

## MAHARASHTRA NATIONAL LAW UNIVERSITY, AURANGABAD

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# 1ST NATIONAL MEMORIAL DRAFTING COMPETITION, 2022

#### **ABOUT THE UNIVERSITY**



The Maharashtra National Law University Aurangabad, one of the newly established NLUs, is located just outside the main city, spread over 50 acres and is set against the backdrop of lush green hills. The campus includes a freshly completed and functional 'Centre of Excellence' building, a frequently updated library, which is home to a near-exhaustive collection of books, a gym, a dining hall, student centres, open garden-like settings, 5 storey hostel buildings for both male and female students (to be completed in the coming months) and the provision of access to most of the renowned databases. This makes our NLU a force to reckon with and puts it on the path to achieve its objective of imparting quality legal education while stimulating the development of relevant auxiliary skills.

## **ABOUT THE COMPETITION**

#### **OBJECTIVE**

The purpose of the '1st National Memorial Drafting Competition' is to help future lawyers improve their writing, research, and analytical skills. Having the ability to draft effectively is fundamental for any budding lawyer. Prepared as a legal situation, players should exercise caution and their knowledge of the law. Essentially, the point of the competition is to bring out comprehension skills in every contestant.

#### **DESCRIPTION**

Participants of the National Memorial Drafting Competition are expected to assess the proposition's facts, with the essential arguments needing to be supported by relevant factual and legal sources. This ability to construct logical arguments supported by legal sources and citations will be put to the test.

## **SCHEDULE**

#### **EVENT**

## **SCHEDULE OF DATES (2022)**

Release of Proposition &

Commencement of Registration 14th September

Close of Registration 30th September

Deadline for seeking Clarifications 5th October

Publication of Clarification 7th October

Submission of Memorandum 21st October

Declaration of Results 3rd Week of November

#### **REGISTRATION AND PAYMENT DETAILS**

- Registration will only be accepted through Google Form Link mentioned here: <u>Registration Link</u>
- Registration Fee: Rs. 500/- per team.
- The registration fee is to be paid only via the provided link. No other form of payment will be acknowledged. <u>Payment Link.</u>
- The deadline for registration is 30th September, 2022
- Upon payment, the teams must attach a screenshot of the invoice and upload the same on the form as required.
- The teams representing one institution are also required to mention the email-id of either the respective committee or the head/dean of the institution in the Registration Form.
- After submission of the Registration Form, a mail confirming the registration will be sent to the respective committee or head/dean of the institution and the primary contact.
- Once the registration fee is received by the Organizers, it will not be refunded in any circumstance.

#### **PARTICIPATION & ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA**

#### **ELIGIBILITY**

• The competition is open to students currently enrolled in either five years or three years LL.B. courses from any recognized university.

#### **TEAM COMPOSITION**

- A team can consist of either a single member or two members.
  Any number of teams may register from a single institution.
  There is no restriction on the number of eligible teams from one institution.
- The competition allows 'cross-institutional' teams and the participants from different institutions may form a team for participation in the competition.
- No changes will be made to the team composition after registration without express permission of the Organizers.

#### **RULES FOR MEMORIAL SUBMISSION**

- All written submissions are required to be made in English, which shall be the official language of the Competition.
- After successful registration, the teams will be provided with a Team Code. At any stage of the competition, a team must be identified only by the allotted team-code.
- All team members must refrain from disclosing the identity of their institution at any time in any manner during the course of their participation in the competition. Non compliance to this rule shall lead to disqualification.
- Every team which has successfully registered for the competition is required to prepare two memorials: i. Memorial on behalf of Petitioner.
  - ii. Memorial on behalf of the Respondent.
- All teams are required to send soft copies of their memorials on or before <u>21st October 2022 (11:59 P.M. IST)</u> to <u>mca@mnlua.ac.in</u> with the Subject "Memorials (Team Code) 1st National Memorial Drafting Competition.
- A penalty of 1 point per hour on each memorial shall be imposed for any submission made post the specified time.
- Memorials submitted 12 hours beyond the specified deadline shall not be evaluated.
- The Organizers reserve a right to disqualify a team, if the Memorials or any other part thereof is found to be plagiarized during scrutiny.
- After the completion of the Competition, the Organizers reserve the right to use the memorials as they deem appropriate.

#### **MEMORIAL FORMAT**

- 1. Each Memorial should be contained in a single file with the name of the file being the allocated team code followed by the first letter of the party whose arguments are presented in that Memorial i.e. 'P' for Petitioner and 'R' for Respondent. For instance the Petitioner Memorial of Team Code 8 should be named as '8P.'
- 2.All soft copies of the Memorial submitted must be in Microsoft Word Document format (.doc/.docx). Teams may also additionally submit in PDF format.
- 3. The Memorial must include A<sub>4</sub>-sized pages with a 1-inch margin on all sides.
- 4. All text within the Memorial, excluding the Cover Page, must be Times New Roman, size 12, with a 1.5-line spacing. The footnotes must be written in Times New Roman, size 10, with 1 line- spacing between lines.

#### **PENALTIES**

- i. Non-compliance with above stated sub-rule (1) and (2) shall result in a penalty of 5 points.
- ii. Non-compliance with above stated sub-rule (3) and (4) shall result in a penalty of 1 point per page.

For any clarifications the decision-making discretion is vested with the Organizing committee- Moot Court Association, MNLUA.

#### **MEMORIAL CONTENT**

The Memorials must include the sections listed below:

- i. Cover Page
- ii. Table of Contents
- iii. Table of Abbreviations
- iv. Index of Authorities
- v. Statement of Jurisdiction
- vi. Statement of Facts
- vii. Issues Raised
- viii. Summary of Arguments
- ix. Arguments Advanced
- x. Prayer
  - 1. No more than 30 pages may be included in the Arguments Advanced section. One point will be deducted for each extra page of non-compliance.
  - 2. The memorial as a whole shall not exceed 45 pages including the cover page. Non-compliance shall result in a penalty of 3 points for every additional page.
  - 3.20th edition of the Bluebook should be followed for citation format. Speaking footnotes and endnotes are not permitted. Non-compliance shall result in a penalty of 1 point for each error.
  - 4. The Cover page of the memorial must contain the team registration code in the upper right-hand corner, followed by an 'P' for the Petitioner Memorial, or an 'R' for the Respondent Memorial. For instance, the Petitioner Memorial of team code 8 should be named as '8P'. Non-compliance shall result in a penalty of 2 points.

## **MEMORIAL EVALUATION**

Each Memorial shall be evaluated out of 200 points by an evaluator. The criteria for evaluation are as follows:

i. Knowledge of Law and Facts	50 Points
ii. Proper and Articulate Analysis	50 Points
iii. Extent and Use of Research	40 Points
iv. Clarity and Organization	40 Points
v. Grammar and Style	20 Points

#### **AWARDS**

- 1. Best Memorandum- Rs. 3,000/-
- 2. Runners Up- Rs. 2,000/-
- 3. Top ten rank holders will receive a Certificate of Merit.
- 4. Each participant will receive a Certificate of Participation upon successful participation in the competition.

## **ORGANIZING PANEL**

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