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# 2nd NATIONAL MOOT COURT COMPETITION

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## M. S. RAMAIAH FOUNDATION



M. S. RAMAIAH FOUNDATION (MSRF) is a trust under which Institutions of higher education are dedicated to the cause of business, management and legal education. The foundation is a charitable trust that has the avowed objective of providing exemplary services in all of its offerings.

M. S. Ramaiah Foundation was separately conceived and established by Dr. M. R. Pattabhiram with the same set of core values and principles imbibed from his beloved father Sri. M. S. Ramaiah. Dr. M. R. Pattabhiram, has over 35 years of rich academic experience and has nurtured Medical, Management and Law Colleges.

He has developed Institutions under MSRF on a firm foundation, based on value driven academic inputs, thrust on individual, social and professional behaviour, discipline, culture and value added courses to augment curricular inputs.

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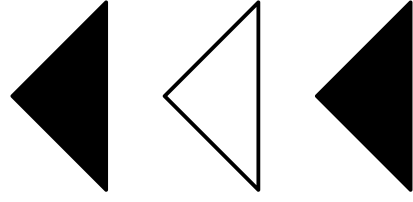


## **RAMAIAH INSTITUTE OF LEGAL STUDIES**

As a tribute to and in memory of the legendary Dr. M. S. Ramaiah who breathed education in his entire lifetime, his son Dr. M. R. Pattabhiram established the M.S. Ramaiah Foundation at the very place his father lived his life - at Gokula.

Ramaiah Institute of Legal Studies (RILS) focuses on value based holistic education and is affiliated to Karnataka State Law University, Recognised by Government of Karnataka and approved by Bar Council of India, New Delhi.

The Institute offers 5 year B.A. L.L.B., and B.B.A. L.L.B., courses and is committed to mould the students into competent Global Legal Professionals who will have the caliber to face the global competition and emerge as leaders. RILS is equipped with good academic resources, infrastructure and modern pedagogy which make the students as excellent over-all performers.



## MESSAGE FROM THE FOUNDER TRUSTEE

It gives me immense pleasure in inviting you all to the 2nd National Moot Court Competition conducted by the Moot Court Committee of Ramaiah Institute of Legal Studies. The efforts of the Moot Court Committee of RILS are indeed commendable as they have fought all odds to organize and plan this event which will be an intellectual battle between teams from across the country with their finest advocacy skills. We hope to see you participate with rigour and talent. All the best to all the participants and the organizers!



**Dr. M. R. Pattabhiram**  
**Founder Trustee**



## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear esteemed Participants,

It is with immense pleasure and enthusiasm that I extend a warm invitation to each one of you to participate in the 2nd National Moot Court Competition at Ramaiah Institute of Legal Studies. In the realm of legal education, the knowledge acquired within the classroom is merely the foundation. The true test of a legal mind lies in its application in the real world, and the Moot Court Competition serves as a platform for this very purpose. This event is designed not only to motivate and challenge students but also to shed light on critical court issues, fostering a deeper understanding of the complexities of the legal landscape.

The Moot Court Competition provides a unique opportunity for students as it goes beyond theoretical knowledge, developing essential skills such as confidence, leadership, and advocacy – qualities that are indispensable in the legal profession. At Ramaiah Institute of Legal Studies, we strongly believe in nurturing well-rounded individuals who possess critical thinking, effective communication, leadership skills, and a strong foundation in advocacy. The 2nd National Moot Court Competition perfectly aligns with our vision, and we encourage each and every one of you to actively participate and immerse yourselves in this enriching experience.

Best wishes for a successful and enlightening competition.

**Dr. Vinayaka K**  
Principal, RILS





## **RILS MOOT COURT COMMITTEE**

RILS Moot Court Committee was established in the year 2018 with the objective to encourage, promote and administer our students' mooting and related activities in a reasonable and just manner so that students may develop their oral advocacy skills and acquire research and drafting skills.

The RILS moot court committee is a dynamic group of students passionate about cultivating legal acumen and advocacy skills among their peers. We have successfully conducted 1st National Moot Court Competition, various other intra-moot court competitions, workshops, and guest lectures.





# RILS MOOT COURT COMMITTEE




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## Moot Proposition

**Nari Shakti/ M/s Zeta Inc. - Appellant/ Petitioner**

**vs**

**State of Merala/ Union of Scindia and Anr - Respondent**

1. The Republic of Scindia is a "Union of States." It consists of eight Union Territories and 28 states. It is amazing to witness the diversity in terms of religion, language, customs, and other factors in Scindia. It gained freedom from British Domination in the year 1947. The members of the Scindian Constituent Assembly carefully prepared the country's constitution, drawing inspiration from the constitutions of the world's main democracies. Secularism, Democracy, and Equality make up the core of the Constitution. It includes the principles of equality and human dignity. It provides a set of essential rights to its residents, the extent of which has been significantly expanded by the Supreme Court of Scindia's recent rulings.

