- b. The issues regarding any other information or query shall be communicated to the following:
- Executive Coordinator
- Mr. Rupam Banerjee Contact No. +91 7364006404
- Organizing Secretary

Ms. Priya Kumari Contact No. +91 9928023721

### 11.2 Interpretation of rules

The organizing committee and the DRC decision with regards to the interpretation of rules shall be considered.

### 11.3 Decision of Organizers

The decision of the organizing committee shall be final regarding any other rules and regulations in this moot competition. The organizing committee shall have the right to make changes in this rule such changes may include addition or deletion or subtraction of the rules and regulations.

## 12. ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

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