

THE ALLIANCE NATIONAL MOOT COURT COMPETITION, 2016

ON

JANUARY 22 – 24, 2016

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Definitions

- 1. In this Rules, unless the context otherwise requires:
 - **a.** "the Competition" means the Alliance National Moot Court Competition, 2016.
 - **b.** "Oralist(s)" refers to the members in a team who shall advance the oral arguments in the Competition.
 - **c.** "Researcher" refers to the member who is not an Oralist and who aids the Oralists in the research of the problem.
 - d. "the School" means the Alliance School of Law, Alliance University.
 - e. "the Organising Committee" means the committee constituted by the School for the conduct of the Competition.

The Competition

2. The oral rounds of the Alliance National Moot Court Competition, 2016 will be held on 22nd to 24th of January 2016 at the Central Campus, Alliance University, Bengaluru.

Eligibility

- 3. The Competition is open to all undergraduate students pursuing a Bachelor of Law degree recognised by the Bar Council of India.
- 4. Only one team from each college or law school can register for the Competition. In the event that more than one team attempts to register for the event, the first team that complies with the registration formalities shall be permitted to participate and will be registered for the competition.

Team Composition

- 5. Each team shall consist of a maximum of three members with at least two Oralists and one Researcher.
- 6. The members listed as Oralists and Researchers shall not be subject to any change after registration.



7. Any additional member(s) accompanying the team will not be permitted to sit with or assist the team during the Competition and they shall also not be entitled to any of the hospitality facilities extended to the members of the team. Such additional member(s) shall also not be provided with any certification from the School.

Registration

- 8. Teams that desire to participate in the Competition shall cause the duly filled Registration Form (provided in Annexure I) to be scanned and e-mailed at mootcourt@law.alliance.edu.in latest by 11:59 PM on 15th November 2015. Incomplete Registration Forms shall not be accepted.
- 9. The subject of such email should be "Registration for ANMCC 2016".
- 10. The maximum number of entries would be restricted to 24 teams. The first 24 teams to be registered will be confirmed of their participation by 20th November 2015.
- 11. All correspondence shall be by email to the email ID of such member who is designated as the member for correspondence in the Registration form.
- 12. The hard copy of the Registration Form and the Demand Draft as mentioned in Rule 13 has to reach Prof. (Dr.) Smitha Nizar, Alliance School of Law, Alliance University, Chikkahagade Cross, Chandapura-Anekal Main Road, Anekal, Bengaluru, 562106, no later than 26th November 2015.

Registration Fee

- 13. There shall be a registration fee of ₹ 5000/- (Rupees Five Thousand Only) for each team. The teams shall submit a demand draft in favour of The Registrar, Alliance University, payable at Bengaluru.
- 14. The demand draft shall be sent along with the hard copy of the Registration Form in accordance with Rule 8.
- 15. Once the registration of a team is confirmed, any withdrawal of a team will lead to forfeiture of the Registration Fee.

Team Code

16. Teams that are confirmed for participation will be allotted a Team Code. Teams shall refer the Team Code in all subsequent correspondence.



17. During the competition, teams shall identify themselves solely by their respective Team Codes except where required by the Organising Committee.

Memorials

- 18. Each Team shall submit the Memorial for the Appellant and the Respondent in '.docx' format no later than 11:59 PM on 30 December 2015. The file name for the Memorials shall be (Team Code) (Appellant / Respondent).
- 19. The submission of the Memorials shall be by email at mootcourt@law.alliance.edu.in.

 The subject of the email should be "Memorials of Team (Team Code)"
- 20. Each Team shall submit seven hard copies each of Memorial for the Appellant and the Respondent which shall reach Prof. (Dr.) Vedashree, Alliance School of Law, Alliance University, Chikkahagade Cross, Chandapura-Anekal Main Road, Anekal, Bengaluru, 562106, no later than 11 January 2016.
- 21. All memorials submitted must conform to the following requirements and a team will attract negative marking for failure to keep within the limitations as described below:
 - a. Memorials must be printed on A-4 paper with black ink and must be spiral bound. No plastic dividers should be used in the memorials.
 - b. The font of the body of the Memorial must be Times New Roman font, size 12, with 1.5 line spacing and the font-size of footnotes, if any, must be of font size 10. A uniform method of citation of authorities must be followed.
 - c. Each page must have a margin of at least an inch on all sides.
 - d. The Memorial should not exceed 20 typed pages (not including the Cover Page, Table of Contents, Index of authorities and Statement of Jurisdiction) and shall consist of the following parts:
 - i. Coloured Cover Page blue for Appellant and red for Respondent;
 - ii. Table of Contents;
 - iii. Index of Authorities;
 - iv. Statement of Jurisdiction;
 - v. Statement of Facts:
 - vi. Issues Involved;
 - vii. Summary of Arguments;
 - viii. Written Pleadings; and



