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NATIONAL MOOT COURT COMPETITION

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I. ABOUT THE DEPARTMENT

The Department of Laws, Panjab University was originally established at Lahore in 1889, re- established at Shimla in 1948, and finally re-located at the Panjab University Campus at Chandigarh in 1959. Its alumni include Judges of the Hon'ble Supreme Court and High Courts, Union Cabinet Ministers, State Chief Ministers, Cabinet Ministers, and other legal luminaries. Through the years the Department of Laws at Panjab University has made worthy contribution to the legal landscape of the country as evidenced by its illustrious alumni as well as by the strength of its legal research and academic merit.

It is with utmost pleasure that the Department invites the participation of teams from various law Institutes/Universities of India in the 2nd edition of the National Moot Court Competition being organized in association with the Competition Commission of India.

II. ABOUT COMPETITION COMMISSION OF INDIA

“To promote and sustain an enabling competition culture through engagement and enforcement that would inspire businesses to be fair, competitive and innovative; enhance consumer welfare and support economic growth”. The Competition Act, 2002, as amended by the Competition (Amendment) Act, 2007, follows the philosophy of modern competition laws. The Act prohibits anti-competitive agreements, and abuse of dominant position by enterprises and regulates combinations (acquisition, acquiring of control, and M&A), which cause or are likely to cause an appreciable adverse effect on competition within India.

ABOUT THE COMPETITION

Department of Laws, Panjab University is thrilled to announce the second edition of the CCI-Department of Laws, PU National Moot Court Competition, 2024. This flagship event has been devised with the aim to create an opportunity for learning the development of jurisprudence on emerging trends in competition law, besides arming the upcoming generations of the legal fraternity with research and oratory skills. The Moot Proposition of the Competition will revolve around Competition Law. In the past, Department of Laws, Panjab University has successfully conducted the first edition of the CCI-Department of Laws, PU National Moot Court Competition in 2022, which witnessed significant participation of law students from all over India.

III. ABOUT THE MOOT

Liberalization of the economic policies of the countries around the globe began in the eighties, and in the nineties, the participating countries entered the phase of globalization. The challenges brought with them a wide range of changes in terms of the competitive capabilities of the respective domestic markets. Market-oriented reforms have become crucial both for developed and developing countries to achieve their development and growth goals.

Aim of Competition Policy and Law is to keep such reforms going in a collusive world. Global competitiveness; increased investment; technological capabilities; and consumer welfare are urgently required. Competition policy establishes guidelines for market competition, with macroeconomic goals of growth and stability, and microeconomic goals of producer-consumer welfare. Since then, the Competition Act of 2002 has been effectively implemented in the desired direction. The Act aims to improve consumer welfare and the competitiveness of small businesses in comparison to large corporations. The Act prohibits abuse of dominance, anti-competitive agreements, and unfavorable combinations.

Competition law is a relatively new branch of the law that seeks to promote fair and just business practices. It governs market competition by monitoring for anti-competitive behaviour and ensuring that market participants do not engage in it. Competition law which has evolved on a national level is modern and is thriving with the goal of promoting and maintaining fair-trade practices in domestic markets.

Law schools play an important role in instilling and encouraging the growth of competition law by hosting debates, panel discussions, and moot court competitions, as well as encouraging research and legal writing on the subject. As a result, the Department of Laws at Panjab University proposes to hold a three-day National Moot Court Competition on Competition Law.

IV. ABOUT THE FIRST EDITION



The First Edition of the CCI-Dept. of Laws, Panjab University National Moot Court Competition was held successfully in November 2022. The event saw participation from all the prominent law universities and institutes of India. The proposition elicited very erudite and spirited arguments from the various teams and the team from Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law were adjudged the winners. The final was held in the moot court hall of the department and was adjudged by Ms. Payal Malik- Advisor (Eco.), CCI, Mr. Akshay Bhan- Sr. Adv. Panjab and Haryana High Court, Mr. Gautam Shahi- Partner, Dua Associates, Delhi, and Prof (Dr.) Rajinder Kaur- Director, UILS, Panjab University. Taking encouragement from the last edition and the continued support of the Competition Commission of India we have undertaken to enhance the competition this time around. The 2nd edition promises to be more expansive with enhancements in proposition complexity, level of competition and general conduct of the same. We take this opportunity to extend a warm welcome to both: teams from the participating institutions of the 1st edition and from all other institutions wishing to send teams. We look forward to seeing you in Chandigarh in March.

V. ABOUT THE DRAFTER



Mr. Souradeep Mukhopadhyay dons many hats and is an independent legal consultant advising clients on Intellectual Property matters, data privacy, competition law and commercial contracts aside from his career as an academic.

He is an Assistant Professor of Law and Assistant Dean (Research & Innovation) at Jindal Global Law School. An intellectual property, data privacy and technology law enthusiast, he holds an LL. M. from Harvard Law School and a B.A. LL.B. degree from Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law, Punjab, where he was the recipient of the Chancellor's Gold Medal as well as the Justice Kesho Ram Passey's Medal for Best Overall Performance.

Before joining Harvard, Prof. Mukhopadhyay was a Senior Associate in the litigation department of Anand & Anand, one of India's leading intellectual property law firms. During his time at the firm, he regularly represented clients before the High Court of Delhi and the Supreme Court of India, as well as in complex mediations and negotiations. He has vast experience in advising and representing clients from a wide array of industries, including social media giants, major FMCG players, automobile manufacturers and innovator pharmaceutical companies.

