

NATIONAL LAW UNIVERSITY AND JUDICIAL ACADEMY, ASSAM

Regulations Related to Moot-Court Exercises CHAPTER I

1. PRELIMINARY

In order to codify and bring uniformity in mooting activity of National Law University Assam,
the following rules are hereby adopted by the University on
These Rules shall take effect from of the Academic year 2017-18.
The Moot Court Committee shall strive to exercise the discretion provided by these rules in
utmost good faith without arbitrariness. The Committee and the Student Community shall be
bound by the following rules. These rules intend to regulate moot court in the University in a fair
and just manner and aim at facilitating moot activities to their highest potential. All matters
relating to mooting are to be coordinated by or in conjunction with the Moot Court
Committee and changes to these Rules may be made in consultation with the Moot Court
Committee.

2. EXTENT

These rules shall extend to all students and staff of National Law University and Judicial Academy, Assam and will be subject to the rules and regulations of the University.

The given rules shall be applicable to all moot court competitions conducted by the University, including Intra-University Moot Court Competitions.

These rules shall also apply to client counselling competition, mediation competition, arbitration competition and judgement writing competition.

3. **DEFINITIONS**

The following terms shall have the corresponding meanings unless otherwise specified. Any terms, which have not been defined below, shall be construed¹ as defined in the Constitution of The Student Bar Council of National Law University and Judicial Academy, Assam.

For purposes of such construction, the following terms shall have the meanings as mentioned hereunder:

- 1. "Benchmark"² means a decisive round with an objective to raise the standard of subject-matter of moot proposition, the merit of its memorial, oral arguments and research work of one team representing University in a moot court competition;
- 2. "Capacity Building Moot" (CBM) means the intra-class moot court exercise for training and nurturing mooting skills amongst the students of first, second and third year B.A., LL.B. (Hons.) of the University based on individual participation;
- 3. "**Decision**" means the decision taken by the MCC in consultation with the Vice-Chancellor of the University, the Convener of the Faculty Moot Court Committee and the Faculty Advisor of the MCC which shall be final and binding;
- 4. "Examination Committee" means the Committee defined under NLUJA Academic Regulations,
- 5. "External Judge" means a person with specific expertise in the subject of the Moot Court concerned and who is not a Full time Faculty or Guest / Visiting Faculty of the University;
- 6. "Faculty Moot Court Committee" is the committee comprising five faculty members of NLUJA, which includes Faculty Advisor of MCC and a Faculty Convener, appointed by the Vice-Chancellor of the University to aid, advise and assist MCC from time to time for smooth and effective functioning of the moot court competitions, viz:
 - a) to guide the MCC and students as regards moots;
 - b) to invite external judge, distinguished judges, practitioners and renowned moot mentors and organize occasional lecture series on mooting with an objective to

In the construction of this Rule, the literal rule of interpretation shall be relied upon. In case of any ambiguity results from such construction, the mischief rule of interpretation shall be relied upon. Principles of Natural Justice shall apply to these rules as and where required even if not specifically provided for.

The MCC reserves the right to cancel the registration of the Moot Court Team on the basis of the scores awarded by the judges of the Benchmark.

- hone mooting skills of students;
- c) to assist MCC is organizing moot court competitions from time to time; and
- d) any other assistance required in successful accomplishment of sub-clause a), b), and c).
- 7. "Internal Judge" means any Full time Faculty or Guest / Visiting Faculty of NLUJA;
- 8. "Intra-University Moot" (IUM) means the Internal Moot Court Competition for selecting and representing National Law University and Judicial Academy, Assam Moot Court Competition team in a manner as specified under this rule in the first semester of every academic year;
- 9. "**IUM Competition Problem**" means compromis of facts and issues along with Annexure released by the MCC with its clarifications and corrections;
- 10. "Memorial" means the memorandum of written submissions submitted by any participating team;
- 11. "Moot Court Committee" (MCC) means the meaning ascribed to it under Article 13 of the Constitution of The Student Bar Council of National Law University and Judicial Academy, Assam;
- 12. "National Law University and Judicial Academy, Assam (NLUJA) Moot Team" means and refers to any registered team of students of the University representing the University in any Moot Court Competition;
- 13. "Plagiarism" means:
 - a) Direct duplication of somebody else's work represented *inter alia* in books, articles, internet sources, etc. without acknowledgement.
 - b) Substantial duplication of somebody else's work represented *inter alia* in books, articles, internet sources, etc. without acknowledgement. This would include work where sentences have been substantially copied, that is, where at the least *seven continuous words* from the original work are present in the impugned memorial and / or where a segment of the impugned memorial has been paraphrased from the original work with minor changes, keeping intact the import of the original work.
 - c) Direct or substantial duplication of another moot memorial, irrespective of whether that memorial is a competing memorial or not, and irrespective of

whether there is acknowledgement or not. Substantial duplication denotes situations wherein sentences have been substantially copied, that is, where at the least seven continuous words from the original work are present in the impugned memorial and / or where a segment of the impugned memorial has been paraphrased from the other memorial with minor changes, keeping intact the import of the latter.