ix. Prayer

- e. The Cover Page should follow the colour scheme as stated in Rule 21 (d) (i) above. The cover page shall also contain the Team Code on the top right-hand corner.
- f. The teams participating in the Competition should ensure the names of the members of the Team or the names of the institution they represent or their logos shall not be mentioned anywhere in the Memorials. Non-compliance with this rule can lead to disqualification of the Team from participation in the Competition.
- g. There will be a deduction of 1.0 mark for each page exceeding the page limit as stated in Rule 21 (d) above, and a deduction of 0.25 marks for each 'objective' error, i.e., non-adherence to the rules set out hereinabove. This negative marking shall be deducted once from the total memorial score obtained by a team.

Researcher's Test

- 22. The Researcher from each team will also undergo a written test and the marks of such test shall be added to the final team total.
- 23. The Researcher's test shall assess the Researcher's knowledge of the facts, applicable law and research ability and shall be held on 22nd January 2016.

Oral Argument Rounds

- 24. The language of the Court shall be English.
- 25. During the Preliminary Round, each Team in the Competition shall be provided a maximum of thirty minutes to present their case. The Oralists may divide this time between themselves in such a manner that each Oralist at least speaks for a minimum of ten minutes. The maximum time for each team in the Semi-Final round shall be forty minutes and the maximum time for the Final Round shall be 45 minutes.
- 26. Notwithstanding anything said in Rule 23, the Judges may at their discretion grant additional time to the Teams.
- 27. The second Oralist in each team will speak only after the first Oralist completes his set of arguments. Oralists shall not present the arguments alternatively.



- 28. The team speaking first (appellants), shall have an opportunity to reserve time for rebuttal, subject to a maximum time-limit of five minutes. The time for rebuttal should be reserved from the thirty minutes allotted to the Team.
- 29. The team speaking second (respondents) shall be provided an opportunity for surrebuttal solely at the discretion of the judges.
- 30. During the Preliminary Round, each Team shall argue once for the appellant and once for the respondent.
- 31. The schedule for the Preliminary Round shall be through a draw of lots on 22nd January, 2016.

Scoring

- 32. The maximum marks for the oral rounds for each Oralist is one hundred thus leading to a total of two hundred marks for a team. The criteria for the distribution of the marks are as set in Annexure II of this Rule.
- 33. The maximum marks for the Memorial evaluation for each team is fifty. The criteria for the distribution of the marks are as set in Annexure III of this Rule.
- 34. The maximum marks for the Researcher's test shall be fifty.
- 35. The final team score in the Preliminary Round shall be the sum of the marks scored under Rules 31, 32 and 33 thus leading to a maximum total of three hundred marks.
- 36. The team that secures a higher score in accordance with Rule 34 shall be declared a winner.
- 37. In all subsequent rounds, the Memorial scores and the Researcher score shall not be taken into account.

Progression in the Competition

- 38. Teams that secure two wins in the Preliminary Round shall progress into the quarter-Final Round.
- 39. In the event that there are more than eight teams with two wins, eight teams that have secured the highest total in the Preliminary Round (out of a total of six hundred) shall progress into the Quarter-Final.
- 40. In the event that there are less than eight teams with two wins, then the teams that secured two wins shall progress to the Quarter-Final and the for the remaining places,



- the teams that have secured the highest total in the Preliminary Round (out of a total of six hundred) shall be taken into account.
- 41. In case of a tie under Rule 39 and 40, the Memorials scores shall be taken into account to break the tie. In case the tie is not resolved, the Researcher scores would be considered. A further tie would be resolved through a draw of lots.
- 42. The Quarter-Final, Semi-Final and the Final would be knock-out rounds and progression would be on the basis of a win.
- 43. The sides that the teams shall argue in the Quarter-Final, Semi-Final and the Final shall be determined by draw of lots.

