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3rd National Moot Court Competition, 2024

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Registration Fees – Rs. 500/- per Team

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About JIS University

JIS University was established through the Legislative Act of the Government of West Bengal, viz. JIS University Act, 2014 (West Bengal Act XXII of 2014) that came intoforce in February, 2015.

The University has a mission to be one of the top-class universities in India and a preferred destination for students, research scholars and faculty members alike. Students aspiring to study in JIS University can be assured of quality education as all courses are duly accredited and affiliated by University Grants Commission (UGC), New Delhi; All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE), Bar Council of India (BCI), Pharmacy Council of India (PCI), National Council for Teacher Education (NCTE) and United Nations Academic Impact (UNAI). JIS University is also a member of Association of Indian Universities (AIU) since 2017

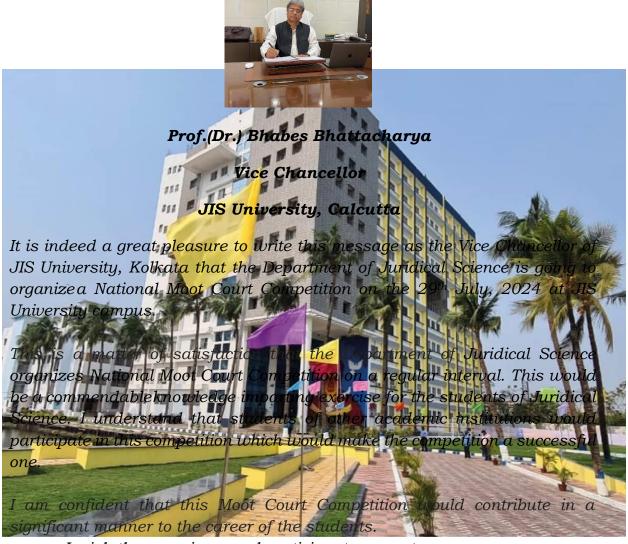
Education in today's world has become industry need-oriented and it requires teaching methodologies to be fashioned in such a manner that suits this requirement. JIS University contributes to the growth education, research, entrepreneurship and skill development to traditional methods with modern technology enabled teaching and learning practices and Research & Development UIS University has a objective to provide instructions, teaching, training and research invaria of Science, Engineering & Technology, Sciences and Education. Besides the branches and specialized fields Pharmacy, Management, Law, traditional undergraduate and posts raduate courses, there are integrated Chemistry Geology, Biotechnology courses like Physics, Microbiology, etc. Other integrated courses such as BBA-MBA (H) and BBA LLB (H) are also available. The University provides PhD programmes in various courses as well. Students are offered foreign language classes and are also exposed to international student internships through various student exchange programmes with foreign universities. The University always encourages entrepreneurship and skill development among the students for promoting entrepreneurship, employability and selfemployment.

About Department of Juridical Sciences

JIS University offers various contemporary papers in legal sciences along with the compulsory papers offered by the Bar Council of India (BCI). The course structure is designed in such a way that the student will go through an overall development that is essential to build a successful career in the legal arena. Regular Moot Courts, debates, seminar, court visits, lok adalats and legal aid camps organized by the department of legal sciences adds to the legal skill development of the law aspirants. Apart from the skill developments programs, the University organizes class test from time to time, conducts mid-term examination and gives assignments to the students which include projects so that the students are well acquainted with the subjects.

The law programs at JIS University are aimed at offering the strong foundation focusing on in-depth study of law and legislature. The university offers various undergraduate, postgraduate and integrated courses in law and related subjects. The programs offered by the university provide comprehensive knowledge on various subjects across specialist areas to deepen the understanding of students in general as well as specialized areas of law. The programs offered by IS are britishtly designed to encourage students to explore different approaches in a varying manner in which law is conceived and legal processes are perceived. The university is also ranked among the top programs.

Vice Chancellor Message



I wish the organizers and participants a great success.

