

BISHOP COTTON WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN LAW COLLEGE,
BENGALURU

PRUDENTIA CONSCIENTIA INGENIUM OCCURSUS 2013

DATE OF THE COMPETITION : 8TH – 10TH FEBRUARY, 2013

VENUE : BISHOP COTTON WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN LAW COLLEGE,

NO. 19, 3RD CROSS, C.S.I COMPOUND, MISSION ROAD,

BENGALURU - 560027

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THE MOOT COURT COMPETITION

1. Definitions

- 'Administrator' means the host institution
- 'Competition' means the national moot court competition for Ever Rolling Trophy conducted by Bishop Cotton Women's Christian Law College, Bengaluru.
- 'Problem' means the problem of the Competition as released by the Administrator.
- 'Memorandum' means the written submissions made by each team, according to these rules. Memorandum includes Memorandum for the Petitioner and that for the Respondent.
- 'Preliminary Round' means the first round.
- 'Advanced rounds' mean the Quarter- Final Round, Semi- Final Round or Final Round of the Competition.
- 'Registration Number' means the Unique Number/ Alphabet allotted to each Team on the first day of the Competition.
- 'Registration Form' is the form issued by the Administrator.

2. Participation

- All law schools, faculties of law and other institutions recognized by the Bar Council of India, offering a law degree are eligible to participate in the Competition. Only one team is allowed to participate from each law school/ faculty of law/ other institution.
- Only students presently pursuing L.L.B. Course [3 years / 5 years] are eligible to participate.
- Team members should be *bona fide* students of the institutions they are representing.
- The Administrator may make any inquiries on the same at any time during the Competition. Teams must carry their college identity card.
- A team must consist of **03 members** – 2 Speakers and 1 Researcher. Any two members of the team may be enlisted/ registered as Speakers. Only registered/ enlisted Speakers shall be permitted to plead in the oral rounds. However, only in the event of unavoidable circumstances, the Researcher will, subject to the discretion of the Administrator, be permitted to plead in the oral rounds.

3. Clarifications to the Problem

- Requests for clarification should be limited to matters concerning the moot court problem.

- Clarifications should be sent by registered teams to the e-mail address moot2013@bcwclc.com with subject title as 'PROBLEM CLARIFICATION'.

4. Registration

- Each team must register itself by sending a duly filled Registration Form along with the required crossed Demand Draft of Rs. 1000/- drawn in favour of "**BISHOP COTTON WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN LAW COLLEGE, BANGALORE**", both of which shall reach the Administrator by **the 31st of December, 2012** via Registered Post with Acknowledgement Due.
- Once registered, the registration fee will neither be refunded nor waived.
- All updates will be communicated to the contact person as mentioned in the registration form. It is the responsibility of the contact person to communicate any contingent updates to the team.
- Confirmation of registration via e-mail by **25th December, 2012** is highly recommended **as the competition shall be limited to the first 16 teams to register**. A notification will be sent to respective colleges as to whether or not they are among the first 16 teams.
- On confirmation of registration and participation by the Administrator, further details of the official schedule shall be provided.

5. Memorandum

- Each team must prepare a written memorandum in support of the Appellant's position and the Respondent's position. Eight hard copies, four in favour of the Petitioner/ Appellant and four in favour of the Respondent shall be submitted. One hardcopy of the Memoranda must reach the Administrator **no later than the 20th of January, 2013** at the following address:

**Bishop Cotton Women's Christian Law College
#19, 3rd Cross, C.S.I Compound
Mission Road, Bengaluru- 560027**

- Each team must also E-mail a soft copy of their Appellant's and Respondent's Memoranda in Microsoft Word 2003/ 2007 and .pdf format assigning file names Petitioner/ Appellant and Respondent and the college name respectively to moot2013@bcwclc.com, **no later than 20th of January, 2013**.
- The cover shall be placed on the memoranda in the following manner: **Appellant – Blue Colour** and **Respondent – Red Colour**.
- All Memoranda shall be in English only.
- All Memoranda must be printed on a single side, on A4 size sheets, with equal margins of at least 1 inch on all sides. The text font should be Times New Roman size 14 for Headings, Times New Roman size 12 for the Main Body with not more than double spacing. The Footnotes shall be in single line spacing. Reproduction of all copies must be clear and in full size.