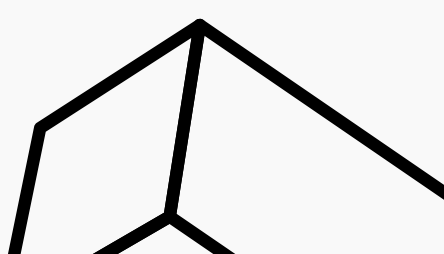
2. Merala is one of the 28 states in the Scindia that spans 38,863 square kilometres in the southwest coastline region. In terms of area, it is the twenty-first biggest state in Scindia. Merala is home to fourteen districts that are abundant in scenic beauty. Merala, despite its small size, is home to the Western Ghats, farmlands with a variety of trees planted in them—the coconut being the most significant—the rivers Ponnani (Bharathapuzha), Periyar, Chalakudi, and Pamba that flow into the Arabian Sea, as well as a variety of flora and fauna due to the rainforests that cover the land and hilly areas. Merala's economy, which ranks eighth in Scindia overall, is expanding more quickly. Merala's industrial, agricultural, and IT sectors are all thriving. Merala has never seen more tourists since the region provides a variety of experiences in a changing landscape. According to the 2021 census, 33406061 people were living in the state of Merala, 16027412 men and 17378649 women. Women make up 52.02 per cent of the State's overall population.

3. The advent of artificial intelligence (AI) has revolutionised technology and affected all fields, not just technology. People's lives have already been impacted by the AI-based application in ways that are not fully understood. As a result, the domains of the physical, digital, and biological sciences have come together. Scindia has a major role in the AI revolution as the country with the second-largest population in the world and the fastest-growing economy. The most important factor influencing the adoption of AI

across different sectors has been its commercial implications, but technical and regulatory challenges have also played a role. While a sector's readiness for widespread AI adoption has been influenced by several factors, including technical viability, the availability of structured data, regulatory obstacles, privacy concerns, ethical issues, and a preference for human relationships, the main motivator for businesses to pursue accelerated AI adoption has been the presence of compelling business use cases, such as increased productivity, accuracy, speed, forecasting, and decision-making accuracy, that directly affect revenue and profitability.

4. A well-known actress Ms. Harika Ponnanna, a Merala native, has acted in numerous well-known Scindian movies. She has received numerous Filmfare awards for her outstanding acting abilities, which she showcases in films that captivate large audiences. All around the nation of Scindia, she has a huge fan following. Being a first-generation actor, actor Harika Ponnanna has accomplished great things at a very young age. The accomplishments of Harika Ponnanna serve as an inspiration to many aspiring female actors throughout the nation. Film Institute was founded by Harika Ponnanna to assist numerous aspiring female actors in breaking into the industry. She also founded the non-governmental organisation "NARI SHAKTI" to defend women in the nation against all forms of violence.

5. Artificial intelligence (AI)-related technological advancements have led to an increase in the prevalence of deepfake videos online. These consist of images, sounds, or films generated by deep learning technology a subfield of machine learning in which vast volumes of data are put into a system to produce phonic content that appears real. On 17.11.2023, a deepfake/AI-edited video of actress Harika Ponnanna went viral. The zollywood actress's face was substituted for the face of a British-Scindian influencer woman wearing a black workout dress in the video. The fans of Harika Ponnanna and other actresses raised their voices and shared opinions on various social media platforms about misuse of the women's privacy and dignity on social media platforms. Through the social networking site Astagram, Harika Ponnanna also voiced her concerns. She expressed herself to be "really hurt" upon seeing the video, which featured a woman inside an elevator wearing a black workout attire.



Artificial Intelligence (AI) has been used to alter her look so that it resembles Harika Ponnanna. She also opined, “Since I am a woman and an actor, I am grateful for my family, friends, and well-wishers today, since they serve as my safety net and support network. If this had occurred to me in high school or college, though, I just don't know how I would have handled it. Before more of us are impacted by such identification, we must confront this as a community and with urgency.”

6. After receiving a complaint from an NGO called "NARI SHAKTI," which took the matter seriously, the jurisdictional police station filed an FIR under Sections 66C, 66D, and 66E of the Information Technology Act of 2000 as well as Sections 465 and 469 of the Scindian Penal Code, 1860. Jurisdictional police received a notice from the Merala Commission for Women to take the appropriate action. The All Scindia Women Protection Group wrote to the Information and Technology Ministry and Union Home Ministry of Scindia demanding strict action against the sharing of deep fake videos on social media and prohibiting the use of artificial intelligence in Scindia until stringent laws governing its use are passed.

7. The Scindian government did not take any action, despite numerous requests and representations from commissions and non-governmental organisations. The state of Merala, which has the highest percentage of female voters, was under pressure to control the misuse of artificial intelligence to safeguard women's privacy and dignity when the elections were announced. In a circular, the chief secretary of Merala state stated that anyone impacted by the distribution of their deepfake video could contact the local police station, and appropriate action would be taken. The Scindian government's research division discovered that images used in deep fake videos were sourced from the social media platform ASTAGRAM managed by ACEBOOK to third parties. This news was spread widely across print and digital media. The world's biggest social media platform, Astagram, owned by M/s Zeta company created a privacy policy that was completely arbitrary and demanded its users to accept its new privacy policy to keep its user's accounts and services active and if in case they didn't accept the policy, their accounts would be closed by November 30th, 2023, since the company's reputation would suffer.

8. Many people across the Merala State claimed that the circular was merely a political ploy to win support for the next elections. The Merala Government faced criticism regarding its inaction against deepfake videos. The Merala Government banned ASTAGRAM in the state of Merala due to the raise in deepfake videos. A PIL was filed by the NGO "NARI SHAKTI" before the Merala High Court against the Union Government of Scindia and Astagram website seeking action against the privacy policy of Astagram and also sought the directions to the centre to lay down guidelines to ensure that the Astagram does not share data and images to third party for any purpose whatsoever and identify and block websites providing access to deepfakes and regulate artificial intelligence to protect fundamental rights of citizens. The Merala High Court dismissed the PIL filed by the NGO "NARI SHAKTI" as not maintainable on the ground that there was no larger public interest involved in it, and also held that the fundamental rights are not enforceable against private individuals. Aggrieved by the judgment of Merala High Court, the NGO filed an appeal before the Supreme Court of Scindia. Meanwhile, M/s Zeta Inc. filed a writ petition before the Supreme Court of Scindia challenging the ban of ASTAGRAM in the state of Merala since the said ban violates its fundamental rights. The Supreme Court has issued notice to the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting and M/s Zeta Inc. on PIL filed by "NARI SHAKTI". The Supreme Court has decided to take up both the matters together and has listed the case for February 2024."