Miscellaneous

- 44. The competition would culminate in the awarding of the following prizes:
 - a. The Winner's Trophy;
 - b. The Runners-Up Trophy;
 - c. The Best Memorial Trophy;
 - d. The Second Best Memorial Trophy;
 - e. The Best Researcher Trophy;
 - f. The Best Advocate Trophy;
 - g. The Second Best Advocate Trophy;
 - h. The Best Lady Advocate Trophy.
- 45. All the awards awarded under Rule 43 except for the Winner's Trophy and the Runner's Up Trophy will be decided solely on the scores of the Preliminary Round.
- 46. The School will be able to provide hospitality only from 21st January 2016 and will provide the same till 25th January, 2016.
- 47. Teams that choose to stay on their own in Bengaluru should also arrange for their own means of transport to commute to and from Alliance University. The Organising Committee shall also not be responsible for the late arrival of any such team for the Competition.
- 48. All queries relating to the Moot Problem may be sent to mootcourt@law.alliance.edu.in. The subject of the email should be "ANMCC 2016 Clarification in Problem". Periodically, all queries and answers would be put up on the website of the School. Teams are encouraged to review the same before sending fresh queries.



- 49. The School will not be responsible for any postal delay in respect of the receipt of the Registration documents or Memorials and the Teams are encouraged to sufficiently guard themselves against any such eventuality.
- 50. Scouting by any person and on behalf of any team is strictly prohibited and any instance of scouting found would lead to the disqualification of the Team.
- 51. No electronic devices shall be permitted to be used during the Oral argument rounds.
- 52. The Organising Committee will resolve any contingencies that may arise during the conduct of the Competition and the Dean, Alliance School of Law shall be the final arbiter regarding any grievance. The decision of the Dean in such respect shall be final and binding.

ALLIANCE NATIONAL MOOT COURT COMPETITION, 2016 IMPORTANT TIMELINE

Release of the Problem	15 October 2015
Last date for the receipt of the soft copy of the Registration Form	15 November 2015
Last date for the receipt of the hard copy of the Registration form and demand draft	26 November 2015
Last date for the receipt of the soft copy of the memorials	30 December 2015
Last date for the receipt of the hard copies of the memorials	10 January 2016
Reporting at the campus of Alliance University	22 January 2016, 12:00 PM
Inauguration of the Competition	22 January 2016, 3:30 PM



Researcher's Test	22 January 2016, 5:30 PM
Draw of Lots & Exchange of memorials	22 January 2016, 5:30 PM
Preliminary Rounds	23 January 2016, 09:30 AM – 11:00 AM 11:30 AM – 01:00 PM 02:00 PM – 03:30 PM 04:00 PM – 05:30 PM
Quarter- Final Rounds	24 January 2016, 09:30 AM – 11:00 AM
Semi-Final Rounds	24 January 2016, 11:30 AM – 01:00 PM
Final Round	24 January 2016, 02:30 PM – 04:30 PM
Valedictory Session & Prize Distribution	24 January 2016, 04:45 PM onwards.



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ANNEXURE I

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ORGANISED BY

ALLIANCE SCHOOL OF LAW, ALLIANCE UNIVERSITY

REGISTRATION FORM

Name of 1 st Oralist		
(Member for Correspon	dence)	
Fathers' name		Photograph
Date of Birth	Gender	
Class		
Mobile no	email	
Name of 2 nd Oralist		
Fathers' name		Photograph
Date of Birth	Gender	
Class		
Mobile no	email	
Name of Researcher		
Fathers' name		Photograph
Date of Birth	Gender	
Class		
Mobile no	email	
Name and Address of Uni	iversity/Institution/College	
	_Pin	Code
Email Adress		

Seal and Signatures of Principal / Head of Institute



ANNEXURE II

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ORAL ROUNDS SCORE SHEET

COURT ROOM NO: TIME: ROUND: PR / QR / SF / F

Team Code↓	Oralists	Knowledge of facts	Proper and articulate analysis of the issues arising out of facts	Persuasiven ess	Deference to the court	Understanding of the laws directly applicable to the issues	Ingenuity (ability to argue by analogy from related aspects of law)	Total	Team Total
		Max. 10	Max. 20	Max. 20	Max. 10	Max. 20	Max. 20	Max. 100	Max. 200
	Oralist 1								
	Oralist 2								

Assessment Guidelines:

Performance	Exce	ellent	Above Average		Average		Poor	
Marks	(17 – 20) / 20	(8 – 10) / 10	(13 – 16) / 20	(6-7) / 10	(8-12) / 20	(4-5)/10	(Below 8) / 20	(Below 3) / 10

Name of the Judge: Signature of the Judge:



ANNEXURE III

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MEMORIAL SCORE SHEET

↓Team Code	Proper and articulate analysis	Extent and use of research	Citation of sources	Clarity & Organisation	Grammar and style	Total
Max. Marks →	10	10	10	10	10	50

Assessment Guideline:

Performance	Excellent	Above Average	Average	Poor
Marks	8 - 10	6 - 7	4 - 5	Below 3

Name of the Judge: Signature of the Judge: