

Department of Laws

Panjab University, Chandigarh

Notice for Moot Trials

M.K.E.S. 8TH NATIONAL MOOT COURT COMPETITION 2023 (VIRTUAL) by M.K.E.S. College of Law will be held on 21-22 April, 2023. The trial for the same will be held on 12-04-2023 at 12 PM in the Moot Court Hall, Department of Laws.

Sd/-

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Teacher-Incharge



M.K.E.S. College of Law

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8th NATIONAL MOOT COURT COMPETITION, 2023





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MALAD KANDIVALI EDUCATION SOCIETY'S

M.K.E.S. COLLEGE OF LAW

ABOUT OUR COLLEGE

Our philosophy on education is driven by our mission of providing integral and transformational education to our students. We firmly believe that education must not be limited purely to academic learning. At M.K.E.S., our focus is to develop all faculties of an individual to ensure holistic development. Mental Education to develop high levels of concentration, Vital Education for the development of one's character, Physical Education for team building and collaboration, and Spiritual Education for the growth of consciousness and the development of values.

Our Vision Bhavishya Bharat

Education for the youth

Education for all

Education for the future of our country

Quality Policy

We at M.K.E.S. College of Law are committed to impart quality education to youth, enabling them to develop right attitude, professional competence and inculcating right ethical values.

ABOUT VIDHIGYAAN

'VIDHIGYAAN' is a law fest hosted and organised by the students and faculty of M.K.E.S. College of Law. VIDHIGYAAN provides an ideal platform for the students of various colleges to showcase their talents.

It provides an opportunity for students to come together, interact, and get motivated with the experience gained through Participation & Competition. It endeavours to bring together the creativity, intellect and wackiness of youth.

We strongly believe that there is a bit of art in every heart & **VIDHIGYAAN** helps to unleash it. We will strive to make this year's **VIDHIGYAAN** a big success & attract great participation. **VIDHIGYAAN** shall create history with great success and blossom not only qualitatively but also quantitatively.

VIDHIGYAAN hosts legal events to enhance the participant's competitive spirit in a multifarious aspect. This year we, at **VIDHIGYAAN**, will be holding the National Moot Court Competition, virtually. Our participants and their performance-oriented participation is the reason that **VIDHIGYAAN** exists and grows with every passing year.



INTRODUCTION

Mooting is an integral part of a student's life in law school. **M.K.E.S. College of Law** has endeavoured to provide them a suitable platform with this National Moot Court Competition. We, at **M.K.E.S. College of Law**, believe in the strength of the art of persuasion and application of laws to real facts, without having to gain such experience at the risk of inadvertently damaging a real client's interest.

After the success of the last 7 National Moot Court Competitions, our Team Vidhigyaan is organizing the 8th National Moot Court Competition through online mode; in an attempt to offer students fair opportunities of learning as it serves as a concurrence of the academic appraisal with pragmatic sensibility.

ONLINE MODE OF COMPETITION

Google Meet/Zoom Meetings

LANGUAGE

The Competition shall be held in English only.

ELIGIBILITY

The Competition shall be open for the students who duly enrolled and are pursuing an integrated 5 years or 3 years Law Program in India from an institution recognized by the Bar Council of India in the academic year 2022-23.

REGISTRATION

Registration form duly signed by participants in soft copy to mkesvidhigyaan@gmail.com in order to provisionally secure their participation in our event.

REGISTRATION

Rs. 1200 /- per team payable at the time of registration for Law Colleges.

[Teams must register themselves latest by 11th April, 2023 subject to changes and extension.](#)

GENERAL NOTE: Each college shall send only one team which shall comprise of Minimum **Two** and Maximum **Three** members. This number cannot be modified under any circumstances.

“RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE NATIONAL MOOT COURT COMPETITION”

MEMORIALS

The Memorial shall consist of following: -

I. Cover page	VI. Statement of facts
II. Table of contents	VII. Statement of issues
III. List of abbreviations	VIII. Summary of pleadings
IV. Index of authorities	IX. Argument advanced
V. Statement of jurisdiction	X. The prayer

