

LEX OMNIA MOOT COURT COMPETITION, 2022

Organised jointly by

The Waves, BITS Pilani Campus, Goa
&
Maharashtra National Law University,
Mumbai



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1. Administration

1. Lex Omnia Moot Court Competition is presented by the Waves, BITS Pilani Goa and Maharashtra National Law University Mumbai.
2. The Competition is to be held from 18th November, 2022 - 20th November, 2022 on BITS Goa Campus.
3. The Organising Committee (O.C.) shall be responsible for all administrative matters concerning the competition and shall supply and distribute all necessary information to the participating teams.
4. The official email ID for all the correspondence is lexomnia@mnlumumbai.edu.in.

2. Eligibility for Participation

1. All students enrolled bona fide in an undergraduate of Law i.e. 3 years/ 5 years from any college or university shall be eligible for participation in the competition.
2. Cross Institutional Teams are allowed in the competition.

3. Registration

1. The teams are required to duly complete the registration by 30th September, 2022 (11.59 P.M. IST) by filling the google form.
2. After the registration, the teams are required to confirm their registration by Paying the registration fees, the details of which will be shared by mail later.
3. Any change in the composition of the team will not be entertained once the memorials have been submitted except in cases of medical emergencies.

4. Anonymity of Teams

1. All teams that have duly registered will be allotted a team code after expiry of the last date for the registration.
2. No team shall reveal their identity except by means of their team code during the course of the competition.
3. The memorials or any materials (compendium, etc.) to be submitted shall not contain any sign, logo, name etc. revealing the identity of the college/institution/university/ team members.

5. Clarifications

1. Clarifications to the Moot Proposition shall be sought by sending an e-mail to lexomnia@mnlumumbai.edu.in on or before 1st October, 2022 (11:59 P.M. IST). Clarifications sent after provided deadline shall not be entertained.
2. The clarifications, if any, will be circulated amongst the registered teams by 3rd October.

6. Official Language

1. The official language of the Competition shall be English. All Rounds including the memorials shall be in English.



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7. Written Submission

1. Each team is required to prepare Memorials (written submissions) for both the sides i.e. the Applicant and the Respondent.
2. The memorials shall contain the following:
 1. Cover page
 2. Table of Contents
 3. Index of Authorities
 4. Statement of jurisdiction
 5. Statement of Facts (not exceeding one page)
 6. Statement of Issues
 7. Summary of Arguments
 8. Arguments Advanced
 9. Prayer (not exceeding one page)
3. No memorial shall exceed the maximum limit of 40 pages including the Arguments Advanced which shall not exceed 20 pages.
4. The formatting requirements for the memorial shall be as follows:
 1. Typed on Standard A4 Size Paper.
 2. Font Type (including foot notes): Times New Roman
 3. Font Size: 12
 4. Spacing: 1.5
 5. Font Size for footnotes: 10
 6. Spacing for footnotes: 1.0
 7. Margin: 1-inch margin on each side of the A4 Size page
 8. The citations shall comply with Bluebook method of citation - 20th Edition
 9. The footnotes shall include only relevant citations and any other information supporting the arguments shall not be included.
5. The colour scheme of the cover page for the Respondent memorial shall be RED and for the Applicant memorial shall be BLUE.



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1. The Memorials shall not contain any annexure, photographs, graphs, diagrams or any other representation of the like nature.
2. Memorial Submission: The soft copy of each memorial (in pdf format), shall be sent through e-mail on or before 15th October, 2022 to lexomniaemnlumumbai.edu.in. Submissions made thereafter shall be accepted only with the penalty applicable as under Rule 13.
3. If any soft copy is sent which cannot be opened by reason of a virus or any other reasons, the submission shall not be valid and will attract penalty for non-submission until a soft copy of the same which is compatible is sent to the official email address.
4. The name of the file for the memorial shall be the allocated team number followed by the first letter of the side represented; an 'R' for the Respondent and 'A' for Applicant. For example, the Respondent Memorial for Team 01 shall be named as follows: 'T01R' and the Applicant Memorial for Team 01 shall be named 'T01A'.
5. Memorials for both sides must be submitted in the same email. The subject line should indicate team number only. For example, the subject line for team 01 will read as follows: 'Team 01 Memorials'. No other information revealing the identity should be included in the email.
6. Any submission made after the official date will be subject to penalty as per Rule 13.
7. The memorials will be screened and best 32 will be selected for Oral Rounds. The selected teams will be notified by 20th October and will be required to pay the additional fees for oral rounds.



