



7th KIIT Mock Trial Competition, 2024



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22nd November 2024
to
24th November 2024



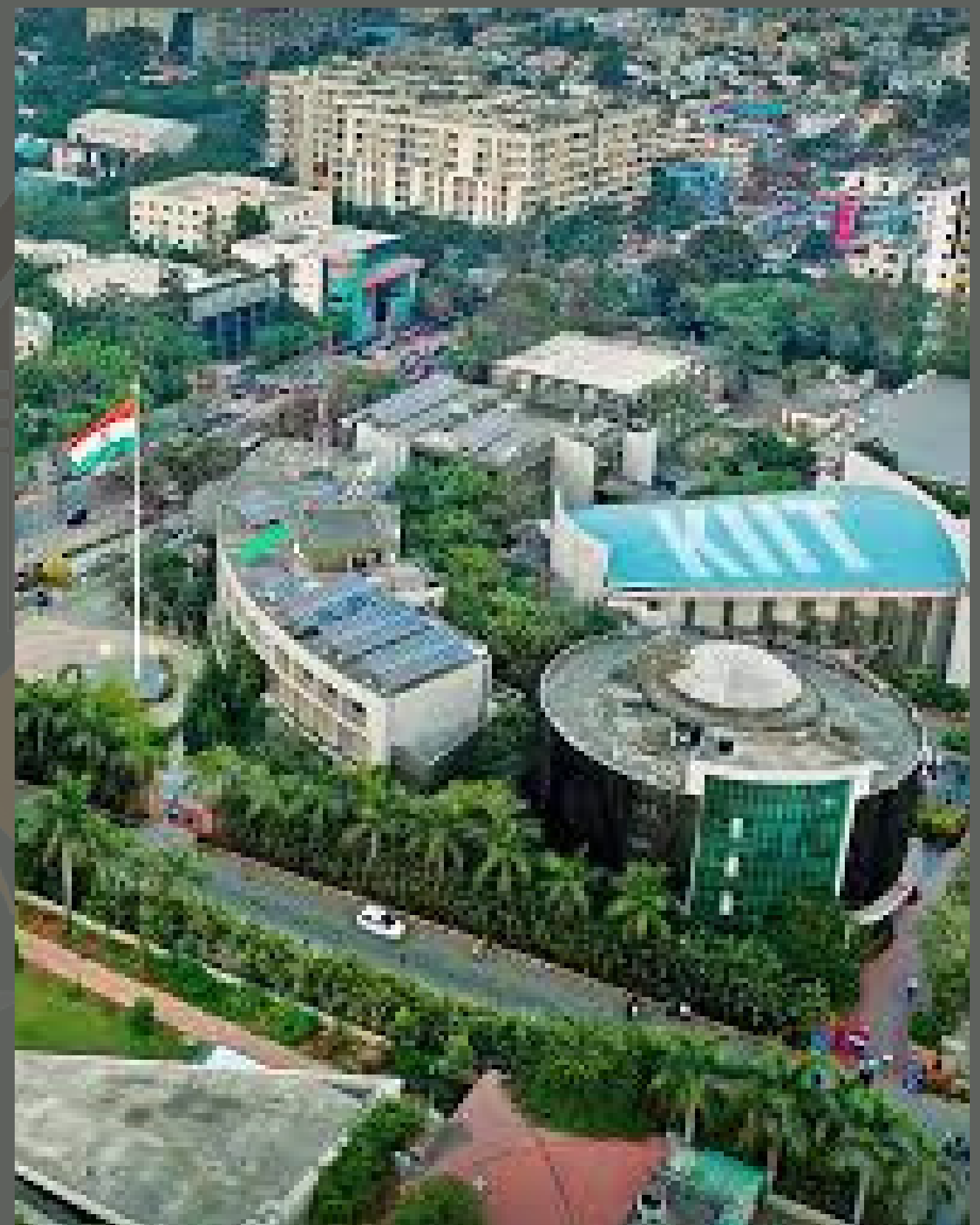
KIIT SCHOOL OF LAW Campus 16
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ABOUT KALINGA INSTITUTE OF INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY (KIIT)



The Kalinga Institute of Industrial Technology (KIIT) began in 1992 as a small vocational center in Bhubaneswar, evolving into a formal institution in 1997 with the launch of its degree engineering program. Founded by Prof. Achyuta Samanta, KIIT has grown from modest beginnings into a leading university known for its interdisciplinary approach and commitment to teaching excellence.

KIIT is a globally respected multidisciplinary institute known for its commitment to educational excellence, research, and innovation. Its cosmopolitan campus hosts over 25,000 students from across India and 22 countries, fostering a diverse multicultural community. With 28 constituent schools, KIIT offers graduate, postgraduate, doctoral, and post-doctoral programs across various disciplines in modern, well-equipped facilities.



KIIT has achieved remarkable success in national and international rankings, reflecting its strong commitment to teaching excellence. It gained university status under the UGC Act in 2004, just seven years after its establishment, earning a Limca Record for this feat. The National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF) ranked KIIT 21st among Indian universities, while the Atal Ranking of Institutions on Innovation Achievements (ARILA) recognized it as the top private higher education institution in India. Additionally, Times Higher Education ranked KIIT in the 201-250 band among Asian universities for 2022, positioning it as the best in Eastern India and comparable to prestigious institutions like the IITs and NITs.

ABOUT FOUNDER



Achyuta Samanta is an Indian educationist and philanthropist. He founded the Kalinga Institute of Industrial Technology (KIIT) and the Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences (KISS). KIIT is an Institution of Eminence for professional education having more than 30,000 students from all over India and 55 other countries across the globe. KISS is a home for 70,000 indigenous children who get free education, home and board, vocational and sports empowerment from Kindergarten and Post Doctorate levels. He has founded Kadambini Magazine and Kuni Katha exclusively for children.



Besides, he is also the founder of Kalinga TV and K. News Odisha. He is the first Odia to be a member of both UGC and AICTE. He was the Member of Parliament (Lok Sabha) from Kandhamal, Odisha, and also the President of the Volleyball Federation of India. He is the designated President (India) of Democracy Without Borders and founder of Parliamentarians for Indigenous People. He has been conferred with over 50 International and National awards and over 200 state awards besides the two highest Civilian Awards from the Royal Kingdom of Bahrain and Mongolia called ISA Award for Service to Humanity and Best Worker Award respectively. He has been conferred with 49 Honorary Doctorate awards from universities in India and abroad.



ABOUT KIIT SCHOOL OF LAW



The KIIT School of Law (KSOL), established in 2007, was created to address the increasing demand for legal professionals amidst globalization and India's economic growth. It offers LL.M. and Ph.D. programs that emphasize intellectual and jurisprudential aspects of law. KSOL collaborates with various international law education consortiums, including partnerships with universities in the UK, USA, and Korea. Under the direction of Prof. (Dr.) Rose Varghese, KSOL emphasizes a multidimensional legal education that integrates law with fields like management and social sciences, preparing students for the corporate world. The curriculum aims to cultivate socially responsible legal professionals who can navigate the complexities of modern society. KSOL has been ranked 11th among law schools in India by the National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF).



“The pace of change is accelerating at wrap-speed, buoyed by technological advances, communication, and globalism... the ability to gain new knowledge will be more valuable than the knowledge itself.”- Ferris Bueller

KIIT School of Law ever remains prepared for assimilating the change. There is a visible drift from ‘lawyer centric, provincial, labour intensive guild to a customer- focused, global, digitized industry’. The transition indicates mustering new skill sets with reflective predictions. The ‘legal trade’ is assuming new focus in all matters of business and technology intrinsically coupled with social life. ‘Legal Service Business’ is expanding.

