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## RULES AND REGULATIONS

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### 1. INTRODUCTION

#### 1.1. SHORT TITLE:

The following Rules shall be referred to as the Competition Rules for the *De Novo* Moot Court Competition, 2022.

#### 1.2. GENERAL INFORMATION:

The *De Novo* Moot Court Competition, 2022 (hereinafter “Competition”) shall be organised by The University School of Law & Legal Studies, Guru Gobind Singh Indraprastha University, on December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

The competition shall be conducted in accordance with these Rules, and all the teams and participants shall be presumed to have read and understood these Rules.

#### 1.3. DEFINITIONS:

- 1.3.1. “**Administrator**” refers to the University School of Law & Legal Studies, Guru Gobind Singh Indraprastha University.
- 1.3.2. “**Bench**” means the Judges of the Oral Rounds of the Competition.
- 1.3.3. “**Compendium**” refers to all the relevant case laws, statutory material and other documentary evidence based on which the participants may present and substantiate their arguments.
- 1.3.4. “**Competition**” means the *De Novo* Moot Court Competition, 2022.
- 1.3.5. “**Memorial**” means the written submissions submitted by each team, pursuant to these Rules.
- 1.3.6. “**Moot Proposition**” means the official Moot Problem of the Competition, prepared by the Organiser, supplemented, corrected, or clarified thereof.
- 1.3.7. “**Oral Round**” means a team’s pleadings, comprising two speakers, submitted orally in front of the bench, on behalf of one of the parties against another team representing the opposing party.
- 1.3.8. “**Organiser**” refers to the Moot Court Society, as constituted by the University School of Law & Legal Studies, Guru Gobind Singh Indraprastha University.
- 1.3.9. “**Participating Team**” refers to any team that has registered for the competition by filling the team composition form (<https://rb.gy/avunom>) as per the Rules.
- 1.3.10. “**Penalty**” refers to the deductions imposed on the memorandum scores and/or oral submissions of participating teams, as provided in these rules.
- 1.3.11. “**Preliminary Rounds**” means the oral rounds which shall take place before the advanced round, and for the purpose of determining which teams qualify for the advanced rounds.
- 1.3.12. “**Rebuttals**” means the challenges presented by the Petitioner in response to the Respondent’s submissions.
- 1.3.13. “**Speaker**” refers to a participant who presents their oral pleadings in any given round.

**1.3.14. “Sur-rebuttal”** means responses to rebuttals submitted by Respondent during oral pleadings.

**1.3.15. “Team”** means the team which is eligible to participate in the Competition after completion of the registration procedure.

**1.3.16. “Team Code”** refers to the code allocated to a participating team by the Organiser after the completion of their Registration.

**1.3.17. “Venue”** means University School of Law & Legal Studies, GGS Indraprastha University, Sec-16-C, Dwarka, New Delhi-110078.

#### **1.4. INTERPRETATION:**

The Organisers will have exclusive authority to interpret the Rules in the interest of fairness and equality. The interpretation placed upon these Rules by the Organisers shall be conclusive and the decision of the Organisers regarding the application of these Rules shall be final.

#### **1.5. KEY DATES:**

The following key dates shall be adhered to:

<b>S. No.</b>	<b>Particulars</b>	<b>Date</b>
<b>1.</b>	Last date for seeking Clarifications	October 25 <sup>th</sup> ,
<b>2.</b>	Last date for submission of Memorials (Softcopy)	November 13 <sup>th</sup> , 2022
<b>3.</b>	Last date for submission of Memorials (Hardcopy)	November 14 <sup>th</sup> , 2022
<b>4.</b>	Researchers’ Test and Draw of Lots for Preliminary Rounds	December 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 2022
<b>5.</b>	Exchange of Memorials	December 4 <sup>th</sup> , 2022
<b>6.</b>	Oral Rounds	December 5 <sup>th</sup> , 2022

The aforementioned Rules are not exhaustive. The Rules shall be strictly adhered to, and any deviation from the same shall result in immediate disqualification, unless exempted by the Organisers. All decisions made by the Organisers in case of any disputes, doubts or other problems of such nature, shall be final and binding on the participating teams. The Organisers further reserve the right to alter, amend or add Rules herein at any point of time and the same shall be informed to the teams. Imposition of penalties is exclusively the right of the Organisers; in case the Rules are not adhered to by the Participating teams.

