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National Law University, Jabalpur



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## MOOT COURT COMMITTEE

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# DNLU NATIONAL MOOT COURT COMPETITION 2024

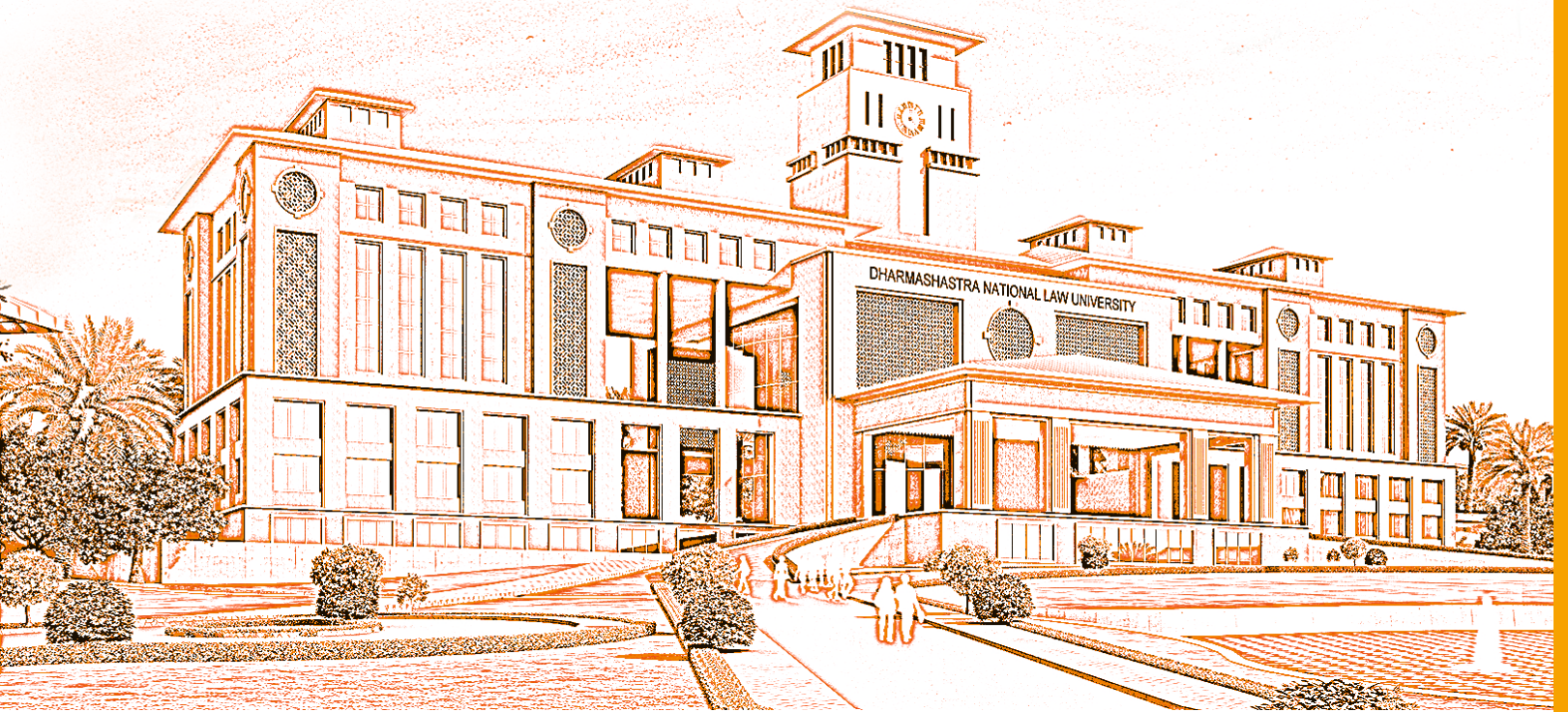
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## About the University

Dharmashastra National Law University, Jabalpur (M.P.) was established in the year 2018, by Madhya Pradesh Dharmashastra National Law University Act 24 of 2018, with the object of advancing the cause of legal education and achieving excellence at imparting value-based legal education to undergraduate as well as postgraduate students. The University was unveiled by the noted legal luminaries, leaders and educationists in 2018 with a vision to be the center of excellence in legal education and research by disseminating quality education and training; nurturing vibrant legal culture through judicious practices and ethically responsible pursuits. The University aims to emerge as a unique institution for imparting legal education which is socially relevant and professionally competent.

The University seeks to impart and disseminate the knowledge of law and to promote the culture of research for the development and advancement of legal education. It also orients towards imparting specialized and systematic instructions and training to the law students, research scholars and officers performing administrative, quasi-administrative functions. The University aims not only to be knowledge driven institution but also a creativity and wisdom driven Institution, as a result of which, the University has etched its mark across the nation, and even beyond the national boundaries.

## About the Competition

The DNLU National Moot Court Competition is an esteemed annual event that attracts law students from across the nation, providing them with an invaluable opportunity to engage in the practice of law in a competitive and intellectually stimulating environment. Designed to simulate real courtroom proceedings, the competition allows participants to develop their advocacy skills and legal acumen while fostering camaraderie among peers.

Competitors will have the chance to represent both sides of the case, engaging in extensive research and preparing written submissions, including memorials that outline their legal arguments. Throughout the competition, they will be evaluated by a distinguished panel of judges comprising seasoned legal practitioners, academics, and industry experts, providing participants with insightful feedback on their performances.

Beyond honing their legal skills, participants will also gain experience in teamwork, time management, and effective communication. The DNLU National Moot Court Competition not only nurtures the next generation of legal professionals but also serves as a platform for networking, collaboration, and the exchange of ideas among law students and practitioners.

With a commitment to excellence, the competition aims to inspire participants to become not only skilled advocates but also conscientious legal professionals who contribute positively to society and the field of law.



## Important Dates

<b>Commencement of Provisional Registration</b>	<b>04.10.2024</b>
<b>Release of Moot Problem and Rulebook</b>	<b>04.10.2024</b>
<b>Last Date of Registration and Payment for Round-I</b>	<b>15.10.2024</b>
<b>Last Date of Seeking Clarifications</b>	<b>20.10.2024</b>
<b>Release of Clarifications</b>	<b>23.10.2024</b>
<b>Submission of Memorial: Soft Copy</b>	<b>28.10.2024</b>
<b>Result of Memorial Qualification Round</b>	<b>02.11.2024</b>
<b>Start of Round-II Registration and Payment</b>	<b>02.11.2024</b>
<b>Last Date of Registration for Round-II</b>	<b>05.11.2024</b>
<b>Submission &amp; Exchange of Memorial</b>	<b>15.11.2024</b>
<b>Researcher's Test</b>	<b>15.11.2024</b>
<b>Preliminary Rounds and Semi-Final Round</b>	<b>16.11.2024</b>
<b>Final And Valedictory Ceremony</b>	<b>17.11.2024</b>

# RULES OF THE COMPETITION

## I. Introductory

Short Title: These Rules shall be called the DNLU National Moot Competition Rules, 2024.

1. **Definitions:** Unless otherwise stated following shall be construed herein as:
  - a. **“Administrator”** shall mean the DNLU Moot Court Committee;
  - b. **“Competition”** means DNLU Moot Court Competition, 2024;
  - c. **“Participating Team”** means the team which has registered itself for the competition as per the rules of registration;
  - d. **“Round-I”** means the Memorial Qualification Round;
  - e. **“Round-II”** means the physical rounds to be held in the premises of the University;
  - f. **“Rules”** means DNLU National Moot Court Competition Rules, 2024;
  - g. **“Organizers”** means the Dharmashastra National Law University.

## II. General Rules

2. **Date:** The Competition shall be organized from **15th to 17th November, 2024**
3. **Dress Code:** The participants shall adhere to the following dress code when present in any courtroom during the Competition.
  - Ladies: White Salwar and Kurta or White Shirt and Black Pant or Skirt along with Black Coat and Black Shoes; and
  - Gentlemen: White Shirt, Black Trousers and Black Tie, and Black Coat and Black Shoes.
4. **Language:** The language of the Competition shall be English.
5. **Eligibility:**
  - The Competition shall be open to students who are: i. Pursuing an integrated 5-year LL.B. programme in India; or ii. Pursuing a 3-year LL.B. programme in India.
  - An institution shall be entitled to send not more than two team to the Competition.



### III. Eligibility And Team Composition

6. **Team Composition:** Each team shall constitute a minimum of two members and a maximum of three members. Under no condition shall a team consisting of more than 3 members be allowed to participate.
7. **Three-Member Team:** In the event, a team consists of 3 members then:
  - a. Such team shall designate two of its members as speakers; and
  - b. Such a team shall designate one member, who has not been designated as a speaker, as a researcher. The team must, amongst its members, identify the speakers and the researcher at the time of registration itself.
8. **Two-Member Team:** In the event, a team consists of two members then such a team shall designate both the members as speakers and no member in the team shall be allowed to be represented as a researcher and take the researcher's test.
9. **Change in Team Composition:** Any change in team composition must be intimated to the Administrator at the earliest. Any change must be accompanied by a registration form and an authority letter duly signed by the head of the institution. No change in team composition is allowed after the formal registration.