Legal education cannot miss the opportunity. Where ‘to do more with less’ is buzzing, the ‘standard to legal delivery’ has to meet the challenge. ‘Clients, demand efficient, predictive, cost-effective, accessible, scalable and agile delivery of legal services’. Enabling beyond ‘knowledge of law’, the legal training is being moderated to a suite of skillsets – project management, data analytic, business basics, technical agility, and teaming. ‘Virtual experiential learning techniques’ came into force because of pandemic. They signal to what is called as learning ‘Law without Walls’ (LWOW – Michele DeStefano). This places a ‘new polarization for future of law’ to (1) create innovations at the intersection of law, business and technology, that solve real problems and market needs; (2) hone skills (Lawyer Skill Delta, Destefano); and (3) build the lawyer-client dynamic and promote conducive environment. In the scheme of things, KSOL being aware of things, are in continuous process of building ‘partnership between all members of the legal ecosystem- corporate law departments, law firms, alternative legal service providers, and academics- to help modernize legal education’ and transmit effective education that cater to the next generation of legal professionals. KSOL as a part of curriculum, is also in the process of initiating a series of ‘legal boot camps’ to expose students to interdisciplinary real life problem solving with an emphasis on clinician finish of skills. KSOL in association with other constituent institutes of KIIT-KISS system provides an unique opportunity to its students. It augments global best academic ambiance and provides an unusual learning ecosystem. All the academic stakeholders deem it as a privilege of being part of the knowledge system and learning space.

Dear Students,
Greetings from School of Law, Kalinga Institute of Industrial Technology (deemed to be University) Bhubaneswar, Odisha.

As has been observed in the past, classroom learning is only a part of legal education whereas practice ready lawyers get the real world experiences. Therefore KIIT School of law came up with the "Trial and Appellate Advocacy Society" (TAAS) aiming to provide platforms for the aspiring students to learn from experts with years of experience as judges and litigators.

It also lays down a solid foundation in the process of preparing the young minds to meet the required criteria and recognize the different skillsets for becoming a trial attorney in the present era. Trial advocacy competition teaches students to meet the practical challenges that lawyers typically face in a modern legal practice.

TAAS has performed incredibly well in the past. It has hosted many National Mock Trial Events and workshops. Now TAAS is back with another National event and invites law students from all over India to come, face the trial tussle, get judged by some of the most eminent judges and advocates of India, get a lifetime experience and make the most of it.



CO-FACULTY CONVENOR'S MESSAGE



As the Co-convenor of the Trial and Appellate Advocacy Society at KIIT School of Law, I take immense pride in serving the position. The Society excels in bridging the gaps between theory and practice through real-time activities like mock trial competitions. The Society serves as a platform where students can develop critical courtroom techniques, such as case analysis, argumentation, legal research, and oral advocacy.

Through mock trial competitions and workshops, it prepares students for real-world litigation by exposing them to the intricacies of judicial procedures and the art of persuasive argument. The Society's purpose is to bridge the gap between legal education and professional practice, nurturing future advocates and legal professionals.

Participation in the competition shall be restricted to the first 30 teams that confirms and complete their participation formalities shall be entitled to participate in the competition.

Chapter I- Trial Advocacy

Article 1 – Team Composition

- Each team shall consist of 3 members (2 speakers and 1 researcher).
- Each team will have a team code. Teams should not disclose their identity or that of their institution or city, etc. such disclosure shall invite penalties including disqualification, though the advocates may disclose their names while addressing the court. The decision for the same shall be at the discretion of the Organizer.

Article 2 – Date and Venue

Sl.	EVENT	DATE
1.	Release of Trial Proposition	27th October 2024
2.	Last Date for Online Registration	8th November 2024
3.	Last Date for seeking Clarifications & Team Code Allotment	11th November 2024
4.	Last Date for Memorial Submission (Soft-Copy)	18th November 2024
5.	Researcher's Test & Memorial Submission (Hard-copy)	22nd November 2024
6.	Preliminary Rounds I & II; Quarter-Final Rounds	23rd November 2024
7.	Semi-Finals Rounds & Final Round	24th November 2024

- Venue: The competition shall be held at KIIT School of Law, KIIT University, Prasanti Vihar, Patia, Bhubaneswar, Odisha 751024

Article 3 – Dress Code and other compulsory formalities

- Advocates attire. (White Shirt, Black Pants, Black Blazer)
- Participants shall carry their college ID- Card for the purpose of identification for the **registration process during the competition.**

Article 4 – Eligibility

- Students pursuing three or five-year courses of LL. B degree in the current academic year from any recognized law school/ college/university in India is eligible to participate for the purpose.