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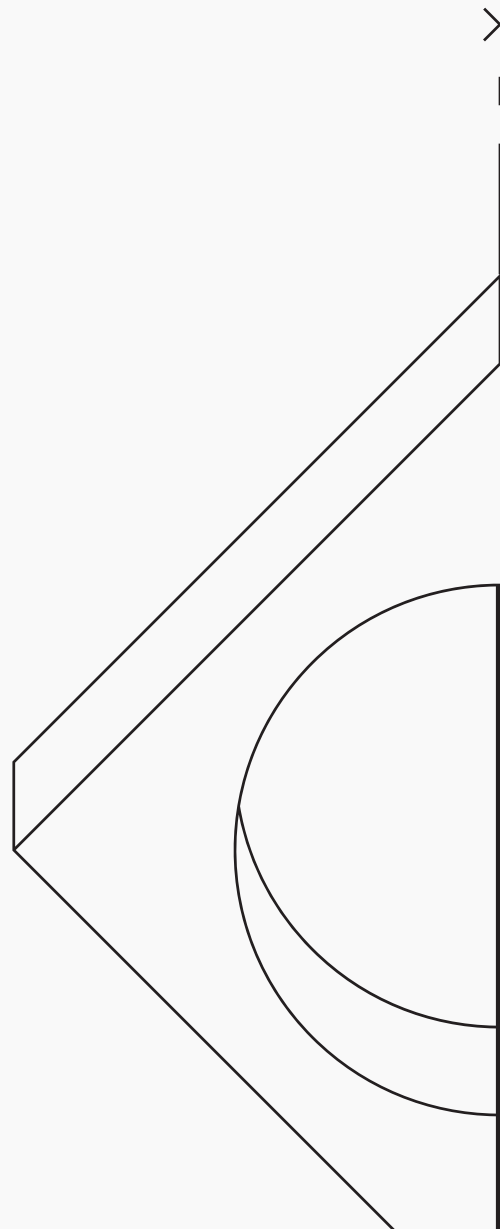


## ISSUES

1. Whether the High Court of Merala erred in dismissing the PIL as not maintainable?
2. Whether the recent privacy policy of the ASTAGRAM App violate the fundamental rights of the citizens?
3. Whether the fundamental rights can be enforced against non-state actors?
4. Whether the ban on ASTAGRAM app in the state of Merala is constitutional?

(The moot teams are free to frame additional issues)

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## **ASTAGRAM PRIVACY POLICY**

(‘We’ stands for ‘Astagram’ and ‘you’ stands for ‘the user’)

### **A. “Device and Connection Information.**


We collect device and connection-specific information when you install, access, or use our Services. This includes information such as hardware model, operating system information, battery level, signal strength, app version, browser information, mobile network, connection information (including phone number, mobile operator or ISP), language and time zone, IP address, device operations information, and identifiers (including identifiers unique to Acebook Company Products associated with the same device or account).”

### **B. “Location Information.**

We collect and use precise location information from your device with your permission when you choose to use location-related features, like when you decide to share your location with your contacts or view locations nearby or locations others have shared with you. There are certain settings relating to location-related information which you can find in your device settings or the in-app settings, such as location sharing. Even if you do not use our location-related features, we use IP addresses and other information like phone number area codes to estimate your general location (e.g., city and country). We also use your location information for diagnostics and troubleshooting purposes.”

### **C. “Businesses On Astagram.**

Businesses you interact with using our Services may provide us with information about their interactions with you. We require each of these businesses to act in accordance with applicable law when providing any information to us. When you message with a business on Astagram, keep in mind that the content you share may be visible to several people in that business. In addition, some businesses might be working with third-party service providers (which may include Acebook) to help manage their communications with their customers. For example, a business may give such third-party service provider access to its communications to send, store, read, manage, or otherwise process them for the business. To understand how a business processes your information, including how it might share your information with third parties or Acebook, you should review that business’ privacy policy or contact the business directly.”



#### **D. “Third-Party Services.**

We allow you to use our Services in connection with third-party services and Acebook Company Products. If you use our Services with such third-party services or Acebook Company Products, we may receive information about you from them; for example, if you use the Astagram share button on a news service to share a news article with your Astagram contacts, groups, or broadcast lists on our Services, or if you choose to access our Services through a mobile carrier’s or device provider’s promotion of our Services. Please note that when you use third-party services or Acebook Company Products, their own terms and privacy policies will govern your use of those services and products.

#### **E. “Third-Party Service Providers.**

We work with third-party service providers and other Acebook Companies to help us operate, provide, improve, understand, customize, support, and market our Services. We work with these companies to support our Services, such as to provide technical infrastructure, delivery and other systems; market our Services; conduct surveys and research for us; protect the safety, security and integrity of users and others; and assist with customer service. When we share information with third-party service providers and other Acebook Companies in this capacity, we require them to use your information on our behalf in accordance with our instructions and terms.”