### IV. Registration

10. Each institution must, first, provisionally register itself through its designated moot court society for the Competition by filling out the following google form:

<https://forms.gle/ujZHQW2Wz6tjsRD26>

11. Only upon the confirmation of the provisional registration by the Administrators, each team shall register for the Competition by filling out the registration form before 15 October, 2024. The registration form will be sent to the institution's moot court society once the said institution's provisional registration has been confirmed. The teams are strongly encouraged to complete the registration form at the earliest possible. Prior payment of the registration fee is required in order to submit the online registration form. In case a team fails to complete the final registration, the next team which completed the provisional registration shall be considered for the final registration.
12. While filling out the registration form, the teams have to choose a primary contact person. All communications concerning the Competition will be sent by e-mail to the nominated contact person. It is that person's responsibility to convey all relevant information and distribute all relevant material to the team.
13. All teams registering for the competition shall be charged with an initial fee of **INR 1000/-** ( **We would organize an online research session for the moot teams to help them enhance their research skills using  manupatra®** ). The teams shortlisted after the memorial selection round are further required to pay **INR 5000/-** (inclusive of accommodation and food) to complete the final registration.  
**\*As part of our support, we will offer one  manupatra® Academy course free of cost for the winners.**
14. **Mode of Payment:** All the required transactions i.e., the registration fees and the fees required after qualifying the memorial selection round (Round-I) shall be paid online in the account mentioned below:

Account Name

**Dharmashastra National Law University A/c  
Moot Court Committee**

Account Number

**519302010221761**

IFSC Code

**UBIN0551937**

Branch

**Union Bank of India, State Bar Council,  
High Court, Jabalpur**

**Note:** For Round-II, the teams who qualified in Round-I shall positively make the final payment on or before 5th November, 2024, failing which their slot for Round-II shall be forfeited. In such a case, the next team in line as per the rankings of Round-I shall be provided the failing team's spot in the physical round.

**15. Allotment of Team Code:** Every team which has successfully completed the Registration requisites under the Rules shall be allotted a unique code after the closure of the Registration for the Competition. Once allotted, every team must use the team code for any communication with the Organizers during the course of the Competition.

## V. Format Of The Competition

**16. Format:** There shall be a qualification round (Round-I) which shall be on the basis of the memorials for both the sides. Twenty teams will then qualify for the Round-II.

**17. Physical Rounds:** The Round-II of the Competition will be held offline and is divided into:

- Preliminary Rounds,
- Semi-Final Rounds; and
- Final Rounds

**18. Draw of Lots:** The match-up of teams in Preliminary Rounds shall be determined on the basis of the draw of lots. The draw of lots shall take place on November 15th, 2024.

**19. Preliminary Rounds:**

- Each team shall argue from both sides in the Preliminary Rounds.
- No team shall argue the same side twice in the Preliminary Rounds.

**20. Scoring in the Preliminary Round:**

- The qualification of teams to the Advanced Rounds shall be determined on the basis of the win or loss of the team in each preliminary Round.
- Win or loss of a team shall be determined on the basis of the aggregate score. The team with the higher aggregate score shall win the round.



- The aggregate score of a team shall be computed as the total of –
- Score of Speaker 1;
- Score of Speaker 2; and
- Half the score of the memorial.

**21. Arrangement of Ranking:** The teams in the Preliminary Rounds shall be ranked on the basis of the below-mentioned criteria.

- a. The teams shall be first differentiated on their win-loss record after the Preliminary Rounds;
- b. If there is a tie, the team with the higher aggregate score will be allotted the higher rank;
- c. If the tie subsists, the team with the higher speaker score will be allotted the higher rank;
- d. If the tie still subsists, the team with the highest individual speaker score out of speakers of tied teams will be allotted the higher rank;
- e. If the tie still subsists, the team with the higher memorial score will be allotted a higher rank;
- f. If the tie still subsists, then the rank shall be determined by the toss of coin.

**22. Results:** The results of the Preliminary Rounds shall be declared soon after the conclusion of both the Preliminary Rounds. The top four teams as per the criterion laid down under Rule 20 and Rule 21 will qualify for the Advanced Rounds.