## **2. GENERAL**

### **2.1.DATE AND VENUE OF THE COMPETITION**

The Competition shall be conducted by the University School of Law & Legal Studies, GGS Indraprastha University, New Delhi at its Dwarka Campus and shall be held on December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

## **2.2. DRESS CODE**

The dress code for the Competition is Western formals (Courtroom formals).

## **2.3. THEME:**

The moot proposition for the *De Novo* Moot Court Competition, 2022 is based on Contract Law.

## **2.4. LANGUAGE:**

The official medium of exchange for written and oral pleadings in the competition shall be English.

## **2.5. TEAM COMPOSITION:**

- 2.5.1.** Each team shall consist of three (3) members i.e., two speakers and one researcher. There shall be no circumstance whatsoever that a team consisting of more than 3 members be allowed to participate. The roles of the participants shall be the same throughout the Competition. Teams of any other composition shall not be allowed to participate in the event.
- 2.5.2.** The registered team composition shall compulsorily remain the same throughout the competition. However, in cases of unforeseeable circumstances, changes in team composition may be allowed at the discretion of the Organisers, if justifiable reasons for the same are provided before the submission of memorials.
- 2.5.3.** The marks of the researcher's test shall not be taken into consideration for the eligibility of any team to qualify for quarter finals.
- 2.5.4.** The teams shall identify such speakers and researchers during registration.

## **2.6. SCOUTING:**

- 2.6.1.** Scouting in the preliminary rounds is strictly prohibited and shall lead to immediate disqualification at the discretion of the Organisers.
- 2.6.2.** All research, writing and editing must solely be the product of Team members. The advice from the coach/faculty must be limited to general advice on the area of law concerned, the structure of arguments and general commentary on the team's arguments. No advice whatsoever may be taken from any member of another team or any Coach/Faculty Advisor of another team.

## **2.7. DISCLAIMER:**

- 2.7.1.** The proposition is fictitious and any resemblance to any person, living or dead, or incident, past or present, is coincidental and not intended by the authors of the proposition.

### **3. COMPETITION FORMAT**

#### **3.1. GENERAL PROCEDURES:**

The Competition shall broadly consist of Preliminary Rounds and Advanced Rounds. Qualifying teams shall proceed to Advanced Rounds, namely the Semi – Final and Final Rounds.

##### **3.1.1. EX PARTE PROCEDURE:**

In extreme circumstances, such as when a Team fails to appear for a scheduled Oral Round, the Courtroom Clerk (CC), after waiting fifteen (15) minutes, may allow the Oral Round to proceed ex parte. In an ex parte proceeding, the attending Team represents its oral pleading, which is scored by the judges to the extent possible as if the absent Team had been present and arguing. In such a case, the Team that fails to appear for the scheduled Round forfeits all points of the Oral Round.

##### **3.1.2. COMPETITION COMMUNICATIONS:**

Oral communications during the Oral Round shall be strictly limited to the following. Any Team, which engages in communications not listed in this Rule, shall be penalized.

##### **3.1.2.1. ORAL COURTROOM COMMUNICATION BETWEEN COUNSEL AND JUDGES:**

Each Speaker designated to present oral pleadings may communicate with the judges, and the judges may communicate with that Speaker, during the Speaker's allotted time only. In addition, in extraordinary circumstances, the judges may communicate directly with either Team's counsel table (for example, to clarify the spelling of a speaker's name or to request that a Team remain quiet during its opponent's oral presentation).

##### **3.1.2.2. ORAL COURTROOM COMMUNICATION AND ACTIVITY AT COUNSEL TABLE:**

Every courtesy shall be given to Speakers during oral argument. Communication at the counsel table shall be in writing to prevent disruption, and Teams shall avoid all unnecessary noise, outbursts, or other inappropriate behaviour, which distracts from the argument in progress. Any Penalties imposed under this Rule shall be deducted from the Oral Scores of both Speakers of the offending Team.

##### **3.1.2.3. WRITTEN COURTROOM COMMUNICATION:**

Written communication during the Oral Round shall be limited to:

- a. written communication among a Team's members seated at the counsel table, and;
- b. a Team member at counsel table handing a document to a Speaker when that Speaker has been questioned about such document during the course of his or her argument or;
- c. a written note to assist the Speaker in answering an issue raised by the judges.

