

**1st SURANA & SURANA & RGNUL
INTERNATIONAL LAW MOOT COURT
COMPETITION, 2017**

25-27 August 2017

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Venue

Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law
Bhadson Road, Sidhuwal, Patiala Punjab-
147001

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RULES AND REGULATIONS

I AIM AND PURPOSE

- a. The Surana & Surana International Law Moot has been conceived with the aim of creating opportunities for learning the development of jurisprudence on emerging trends in International Law besides developing cutting edge skills in research, writing and advocacy.
- b. Further, it is aimed to facilitate the evolution of International Law through the jurisprudential analysis of the existing law and consequential emergence of new laws.

II VENUE AND DATE

The 1st Surana & Surana & RGNUL International Law Moot Court Competition, 2017 shall be held from 25th – 27th August 2017 at Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law, Punjab, Bhadson Road, Sidhuwal, Patiala-147001.

III LANGUAGE

The competition shall be in English language only.

IV ELIGIBILITY

The competition is open for students who are studying LL.B three years or five years course during the current academic year interested in International Law.

V TEAM COMPOSITION

- a. Each team should consist of a minimum of 2 and maximum of 3 members. This number cannot be modified under any circumstances.

- b. There shall be 2 speakers and 1 researcher designated for each team. The researcher shall be allowed to argue with prior permission of National Administrator in case of illness of the designated speakers.
- c. Each team will **be provided a team code** during orientation. Teams should not disclose the identity of their institution; such disclosure shall invite penalties including disqualification. The decision for the same shall be at the discretion of the National Administrator.

VI REGISTRATION

- a. Online registrations are open from **15th June 2017**. The teams must register online by **20th July 2017**. Teams will have to register online at www.moot.in. *Only **24** teams will be registered to participate in the competition on the first- come- first serve basis.*
- b. Participants will receive an automated system generated acknowledgement on successful submission of registration. Participants will receive an approval as acceptance of their request for participation latest by 22nd July 2017 8:00 PM or earlier.
- c. A scanned copy of the letter from the participating college/ institution / university duly signed by any one of the following: Faculty-in-charge of MCS/MCA, Registrar, Principal, Dean, Director, Chancellor or Vice-Chancellor confirming the names of the participants, Year / semester in which studying, representing the college/ institution / university for the moot competition will have to be attached during the online registration process. (The approval letter shall be formatted on the letterhead of the participating institution/college/university alternatively you may use the registration form itself as appended below as page 13 with the official seal).
- d. Registrations without the copy of the approval letter from the college/institution/university or duly attested registration form will not be valid.

- e. The Registration fees for the competition shall be Rs. 4,000 (Rupees Four Thousand only) and the registered teams will be e-mailed the web link for online payment of Registration fees.
- f. Registration particulars as soft copy should be sent by e-mail to: mootcommittee@rgnul.ac.in marked as THE SURANA & SURANA & RGNUL INTERNATIONAL LAW MOOT COURT COMPETITION REGISTRATION as the subject of the mail latest by **20th July 2017**. **The provisional team code shall be allotted to the registered teams by Host University soon after receiving of registration particulars.**

VII OREINTATION

There will be an Orientation Program for all the participants on 25th August 2017 (Friday) followed by a draw of lots & exchange of memorials. Team codes and side will be allotted during orientation only.

VIII ROUNDS

There will be two preliminary rounds of arguments, a quarter-final round, a semi-final round and a final round.

VIII.A. Preliminary Round

- a. There will be two preliminary rounds of arguments per team, once for applicant & another for respondent.
- b. No team will face each other more than once in the preliminary rounds.
- c. Each team will face a different bench in their second round of arguments.
- d. Preliminary /Quarter finals/Semi-finals will be held on **26th August 2017 (Saturday)**.
- e. Top Eight teams from the Preliminary Rounds will advance to the Quarter finals rounds that will be decided on:
 - i. Win points
 - ii. Win points + Aggregate raw points

- iii. Win points + aggregate raw points (in case of tie minus memorial marks)

Memorial marks will be added to the scores of both the preliminary rounds only.

VIII.B. Quarterfinals / Semi-finals Round / Final Round:

- a. Lots / power matching will decide the side of the arguments in Quarterfinals, Semifinals & Finals.
- b. The Quarter Final Rounds and the Semi-final Rounds will be held on 26th August 2017.
- c. The Finals will be held on 27th August 2017.
- d. The Quarterfinals / Semi-finals will be a knockout rounds.

IX RESULTS

Results of the preliminary rounds shall be announced after the completion of rounds of all the teams. Similarly, the results of the Quarterfinals / Semifinals shall be announced after completion of the rounds of all qualified teams of respective rounds. The results of the final rounds shall be announced in Valedictory Ceremony.