Article 5 – Registration

- Registration fee is to be submitted through the payment gateway provided in the event brochure (online payment).
- Forms received after the deadline shall not be considered.
- The registration fee is non-refundable.
- The registration of a team will be considered complete once the registration fees are paid and the registration form, i.e., through google form, with all necessary details, is received.
- No change in the names of the participants shall be permitted after the receipt of the registration form, except at the sole discretion of the organizing committee.
- Registration for the said competition begins on 24th October 2024 from 12 Noon onwards.
- The last date for registration is 8th November 2024 till 11:59 p.m.
- Registration fee per team is ₹5,500/- (including food and accommodation) which shall be paid in form of Online Payments in favour of Kalinga Institute of Industrial Technology (KIIT) payable at Bhubaneswar.
- Registration Form: <https://forms.gle/BC6wUyTL2maun42w7>

• BANK DETAILS

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Branch Address: KIIT CAMPUS-1, PO-KIIT, BHUBANESWAR, ODISHA- 751024

Account Type: Current.

Article 6 – Language

- The competition shall be in English only. Use of vernacular language during the competition shall be prohibited.

Article 7 – Witness

- Organizers will provide the witnesses. The witnesses will be generally assigned and briefed by the Organizers. However, each team will have an opportunity to especially brief their witnesses.
- The witnesses to be briefed will be assigned to each team for 30 minutes in the Preliminary & Quarter-Finals Rounds, and 45 minutes in the Semi-Final and Final rounds prior to the commencement of the respective round.
- To maintain impartiality and transparency during the rounds a team shall not be assigned similar witnesses in two different rounds.
- Surprise Witnesses acting as “court witnesses” may be introduced anytime during the proceedings.
- It is not mandatory for the teams to examine all the witnesses. However, a minimum of 2 witnesses have to be examined in each round.
- Number of witnesses allotted in the preliminary rounds and quarterfinal rounds will be 2, for Semi-Final will be 3 and for Final Round will be 4.

Article 8 - Anonymity

Student Counsel may introduce him/herself to the court in the usual manner and may also state their names. However, the team’s affiliation shall not be indicated to the judges at any time.

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

Article 9 – Scouting

- Teams will not be allowed to observe the orals of any other teams. Scouting is strictly prohibited. Scouting by any of the teams will result in disqualification.
- Any team can file a written complaint with the Organizer, regarding a case of scouting. The Organizer's Decision is Final.
- The researchers shall sit with the speakers at the time of the orals and shall not attend the court sessions of any other team participating in the competition

Article 10 – Oral Rounds

- At the time of the draw of lots, the teams are required to go through the following procedure: -
- Serving of Copies (at the time of written submissions)
- Framing of charge by the court (at the time of orals)

And, the remaining time limit will be followed as mentioned.

1. In the Preliminary and Quarterfinal round the time slot for each round shall be as follows: -

- I. Opening Statement on behalf of the Prosecution- 4 minutes
- II. Opening Statement on behalf of the Defence of- 4 minutes
- III. Examination-in-Chief on behalf of the Prosecution – 8 minutes.
- IV. Cross-Examination on behalf of the Defence – 10 minutes.
- V. Examination-in-Chief on behalf of the Defence – 8 minutes.
- VI. Cross-Examination on behalf of the Prosecution – 10 minutes.
- VII. Final Arguments on behalf of the Prosecution – 8 minutes
- VIII. Final Arguments on behalf of the Defence – 8 minutes

Each speaker shall have to conduct either of the two examinations and deliver either the opening statement or the final argument in each round. The combination each team would like to follow needs to be informed to the organizers at the time of the orientation and the same shall not be altered for any of the later rounds.