- 14. "Schedule A Moots" means the moots enlisted under Schedule A of this Rule which is prestigious in nature at International level and for which country/regional based rounds are conducted;
- 15. "Schedule B Moots" means the moots enlisted under Schedule B of this Rule which are conducted by National Institutions, Organizations and Firms (even though registered outside India but organized by an Institution/Organization registered in India);
- 16. "**Student**" shall mean any student enrolled in the B.A., LL.B (Hons.) and LL.M programme at the University;
- 17. "**Team strength**" means the number of members allowed to participate in the moot court competition;
- 18. "University" means National Law University and Judicial Academy, Assam (NLUJA);

4. CATEGORIZATION OF MOOTS

The moots at which the University shall be represented are divided into two categories:

- 1. Schedule A Moots: Moots under Schedule A shall mandatorily be subject to an open challenge (Challenger Round).
- 2. Schedule B Moots: Moots under Schedule B shall be open for allotment to the teams formed from the IUM.

The MCC shall have the discretion to conduct an open Challenge for the selection of a team to represent the University in:

- 1. Any moot court competition under Schedule B which has not been allotted to any team formed from IUM; or
- 2. Any moot court competition not listed in Schedule B.

CHAPTER II

5. SELECTION PROCEDURE FOR 'SCHEDULE A' MOOTS (OPEN CHALLENGE)

- 1. Any number of teams may participate in an Open Challenge.
- 2. The team composition of the open challenge shall be according to the rules of the IUM for which the open challenge is being conducted. However, if the Schedule Moot demands a team of 4 for participation, the teams will be allowed to have 4 student members in it.
- 3. The MCC shall undertake to organize open challenges in a manner so as to allow the winning team to register at least one week before the registration of the respective moot court competitions, except in exceptional circumstances.
- 4. The format, rules and procedure of an open challenge shall, as far as practicable and feasible, reflect the format of the moot court competition for which such open challenge is conducted.
- 5. In the event that the format of the actual moot cannot be followed, the MCC shall decide on such alternative format which most closely resembles the format of the respective moot court competition.
- 6. The MCC shall ensure that the panel of judges for open challenges shall ordinarily include at least one External judge.
- 7. The scoring in each round of the open challenge shall be as per the rules.

6. CHANGES IN COMPOSITION OF TEAMS

- 1. No team shall be allowed to change its members after:
 - a) The Team has been allotted a Schedule B moot or
 - b) The Team has won the Open Challenge of a Schedule A moot, except under the following circumstances:
 - i. In case of a Schedule A Moot, the total number of members in the Team is less than the required team strength for the Moot in which case the team shall be allowed to include the required number of members as required in the respective moot court competition. This exception shall not apply to Moots which have a team strength of more than 5 members.
 - ii. In any other instance where the Team feels it is not reasonably possible for it to continue with its present composition, it shall make a representation to the MCC and the Faculty Advisor concerned who shall then take a reasoned decision.

CHAPTER III

7. FORMAT OF INTRA-UNIVERSITY MOOT (IUM)

- 1. The IUM shall comprise of one moot proposition, released by the MCC in every academic year. The Moot proposition shall primarily be based on domestic law because IUM ranking will be used to send teams for National Moot Court Competitions.
- 2. With rising challenge of multi-faceted areas of law and their applications in real life legal practicing, the prime objective of moot court competition is to hone advocacy skills among students, irrespective of the area of law. Every student shall bear a competitive spirit and take up the challenge of mooting, irrespective of the area of law for moot proposition.
- 3. For the purpose of participation in the IUM, the team strength shall be maximum three (3). Each team will be mandatorily required to submit separate memorials based on the moot proposition. The said team composition cannot be changed except under situations as provided under these rules.
- 4. In addition to the oral rounds, the MCC shall organize a separate researchers' test for the moot proposition.
- 5. A team has to participate in both the oral rounds as well as the researchers' test.

8. SCORING AND RANK LISTS

- 1. The scoring parameters for the purposes of adjudging the memorials, oral rounds and researchers' test will be according to Annexure 1 of these rules.
- 2. The MCC shall organize IUM in such a way that the participants will be adjudged in each of the components, viz. memorials, oral rounds and researchers' test.
- 3. In order to determine the Rank list, the cumulative score of the Team shall be considered. Total scores of the team shall include scores awarded to individual speakers, memorial scores, and scores awarded on the researchers test. The MCC shall have the discretion to lay down penalties, with due explanations, as per the instant rules.