- Each team shall consist of two speakers and one researcher. Teams are to notify which members are the respective speakers and researcher. No change of speaker to researcher or vice - versa shall be permitted except upon application to the Organizing Committee.
- The Memorials shall be typed on A4 size on one side paper with margin **1.5 (one point five) inches** from left side and **1 (one) inch** from the other sides.
- Arguments must not exceed **20 (twenty)** pages
 - i) **Font:** - Times New Roman.
 - ii) **Font size:** - 14 and for footnotes 10.
 - iii) **Line spacing:** - 1.5
- The memorials once submitted will be final in nature and shall not be subject to any changes in future.
- Page numbering should be at bottom middle of each page.
- Covers must be placed on briefs as follows:
 - Petitioner: - **Blue colour.**
 - Respondent: - **Red colour.**
- Identity of the institution shall not be revealed anywhere in the memorial. Instead, code numbers allotted to the students should be mentioned. Violation of these provisions shall result in penalties including disqualification. The decision of organizer shall be final in this regard.

- The written memorial shall be in accordance with the High Court rules.
- Each team participating in the Competition must prepare a Written Submission on behalf of the Petitioner/Applicant and on the behalf of the Respondent/ Defendant.
- A Written Submission shall be identified solely by the Team Code assigned to the team. The Written Submission shall not, in any way, disclose any fact pertaining to the identity of the team or members.
- Each team must send its memorials via e-mail in PDF format, latest by 14th April, 2023, 11:59 P.M. and the memorials shall be distinctively marked with your team code specifying which side. **Example:** “V2_RESPONDENTS” or “V2_PETITIONERS”.
- The memorials shall be e-mailed on mkesvidhigyaan@gmail.com with the subject of the e-mail being “Memorial Submission “Team Code””.
- Late submission of memorials will result in loss of marks for memorials unless any exemption is finally claimed.
- In case the subject is not as prescribed, memorials shall be deemed to have not been received and the Organizers shall not be responsible for any delay and default.
- The file names of the electronic copies of the memorial must contain only the team code and the side being represented in the format prescribed herein.

PLAGIARISM

Participants must refrain from using same language or copying from other's memorials and other sources. Even use of publicly available information must be accompanied by proper citations. These rules shall apply to all parts of the memorial and not just the Pleadings and Prayer. Failure to comply with this rule may result in the guilty participants being debarred from mooting in Vidhigyaan 8th National Moot Court Competition (Online), 2023. The Organizing Committee in consultation with the memorial judges will take a final decision regarding determination of cases of plagiarism and penal measures for such action.

STRUCTURE OF THE COMPETITION

1. The Moot court Competition shall comprise of following rounds:
 - a. Preliminary Rounds: Each team will have to present both the sides i.e. Petitioner/Plaintiff or Respondent/ Defendant in this round. The top eight (8) teams, based on the cumulative score of memorials and preliminary rounds shall qualify for the quarterfinals.
 - b. Quarterfinal Rounds: The top eight (8) teams from the Preliminary Round shall proceed to the quarterfinals. This will be a knockout round; hence winners will be decided on the basis of courtroom win. The draw of lots will take place after this round.
 - c. Semi - Final Round: The winning 4 teams from the quarter finals shall proceed in this round. This round will again follow the knockout rule. The draw of lots will again take place after the competition of this round.
 - d. Final Round: The winner from each court room fixture i.e., 2 teams from the semi -final round shall proceed to this round.
2. Each team will have a team code (designated during draw of lots). Each team shall be assigned with a team code decided by the Organizing Committee of M.K.E.S. Team shall use their team code for identification purpose. Name of the participants should not appear on or within the written submissions. Signature pages are prohibited.
3. After the virtual orientation of the teams, the draw of lots shall take place and the team has to argue on behalf of the side in accordance with the draw of lots, (the Petitioner/Applicant or the Defendant/Respondent) in the preliminary round.
4. In case of a draw, highest memorial marks will be taken into consideration to decide the winner.