No other written communication may take place among the Speaker, Team members seated at counsel table, spectators or Team members not present at the counsel table. There is no prohibition on the teams handing over supporting documentation (compendium) to the judges, but the same should be done through the clerk.

**3.1.3. ANONYMITY OF TEAMS IN COURTROOMS:**

Teams shall be identified by Team Codes and the side of the dispute they represent only. Participants shall not disclose the identity of their Team through direct or indirect means, including statements to judges, name tags or other signifiers, the placement of folders, files, library books or other materials bearing the name or any other such relevant detail on the counsel table.

**3.2. DRAW OF LOTS:**

- 3.2.1. The 1st round of draw of lots for the Preliminary Round shall take place on December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2022.
- 3.2.2. To ensure unbiased selection, teams shall be subjected to drawing of lots for the Preliminary Rounds.
- 3.2.3. In no circumstance shall any change be entertained after such selection.

**4. MEMORIALS:**

**4.1. GENERAL:**

- 4.1.1. All requirements must be strictly followed. Non-adherence to the same shall result in disqualification subject to the discretion of the Organisers.
- 4.1.2. Each team shall prepare memorials for both sides to the dispute. E.g., Petitioner and Respondent.
- 4.1.3. The soft copies of the memorial from each side shall reach the Organisers on [inmccdenovo@gmail.com](mailto:inmccdenovo@gmail.com) in .pdf or .doc or .docx format latest by November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022 (11:59 pm). Attachments shall be titled as [TEAM CODE] [P] for Petitioner side and [TEAM CODE] [R] for Respondent side. E.g. 007P and 007R.
- 4.1.4. No softcopy of the memorial will be accepted after November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022 (23:59hrs).
- 4.1.5. Hard copies of the memorial from each side should reach the Organisers latest by November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022 (12:00, PM, Noon).

**4.2. STRUCTURE OF MEMORIALS:**

**4.2.1. Cover Page:**

The cover page shall have only the following information -

- a. The team registration code on the upper-right side, followed by ‘P’ for Petitioners and ‘R’ for Respondent.
- b. Name of the Court/Tribunal before which proceedings are to be conducted, along with the nature of the jurisdiction of the Court/Tribunal.
- c. Number/Citation of the case along with the year.

d. Title of the memorial i.e., “Memorial for Petitioner” or “Memorial for Respondent”. The colour of the cover page in memorials shall be ‘Blue’ for Petitioner, and ‘Red’ for Respondent.

**4.2.2. The Table of Content:**

All the contents in the written submissions shall be included in the Table of Contents.

**4.2.3. List of Abbreviations:**

Each and every abbreviation, which is usually used shall be mentioned in the table of abbreviations. Abbreviations such as ‘¶’ for Paragraph(s); ‘§’ for section(s) are permitted. Abbreviations for legislations (including but not limited to) e.g., ‘A&C Act’ for Arbitration & Conciliation Act, 1996; and ‘ICA’ for Indian Contract Act, 1872 are also permitted.

**4.2.4. The Index of Authorities:**

The Index of Authorities must list all the authorities cited, in different sub-headings (e.g., Books; Indian Supreme Court cases; Foreign Cases; Online materials). The page(s)/paragraph(s) on which such authorities are cited in the memorial must be mandatorily included.

**4.2.5. The Statement of Jurisdiction:**

The Statement of Jurisdiction should be compulsorily written. The particular provision/clause is not required to be captioned/reproduced along with the statement of jurisdiction. It must not exceed 1 page.

**4.2.6. The Statement of Facts:**

The statement of facts can be written in paragraphs. A list of dates & events and the use of diagrams, charts, and other tools are not prohibited. Only undisputed facts must be mentioned in this section. The statement of facts must not exceed 2 pages.

**4.2.7. The Statement of Issues:**

All the issues raised must be listed in this section and must not exceed 1 page.

**4.2.8. The Summary of Arguments:**

The summary of arguments for each issue must be written in one paragraph each. This section should not exceed 2 pages. Summary of Arguments going beyond 2 pages shall not be evaluated.

**4.2.9. The Arguments Advanced:**

All substantive, contentious submissions and legal interpretations shall only be explained in this section. This section should not exceed 20 pages. Arguments advanced going beyond the first 20 pages shall result in marks being deducted.

**4.2.10. The Prayer:**

The prayer should not exceed 1 page.