Please note that any attempt to contact the Proposition Drafter in relation to the moot would lead to immediate disqualification

VI. PARTICIPATION GUIDELINES

- **Eligibility Criteria:**

1. Students enrolled in a full-time Law Degree Programme i.e., Five-Years Integrated Law Degree Programme or Three-Year LL.B. Programme at the time of the competition are eligible to participate in the Competition.
2. Each Law College/Law School/Law University shall nominate only one team. Thus, only one team will be eligible to participate from an Institution.
3. The approval of the team for participation must be duly signed by the Head of the respective University/Institute/College and must be attached to the registration form.

- **Team Composition:**

A team shall be comprised of three members. **In each of the oral rounds two members of the team will be speakers and different members of the team can be speakers in different oral rounds.** The Teams shall identify the speakers at the beginning of each round.

- **Official Language:** The official language of the Competition shall be English only.
- **Dress Code:** The teams are required to follow a strict dress code as prescribed by the Bar Council of India for Advocates.

- **Format of Competition**

- Preliminary Registration
- Memorial Qualifier
- Final Registration
- Preliminary Round I and II
- Quarter-final Round
- Semi-final and Final Rounds

1. To confirm their preliminary registration, teams must fill out the registration form and make an initial payment of INR 2500/ (Rupees Two Thousand and Five Hundred Only) on or before the last date of Registration.
2. Sixteen teams will qualify the memorial qualifier.
3. The teams that qualify the memorial round, thereby advancing, shall be required to make a payment of INR 3500/- (Rupees Three Thousand Five Hundred Only) on or before the last date of Registration. If a team does not submit the required fee by the deadline, the waiting team will have the chance to participate after payment of the registration fee.

- **Registration Procedure**

1. The participants as a team are requested to register for the competition online from 15th January, 2024 through this [Google form](https://forms.gle/so4ugrRZNCtb8aJ86): <https://forms.gle/so4ugrRZNCtb8aJ86>
2. Duly signed approval letter from the respective institution shall be required as part of the registration process.
3. After this initial registration, team codes shall be allotted and communicated on mail provided in the form by the participants.
4. Only after filling google form and payment of registration fees, participation of teams shall be confirmed for the memorial qualifier round and the same shall be communicated on the e-mail ID given in the registration form.
5. The teams qualifying for the oral rounds shall have to pay a further fee after the declaration of the results of the memorial qualifier round. This fee is inclusive of accommodation.

VII. IMPORTANT DATES

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| Commencement of Online Registration | 15th January 2024 |
| Last Date for online registration along with the registration fees for the memorial qualifier round | 18th February 2024 |
| Last date for seeking Clarifications | 20th February 2024 |
| Release of final clarifications | 22nd February 2024 |
| Last date for submission of Soft copies of memorials | 29th February 2024 (up to 11:59 pm) |
| Result of memorial Qualifier Round | 11th March 2024 |
| Last date for the payment of remaining registration fees by the teams qualifying for oral rounds | 17th March 2024 |
| Arrival of Participants and Submission of hard copy of memorials | 29th March 2024 (2:30 pm onwards) |
| Orientation | 29th March 2024 (4:00 p.m.) |
| Preliminary and Quarter final rounds | 30th March 2024 |
| Semi-Finals, Finals, Valedictory and Prize Distribution | 31st March 2024 |

VIII. AWARDS & CERTIFICATES

Winning Team-
Cash prize of Rs. 45,000 and Trophy

1st Runners Up-
Cash prize of Rs. 33,000 and Trophy

Best Memorial-
Cash prize of Rs. 12,000

Best Speaker/Advocate-
Cash prize of Rs. 10,000



****Certificates of Participation shall be awarded to the participants on completion of the competition.**

IX. ORGANISING TEAM:

Convenor: Dr. Shipra Gupta, Prof., Department of Laws, Panjab University, Chandigarh.

Faculty Coordinators:

- Dr. Vibhuti Nakta, Part-Time Assistant Professor, Department of Laws, Panjab University
- Mr. Meharpreet Singh, Guest Faculty, Department of Laws, Panjab University
- Ms. Rupinder Kaur, Guest Faculty, Department of Laws, Panjab University

Organizing Committee:

Moot Court Society- Department of Laws, Panjab University

X. CONTACT INFORMATION

All Queries must be directed at:
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or contact udersigned:

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Dalwinder Singh (Secretary, Moot Court Society)
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Karanjeet Singh (Secretary, Moot Court Society)
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XI. PAYMENT

The registration fee shall be payable by 18th February 2024 for the memorial qualifier round and by 17th March 2024 for the oral rounds through NEFT/RTGS at:

Payable To: Head Deptt. of Law
Account Number: 10444977656
IFS Code: SBIN0000742
Branch: SBI, Sector 14, Punjab University, Chandigarh

XII. IMPORTANT LINKS:

- **Google form for registration:**

Google Form

<https://forms.gle/so4ugrRZNCtb8aJ86>



- **Department of Laws, Panjab University notice board:** <https://laws.puchd.ac.in/show-noticeboard.php?nbid=1>