**23. Advanced Rounds:** The semi-finals and finals shall constitute the Advanced Rounds of the Competition.

**24. Semi-finals:**

- a. Top Four teams from the Preliminary Rounds shall qualify for the Semi-Finals.
- b. The team shall argue only one side in the semi-finals. The side of the team shall be decided by way of the draw of lots.
- c. The semi-final shall be a knock-out round.
- d. The win-loss shall be decided on the basis of the aggregate speaker score.

No memorial score will be added in the semi-final. The win-loss shall be determined on the basis of the score so computed. The team with the higher aggregate score shall proceed to the final round.

25. **Finals:** In the final rounds, the win-loss shall be decided on the basis of the aggregate speaker score. No memorial score will be added in the finals. The win-loss shall be determined on the basis of the score so computed.

## VI. Memorials

26. **Strict Adherence to Rules Regarding Memorials:** All requirements have to be strictly followed. Non-adherence to the same will attract penalty subject to the discretion of the organizers.
27. **Memorials to be Prepared from Both Sides:** Each team must prepare memorials for both sides of the dispute (Appellant/Petitioner and Respondent).
28. **Submission of Soft Copy and Hard Copy of Memorials:**
- a. **Submission of Soft Copy:**
    - i. The soft copies of the memorial from each side should positively reach the Organizers at [mcc@mpdnlu.ac.in](mailto:mcc@mpdnlu.ac.in) in both PDF and Word format latest by October 28, 2024, before 11:00 PM.
    - ii. Memorials shall be sent as an attachment with the mail in the form of single file for each side of memorial in PDF as well as Word format.
    - iii. A penalty of 1 mark shall be levied in case the memorial is submitted in any other format or as a multiple file by the team.
    - iv. The team submitting the soft copy 5 days after the last date of the submission of the soft copy of the memorial will be disqualified from the competition.
    - v. A penalty of 1 mark per hour per side shall be deducted in case of delay in submission of soft copy of memorial.
  - b. **Submission of Hard Copy:**
    - i. Four copies of memorial each for the applicant and the respondent in hard copy, latest by November 15, 2024.
    - ii. A penalty of 1 mark per day per side shall be deducted in case of delay in submission of hard copy of memorial.
29. **General Conditions for Memorials:**
- a. The memorials shall not contain any form of identification apart from the team code on the upper right corner of the cover page. If any such identification or mark, symbol, etc. which has the effect of identifying the team is found on the memorial, then it shall result in

instant disqualification.

- b. Appellant memorials are required to have a Blue cover and Respondent memorials are required to have a Red cover.
- c. A penalty of 1 mark per side shall be levied in case the team uses the wrong cover page for each side of the memorial.

### 30. Guidelines for Formatting:

- a. **Memorial Structure:** The memorial must have the following pages only:
  - i. **Cover Page** – The cover page shall contain the case title, side of the memorial, year of competition, name of the forum and team Code in the top right corner.
  - ii. **Table of Contents**
  - iii. **List of Abbreviations**
  - iv. **Index of Authorities**
  - v. **Statement of Jurisdiction**
  - vi. **Statement of Facts**
  - vii. **Issues Raised**
  - viii. **Summary of Arguments**
  - ix. **Pleadings/Arguments Advanced**
  - x. **Prayer**
- b. **Team Code:** The team code must be ascribed to the up-right corner of the cover page. The code must be preceded by the side for which the memorial is prepared. The teams must use “A” for Appellant, P for “Petitioner” and R for “Respondent.” For example: in case the Team Code is 100 the team must write “A- 100” in case of memorial for Appellant and “R-100” in case of memorial for Respondent.
- c. **Main body:**
  - i. **Type:** Times New Roman
  - ii. **Font Size:** 12 points
  - iii. **Line Spacing:** 1.5
- d. **Footnotes:**
  - i. **Type:** Times New Roman
  - ii. **Font Size:** 10 points

- iii. Line Spacing: 1
- e. **Pagination:** The pagination must be done at the bottom of the page.
- f. **Margin:** Margin of 1 inch on all sides of the memorial should be left.
- g. **Citation Format:** The 20th Edition of Bluebook system of citation should be followed throughout the memorial.

31. **Penalty:** A penalty of 1 mark per violation per side shall be levied in case of non adherence with the aforementioned guidelines for formatting.