<u>Message from Dean</u>



Dr. Rakesh Kumar Dhar Dubey

Dean

Department of Juridical Sciences

Dear Esteemed Students, Faculty, and Participants, I am delighted to an<mark>nounce our upcoming National Moot Court Con</mark> an event that promises to be a remarkable test of our legal acumen and advocacy skills. As we prepa<mark>re to embark on this exciting journey, I want to take a moment to emphasize the significance of this competition and our collective responsibility</mark> in representing our institution. Here are some essential points to keep in mind that le ce in legal education, and this competition our institution has a legacy of e. ase our expertise. Let us approach every provides us with a platform to avering commitment to excellence.

n effective—teamwork for foste spect of our preparation with an Toot court competitions that environment of trust, collaboration, and shared goals. Success in the moot court requires thorough research, persuasive arguments, and a deep understanding of the case. Dedicate yourselves to intensive preparation, utilizing the guidance and mentorship available from our experienced faculty. The practice of law is built on principles of professionalism and respect for all parties involved. Remember to treat your opponents, judges, and fellow competitors with the utmost courtesy and respect, irrespective of the outcome. Regardless of the competition's outcome, your participation is a valuable learning experience. It will enhance your legal skills, courtroom demeanor, and analytical thinking, setting a strong foundation for your future careers.

JIS University in general and Department of Juridical Sciences in special is fully committed to supporting you throughout this journey. Our faculty members and legal experts stand ready to assist you in your preparation and provide guidance when needed. Reach out to them without hesitation. I am immensely proud of

our students' dedication and passion for the field of law. I have the utmost confidence that you will uphold our institution's legacy of excellence and professionalism. Let us channel our enthusiasm and determination into our preparation, knowing that every effort we invest will bring us closer to victory. I am eager to witness your remarkable performances and celebrate your achievements as we represent our institution at the National Moot Court Competition 2024. Together, we will elevate our standards and reaffirm our commitment to the pursuit of justice through the practice of law.



Message from Head of Department



Dr. Souvik Chatterji Head Department of Juridical Sciences

"Moot Court Exercise involves the application of the law to a common set of evidentiary assumptions, facts, and disputes to which competitors are introduced. In most moot court competitions, there are two sides and each side is represented by two speakers or oralists (though the entire team composition may be larger, and the number of speakers may range from one to four) and a third member, sometimes known as counsel, may be seated with the speakers. Each speaker usually speaks between 10 and 25 minutes, covering one to three main issues. It speaks between 10 and 25 minutes, will be fair, just, impartial and help the teams to inculcate and imbibe all the advocacy skills right from drafting to submission in courts of law."

Dr. Souvik Chatterji,
Head of the Department
Department of Juridical Sciences JIS University, Kolkata, WB

RULE & REGULATIONS

CHAPTER I

1. INTRODUCTION

- ➤ **Short Title:** These Rules shall bear the title National Moot CourtCompetition Rules 2024
- ➤ **Definitions:** Unless otherwise stated following shall be construed asunder—
- "Administrator" shall mean the Faculty of Law, JIS University Moot Court Completee.
 "Clarifications" shall mean any questions, inquires or
- doubts sent by a registered term (after final registration) to the organizers seeking any factual carification(s) in the Moot Problem. The clarifications, if any, provided by the college shall be considered as if it were a part of the Moot Proposition and shall have no individual significance.
- "Competition" neans National Moot Count Cor petition, 2024

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- Departing Team? nears the team which has registered itself for the morning as per the rules for registration.

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 - institute only one teams can represent theins tute.

 "Organizer" means the Faculty of Law, JIS viversity,
 Kolkata.
 - "**Rebuttals**" refer to those arguments /questions that the Complainant may raise at the end of the main pleadings of all the Orators. This shall be replied to in the appropriate manner by the Respondent.
 - "Written Submission" means the memorandum of written submissions submitted by any Team.

- **Organizing Committee**" means the Moot Court Committee hereinafter referred to as MOC or MCC
- "MEC" means Memorial Evaluation Committee.