**4.3. FORMATTING, FONT, SPACING AND FOOTNOTES:**

**4.3.1. Spacing:** 1.5 Line Spacing

**4.3.2. Margins:** One-inch margin on all sides of each page.

**4.3.3. Font:** The font for the body of the memorial shall be Times New Roman, Size 12.

**4.3.4. The Font for the footnotes:** The font of the footnotes shall be Times New Roman, Size 10.

**4.3.5. Memorials must be either sewn bound or coil bound. Use of Plastic sheets is strictly prohibited and will invite deductions of 1 mark per copy of the memorial.**



- 4.3.6.** Page numbering should be at the bottom middle of each page.
- 4.3.7.** The memorials must not contain any annexure /photographs /sketches /exhibits /affidavits etc.
- 4.3.8.** Teams shall cite authorities in their Memorials by way of Blue Book (21st Edition) Style of Citation.
- 4.3.9.** The maximum number of pages in each Memorial shall not exceed 30 pages including 20 maximum pages for Written Submissions/ Arguments Advanced.

**4.4.PLAGIARISM:**

- 4.4.1.** The maximum plagiarism limit permitted for the entire memorial shall not exceed 15%. Notwithstanding the plagiarism % for the entire memorial, any substantial similarity in the content of memorials (in part or wholly) from any source or authority shall also be considered plagiarism.

**4.5.MEMORIAL EVALUATION:**

- 4.5.1.** Every Memorial will be marked on a total of 100 marks and the team memorial marks will be the average of the total of both sides.
- 4.5.2.** Late Submission of softcopies or hardcopies will result in deduction of 1 mark with each subsequent passing hour.
- 4.5.3.** All memos shall be evaluated on the following basis—

<b>S. No.</b>	<b>Marking Scheme</b>	<b>Marks Allotted</b>
<b>1.</b>	Knowledge of Facts & Law	20 Marks
<b>2.</b>	Extent & Use of Research	20 Marks
<b>3.</b>	Structured and Articulate Analysis	15 Marks
<b>4.</b>	Originality in Presentation	15 Marks
<b>5.</b>	Grammar, Style and Coherency	10 Marks
<b>6.</b>	Correct Format and Use of Citation	10 Marks
<b>7.</b>	Original Thought	10 Marks
	<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>100 Marks</b>

- 4.5.4.** The following table lays down the number of marks that shall be deducted for the specific violations –

<b>Particulars</b>	<b>Penalty</b>
Breach of anonymity in memorial	Disqualification
Non-adherence to the prescribed format	1 mark for each violation
Non-adherence to the prescribed sequence of headings	1 mark for each incorrect sequence of section
Incorrect font size, line spacing, or font style	1 mark for every page on which a violation exists
Incorrect page margin and border	1 mark for every page on which violation exists
Wrong colour on the Cover Page	1 mark
Missing/incorrect information on Cover Page	1 mark per incorrect information on Cover Page
No. of pages per section exceeding	2 marks for one extra page
Running/Explanatory footnotes & incorrect footing style	0.5 marks for every footnote on which violation exists
Wrong section of law cited	0.5 marks for each and every such violation
Delay in the submission of Memorial	2 marks deducted for every 3 hour delay
Non-compliance with the prescribed plagiarism percentage	2 marks deducted for every 5% plagiarism exceeded beyond the limit

#### **4.6.SUBMISSION OF MEMORIALS:**

**4.6.1.** Teams shall submit soft copies of memorials in PDF format through the Google Form which shall be emailed to the participants. The document nomenclature for the file must be 'T18A' & 'T18R'.

**4.6.2.** Teams shall submit hard copies of memorials on or before the prescribed due date.

#### **4.7.COPYRIGHT OVER MEMORIALS:**

**4.7.1.** The Administrator shall own all copyrights over the memorials submitted by the teams.

**4.7.2.** The copyright with regard to the memorials submitted for the participation in the Competition is assigned by participants and shall vest completely and fully on the Organisers. 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 material.

**4.7.3.** The Organisers shall have the right to publicly display, distribute in any manner whatsoever and they shall not be responsible for any liability thereof.

## **5. ORAL PLEADINGS**

### **5.1. PRELIMINARY ROUNDS:**

**5.1.1.** The Preliminary Rounds (I) are scheduled to take place on December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2022 from 10 AM to 11 AM.