#### **F. “Third-Party Services.**

When you or others use third-party services or other Acebook Company Products that are integrated with our Services, those third-party services may receive information about what you or others share with them. For example, if you use a data backup service integrated with our Services (like TCloud or Moogle Drive), they will receive information you share with them, such as your Astagram messages. If you interact with a third-party service or another Acebook Company Product linked through our Services, such as when you use the in-app player to play content from a third-party platform, information about you, like your IP address and the fact that you are a Astagram user, may be provided to such third party or Acebook Company Product.

Please note that when you use third-party services or other Acebook Company Products, their own terms and privacy policies will govern your use of those services and products.”

#### **G. “How We Work With Other Acebook Companies.**

As part of the Acebook Companies, Astagram receives information from, and shares information (see here) with, the other Acebook Companies. We may use the information we receive from them, and they may use the information we share with them, to help operate, provide, improve, understand, customize, support, and market our Services and their offerings, including the Acebook Company Products. This includes:

- helping improve infrastructure and delivery systems;
- understanding how our Services or theirs are used;
- promoting safety, security and integrity across the Acebook Company Products, e.g., securing systems and fighting spam, threats, abuse, or infringement activities;
- improving their services and your experiences using them, such as making suggestions for you (for example, of friends or group connections, or of interesting content), personalizing features and content, helping you complete purchases and transactions, and showing relevant offers and ads across the Acebook Company Products; and
- providing integrations which enable you to connect your Astagram experiences with other Acebook Company Products. For example, allowing you to connect your Acebook Pay account to pay for things on Astagram or enabling you to chat with your friends on other Acebook Company Products, such as Portal, by connecting your Astagram account.”

#### **H. “Our Global Operations.**

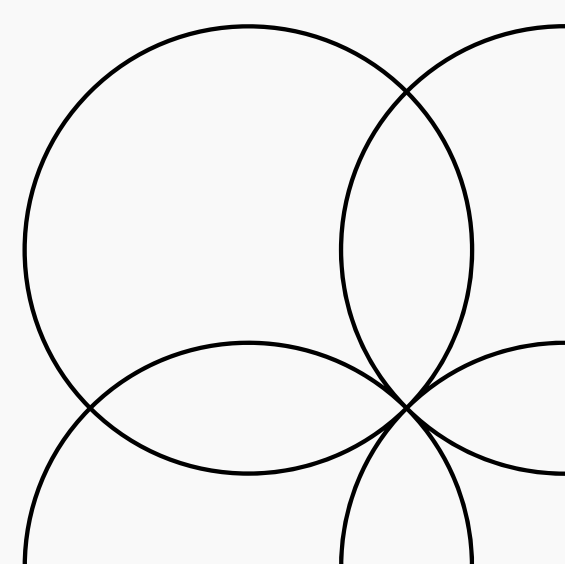
Astagram shares information globally, both internally within the Acebook Companies and externally with our partners and service providers, and with those with whom you communicate around the world, in accordance with this Privacy Policy. Your information may, for example, be transferred or transmitted to, or stored and processed in, the United States; countries or territories where the Acebook Companies’ affiliates and partners, or our service providers are located; or any other country or territory globally where our Services are provided outside of where you live for the purposes as described in this Privacy Policy.



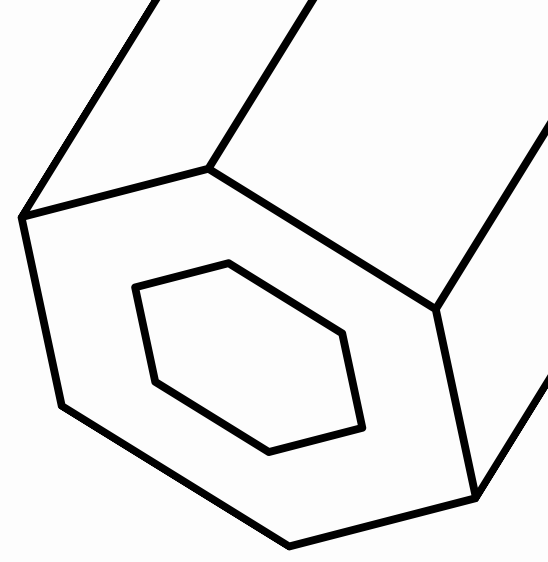
**Note:**

- 1. The laws of Scindia are in pari materia with the laws of India.**
- 2. This moot proposition is a work of fiction. Names, characters, businesses, places, events and incidents are either the product of the author's imagination or used in a fictitious manner. Any resemblance to actual persons, living or dead, or actual events is purely coincidental.**

**[This moot problem has been drafted by Advocate Gagandeep E., (For B.M.Associates) presently practicing before High Court of Karnataka and Trial Courts]**



# Rules of the Competition



## CHAPTER I – PRELIMINARY

### § 1. **SHORT TITLE:**

These Rules shall be called the **2nd NATIONAL MOOT COURT COMPETITION RULES 2024.**”

### § 2. **Definitions:**

Unless otherwise stated following shall be construed herein:

- **“Competition”** shall refer to the 2nd National Moot Court Competition, 2024.
- **“Court Room”** shall refer to the platform where the oral rounds shall take place.
- **“Official Mail”** shall refer to the official mail ID of the RILS Moot Court Committee.
- **“Organizers”** Shall refer to the RILS Moot Court Committee
- **“Participating Team/ Institution”** shall refer to the team that has registered itself for the Competition as per the rules.
- **“Rules”** shall refer to the 2nd National Moot Court Competition Rules, 2024.