II. ELIGIBILITY:

(i) Students duly enrolled and pursuing full time 5 years or 3 years undergraduate law course from India or from a foreign university with law as major may apply to participate in 3rd NATIONAL MOOT COURT COMPETITION, JIS

UNIVERSITY.

- (ii) Students enrolled and pursuing post-graduate diploma or short-term certificate courses in law is not eligible to apply.
- (iii) A maximum of 5 Teams from one University/ College can participate.

III. TEAM COMPOSITION:

- (i) A team shall consist of maximum three members that must include two Speakers and one researcher.
 - ii) Any team, intending to change the team composition of the team shall intimate the floot Court Committee by an e-mail at dr. souv koratteri filst more sity, action the change will be allowed on discretion of the Moot Court Committee.
 - iii) The Researcher may be permitted to argue as Speaker in case a unforeseen event.
- (iv) Prior permission of the organizers of competition in such case shall be mandatory. In case the team fails to inform the university, decision will be final.

IV. REGISTRATION

(i) General

a) Each team shall register to the 3rd National Moot Court Competition, Department of Juridical Sciences, JIS University by filing registration form, in the prescribed manner by XXth Date, Year.

On receipt of the duly filled registration form the institute shall respond to the participating team, acknowledging the receipt.

- b) After the deadline for the registration expires, the Moot Court Committee shall respond to each registered team, with a unique team code, which shall be used to identify the teams during the competition.
- c) Bring a Hard Copy of the Bonafide Certificate duly signed and sealed by the competent authority of the institution.

Registration Fee:

- a) The registration fee for the competition is INR 500/- for the registration. Fees many case is non-refundable.
- b) The registration fee for 3rd National Moot Court Competition is to be paid through NEFT transfer or UPL No other payment method shall be accepted.
- c) Any additional charges incurred by the team while making the wire transfer are to be borne by the team.

Accommodation shall be provided as per requirement of the participants with additional Charges.

Registration Link-

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Payment Details

Name of Beneficiary: Souvik Chatterji

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Branch Name: State Bank of India

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Completion of Registration Process:

- a. All teams must upload a scanned copy of the receipt generated on completion of the NEFT transfer or UPI on the Registration Form. The receipt must contain the reference number after the completion of the wire transfer of the registration fees.
- b. Registration to 3rd National Moot Court Competition shall be deemed to be confirmed only on completion of the formalities as specified. Any failure, may be treated as withdrawal from the competition and no claim shall be entertained thereafter.
- c. Clarifications can be sought on any part of the moot proposition. These clarifications are to be addressed by contacting Student Convenors above-mentioned clarifications will be entertained until 25th July, 2024 and all the clarifications will be responded by 26th July, 2024.
- d. It is at the discretion of the Moot Court Committee to decide whether a clarification sought for is valid and to be clarified.

ANONYMITY OF TEAMS

Teams shall not reveal their identity in any form during the Competition, except by the means of their Team Code allotted by the Moot Court Committee.

- (ii) Teams must not reveal the name of their institution or names of the participants, anywhere in the memorials or in the course of the oral argument rounds. Teams must also not make use for display in any manner whatsoever any logo, pins, badges etc. that indicates the university represented by them.
- (iii) Any material presented to the Panel, including but not limited to compendium, should be devoid of any identification mark(s)/seal(s) of the Team. If any such mark(s)/seal(s) exist, it must be rendered unrecognizable before being presented to the judges.
- (iv) Any violation of Rules above shall attract severe penalty or

disqualification as determined by the Moot Court Committee. The decision of the Moot Court Committee in this regard shall be final and binding; not subject to challenge.

CHAPTER II

1. MEMORIALS AND MEMORIAL ROUND:

(i) General:

- a) Each team shall research into the domain of moot problem, and prepare memorial from both sides, namely, Petitioner and Respondent as the case maybe.
- b) Researcher test will be conducted on 25th July, 2024.

(ii) Format of Memorial

- a) The memorials are to be submitted in the format prescribed under the below Rules. If a team fails to comply with the given format, it may be penalized in the form of deductions from the memorial marks.

 The memorials shall contain all of, and only, the following
 - The memorials shall contain all of, and only, the following heads, namely-
- Cover Page (It shall include the team code of the team on upper right-hand corner, name of the case, parties on behalf of whom written submissions are made, name of the forum approached for dispute resolution and year. The Cover page of the memorial on behalf of Petitioner shall be in BLUE, and Respondent shall be in RED)
- Table of Contents
- List of Abbreviations
- Index of Authorities
- Statement of Jurisdiction
- Statement of Facts
- Issues Raised
- Summary of Arguments
- Arguments Advanced

Prayer

c) Font and Spacing:

All written submissions shall be typed on A4 size paper in the following format in Times New Roman (font type), in 12 points (font size), line spacing 1.5, both sides Justified, and headings to be bold in the same font and size. Each page shall have 1-inch margin from each side. The footnote shall be in the format of Times New Roman, in 10 points (font size). The memorial shall not contain more than 25, pages excluding cover page, table of content, list of abbreviations and index.

d) <u>Citations:</u>

All teams shall give footnotes by adhering to Blue Book: A Uniform System of Citation (20th Edition).

e) Plagiarism:

The Moot Court Committee reserves the right to disqualify a team, a any stage of the competition, if the memorial or any other part thereof if found to be plagiarized.

SUBMISSION OF SOFT COPIES

Each registered team shall submit a soft copy in PDF format (.pdf) of the memorials from both sides, via submitting it on mail on or before 25th July, 2024 (11:59 PM IST).
 Soft copies of the Memorials shall be submitted on the mail only.

and it will not be accepted anywhere else except the official email.

- ❖ The name of the file containing the memorial from the petitioner/s side should be "JIS-NMCC-11 P" (as the case maybe). The name of the file containing the respondent/side should be "JIS-NMCC-11 R".
- ❖ Submissions made after the specified deadline may lead to penalties in the form of deductions from the memorial marks. Every twenty-four (24) hours delay would attract penalty of five (5) marks.

❖ Submissions made after the specified deadline will not be considered for the Best Memorial.

3. ASSESSMENT OF MEMORIALS:

Each side of the memorials shall be assessed out of 100 marks, by a team of experts on the predetermined criterion, as specified hereunder:

- i. Identification of Issues and Nature of relief sought (10 marks)
- ii. Knowledge of fact and Law (15 marks)
- iii. Use of Authorities/Precedents (20 marks)
- iv. Argumentation and Clarity of Thoughts (20 marks)
- v. Proper Citation and Correct Format (15 marks)
- vi. Grammar and Style Presentation (10 marks)
- vii. Originality (10 marks)

4. RIGHTS OVER MEMORIALS

The administrating authority of the competition reserves the rights to disseminate and produce the memorials as and when deemed necessary for the purpose of the competition. Submission of the memorials will constitute the team's consent to do the same. The Moot Court Committee will not take any responsibility to the mistakes found in the final submission of the memorials.

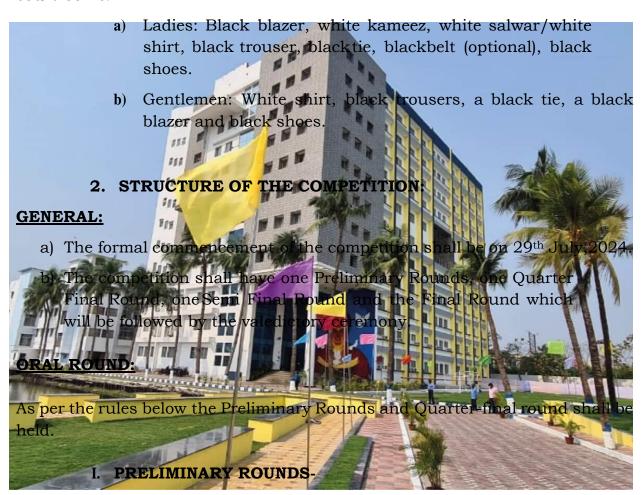
5. COPENDIUMS

- (i) The teams are required to send their compendium, along with their memorials on 25th July,2024 (11:59 PM IST).
- (ii) The compendium shall not exceed 5 pages, wherein, if the teams are referring to any book, then the material of the book shall be quoted in following format "Name of the book/Author/Page number/Paragraph", and if the teams are referring to any website, only link of the website shall be quoted.
- (iii) The compendium will be shared to the judges only via organizing committee and the participants shall refrain from using screen share.