- Memoranda which do not fit into the prescribed instruction set under this rule shall be penalized according to the provisions provided therein.
- The Memoranda must contain the following parts only:
 1. Cover Page / Cause Title;
 2. Table of Contents;
 3. Table of Abbreviations;
 4. Index of Authorities;
 5. Statement of Jurisdiction;
 6. Questions Presented;
 7. Statement of Facts;
 8. Summary of Pleadings;
 9. Pleadings / Arguments Advanced;
 10. Prayer.
- Each Memorandum should **not exceed 40 pages**. The **Arguments Advanced section should not exceed 20 pages**.

6. Preliminary Round

- Each team shall argue twice in the oral component of the Preliminary Round, once for Appellant and once for the Respondent.
- In the Preliminary Round, each round will be judged by a Bench comprising of 2 Judges.
- **Oral Arguments:** Each section of the oral component shall consist of 30 minutes of arguments. The arguments shall be in English. Each team shall allocate its 30 minutes between the 2 speakers. Each speaker must be allocated a minimum 12 minutes. The 30 minutes shall include rebuttal and sur-rebuttal with only one speaker from each side respectively speaking. Rebuttal and sur-rebuttal shall not exceed 5 minutes.
- There will be two components in calculating the score of a Team for the Preliminary Round. One shall be the Oral Component and other shall be the Memorandum Component.
- The total marks scored by a Team in the Oral Component of the Preliminary Round will be a total of two rounds, i.e., Marks scored as Appellant and marks scored as Respondent.
- The detailed breakup of the marking criteria shall be as under:
 - Knowledge of Law – 20 Marks
 - Application of Law to Facts – 20 Marks
 - Ingenuity and Ability to Answer Questions – 20 Marks
 - Style, Courtesy and Demeanour - 20 Marks
 - Time management and organization – 20 Marks
- Eight teams with the highest scores in the Preliminary Round shall qualify to the Quarter Final Round.

7. Quarter Finals

- The Quarter Finals are a knock-out round.
- The rules that apply to the Preliminary Round apply to the Quarter Finals as well.
- The marking criteria of this round are the same as that of the Preliminary Round.

8. Semi Final

- The Semi Finals are a knock-out round. The 4 winning teams from the Quarter – Final Round shall qualify for the Semi – Final Round.
- Oral Arguments: Each Semi – Final Round shall consist of 90 minutes of arguments. The Petitioner shall be allocated a total time of 45 minutes and the Respondent shall be allocated a total time of 45 minutes. The arguments shall be in English.
- Each speaker must be allocated a minimum of 20 minutes not including the time for rebuttal / sur-rebuttal. The rebuttal / sur-rebuttal must be by one speaker only. Sur-rebuttal shall be allowed according to the discretion of the Judges only and cannot be claimed as a matter of right.
- The marking criteria in the Semi – Final Round is as follows:
 - Interpretation and Application of Law – 20 Marks
 - Advocacy Skills and Court Manners – 20 Marks
 - Answers to Judges’ Questions – 20 Marks
 - Interpretation and Use of Facts and Appreciation of Memoranda – 20 Marks
 - Overall Impact – 20 Marks

9. Finals

- The winning Teams from the Semi – Final Round will advance to the Final Round.
- The Oral Arguments as well as the marking criteria shall be the same as mentioned in the Semi – Finals.

10. Exchange of Memoranda

There shall be exchange of memoranda for all the Rounds.

