

SCHOOL OF LAW AND JUSTICE ADAMAS UNIVERSITY

**1ST ONLINE NATIONAL MOOT COURT COMPETITION ORGANIZED BY THE
SCHOOL OF LAW AND JUSTICE, ADAMAS UNIVERSITY, IN ASSOCIATION WITH**

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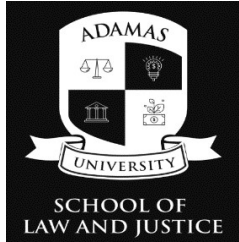
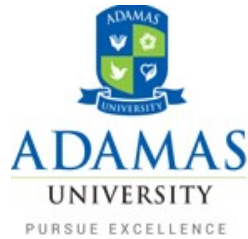
ON 8TH AND 9TH AUGUST, 2020

MOOT COURT COMPETITION RULES

1. Rules of Oral Submissions:

- (a) **Language of Oral Submissions:** All oral pleadings must be in English.
- (b) **Maximum Time:** In the Preliminary Rounds, each team will get a maximum of 25 minutes to put up their arguments which would include the rebuttal/sur-rebuttal time. It is left to the discretion of the individual teams to divide the time among the members, which in any case shall not be less than five minutes or shall not be more than 15 minutes for an individual speaker.

In the Quarter-final, Semifinal and a Final Rounds, which will be based on Moot Problem 2, each team will get a maximum of 20 minutes to forward their arguments which would include the rebuttal/sur-rebuttal time. The individual teams can divide



the time among the members, which in any case shall not be less than five minutes or shall not be more than 10 minutes for an individual speaker.

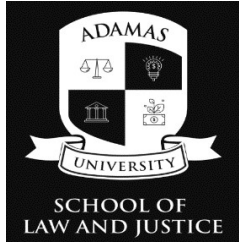
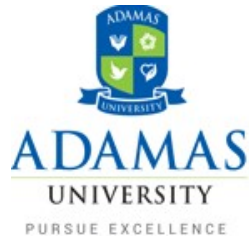
- (c) **Online Mooting Etiquettes:** Only the respective team members, judges, bailiffs and members of the organizing Moot Court Committee may be present in the online Court rooms. No faculty designate or observer of participating Colleges/Institutions/Universities shall be allowed to join the virtual mooting sessions. In the Virtual Court Rooms, all participants shall keep their videos turned on until and unless they face serious network disruptions in which case they can turn off their videos till such time they face such disruptions. Their microphones must be in mute position till they are required to speak.

2. Rules of Written Submissions:

- (a) **Language of Written Submissions:** All written pleadings must be in English.
- (b) **Memorials:** Teams have to prepare memorials for both the sides, i.e. Petitioners and Respondents. Written memorials must be typed in A4 pages in Times New Roman font with 12 font size and with 1.5 line spacing. The footnotes must be in Times New Roman font with 10 font size and with 1.0 line spacing. A page margin of one inch on all the sides must be maintained.

The Memorials must comprise the following sections:

- Cover Page – The Cover Page must be coloured differently for the Petitioner(s) and Respondent(s).



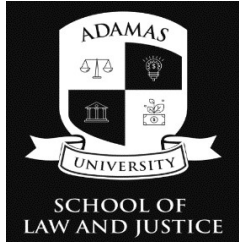
Brown Cover – Petitioner

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- Prayer

Memorials for either the Petitioner(s) or the Respondent(s) shall not be less than 15 pages and shall not exceed 25 pages, including the cover page. The ‘Arguments Advanced’ section shall not be less than five pages and shall not exceed 15 pages. Any standard citation method may be used in footnotes. Speaking footnotes in the memorial are not allowed.

Any issue or pleading, not discussed within the body of the Memorials must not be raised in the virtual Court(s).

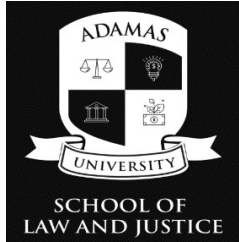
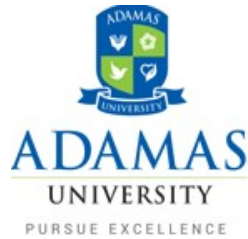


(c) **Penalty:** The following is the penalty criteria.