CHAPTER III

1. DRESS CODE:

The participants shall adhere to the following dress code while in the courtrooms:



- a) The rounds will be conducted physically at the allotted moot court rooms to the teams by the Moot Court Committee.
- b) Each team has to argue once from each side i.e., from Petitioner and Respondent.
- c) The Petitioners shall be allotted a total of 15 minutes to speak. The Respondent shall be allotted 15 minutes of arguments. Any extension of time beyond the specified

- period shall not be allowed. The maximum time for rebuttals for each side shall be 5 minutes which be included in their allotted time.
- d) The division of time between the speakers is the discretion of the team members.
- e) At the end of the preliminary rounds, the top 8 teams will qualify for the Quarter Finals. The top 8 teams will be selected on the basis of the marks they have received in the preliminary round.
- f) A team shall be credited with a win, if its total marks in the respective session are higher than those of its opponent teams.

In the case of a tie, the total marks of memorial and the preliminary rounds will be considered. The team with the higher score will advance to the Quarter Finals.

II. QUARTER FINALS

- a) The Quarter Finals will be Knock-out round. The top 4 teams, with the highest total scores in these rounds shall qualify for the semi-final rounds.
 - The side to be represented by a team shall be determined by way of draw of lots with the teams picking the lots after the completion of the preliminary rounds.

 The rounds will be conducted physically at the allotte rooms for Semi Finals by the Moot Court Committee.
- d) Each team shall get a total time of 20 minutes to present their case and this shall include the time for 'rebuttal' and 'Surrebuttal'. Any extension of time beyond the specified
 - period shall be subject to the discretion of the judges. The maximum time for rebuttals for each side shall be 5 minutes which be included in their allotted time.
- e) The division of time between the speakers is the discretion of the team members.
- f) Before the commencement of the round, each team shall indicate to the 'Court Master' as to how they wish to allocate their time.

III. SEMI-FINALS-

- a) The Semi-Finals will be a knock-out round. The top 2 teams, with the highest total scores in these rounds shall qualify for the Final round.
- **b**) After the completion of quarter-finals rounds the draw of lots will be conducted which will determine whether the participant will appear as Petitioner or Respondent.
- c) Each team shall get a total of 25 minutes to present their case. This time will include the time for 'rebuttal' and 'Surrebuttal'. Any extension of time beyond the specified period shall be subject to the discretion of the judges. The division of time between the speakers is the discretion of the team members. The maximum time for rebuttals for each side shall be 5 minutes.
- d) Before the commencement of the round, each team shall indicate to the 'Court Master' as to how they wish to allocate their time.

IV. FINALS-

- a) The Final nound will be held just after the Semi-Finals. A team will be credited with a win in the Final round if the total marks are higher than those of its opponent team.
 - Each team shall get a total of 30 minutes to present their case. This time will include the time for 'rebuttal' and 'Surrebuttal'. The maximum time for rebuttals for each side shall be 5 minutes which be included in their allotted time.
- c) The division of time between the speakers is the discretion of the team members.
- d) Before the commencement of the round, each team shall indicate to the 'Court Master' as tohow they wish to allocate their time.

3. ASSESSMENT CRITERION FOR ORAL PLEADINGS:

Team performance of the Speakers shall be judged in all rounds out of Marks on the basis of following criterion

- (i) Knowledge of the Facts and Laws
- (ii) Application of Laws to the Fact and Interpretation

- (iii) Argumentative Skills and Response to Questions
- (iv) Clarity of Thoughts and Expression
- (v) Skills of advocacy and Court Mannerisms

Note for participants - To ensure uniformity in marking in each court room to doaway with subjectivity to an extent, follow the points scheme given as under.