Speakers' Score of the Team in oral Round

+

Score of Researchers' Test

+

Memorial Score

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Any Penalties

Total Score of Team

9. ALLOTMENT OF MOOT COURT COMPETITIONS TO IUM

- 1. The MCC shall conduct the allotment of the Moot Court Competitions listed in Scheduled B within one (1) week from the publication of the rank list.
- 2. The allotment process shall take place in rounds, starting from the highest ranking Team. One round of allotment shall be deemed to be complete when every team of the University has been given the chance to choose a moot. In the event that a round is rendered incomplete on account of non-availability of moots, allotment of new moots at a later point in the academic year shall be by way of a fresh round of allotment which shall commence from the rank subsequent to the rank at which the previous round allotment was rendered incomplete.

10. SPLITTING OF TEAMS

- 1. No split shall be allowed in a team representing the University in any of the moots in Schedule B. Teams representing the University at Schedule A moots shall be allowed a split under the following circumstances (wherein no penalties shall be applied)
 - a. In the event of consensual split, the entire team must be in agreement.
 - b. In the event there are such circumstances that the team, or any member of the same, believes that it is in the best interests of the Moot to affect a split, the MCC shall decide on the issue. An appeal from the decision of the MCC after an application from the concerned team shall lie before the Vice-Chancellor for final decision which shall be binding on the teams.

In no event shall a team fail to represent the University at a Scheduled Moot due to a split. In such circumstances, relevant penalties shall be imposed on the Team.

11. PLAGIARISM

- 1. MCC defines plagiarism as per the definition in Sub-Rule 9 of Rule 3.
- 2. If in the opinion of the memorial examiner, there is found to be an instance of plagiarism prevalent in a certain memorial, the team alleged to have committed plagiarism will be asked to show cause by the MCC. If the team is found guilty, the team shall be disqualified from participating in the University Selection Rounds.
- 3. In instances where one team is alleged to have plagiarized from another team's memorial, both the teams will be asked to show cause by the MCC. If in the opinion of the MCC, one team willingly allowed the other team to plagiarize from their work, both the teams shall be disqualified from participating in the University Selection Rounds.
- 4. Where there is shown that one team has willingly sent the final or draft copy of their memorial or any part thereof to another team, it shall be assumed that the sender has willingly permitted the recipient to plagiarize.
 - Furthermore, if in the opinion of the MCC, one of the teams has plagiarized from the other team's memorial using unfair means, then, the former shall be disqualified.

12. BENCHMARK

Any team representing the University in any Schedule A or Schedule B or both moots shall have a compulsory and *decisive standard scrutiny* round where the knowledge of the subject, merit of the arguments, technicality of the memorials and depth of research will be analyzed by the judges.

The team shall receive at least 70% in aggregate from both oral rounds and memorial score, failing which, the team will have to appear for the second Benchmark and have to again receive the minimum required scores as mentioned above.

13. SCOUTING

Teams will not be allowed to observe the oral rounds of any other teams. Scouting is strictly prohibited. Scouting by any of the teams will result in disqualification.

14. MEMORIALS AND SUBMISSIONS PATTERN

1. Each participating Team must prepare one Claimant/Plaintiff/Appellant Memorial and

- one Defendant/Respondent Memorial.
- 2. All Memorials must be in English, and must be printed double-side on A4 size sheets, with equal margins of at least one inch on all sides.
- 3. The text font for the main body must be Times New Roman, size 12, with 1.5 line spacing. The text font for the footnotes must be Times New Roman, size 10, with 1.0 line spacing. Character spacing should not be condensed in any manner. The Memorial must contain all of, and only, the following components:
 - a) Cover page;
 - b) Table of Contents;
 - c) Table of Abbreviations;
 - d) Index of Authorities;
 - e) Statement of Jurisdiction;
 - f) Statement of Facts;
 - g) Issues Raised;
 - h) Summary of Arguments;
 - i) Arguments Advanced/Pleadings;
 - j) Prayer.
- 4. The Cover Page must be printed on blue paper for each Claimant memorial, and red paper for each Respondent memorial. The cover page of each memorial must contain the following information:
 - a) The team registration code in the upper right-hand corner, followed by an "A" for the Claimant Memorial, or an "R" for the Respondent Memorial.
 - For example, Team 5 would put the code "5A" in the upper right-hand corner of its Claimant Memorial:
 - b) The name of the forum before which the proceedings are being conducted;
 - c) The year of the Competition;
 - d) The name of the case;
 - e) The title of the memorial (either "Memorial for Claimant" or "Memorial for Respondent").
- 5. The Index of Authorities must list all the authorities cited in the Memorial. The Index must indicate the page number(s) and/or the paragraph number(s) of the Memorial in