2. In the Semi-Final and the Final rounds the time slot shall be:
 - I. Opening statement on behalf of the Prosecution – 6 minutes.
 - II. Opening statement on behalf of the Defence – 6 minutes.
 - III. Examination-in-Chief on behalf of the Prosecution – 12 minutes.
 - IV. Cross-Examination on behalf of the Defence – 17 minutes.
 - V. Examination-in-Chief on behalf of the Defence – 12 minutes.
 - VI. Cross-Examination on behalf of the Prosecution – 17 minutes.
 - VII. Final Arguments on behalf of the Prosecution – 10 minutes.
 - VIII. Final Arguments on behalf of the Defence – 10 minutes.

Article 11 – Judging Criteria

Parameters for judgment are:

1. Knowledge of facts
2. Logic & clarity in reasoning
3. Persuasiveness and deference to court.
4. Proper, articulate, and systematic analysis of the issues arising out of facts.
5. Understanding of the laws of evidence and procedure.
6. Ability to successfully conduct chief/cross-examination within the allotted time.
7. Ability to elicit favourable facts from witnesses.
8. Ability to deal with unreceptive, argumentative, or hostile witnesses.
9. Ingenuity (ability to argue by analogy from related aspects of the law)
10. Knowledge of the relevant provisions relating to penal laws.
11. Written submission

Article 12 – Awards:

Exciting Cash Prizes, Trophies for the winners, medals and certificates of participation to all the registered participants.

- Winners – Rs. 50,000/-
- Runners up – Rs. 30,000/-
- 2nd Runners up – Rs. 20,000/-
- Best Advocate (Male): Rs. Rs.10,000/-
- Best Advocate (Female): Rs.10,000/-
- Best Memorial – Rs. 10,000/-
- Best Researcher – Rs. 10,000/-
- Best Witness – Rs. 10,000/-

Article 13 – Certificates

Certificates will be awarded only to the participants during the valedictory ceremony and under no circumstance, will be provided to any of the participants absent during the ceremony.

Article 14 – Written Brief:

All the teams whose participation has been confirmed by the organizers will have to submit 5 hard copies of the written brief from both sides neatly bound with Spiral binding. However, a soft copy of the brief should reach the organizers by 22nd November 2024

Article 15 – Written Submission Guidelines:

All the teams whose participation has been confirmed by the organizers will have to submit memorials/written briefs for both sides as per: -

1. Teams have to prepare memorials for both the prosecution and the defence.
2. Teams shall submit the soft copy to klstaas@kls.ac.in on or before 18th November 2024 by 11:59 PM.
3. The colour code for the written brief/memorials for PROSECUTION is BLUE and for DEFENCE is RED.
4. The teams should submit the memorials as both a word file and a PDF file.

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

- Each team must prepare memorials for both parties to the dispute (Prosecution and Defence).
- The briefs shall be consistent with The Criminal Procedure Code, 1973.
- Once the memorials have been submitted, no revisions, supplements, or additions will be allowed.

The memorials have to be submitted in soft copy as well as hard copy format and must contain: -

1. The table of contents

- The statement of jurisdiction
- The statement of facts (1 page only and submissions of an argumentative statement of facts would attract penalties)
- The statement of charge
- The summary of arguments
- The arguments advanced (min. 10 pages and max. 15 pages)
- The prayer

2. Arguments must not exceed 15 (fifteen) pages. The font size should be 12, the Font Style should be Times New Roman and the line spacing should be 1.5. Footnotes must be in font size 10, Font style Times New Roman, and Line spacing 1.0.

3. Uniform mode of citation should be followed.

4. Memorials must have a one-inch margin on all sides of each page.

5. Page numbering should be on the bottom right side of each page.

6. The cover page of Memorials must state the following

- The cause title.
- Identity of the brief as Prosecution or Defence.
- Team code allotted.

7. However, the identity of the students shall not be revealed anywhere in the memorial. Instead, code numbers allotted to the teams should be mentioned. Violation of this provision shall result in penalties including disqualification. The Administrator's decision shall be final.