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4. PENALTIES:

(i)

No member of any team or any other person wi permitted to witness the arguments, or enter th court rooms in which that team is not one of participating teams whilst that team part of competition or the person is not part s violated, the Moot Cour ipating team. If this rule rict actions, which may include but Committee shall may not be limit pulsion of the said team from the competition.

(ii) Non - Disclosure of Iden

Teams shall not disclose their identity, in essence, the name of their institution, city, etc., or any other information which has the effect of disclosing their identity and affiliation with a particular university or institution. Such disclosure shall result in disqualification subject to the discretion of the

Organizers.

(iii) Copyright:

The copyright with regard to the memorials submitted for the participation in the Competitionis assigned by participants and shall also vest completely and fully with the Organizers. The participants shall certify the originality of the memorials and the materials used and shall be

responsible for any claim or dispute arising out of further use and exhibition of these materials. The Organizers shall have the right to publicly display, distribute either electronically or otherwise and they shall not be responsible for any liability to any person for any loss caused by errors or omissions in this collection of information, or for accuracy, completeness or adequacy of the information contained in these materials.

The copyright with regard to the memorials, submissions and all other documents related to the National Moot Court Competition, submitted for the participation in the Competition is assigned by participants and shall also vest completely and fully with the Organizers, which will be further posted on the social media platforms for clarity and purposes.

5. CERTIFICATION, PRIZES AND AWARDS:

- Winner 8000/- + Trophy + Certificate
- > 1st Runner-Up 5000/- + Trophy + Certificate
- 3rd Runner-Up 3000/- + Trophy + Certificate
- Best Memorial 3000/- + Trophy + Certificate
- > Best Researcher 3000/- + Trophy + Certificate
- Best Speaker 3000/- + Trophy + Certificate
- Certificate of Participation to all.
 - (iii) Participants will receive their Participation Certificates after they fill up the feedback form. Certificates for Quarter-Finalists, Semi-Finalists, Runners-up, Winners, Best Speakers, Best Memorial and Best Researcher will also be provided after they fill up an additional form for their prizes.
 - (iv) Cash awards will be sent after getting details of winners such as Institution ID card, Pan Card & Bank Accounts details for which they will be contacted via email by the Moot Court Committee.
 - (v) It is the responsibility of teams to distribute cash prize among themselves

CHAPTER IV

1. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS:

- (i) No team shall indulge in any act of misconduct in during the moot court competition undermining the credibility of judges or that of the competition. Any act to the contrary may lead to immediate disqualification from the competition without scope of appeal.
- (ii) All the teams shall be bound to follow the code of conduct and the rules laid down by Department of Juridical Sciences, JIS University
- (iii) Any behavior of indiscipline with the Moot Court Committee or any other staff member or student volunteer shall be dealt with strictly and may lead to immediate disqualification from the competition without scope of appeal.
- (iv) No team shall ask for feedback immediately on completion of any round. However, at the end of all the rounds the participants may talk to the judges, with minimum inconvenience caused to them.
 - Any attempt to approach the framer of the moot problem or the panel of judges of the competition, prior to the competition shall be dealt with strictly and may lead to immediate disqualification from the competition without scope of appeal.
- vi) The organizing committee reserves the right to amend, modify or repeal any of the rules if so required and as they deem appropriate. Participating teams shall receive adequate notice of any/all such amendments or modifications to the rules.
- (vii) If anything, not covered by rules the decision of organizing committee will be binding.
- (viii) No team is allowed to use mobile phones during any of the oral rounds, for the purposes of research, phone call, texting, or any other purposes.
- (ix) No use of mobile phones/ tablets will we allowed other than after joining the courtroom.
- (x) If any member of a team is notified or informed of any detail or information concerning the Competition, it shall be

deemed as if the said team as a whole has been duly notified or informed, however the communication will be made to all but to the possible extent. Also, the individual is responsible to communicate the information with the team.

(xi) Conversion charges for converting other currency into Indian rupee has tobe incurred by the International Teams.

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