11. Researcher’s Interview

- Researcher’s interview shall be conducted before or after the Preliminary Round.
- The judging shall be based on the following criteria:
 - Interpretation and Application of Law – 25 Marks
 - Interpretation and Use of facts – 25 Marks
 - Appreciation of Memoranda – 25 Marks
 - Advocacy Skills – 25 Marks

12. Team Anonymity & Penalties

- If the Memorandum is not prepared as per the instructions contemplated in the relevant section above there will be a deduction of 2 marks from the total marks of 20 reserved for each Memorandum. If the Memorandum does not reach the Administrator before the stipulated time for submission of Memoranda then there will be a deduction of 2 marks for each day of delay.
- Scouting is not permitted. If any Team is found indulging in the same, that Team will be disqualified.
- Teams shall not reveal the name of their institution, names of the participants anywhere in the Memoranda or in the course of the Oral Arguments. On the first day of the Competition, Teams will be allotted a Registration Number. A team shall be identified only by the Registration Number.

13. Finality of decision

The decision of the judges and the Administrator, as applicable shall be final.

14. Awards

- The winner of the Final Round will be declared the “Winning Team” and awarded a cash prize, Winner’s Trophy and the Ever Rolling Trophy.
- The Runner-up will be awarded a cash prize and the Runner’s Trophy.
- The team with the Best Memoranda will be awarded a cash prize and Trophy.
- The Best Researcher will be awarded a cash prize and Trophy.
- The Best Student Advocate - Male will be awarded a cash prize and Trophy. The award shall be determined on the basis of the points secured in the Oral Component in the Preliminary Rounds. Only those speakers who have argued both the sides in the Preliminary Round will be eligible for the Award.
- Likewise, the Best Student Advocate – Female will be awarded a cash prize and Trophy.

15. Dress Code

Dress code for the participants throughout the competition shall be;

- Male participants are required to wear a full suit - black formal jacket and trousers, full sleeved white shirts, tie and formal footwear.
- Female participants are required to wear black formal jacket and trousers, white shirt or black formal jacket and white salwar kameez with appropriate formal footwear

16. Accommodation Food and Transport

Accommodation and food to the participating teams will be provided by college only during the competition i.e. from 8th February 2013 (12 noon) – 11 February 2013 till 12.00 noon (total of 3 days only). Teams will be received from railway stations and bus stations on 8th February 2013. Recommended railway stations are Bangalore City Junction Railway Station and Yeshwanthpur Railway Station. Nearest bus station is Kempegowda Bus Station.

Teams coming by flight will have to reach college by themselves. College will not bear expenses of travel from the airport to the College.

Those teams who want to stay after 11 February 2013 noon have to bear the expenses for their accommodation, food and transport.

The name and mobile number of the student volunteer in charge will be provided after finalization.

17. Contact Details

Administrator's Address: #19, 3rd Cross, C.S.I Compound, Mission Road, Bengaluru-560027

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Office : +91 80 22121898

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Student Representatives : Malini S +91 8147702060

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(Note: It is highly recommended that the participants contact the student representatives in case of any queries.)

18. Interpretation

Interpretation of all the rules, as well as any waiver, consent, or further decisions are at the discretion of the Administrator and shall be conclusive and final.

19. Miscellaneous

Notwithstanding anything contained in these Rules, the Administrator may at any time before or during the Competition, amend, alter, modify or repeal these rules or any part thereof. The Administrator in the best interest of the Competition can take

any decision including disqualifying teams for unethical, unprofessional conduct, etc. Nothing in these Rules shall limit the powers of the Administrator.

Changes to the Rules, if any, will be notified to all Teams which register for the Competition.

THE LEGAL QUIZ

Date : 9th February, 2013

Time : 2 : 30 pm. – 3 : 30 pm.

1. Rules

- The participants who have registered for the moot court competition shall also be the participants for the Legal Quiz.
- The Quiz shall be an individual event.
- It shall be a written quiz.
- There shall be hundred (100) objective type questions to be answered in sixty (60) minutes.
- Questions shall be based on law and current legal affairs.

2. Awards

- The three highest scorers shall be declared the winners of the Quiz and shall be awarded.

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