SL NO.	PENALTY CRITERIA	PENALTY
1.	Late submission till the 4 th day of the submission deadline	.5 mark for each day
2.	Non-inclusion of any of the memorial sections	1 mark for each section
3.	Non-conformity to the minimum and maximum number of pages	5 marks
4.	Violation of the prescribed font, font size or line spacing.	.5 mark per violation, subject to a maximum penalty of five marks

d) **Submission:** The registered teams shall submit soft copies of their memorials for both the sides based on Moot Problem 1 by e-mail to solj.mootcourt@adamasuniversity.ac.in by 23.59 hours of 31 July, 2020. A delay of a day shall cause a penalty of .5 marks. So, for example, if a team submits the memorials on 4 August, 2020, two marks will be deducted from the total marks of 50.

The participating teams while submitting their memorials in MS-Word (with .doc or .docx extension) or pdf format via e-mail, must name their respective memorials as P for Petitioner or R for Respondent accompanied by the team code. Say, for example, if a code for a particular team is 1, the MS-Word or pdf file for the Respondent should be



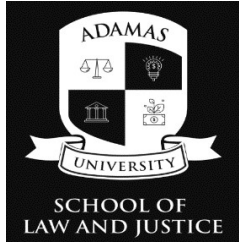
named as 'R1' and the MS-Word or pdf file for the Petitioner should be named as 'P1'. The memorials shall nowhere mention any particulars, for example, the names, contact numbers, email addresses, etc., of the participants.

e) Format of the Competition:

(a) Team Composition: Each team shall consist of a minimum of two members and maximum of three; two members, shall be designated as Mooters and one member as a Researcher. However, a team consisting of only two Mooters may be allowed. Also, under exceptional circumstances, the researcher may be allowed to moot, although such a change in the team composition must be informed beforehand.

(b) Identification Requirements: Since it is a virtual moot, all participants must bear with them at least one identity document for any probable verification during the Mooting sessions.

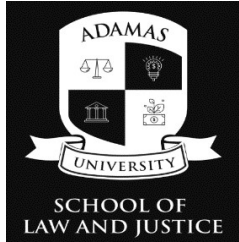
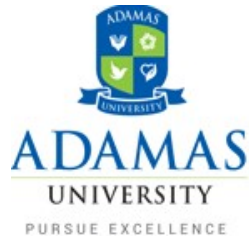
(c) Internet Requirements: Participants are advised to use a stable internet connection (a 4G or a WiFi) during the virtual mooting sessions. They are also advised to use Laptops/Desktops and not Mobile Phones during oral pleadings. The organizers shall not be held responsible for any glitches arising out of poor network or other technical issues. However, the organizers shall provide a reasonable time (about 10 to 15 minutes) to come back to a virtual courtroom if a participant is logged out because of poor network connectivity.



- (d) **Language for Communication:** Communication for all official purposes of the online Moot Court Competition is English.
- (e) **Dress Code:** The dress code for the participants during the online Moot Court sessions shall be formal wear.
- (f) **Number of Participating Teams:** Altogether 24 teams (which may include one home team) may participate in the online Moot Court Competition.
- (g) **Rounds:** There will be one Preliminary Round of arguments followed by the Quarter-final, Semifinal and a Final Rounds. The Preliminary Rounds will be conducted on 08.08.2020 on a knock-out basis. Out of the teams that qualify the Preliminary Rounds, eight teams would qualify for the Quarter-finals based on the aggregate score (memorial marks plus marks secured through oral pleadings) in the Preliminary Rounds. The Quarter-final, Semifinal and Final Rounds will be conducted on a knock-out basis on 09.08.2020. The Finals will be followed by a valedictory session where prizes would be distributed to the winning and runner-up teams and to the best Mooter.

The decisions of the adjudicators regarding the outcome of any of the Rounds shall be final.

- (h) **Preliminary Rounds:** The preliminary rounds will start after the Inaugural Session on 08.08.2020. The teams will be arranged and grouped based on drawing of lots just before the start of the inaugural session. The lots so drawn will determine who will



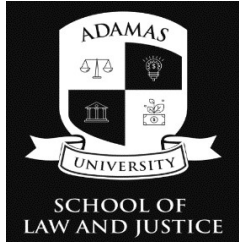
contest against whom and for which side the respective teams would put up their oral arguments. The cumulative results based on the aggregate score of the participating teams in the knock-out Preliminary Rounds will be declared on the evening of 08.08.2020. The eight teams that are in the top in the order of merit shall qualify for the Quarter-finals and shall be ranked accordingly.

(i) **Quarter-final, Semifinal and Final Rounds:** The Quarter-final, Semifinal and Final Rounds will be conducted on 09.08.2020. The following fixture for the Quarterfinal Rounds shall be based on the ranks attained by the eight qualifying teams after the Preliminary Rounds.

