

About MNLU Mumbai

Maharashtra National Law University Mumbai, established under the Maharashtra National Law University Act 2014 on 20th March 2014, is one of the premier National Law Universities in India. The Act envisaged to establish a National Law University in Maharashtra to impart advanced legal education and promote society-oriented research in legal studies for the advancement of societal life of the people in the country.

About LDS

The Literary and Debating Society (LDS), is a dynamic community of students which lies at the heart of MNLU's intellectual landscape. Through engaging book clubs and spirited debates, LDS ignites a passion for literature and critical thinking among students. Committed to inclusivity, the society fosters an environment where diverse voices are celebrated and respected.

About Veritas In Judicium - Verdict Drafting & Deliberation Competition

This competition is designed as a platform for legal minds to delve into the art of judicial reasoning and articulate the complexities of their observations and opinions in the form of legal adjudication. The competition aims to simulate the responsibilities and pressures faced by a judge by tasking the participants with the dual challenge of drafting a reasoned verdict as well as defending it with a differential analysis, on a given proposition. VERITAS IN JUDICIUM not only tests the participants' knowledge of the law but also their ability to present coherent, well-structured arguments under time constraints. The competition is structured in multiple rounds to gradually intensify the level of challenge, testing participants on various aspects of verdict deliberation and presentation.

Prizes

- Winning Team: Rs. 15,000
- Runner up: Rs. 10,000
- Best Jurist – Rs. 7,000
- Best Verdict – Rs. 8,000
- All the participants shall receive online *certificates of participation*, post the completion of the competition.
- All the semi-finalists shall also receive an online *certificate of merit*, for their performance.

Timeline

Proposition Release: September 15, 2024

Deadline for Seeking Clarifications: September 20, 2024

Deadline for Registration: September 30, 2024

Written Verdict Submission: October 5, 2024

Preliminary & Quarterfinals Rounds: October 12, 2024

Semifinals & Grand Finale : October 13, 2024

Team Composition

Each team shall comprise two members, 2 participant judges

Format

The entire competition will be conducted in an **Online Mode**.

Eligibility

Mixed Teams/ Cross Institution teams are allowed to participate. No prior permission from respective Society/Committee required for registration.

Formatting Guidelines

- Layout: A4 size
- Font: Times New Roman, size 12
- Line Spacing: 1.5
- Justified
- Cover page: Competition Name, Team Code, Court/ Tribunal, Case Name • Citations: 21st Bluebook Citation Style, Font: Times New Roman, Size 10, Line Spacing: 1
- Quotations of 50 words or more in any part of the verdict shall be block quoted (i.e. right and left indented) and may be single-spaced.
- The written submission must contain the following parts:
 - Table of Contents
 - Background .
 - Issues
 - Summary of the decision [of all issues raised]
 - Decision
 - Appendix [if necessary]
- The appendix shall not exceed 5 pages and should follow the format of the rest of the written submission.
- The verdict submission must not exceed 15 pages excluding the appendix.

Submission Guidelines

- The language to be used in written submissions is English.
- Each Team shall be assigned a Team Code. Teams shall always use their Team Codes for identification and submission purposes. Names of participants shall not appear on the Verdict. Signature pages should bear only the team code.
- Participants should write a single opinion. Multiple opinions are not allowed.
- Participants are expected to uphold the highest standards of academic integrity. Plagiarism, fabrication of facts, or any form of dishonesty will result in immediate disqualification.

- Verdicts submitted after the deadline as designated shall be penalised with 5 (five) marks, for every delay of an hour, to a total cap of 30 marks.
- Authors shall not disclose any information regarding their identity, including, but not limited to name, institutional assistance, professional details, etc., within the body of the manuscript. Non-adherence of this rule will lead to immediate disqualification.
- Non-adherence to the objective marking criteria shall lead to a reduction in marks, as will be provided in the score sheet rubric that will be released to the participants later

Registration

The registration fee for each team [of 2] for the Competition applicable to all invited universities/colleges shall be Rs. 3,500. Teams shall register by filling the [Google form](#) after the completion of the payment. The payment link can be found [here](#).

Rule-book and Proposition

All the relevant documents pertinent to the Verdict Drafting and Deliberation Competition including the rule-book and the proposition after its scheduled release can be found [here](#).

Contact Us

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