32. **Marking Criteria For Memorial:**

MARKING CRITERIA	MARKS ALLOTTED
Evidence of Original Thought	20
Knowledge of Law and Facts	20
Proper and Articulate Analysis	20
Correct Format and Citation	20
Extent and Use of Research	20
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100</b>

33. **Plagiarism:** In case the memorial of the Participant is found to be guilty of plagiarism, the Administrator may impose any sanction that they may deem fit, including disqualification from the Moot.

34. **Timings for the Oral Pleadings:**

- a. Preliminary Rounds:
  - i. Each team is allotted 30 minutes to present their oral arguments;
  - ii. The timing can be divided between both the speakers according to the wishes of the team subject to a maximum of 17 minutes and a minimum of 13 minutes per speaker;
  - iii. The time division has to be informed to the Court Manager/Clerk before the beginning of the oral arguments.
  - iv. A maximum of 2 minutes may be reserved for rebuttal or sur-rebuttal which shall be at the discretion of the judges.

- v. The allotment of extra time shall be at the discretion of the judges.
- b. Semi-Final and Final Rounds:
  - i. Each team is allotted 60 minutes to present their oral arguments.
  - ii. The timing can be divided between both the speakers according to the wishes of the team subject to a maximum of 35 minutes and a minimum of 25 minutes per speaker.
  - iii. The time division has to be informed to the Court Manager/Clerk before the beginning of the oral arguments.
  - iv. A maximum of 5 minutes may be reserved for rebuttal or surrebuttal which shall be given at the discretion of the judges.
  - v. The allotment of extra time shall be at the discretion of the judge.

**35. Marking Criteria for the Oral Rounds:**

MARKING CRITERIA	MARKS ALLOTTED
Evidence of Original Thought	20
Knowledge of Law and Facts	20
Proper and Articulate Analysis	20
Correct Format and Citation	20
Extent and Use of Research	20
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100</b>

**VIII. Researcher’s Test**

**36. Researcher’s Test:**

- a. The identified researcher during the formal registration shall take the researcher's test.
- b. In the case of a two-member team, no member of the team will be allowed to take the Researcher’s test.
- c. The test shall contain questions related to the moot problem and the relevant law.
- d. It shall be an offline pen and paper-based test.
- e. In tabulation of results for the researchers' test, the total marks

obtained by the researcher plus fifty per cent of the memorial score will be considered. In case of a tie, the researcher with the higher memorial score will be allotted a higher rank. If the tie subsists, the research belonging to the team with the higher aggregate score will be allotted a higher rank. If the tie still subsists, then the rank shall be determined by a toss of coin.

### IX. Awards And Prizes

37. **Awards:** The following awards shall be awarded in the Competition:

<b>WINNERS</b>	<b>Rs. 30,000/-</b>
<b>RUNNER UP</b>	<b>Rs. 20,000/-</b>
<b>TEAM WITH BEST MEMORIAL- APPLICANT</b>	<b>Rs. 10,000/-</b>
<b>TEAM WITH BEST MEMORIAL- RESPONDENT</b>	<b>Rs. 10,000/-</b>
<b>BEST SPEAKER (MALE)</b>	<b>Rs. 10,000/-</b>
<b>BEST SPEAKER (FEMALE)</b>	<b>Rs. 10,000/-</b>
<b>BEST RESEARCHER</b>	<b>Rs. 10,000/-</b>

### X. Penalties

38. **Non – Disclosure of Identity:** Teams shall not disclose their identity, i.e., 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.

## XI. Dispute Resolution

39. The Organizing Committee shall form a Dispute Resolution Committee for the resolution of any dispute pertaining to the manner of conduction of the moot or any other matter incidental thereto. The Dispute Resolution Committee shall become operational on receipt of an application of grievance, where post the dispute resolution process, the decision of such Committee shall be final and binding.

## XII. Miscellaneous

40. **Copyright:** The copyright with regard to the memorials submitted for participation in the Competition is 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.
41. **Power to Amend or Alter Rules:** The rules mentioned herein are not exhaustive. The Organizers reserve the right to alter, amend or add to the rules mentioned herein at any point in time. All decisions made by Organizers in case of any disputes, doubts or related issues shall be final and binding. Imposition of all penalties including disqualification rests solely with the organizers in case of failure to comply with the rules mentioned herein.
42. **Disclaimer:** The problem 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 problem.
43. **Contact Details:** In case of any queries or clarifications regarding the competition feel free to mail your queries at [mcc@mpdnlu.ac.in](mailto:mcc@mpdnlu.ac.in).



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