## CHAPTER II – GENERAL RULES

### § 3. **Date:**

The Competition shall be organized from the 8th of February, 2024 to the 10th of February, 2024.

### § 4. **Dress Code:**

The participants shall adhere to the following dress code when present in any courtroom during the Competition.

- a) Ladies: White Salwar and Kurta or White Shirt and Black Pants or Trousers along with Black Coat and Black Shoes; and
- b) Gentlemen: White Shirt, Black Trousers, and Black Tie along with Black Coat and Black Shoes.

### § 5. **Language:**

The language of the Competition shall be English.

### § 6. **Venue:**

RAMAIAH INSTITUTE OF LEGAL STUDIES No. 23, GOKULA Extn, M.S. Ramaiah Road, Behind M.S. Ramaiah Memorial Hall, Bangalore- 560054.



## CHAPTER III – ELIGIBILITY AND TEAM COMPOSITION

### § 7. **Eligibility:**

The Competition shall be open for “bona fide” students who are pursuing an integrated 5-year or 3-year Law Program in India from an Institution recognized by the Bar Council of India.

### § 8. **Team Composition:**

- Each team should identify such speakers and researchers at the time of registration. The researcher is not permitted to speak except under special circumstances and only with the express permission of the judges.
- There shall be no circumstance whatsoever that a team consisting of more than three members be allowed to participate. No observer/ additional member can be part of a team in any capacity.
- There shall be no substitution of any team member after a team has submitted its registration form, except with the permission of the organizers.

## CHAPTER IV – REGISTRATION

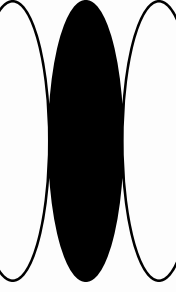
### § 9. **Registration Rules:**

- REGISTRATION FEES: RS.3,000/- per team.
- The fee is exclusive of accommodation. Accommodation will be provided at an additional cost of ₹1500 from 8th February to 10th February 2024.

**• All interested teams shall complete the final registration by diligently filling out the registration form ([link here](#)).**

**NOTE: Only one form per team is to be submitted.**

- Forms received after the deadline shall not be considered for registration.
- The receipt of the form shall be acknowledged within 48 hours of submission via mail.



- The participant team can pay the event registration fees by paying to the following A/C details:

**ACCOUNT HOLDER NAME: RILS**

**ACCOUNT NO: 33420200000380**

**BANK NAME: BANK OF BARODA**

**IFSC CODE: BARB0VJJAHA** (5th Character Is Zero)

- Post payment via the above mentioned details, take a screenshot of the payment success page. It is to be uploaded while filling out the registration form given below.

- The registration shall only be considered complete after filling out this Google form.

- Any such disclosure shall invite strict penalties including disqualification. The decision for the same shall be at the discretion of the Organizers.

- Interested teams must register themselves by 17th January 2024.

**“THE TEAMS REGISTERED WILL BE BASED ON “FIRST COME FIRST SERVE”**

## **CHAPTER V – MEMORIAL SUBMISSION**

### **§ 10. Submission Guidelines:**

- Each team participating in the Competition must prepare a memorandum on behalf of the Prosecutor/Applicant/Petitioner and behalf of the Defendant/Respondent.

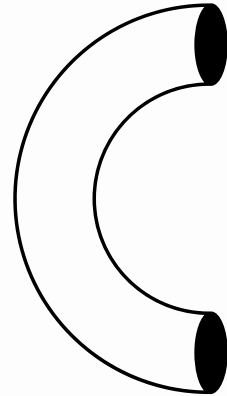
- Each team must send its memorandum via mail in both, PDF and Word formats, latest by **27th of January, 2024**. Hard copies are to be submitted on the **8th of February, 2024** during registration.

- It is to be noted that the delay in the submission of the soft and hard copies will attract negative markings (**4 Copies of Each Side**).

- The memorials shall be mailed on the:

Official Email ID: [rilsmootcourtcommittee@gmail.com](mailto:rilsmootcourtcommittee@gmail.com)

The subject of the mail is: **“Memorial Submission - “Team Code.”**



Example – The subject of mail for memorial submission of Team Code 01 shall be “Memorial Submission – TCR01”. In case the subject is not as prescribed memorials shall be deemed to have not been received and the Organizers shall not be responsible for any delay and default.

- The Memorials shall consist of the following:

1. Cover Page
2. Table of Contents
3. Index of Authorities
4. Statements of Jurisdiction
5. Statement of Facts
6. Statement of Issues
7. Summary of Arguments
8. Arguments Advanced
9. The Prayer

- The Memorials shall be typed on A4 size paper having a one-inch margin on all sides.

- The font shall be Times New Roman, font size is 12 and line spacing shall be 1.5. For footnotes, the font size shall be 10 with a line spacing of 1.0.

- Page numbering shall be at the top right of each page.

- The memorials must state the TEAM CODES on the top-right of the cover page in the following fashion:

For Prosecutor/Applicant/Petitioner’s Memorial: P-\*Team Code\*

For Defendant/Respondent’s Memorial: R-\*Team Code\*

- Participants must follow the Bluebook 21st edition style of citation.

- The Cover Page of the Memorial for the Prosecutor/ Applicant/ Petitioner must be **BLUE**, while for the Defendant/Respondent’s Memorial, it must be **RED**.