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8. Oral Rounds

8.1. General Rules

1. The competition will be held over a period of 3 days, comprising of 4 rounds: Preliminary Rounds
Quarter Final Rounds Semi Final Round Final Round
2. Each team should comprise of 3 to 4 members, where 2 of the members are speakers, and one to two are the researcher/s.
3. Right of the teams to present rebuttals and sur-rebuttals is at the sole discretion of the bench.
4. For rebuttal and sur-rebuttal, only one speaker shall be allowed to present. The time reserved for rebuttal and sur-rebuttal cannot be divided between the speakers. Rebuttal time shall not be reserved beyond 3 minutes.
5. The researcher shall sit with the speakers during the orals and at no point of time the researcher shall be allowed to speak or address the bench.
6. The speakers can provide the copies of the compendium, only if the same is permitted by the panel of judges in their respective court rooms.
7. Use of any electronic device during the course of the proceedings shall not be allowed, violation of the same shall attract penalty as per Rule 13.

8.2. Preliminary Rounds

1. Each Team shall appear in two Preliminary Rounds. They shall have to argue as the Applicant and Respondent once each.
2. No two teams shall face each other more than once in the preliminary rounds.
3. Draw of lots shall determine which two teams would face each other.
4. Draw of lots shall determine the side shall be represented by each team.
5. For the purposes of qualification from the Preliminary Rounds to the Quarter Finals, the top eight teams shall be decided on the basis of the aggregate of oral scores. In case two or more teams having the same aggregate score, their memorial scores shall be taken into consideration.
6. Each team will get a total of 15 minutes to present their case. This time will include rebuttal and sur-rebuttal time. Non-adherence to time may result in deduction of marks.



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8.3. Quarter Final Rounds

1. The Quarter Finals shall be knock-out rounds and the determination of opponents for the eight qualifying teams shall be based on their ranking in the preliminary rounds.
2. Draw of lots shall determine which two teams would face each other.
3. Draw of lots shall determine the side shall be represented by each team in the knock out rounds.
4. In case of a tie, the team with the higher memorial score will stand qualified for the semi-final round.
5. Each team shall get a total of 30 minutes to present their case. This time will include rebuttal and sur-rebuttal time. Non-adherence to time may result in deduction of marks.
6. The division of time per speaker is left to the discretion of the team subject to a lower limit of 10 minutes per speaker and upper limit of 15 minutes per speaker.

8.4. Semi Final Rounds

1. The semi-finals shall be knock-out rounds and the determination of opponents for the four qualifying teams shall be based on their ranking in the Quarter final rounds.
2. The highest-ranking team shall compete with the lowest ranking team and same method shall be followed for the other teams.
3. Draw of lots shall determine the side shall be represented by each team in the knock out rounds.
4. In case of a tie, the team with the higher memorial score will stand qualified for the final round.
5. Each team shall get a total of 45 minutes to present their case. This time will include rebuttal and sur-rebuttal time. Non-adherence to time may result in deduction of marks.
6. The division of time per speaker is left to the discretion of the team subject to a lower limit of 20 minutes per speaker and upper limit of 25 minutes per speaker.

8.5 Final Rounds

1. The two teams qualifying from the semi-final rounds shall compete in the final round.
2. Each team will get a total of 60 minutes to present their case. This time will include rebuttal and sur-rebuttal time. Non-adherence to time may result in deduction of marks.
3. The division of time per speaker is left to the discretion of the team subject to a lower limit of 25 minutes per speaker and upper limit of 30 minutes per speaker.



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10. Memorial Evaluation

1. The memorials shall be evaluated on the following criteria
Application and appreciation of facts
Structuring and presentation of issues
Application of legal principles, authorities and precedents
Ingenuity and logical reasoning
Lucidity and writing skills
Proper footnoting and formatting

11. Evaluation of Oral Submissions

1. The oral rounds shall be judged on the following criteria: Marshalling of facts
Application of legal principles
Logical structuring and reasoning
Ingenuity and originality
Articulation of issues
Presentation skills and communication ability
Response to questions posed
Use of authorities and precedents
Court etiquettes
2. The evaluation of the total marks for each speaker shall be the average marks awarded by each judge.

12. Scouting

1. Teams shall not be allowed to observe the orals of another team. Scouting is strictly prohibited.
2. Scouting by any team shall entail instant disqualification.



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15. Miscellaneous

1. The Organizers reserve the right to alter the rules and regulations during the course of the competition which shall be promptly communicated to the participating teams.
2. The right of audio and video taping including any other form of such reproduction, or any part thereof, of the oral submissions in all rounds of the competition shall vest with the Organizers. Any complaints with regard to any participating team or conduct of the competition shall be made to the O.C. in written form.
3. The Organizers reserve the right to interpret the Rules and Regulations of the competition and such interpretation shall be final and binding.
4. The Organizers shall have the discretion to decide with regard to any subject that has not been covered under the Rules and any such decision shall be final and binding.
5. All e-certificates shall be given to the participants within a month of the event and sent across on the registered email id of the participants.

16. Contact Details

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