ORAL SUBMISSIONS

1. The oral rounds shall be conducted online on a live video conferencing platform which shall be notified to the participants in advance through their respective ushers.
2. The language to be used in the oral rounds is ENGLISH.
3. As specified hereinabove, each team shall have two speakers who shall further divide the oral submissions between themselves as they may deem fit.
4. At no point of time during the Competition, any speaker shall reveal their identity.
5. At the commencement of each round of Oral Submissions, each team shall notify to the Court Officer the division of time between the two speakers. Further, each team must notify to the Court Officer the amount of time that the team wants to reserve for their rejoinder / surrejoinder. A maximum of five (5) minutes may be reserved for the rebuttal/ surrebuttal.
6. 5 (Five) minutes and 2 (Two) minutes before the completion of the allocated time for each speaker, there will be a warning bell, and at the completion of the allocated time for each speaker there will be a final bell.
7. In case a speaker continues to speak after the completion of his/her specified time, the additional time which he/she consumes will attract negative marking at the discretion of the judges. The judges shall have all the rights to grant opportunity to give rebuttal or surrebuttal and to allocate additional time.
8. During oral submissions, the participants cannot submit to the court any material containing pictorial representation whatsoever. Further, the participants are not permitted to make any audio/visual representation nor allowed to use any online search engines during their submissions.
9. If at any instance a submission is made with any material in violation of rules and if any picture, sketches, photos, cartoons, caricatures, audio film, video film, projector - slide or a computer -generated image is used or submitted or presented to the court, the teams shall be subject to disqualification.
10. The Best Speaker Award shall be determined based on the individual aggregate score of the Speaker taken only from the Preliminary Rounds.

PRELIMINARY ROUNDS

- 1) Each team will have a maximum of 20 (15+5) minutes to present its oral submissions.
- 2) All the participating teams are expected to carry with themselves case laws and authorities which they intend to refer along with their own copies of memorials.
- 3) The participants during the course of oral submissions will not be permitted to make any audio/visual representation nor will they be allowed to use personal computers, laptops and any other technical or mechanical device.

SCORING CRITERIA FOR PRELIMINARY ROUND

The Marks shall be given as per following criteria for preliminary round:

Written memorials	15 Marks
Oral arguments	15 Marks
Time adherence	10 Marks
Overall performance	10 Marks
Total	50 Marks
Time allotted	20 Minutes

FINAL ROUND

In the final round each team will get 30 (25+5) minutes to present the side allotted to them.

SCORING CRITERIA FOR FINAL ROUND

For final round the marks shall be given as per following criteria:

Application of law relevant to the case	20 Marks
Advocacy and presentation	15 Marks
Court etiquettes	10 Marks
Answers to court questions	15 Marks
Interpretation of and use of facts	10 Marks
Research relevant to the case	10 Marks
Time adherence	10 Marks
Overall performance	10 Marks
Total	100 Marks

❖ The decision of the Judges as to the assessment of oral submission shall be **final**

TEAM COMPOSITION

1. Each college shall send only one team which shall comprise of Minimum **Two** and Maximum **Three** members. This number cannot be modified under any circumstances.
2. Each team which consists of three members shall comprise of **Two Mooters and One Researcher (Moot Court Competition)** and each team shall participate in all the events as per prescribed compositions compulsorily. Each team should identify such speakers and researcher at the time of their registration for the Moot Court Competition. During the Moot Court Competition, the researcher won't be required nor allowed to speak except under special cases and only with express permission of the organizers/Judges. If a team consists of **Two Members, then both of them shall be mooters only.**
3. Each team will be given a **unique team code** which will thereafter be the identity of the team and its members.
4. During the course of the competition, the identity of the college must not be disclosed to the judges or to any other person. Any such disclosure shall lead to disqualification. The decision for the same shall be at the discretion of the organizers.

DRESS CODE

The dress code for participants shall be as prescribed by the **Bar Council of India**. (Gowns and bands prohibited)

AWARDS

Due to the on-going Pandemic and in the interest of public health, Certificates and Cash Prizes will be awarded through online mode or as the Organizing Institution may deem fit.

MOOT COURT COMPETITION

PERFORMERS	PRIZE
Winner	Rs. 25,000/- & Accompanying Certificate
Runner-up	Rs. 15,000/- & Accompanying Certificate
Best Speaker	Rs. 3,000/- & Accompanying Certificate
Best Memorial	Rs. 2,000/- & Accompanying Certificate

DATES TO REMEMBER

- 1) Date of Competition: 21st and 22nd April, 2023
- 2) Last date for Registration: 11th April, 2023
- 3) Submission of Memorials: 14th April, 2023

NOTE

SUBMISSION OF MEMORIALS SHALL TAKE PLACE BY 14th April, 2023.

EXCHANGE OF MEMORIALS SHALL TAKE PLACE BY 19th April, 2023.

FAILURE IN ABIDANCE MAY LEAD TO DEDUCTION OF MARKS.

FOR ANY QUERIES, PARTICIPANTS ARE WELCOME TO CALL OR EMAIL.

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