- 5.1.2.** The Preliminary Rounds (II) are scheduled to take place on December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2022 from 11:30 AM to 12:30 PM.
- 5.1.3.** Preliminary Oral Round of the Competition shall consist of fifty (50) minutes of oral pleadings. Petitioner and Respondent shall be allotted twenty (20) minutes each. And 10 minutes for Rebuttals and Sur-rebuttals.
- a. Two (2) members, and not more than two (2) members, from each Team shall make oral presentations during the round.
  - b. Prior to the beginning of the Oral Round, each Team shall indicate to the Court Clerk (CC) how it wishes to allocate its 20 minutes among (i) its first Speaker, (ii) its second Speaker, and separately the time they would require (excluding the oral arguments) for rebuttal (for Petitioner) or sur-rebuttal (for Respondent). No single Speaker shall plead more than fifteen (15) minutes, including rebuttal or sur-rebuttal.
  - c. Order of Submission- The order of the oral submissions in each Round at all levels of the Competition shall be: Petitioner 1 --> Petitioner 2 --> Respondent 1 --> Respondent 2 -->Rebuttal (Petitioner 1 or 2) --> Sur-rebuttal (Respondent 1 or 2).
  - d. Each Team may reserve up to five (5) minutes for rebuttal or sur-rebuttal.
- 5.1.4.** Teams shall be subjected to two preliminary rounds.
- 5.1.5.** Marks of oral rounds will be totalled for all the teams and 4 teams with highest marks in oral rounds will determine the selection for Semi- Final Rounds.
- 5.1.6.** No two teams shall face each other more than once in the preliminary rounds.
- 5.1.7.** Draw of Lots and exchange of memorials for the 4 semi-finalists will take place on the same day itself after the declaration of results of preliminary rounds.

**5.2. SEMI – FINAL ROUND:**

- 5.2.1.** The Semi-final rounds are scheduled to take place on December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2022.
- 5.2.2.** The top-four scoring teams shall compete according to the draw of lots from 1:30 PM to 2:30 PM.
- 5.2.3.** Semi Finals Oral Round of the Competition shall consist of sixty (60) minutes of oral pleadings. Petitioner and Respondent shall be allotted twenty-five (25) minutes each. And 10 minutes for Rebuttals and Sur-rebuttals.
- a. Two (2) members, and not more than two (2) members, from each Team shall make oral presentations during the round.
  - b. Prior to the beginning of the Oral Round, each Team shall indicate to the Court Clerk (CC) how it wishes to allocate its 25 minutes among (a) its first Speaker, (b) its second Speaker, and separately the time they would require (excluding the oral arguments) for rebuttal (for Petitioner) or sur-rebuttal (for Respondent). No single Speaker shall plead more than fifteen (20) minutes, including rebuttal or sur-rebuttal.
  - c. Order of Submission- The order of the oral submissions in each Round at all levels of the Competition shall be: Petitioner 1 --> Petitioner 2 --> Respondent 1 --> Respondent 2 -->Rebuttal (Petitioner 1 or 2) --> Sur-rebuttal (Respondent 1 or 2).
  - d. Each Team may reserve up to five (5) minutes for rebuttal or sur-rebuttal.

**5.2.4.** The Semi-final rounds shall be in the nature of knock-outs, i.e., The team with the lesser score shall be evicted.

**5.2.5.** The two teams that emerge victorious shall succeed to the Final rounds.

### **5.3. FINAL ROUND:**

**5.3.1.** The Final round is scheduled to take place on December 5<sup>th</sup>,2022.

**5.3.2.** The teams shall argue on the side decided by the draw of lots from 3:30 PM to 4:30 PM.

**5.3.3.** The Final Oral Round of the Competition shall consist of sixty (60) minutes of oral pleadings. Petitioner and Respondent shall be allotted twenty-five (25) minutes each. And 10 minutes for Rebuttals and Sur-rebuttals.

- a. Two (2) members, and not more than two (2) members, from each Team shall make oral presentations during the round.
- b. Prior to the beginning of the Oral Round, each Team shall indicate to the Court Clerk (CC) how it wishes to allocate its 25 minutes among (a) its first Speaker, (b) its second Speaker, and separately the time they would require (excluding the oral arguments) for rebuttal (for Petitioner) or sur-rebuttal (for Respondent). No single Speaker shall plead more than twenty (20) minutes, including rebuttal or sur-rebuttal.
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- d. Each Team may reserve up to five (5) minutes for rebuttal or sur-rebuttal.