- Team with Rank 1 versus Team with Rank 8
- Team with Rank 2 versus Team with Rank 7
- Team with Rank 3 versus Team with Rank 6
- Team with Rank 4 versus Team with Rank 5

Which team will argue for the petitioner and which for the respondent shall be decided by drawing of lots just prior to the beginning of the Quarterfinal Rounds.

The Moot Problem (Problem -2) for the Quarter-final, Semifinal and Final Rounds will be circulated to the eight qualifying teams on the evening of 08.08.2020, after the results of the Preliminary Rounds are declared. The results of the Quarter-final, Semifinal and Final Rounds that will be based solely on oral pleadings will be



declared within a maximum of one hour from the time of completion of the respective Rounds.

- (j) **Moot Problems:** There are two Moot problems; Moot Problem 1, which relates to the law of contractual obligations, will be used to adjudge the performance of the participants in the Preliminary Rounds. Written memorials are supposed to be submitted with reference to Moot Problem 1. Moot Problem 2 will be used to adjudge the performance of the participants in the Quarter-final, Semifinal and Final Rounds. No written memorials are required to be submitted with regard to Moot Problem 2.

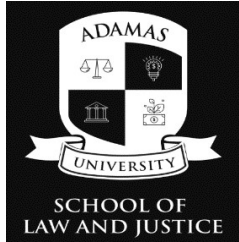
f) Marking and Evaluation:

Each written memorial will be marked accordingly on the basis of the laid-down criteria. Oral arguments will be marked by each online Court for each participant and team. Each individual's marks for oral arguments will be added with the memorial marks.

The marking and evaluation pattern is as follows:

(a) Memorial Evaluation:

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1.	Knowledge of facts and laws	10
2.	Application of the relevant laws	10

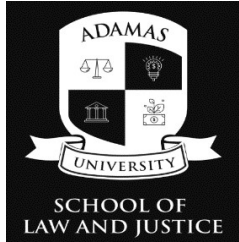
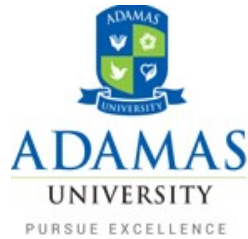


3.	Analysis and interpretation of the case in light of the facts and laws	10
4.	Clarity and organization of thought and expression	10
5.	Grammar and usage	10

(b) Evaluation of Oral Pleadings:

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1.	Demeanor	10
2.	Ingenuity	10
3.	Articulation and organization	10
4.	Humor and wit	10
5.	Argumentative skills	10

(c) Marking Scheme: For the Preliminary Rounds, 50% marks are allocated to Memorials and 50% to Oral Pleadings. For the Quarter-final, Semifinal and Final



Rounds, 100% marks are allocated to oral submissions. In case marks received by two teams are equal (a tie) in the Preliminary Rounds, the higher marks attained in oral pleadings shall be considered to decide the winner. If the marks attained in written memorials and in oral pleadings are equal, the matter will be decided by tossing a coin. With regard to the Quarter-final, Semifinal and Final Rounds, in case marks received by the teams through oral submissions are equal (a tie), the matter will be decided by tossing a coin.

g) Prizes:

(a) Winning Team: Rs. 5,000/- (Five Thousand Only) and e-certificates.

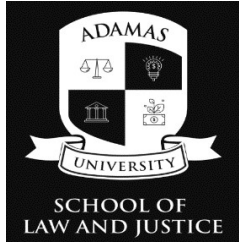
(b) Runner Up: Rs. 4,000/- (Four Thousand Only) and e-certificates.

(c) Best Mooter: Rs. 2,500/- (Two Thousand Five Hundred Only) and e-certificate. (The Best Mooter would be adjudged based on his/her performance his/her oral pleadings in the Semifinal and Final rounds.)

All participants will receive e-certificates for their participation.

h) Disqualification of Teams:

The organizers of this online Moot Court Competition may disqualify any team if it is not found to adhere to the Rules of this Competition. It may also disqualify a team for any of its unethical or unprofessional conduct.



i) Amendment of the Competition Rules:

The organizers of this online Moot Court Competition may amend the Competition Rules. However, any such amendment shall be brought to the notice of the participating teams.

j) Resolution of Disputes:

Any disputes arising out of the said online Moot Court Competition shall be resolved by the Dean, SOLJ in consultation with the Faculty Convener(s), Moot Court Committee. The decision of the Dean shall be final and binding.