X MEMORIALS

The following requirements for memorials must be strictly followed. Non-conformities will be penalised:

- a. Each team must prepare memorials for both parties to the dispute (Applicant and Respondent).
- b. One advance hard copy of the memorials (both Applicant & Respondent) must reach the host institution (Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law, Punjab) for evaluation by **10th August 2017** latest by 5:00 p.m. No excuses in respect

of delayed courier services will be entertained. The memorials should be sent to following postal address **through speed post only**:

**Dr. Shilpa Jain,
Faculty Co-ordinator, RNMCC
Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law
Bhadson Road, Sidhuwal, Patiala, Punjab-147001**

- c. The Soft copy of the memorials from both sides in word format (*.doc or *.docx) must be mailed to: mootcourt@lawindia.com and mootcommittee@rgnul.ac.in by **05th August 2017** latest by 5:00 p.m.
- d. Late submission of soft copy of the Memorials will be penalised by one point for every hour, maximum penalty not exceeding 20 points.
- e. Late submissions of Hard Copy of the Memorials will be penalized by one point each memorial for every day of delay after due date.
- f. The teams are requested to carry along 4 copies from each side of the Memorials with them and submit the same during orientation on **25th August 2017**.
- g. Once the memorials have been submitted, **no** revisions, supplements, or additions will be allowed.
- h. The memorials have to be submitted on typed A4 size paper printed on one side and must contain:
 - i. Table of Contents
 - ii. Index of Authorities
 - iii. Statement of Jurisdiction (not more than 1 page)
 - iv. Statement of Facts (1 page only and argumentative statement of facts would attract penalties)

- v. Statement of Issues (not more than 1 page)
- vi. Summary of Arguments (not more than 2 pages)
- vii. Arguments Advanced (not more than 15 pages)
- viii. Prayer (not more than 1 page)
- i. Uniform font style is to be followed throughout the Memorial. The Font Style should either be Times New Roman or Garamond. The font size of the text should be 12 points (doubles space) and the font size for footnotes should be 10 points (single space) with double space between two foot notes.
- j. The memorials should be spiral / staple bound or stitched. Any other form of binding will attract penalty.
- k. The memorial must have a margin measuring one inch on all sides of each page.
- l. All the pages of the memorial, except the Cover Page shall be numbered. The page numbering should be on the top right corner of each page.
- m. Covers must be placed on briefs as follows:
Applicant: Blue Colour;
Respondent: Red Colour.
Use of Cellophane sheets over the covers or inside will be penalized
- n. The cover page of the memorial must state the following:
 - i. The cause title
 - ii. Identify brief as Applicant & / Respondents as is applicable
 - iii. Provisional Team Codes (see, Rule VI (f)) on the top right corner of the Cover Page.
- o. The teams are advised not to reveal their personal identities or the identity of their institution anywhere in the memorials. Violation of this provision shall result in penalties including deduction of marks or disqualification from the

Competition. The decision of the National Administrator shall be final in this regard.

XI ORAL ROUNDS

XI.A. Preliminary Rounds & Quarterfinals

- a. Each team will get a total of 30 minutes to present their case. This period of 30 minutes is inclusive of the time reserved for rebuttal and sur-rebuttal.
- b. The division of time is at the discretion of the team members, subject to a maximum of 15 minutes per speaker. It is the duty of the Team to inform the division of time to the court clerk before the arguments begin.
- c. Oral Pleadings shall be confined to the pleading in the Memorials.
- d. The Researcher can, through Court Clerks, pass notes to the Speakers during the Oral Pleading Round subject to the discretion of the Judges.
- e. The attendance of the Researcher at the time of Oral Pleading Rounds is compulsory.

XI.B. Semifinals & Finals

- a. Each team will get 45 minutes to present their case inclusive of the time reserved for rebuttal and sur-rebuttal.
- b. The division of time is at the discretion of the team members, with a maximum of 25 minutes and minimum of 20 minutes per speaker.
- c. Oral Pleadings shall be confined to the pleading in the Memorials.
- a. The attendance of the Researcher at the time of Oral Pleading Rounds is compulsory.

XII DRESS CODE

The dress code shall be advocate's attire during the competition rounds.

XIII SCOUTING

Teams will not be allowed to observe the orals pleading rounds of any other teams. Scouting is strictly prohibited. Scouting by any of the team members shall result in disqualification from the Competition.

XIV SCORING

XIV.A. Orals

The parameters for judging the oral presentation on a scale of 0 – 100 points are:

- i. Knowledge of facts
- ii. Logic and reasoning
- iii. Organisation and clarity
- iv. Persuasiveness
- v. Deference to the court
- vi. Proper and articulate analysis of the issues arising out of facts
- vii. Understanding of the legal principles directly applicable to the issues
- viii. Ability to explain clearly the legal principles in general keeping to the time allotted.
- ix. Knowledge and use of legal sources and authorities and general principles of International law.
- x. Ingenuity (ability to argue by analogy from related aspects of law)

XIV.B. Written Submissions (Memorials)

- a. The memorials shall be marked on a scale of 1-100 points each.
- b. Any revisions, supplements or additions to the memorials after submission shall attract severe penalties subject to the discretion of the National Administrator.