**5.3.4.** The team obtaining a higher score shall be adjudged victorious.

**5.3.5.** The Oral rounds shall be judged as per the following criteria:

<b>S. No</b>	<b>Criteria</b>	<b>Marks</b>
<b>1.</b>	Knowledge of Facts and Law	20
<b>2.</b>	Application of law to facts	20
<b>3.</b>	Ingenuity and ability to answer questions	15
<b>4.</b>	Presentation Skills	15
<b>5.</b>	Time Management and Organization	10
<b>6.</b>	Court Etiquettes	10
<b>7.</b>	Logical coherence in Arguments	10
	<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>100 Marks</b>

#### **5.4. RESEARCHER'S TEST:**

1. The Researcher's Test shall be conducted on December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2022.
2. Only the registered researcher during the formal registration shall take the researcher's test.
3. The test shall contain questions related to the moot proposition and the law applicable.
4. The marks of the researcher's test will not be added to the total marks of the team from oral rounds.

### **6. RESEARCHERS' TEST**

#### **6.1.GENERAL RULES:**

- 6.1.1.** The Researchers' test will be organised on December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2022. The venue shall be informed by the Organiser in due course of time.
- 6.1.2.** Only the researcher from the team is requested to be present in the room and the test will be of 1 hour from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- 6.1.3.** The test would comprise of Multiple Choice Questions (MCQs).
- 6.1.4.** Researcher must take part in the test without the presence of a third party i.e., team member in the room.
- 6.1.5.** Any attempt to cheat shall be monitored by the Organisers who will be present in the room. The Organisers reserve the authority to report any suspicious behaviour and disqualify the team from the Researchers' Test. Suspicious behaviour will include, but not be limited to, external assistance sought (suspected), someone other than the researcher appears in the vicinity, candidate persistently looking in other directions etc. Speaking/Making gestures (including gestures indicating the use of a device) is strictly prohibited.

#### **6.2.MARKING SCHEME:**

- 6.2.1.** The test shall comprise of 100 marks.
- 6.2.2.** The ranks of the researchers shall be determined by the aggregate score of their Researchers' Test.

### **7. COMPENDIUM**

#### **7.1.GENERAL:**

- 7.1.1.** Teams are free to present their Compendiums during their Oral Rounds as per the discretion of the Bench. The Compendium may include any material which the teams may wish to submit before the judges' panel for their oral submissions.
- 7.1.2.** Only highlighting and underlining on the Compendium is allowed.
- 7.1.3.** Teams should maintain anonymity in the compendium. No reference to the names or e-mails of participants, name of institution, or any details, except for the team code allotted to the team should be made in the compendium.

## **8. RESULTS**

### **8.1. ANNOUNCEMENT OF RESULTS:**

- 8.1.1.** The results of the preliminary rounds shall be announced shortly after the rounds.
- 8.1.2.** The winners of the quarter-final round shall be announced shortly after the conclusion of the rounds.
- 8.1.3.** The winners of the semi-final round shall be announced shortly after the conclusion of the rounds.
- 8.1.4.** The winners of the final round shall be announced during the valedictory ceremony.

### **8.2. AWARDS AND CERTIFICATES:**

- 8.2.1.** Winning Trophy to the team securing 1st position.
- 8.2.2.** Trophy to first runner up.
- 8.2.3.** Best male and female advocate will receive the trophy.
- 8.2.4.** Best researcher will receive a trophy.
- 8.2.5.** Trophy for best memorial.
- 8.2.6.** Participation certificates to all the students.

## **9. CLARIFICATIONS**

### **9.1. GENERAL:**

- 9.1.1.** The moot proposition shall remain the way it is and no change shall be made whatsoever.
- 9.1.2.** The Organisers further reserve their right to alter, amend or add to the moot proposition and the same shall be intimated to the Registered Teams well in advance.
- 9.1.3.** Clarifications regarding matters other than the moot proposition may be sought from the Organisers.
- 9.1.4.** For any clarifications mail us at [inmccdenovo@gmail.com](mailto:inmccdenovo@gmail.com).
- 9.1.5.** Last date for clarifications is October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2022.