- The Cover page shall include:

1. Name of the Competition



2. Name of the Court

3. Cause Title

The Cover Page must specify either “Memorial for Prosecutor /Applicant/ Petitioner” or “Memorial for Defendant/Respondent”

- Statements of Facts must not exceed two (2) pages. The summary of arguments shall not exceed one (1) page. Further, Arguments Advanced must not exceed eighteen (18) pages. Exceeding the limit, the memorial shall attract a negative marking of two (2) points each for every additional page.
- Compendium or any other references are to be submitted to the Organizers through mail at the time as that of submission of the memorial. Only one Compendium is to be submitted from each side, for easy accessibility for the judges. The Compendium must be submitted in both PDF and Word formats. The said submissions of the compendiums and references’ hard copy are to be submitted at the time of submission of the hard copy of the memorials per se.
- The contents of the Memorial must not be plagiarized beyond the limit of 20% or else it shall amount to a total deduction of memorial marks or disqualification upon the discretion of the Organizers. Also, the contents should not be written by any AI tool whatsoever, if such context is found plagiarized or with AI similarity beyond the limit of 20% or else it shall amount to a total deduction of memorial marks or disqualification upon the discretion of the Organizers.
- Once the written submissions have been submitted, no revisions, supplements, or additions will be allowed.
- The participating teams shall submit the memorials for both sides on or before 27th January 2024 and Hard copies on 8th February 2024 during the registration.
- Submission of the Memorials after the specified deadline shall result in a deduction of five (5) marks each day. Failure of submission of memorial would result in disqualification of the team from the competition.

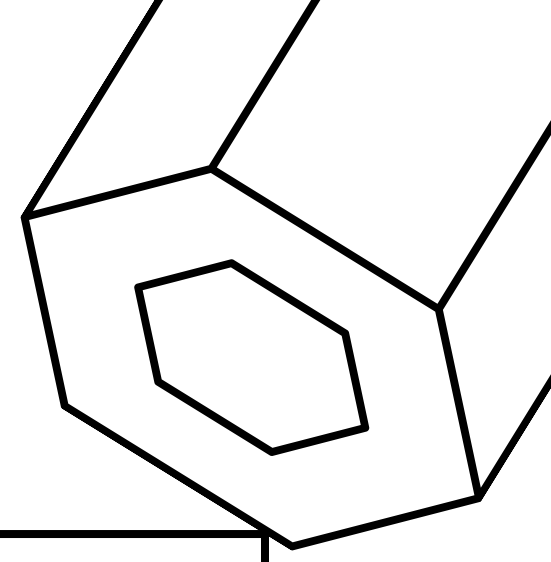
- Each team shall be provided with a copy of the written submission of the opponent team during draw of lots.
- The Organizers of this Competition shall be permitted to use all the Memorials for reporting or compilation without further permission. The Submission would be deemed to be permission. Moreover, the copyright in the prize-winning Memorials would be vested with the Organizers.
- The Memorial and Compendium or any other reference submitted whatsoever, shall not reveal the identity of the participants or of their college, in doing so, such shall result in negative marking or disqualification of the participating team at the discretion of the organizers.

## **CHAPTER VI – MARKING SCHEME FOR MEMORIAL**

### **§ 11. Marking Criteria:**

Every Memorial will be marked on a total of 100 marks. The following are the criteria for the evaluation of memorials:

<b>Sr. No.</b>	<b>Criteria</b>	<b>Marks</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Knowledge of facts and Law</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Plagiarism and AI Similarity</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>Recognition of Issues and Structure of Arguments</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>Proper and Articulate Analysis</b>	<b>10</b>



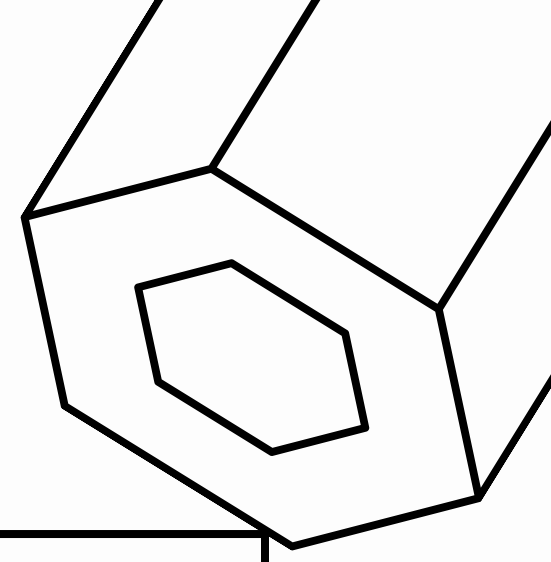
<b>Sr. No.</b>	<b>Criteria</b>	<b>Marks</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>Overall Presentation (Clarity, style, grammar, language, structure)</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>Extent and use of research</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>Prayer</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>Correct format and citation</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>9</b>	<b>Compendium</b>	<b>10</b>
	<b>Total</b>	<b>100</b>

## **CHAPTER VII**

### **Scoring Criteria for Oral Submissions**

<b>Sr. No.</b>	<b>Criteria</b>	<b>Marks</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Application of law relevant to the case</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Answers to court questions</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>Advocacy and presentation and Time adherence</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>Interpretation and use of fact and research relevant to the case</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>Overall performance and Court Etiquette</b>	<b>10</b>





Sr. No.	Criteria	Marks
6	Use of accurate law and principles	10
7	Speaking and presentation skills	10
8	Clarity of arguments	10
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100</b>

## **CHAPTER VIII – STRUCTURE OF THE COMPETITION**

### **§ 12. Rounds:**

1) The Moot court Competition shall comprise of following rounds:

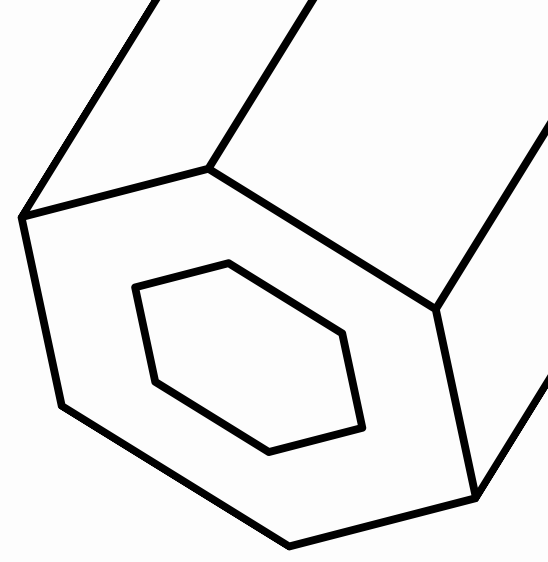
- Preliminary Rounds (I & II)
- Quarterfinal Rounds
- Semifinals Rounds
- Final Round

2) After the orientation of the teams, the draw of lots shall take place and the team has to argue on behalf of both sides, the Prosecutor/Applicant/Petitioner and the Defendant/Respondent in the preliminary rounds.

3) The top 8 teams, based on the cumulative score of memorials and preliminary rounds, shall qualify for the quarterfinals. Further, the top 4 teams, based on the results of the quarterfinal rounds, shall qualify for the semi-final rounds. Finally, the top 2 teams will be selected for the final round.

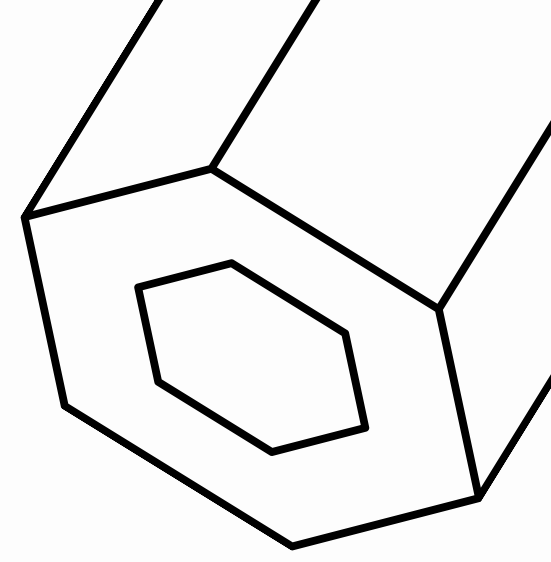
4) In case of a tie, the highest memorial marks will be taken into consideration to decide the winner.

## CHAPTER IX – ORAL SUBMISSIONS



### §13. Oral Round guidelines:

- 1) As specified hereinabove, each team shall have two speakers who shall further divide the oral submissions between themselves.
- 2) At no point of time during the Competition, any speaker shall reveal their identity or of their college, in doing so, such shall result in negative marking or disqualification of the participating team at the discretion of the organizers.
- 3) Any compilation or detailed pleadings will not be entertained. The participants are requested to bring with them the authorities/case laws on which they want to rely during the arguments.
- 4) At the commencement of each round of Oral Submissions, each team shall notify the Court Officer of the division of time between the two speakers. Further, each team must notify the Court Officer of the amount of time that the team wants to reserve for their rebuttal / sur-rebuttal. A maximum of five (5) minutes may be reserved for the rebuttal/ sur-rebuttal.
- 5) Only one speaker from each team shall be permitted to rebuttal / sur-rebuttal. The sur-rebuttal shall be limited to the rebuttals made by the opponent team.
- 6) In case a speaker continues to speak after the completion of his/her specified time, the additional time that he/she consumes will attract a negative marking at the discretion of the judges. The judges shall have all the rights to grant the opportunity to give a rebuttal or sur-rebuttal and to allocate additional time.
- 7) During the course of oral submissions, the participants cannot submit to the court any material containing pictorial representation whatsoever. Further, the participants are not permitted to make any audio/visual representation nor allowed to use any online search engines during their submissions.
- 8) If at any instance a submission is made with any material in violation of rules and if any picture, sketches, photos, cartoons, caricatures, audio film, video film, projector-slide or a computer-generated image is used or submitted or presented to the court, the teams shall be subject to disqualification.



## **CHAPTER X – PRELIMINARY ROUNDS**

### **§ 14. Preliminary Rounds:**

There shall be two Preliminary Rounds. Each team shall argue on behalf of both sides, the Prosecutor/Applicant/Petitioner and the Defendant/Respondent.

Each team will get a total of 30 minutes to present their case. This time will include rebuttal and sur-rebuttal time. The division of time is at the discretion of the team members, subject to a maximum of 15 minutes per speaker. Division of time shall be informed to the court officer before arguments begin.

Scoring Criteria for Preliminary Round.

The Marks shall be given as per the following criteria for the preliminary round.

- Written memorials - 100 marks
- Oral arguments - 100 marks
- Total - 200 Marks

The decision of the judges as to the assessment of oral submission shall be final.