- c. Award of the points shall be based on the following parameters:
- i. Neatness, legibility, no typographical errors or format errors
 - ii. Logical progression of ideas
 - iii. Effective use of headings to outline arguments
 - iv. Understanding essential legal issues presented
 - v. Focus on essential (not collateral) issues
 - vi. Clear, concise and unambiguous writing style
 - vii. Forceful and persuasive presentation
 - viii. Integration of facts into legal argument
 - ix. Understanding of strengths and weaknesses of case
 - x. Discussion of viable alternative arguments
 - xi. Understanding and analysis of authority
 - xii. Proper use of citations and citation form
 - xiii. Effective use of authority to support arguments
 - xiv. Ability to distinguish adverse cases
- d. Non- compliance of the rules mentioned in Clause X above shall attract severe penalties.

XV AWARDS

- a. Winner – Rs. 10,000/-
- b. Runner's up – Rs.7,000/-
- c. Best Memorial - Rs. 4,000/-
- d. Best Student Advocate – Rs. 4,000/-

All participants will be issued participation certificates.

XVI ANONYMITY

- a. Student counsel may introduce her/himself to the court in the usual manner and may also state her/his names. However, the team's college / institution affiliation may not be mentioned at any time before the awards ceremony.

- b. Further, all team members, coaches, advisors, and observers shall refrain from identifying a team's school at any time and in any manner, including, but not limited to, wearing any identifying items, such as school clothing, ties, patches, or pins or carrying identifying material (such as a books with a college logo, or college seal).

XVII FINALITY OF THE DECISION

The decision of the judge shall be final and binding.

XVIII COPYRIGHT

- a. The copyright over the memorials submitted for participation in the competition is assigned by participants and shall also vest completely and fully in Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law, Punjab and Surana & Surana International Attorneys Chennai. The participants shall certify in writing the originality of materials contained therein and shall be responsible for any claim or dispute arising out of the further use and exhibition of these materials.
- b. Further use and exhibition of these materials, electronically or otherwise, shall be the exclusive right of Surana & Surana International Attorneys, Chennai and Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law, Punjab 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 the accuracy, completeness, or adequacy of the information contained in these materials.
- c. Distribution of these materials on affiliated websites such as www.moot.in does not constitute consent to any use of this material for commercial redistribution either via the Internet or using some other form of hypertext distribution. Links to the collection or individual pages in it are welcome.

XIX ACCOMMODATION, FOOD & TRANSPORT

- a. Accommodation and transport between the hostel/hotel and the competition venue to the participating teams will be provided by Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law, Punjab *only during the period of competition i.e. 25th – 27th August 2017.*
- b. The name and mobile number of the student volunteers in charge of transport / accommodation will also be made available after finalization. Teams should fill in their travel plan in the sheet available on page 14 positively so as to reach the scanned copy by 5.00 p.m. on **25th July 2017** by email to **mootcommittee@rgnul.ac.in**.

XX ANY CLARIFICATIONS FOR THE COMPETITION CAN BE SOUGHT FROM:

Regarding queries on case / submission of memorials / accommodation/transport/ etc.

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Faculty Co-ordinator, RGNUL Moot Court Committee,
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Patiala, Punjab 147001.
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Regarding registration

Dr. S. Ravichandran
Advocate & Head, Academic Initiatives
Surana & Surana International Attorneys
Moot Court Coordinator
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Student Coordinators:

Ms Yamini Yadav- 09876261170

Mr.Prashant Daga- 09876830773

Important Dates

Start of Online Registration	15 June 2017
Last date of Online Registration	20 July 2017
Last date for receiving hard copies of Reg. Form / Approval letter and Travel form	25 July 2017
Last Date for Submission of Memorials soft copy (both applicant and respondent)	5 August 2017 at 5:00 p.m.
Last Date for Submission of Memorials One Hard Copy (both applicant and respondent)	10 August 2017 at 5:00 p.m.
Submission of Memorials (Four Hard Copies) During Orientation	25 August 2017
Orientation and Registration	25 August 2017
Prelims/Quarterfinals / Semifinals	26 August 2017
Finals & Valedictory and Prize Distribution	27 August 2017

Date:

Registration form/ Approval letter

(Please fill in capital letters)

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 organizers, i.e. the Surana & Surana International Attorneys, Chennai and the Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law, Punjab 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:

Name of the participant	Gender	Course	Year	Signature

Completed hard copy of the form should reach Administrator (RGNUL) by 25th July 2017.

- a. Postal Address: Dr. Shilpa Jain Faculty Co-ordinator, RNMCC Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law Bhadson Road, Sidhuwal, Patiala, Punjab-147001

TRAVEL PLAN

1. Name of Institution –

2. Arrival Details –

a. Mode of Arrival: Train / Air / Bus: _____

b. Train No./Bus No./Flight No.: _____

c. Estimated Time of Arrival: _____

3. Departure Detail:

a. Mode of Departure: Train / Air / Bus: _____

b. Train No./Bus No./Flight No.: _____

c. Estimated Time of Departure: _____

4. Any other details:

(Signature & Seal of the Head of the Institution)

Note: This Travel Form must reach Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law on or before 25 July 2017 latest by 5.30 pm.