## **CHAPTER XI – QUARTERFINALS, SEMIFINAL, AND FINAL ROUNDS**

### **§ 15. Quarterfinal Round:**

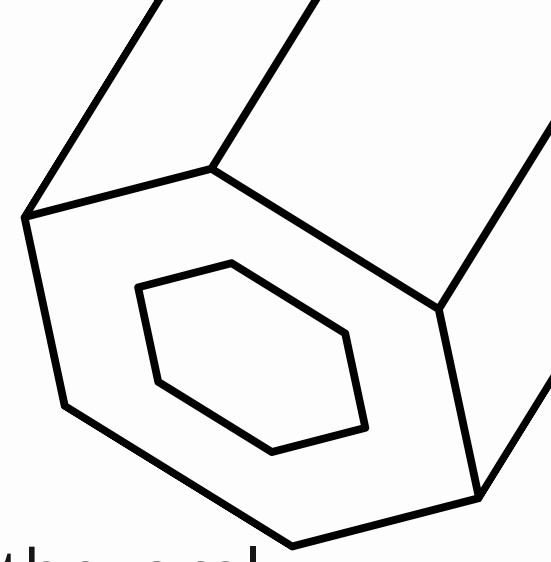
The time limit for the oral submissions in the quarterfinal round shall be thirty minutes (30) for each team including rebuttal / sur-rebuttal. No speaker may reserve more than fifteen (15) minutes for his/her individual oral submissions.

In case of a tie, the highest memorial marks will be taken into consideration to decide the winner.

### **§ 16. Semi-final and Final Round:**

The time limit for the oral submissions in the semifinal and final rounds shall be forty-five minutes (45) for each team including rebuttal / sur-rebuttal. No speaker may reserve more than twenty-five (25) minutes for his/her individual oral submissions

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NOTE- The passing of chits/ notes are not allowed during the oral submissions of the semi-finals and the final rounds.

## **CHAPTER XII – RESULT AND CLARIFICATION**

### **§ 17. Result:**

The final results and the winners shall be announced during Valedictory Ceremony. The decision of the judges on the performance of the participants shall be final and binding on all the participants.

### **§ 18. Clarification:**

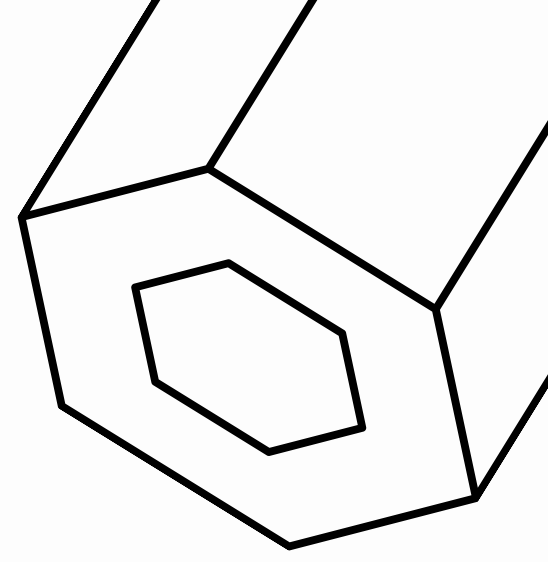
Participating teams may seek clarifications via mail on the Official Email with the subject title "RILS 2nd National Moot Court Competition 2024" – Clarification.

The last date to seek clarifications to the Moot Proposition is 20th January, 2024

## **CHAPTER XIII – CONDUCT OF THE COMPETITION**

### **§ 19. Conduct:**

- 1) The Competition will be conducted within the university campus.
- 2) The Draw of lots for the preliminary Rounds shall be done in the opening ceremony on 8th February, 2024
- 3) The organizers shall have the rights reserved over all the submitted memorials and compendium and the organizers are free to use or dispose of them off in the manner they deem fit.
- 4) There shall be a team representative/volunteer allotted to each team for their assistance.
- 5) All the teams shall adhere to the dress code mentioned above. Non-appearance with proper dress code shall attract a negative marking at the discretion of the judges.



## **CHAPTER XIV – MISCELLANEOUS**

### **§ 20. Miscellaneous:**

Strict action shall be taken if found scouting through a team member or otherwise or through any other unfair means.

- All participants are expected to maintain proper decorum in the Court during the Competition and are expected to conduct themselves in a manner befitting the legal profession.
- The Organizers reserve the right to take appropriate action for any unethical, unprofessional, and immoral conduct.
- The Organizer's decision as regards the interpretation of rules or any other matter related to the competition will be final and binding.
- If there is any situation that is not contemplated in the rules, the Organizer's decision on the same shall be final and binding.
- The Organizers reserve the right to vary, alter, modify, or repeal any of the above rules if so required and as they deem appropriate.

**NOTE: DIRECTOR/ PRINCIPAL, FACULTY CO-ORDINATORS RILS shall have all the powers to amend, modify, or repeal any rule mentioned, at any point of time.**

# IMPORTANT DATES

<b>Events</b>	<b>Dates</b>
<b>OPENING OF REGISTRATION</b>	<b>15th DECEMBER</b>
<b>LAST DATE OF REGISTRATION</b>	<b>17th January</b>
<b>LAST DATE TO SEEK CLARIFICATION</b>	<b>20th of January</b>
<b>DATE OF MEMORIAL SUBMISSION</b>	<b>27th January</b>
<b>DATE OF COMPETITION</b>	<b>8th to 10th of February</b>

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Cordially invites participants for The 2nd National  
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With Warm Regards,

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8th -10th February 2024

Registration form/ Approval letter

(Please fill in capital letters)

Date:

### Undertaking

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

**(All particulars must be given)**

Name & Address of the participating Institution:

Notification Email:

Regd. Mobile :

Participants Name	Semester	Gender	Year	Signature

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