- which the authority is cited.
- 6. The Statement of Facts must contain a concise statement of the relevant facts of the dispute. As far as may be, the Statement of Facts should be limited to the stipulated facts and legitimate inferences which can be drawn from those facts.
- 7. The Summary of Pleadings should contain a summary of the substance of the arguments, and should not be a mere reproduction of the various headings and sub-headings of arguments. The length of the Summary of Pleadings should not exceed 1500 words.
- 8. All legal arguments must be limited to the Pleadings/Arguments Advanced section of the Memorial.
- 9. The Pleadings/Arguments Advanced and Prayer must not exceed 20 pages in total.
- 10. Footnotes may not include any substantive pleadings, examples or any text other than the citation itself. Substantive footnoting is strictly prohibited. A consistent format of citations must be followed. It is hereby clarified that teams are not allowed to cite authorities in-line.
- 11. The method of Citation shall be OSCOLA.
- 12. The Memorials must be submitted in hard copy and emailed in PDF format to official email id notified by the MCC within the date specified by MCC latest by 05.00 PM.
- 13. For every hour of delay in memorial submission from the prescribed time of submission, one mark shall be deducted. Any memorial submitted 12 hours after the time prescribed above will not be accepted.

Note: The above deduction would apply even if the delay were not of a complete hour. Hence, for example, a Memorial submitted at 12:01 am would still be subject to a 1-mark deduction. It is hereby clarified that teams, which fail to submit a Memorial within the deadline specified, i.e. within 12 hours from the prescribed time of memorial submission, would automatically be disqualified from the competition.

- 14. Not following the instructions regarding Memorials in these Rules will lead to the following penalties (per judge):
 - a) Use of incorrect font, font size, line spacing, page margins, page size: 3 marks for every page on which there is a violation;
 - b) Failure to include a specified component in the Memorial as per rule: 5 marks for

- every component;
- c) Length of the Summary of Pleadings or Pleadings/Arguments Advanced: 3 marks for every page in excess of the prescribed limit;
- d) Violation of anonymity: Disqualification.
- e) Failure to include the prescribed information on the Cover Page/ Placement of additional information on the Cover Page: 1 mark per piece of information;
- 15. Point deductions will be subject to a cap of 15 marks per judge per memorial. In no case will a team be penalized by more than 15 marks per judge per memorial. This deduction is independent of the deduction for late submission of memorials.
- 16. The MCC reserves the right to publish and disseminate Memorials submitted to and for the Moot. The Memorials shall be attributed to the relevant team and participants during such publication and dissemination. Submission of Memorials in this Moot shall constitute consent to such publication and dissemination. The MCC also reserve the right to use the Memorials submitted for any other purpose they may deem fit while ensuring appropriate attribution.

15. ORAL ROUNDS

- 1. During the competition, each advancing team shall have to argue for both the sides (Petitioner/Appellant and Respondent/Defendant), which would be determined by the 'match up' as given in this rule after the submission of the memorials. The order in which participants shall submit their oral pleadings throughout the competition shall be:
 - a) Speaker 1 for Petitioner/ Plaintiff/Applicant/Appellant/Claimant
 - b) Speaker 2 for Petitioner/ Plaintiff/Applicant/Appellant/Claimant
 - c) Speaker 1 for Respondent/Defendant
 - d) Speaker 2 for Respondent/Defendant
- 2. Rebuttals and Sur-Rebuttals shall be done by one (1) speaker only.
- 3. In case any opponent team fails to appear in an oral round, the rounds shall be conducted *ex-parte* and the scoring shall be done as if the defaulter team had been present and arguing.
- 4. Each team shall speak for a period of not more than 30 minutes, (including rebuttals/surrebuttals), no speaker can speak for more than 20 minutes. No participating team shall be allowed more than 5 minutes for rebuttals/sur-rebuttals.

Before the start of the oral rounds of any team, the speakers of the team shall inform the court room officers regarding the order of speaking as well as allocation of time between themselves and the time reserved for rebuttal. Once so informed, these timings shall not be changed. If a speaker speaks for more than the time reserved for him/her, the extra time used by such speaker shall be deducted from the time allotted to the second speaker of that team. If the second speaker exceeds the time allotted to him/her, such time exceeded shall be deducted from the time reserved for rebuttals/sur-rebuttals. Also, it would result in negative marking.

- 5. No researcher of any team will be permitted to speak, but would be allowed to communicate with his/her team members in a discreet manner (such as passing a chit).
- 6. In the intra-rounds, the marking would be done on an individual basis but ranking will be on Team basis.
- 7. During the oral rounds teams would not be allowed to use any electronic devices, like laptops, LCD projectors and video camera etc.
- 8. The dress code for the intra-rounds is court formals.
- 9. Any team that violates any of the rules with respect to the oral rounds may be penalized. The decision of the judges shall be final in this regard.
- 10. If a team feels that a violation of the rules of the competition has taken place at any stage of the competition, the team(s) within fifteen minutes after the completion of the round should register a complaint with the MCC. Team(s) under no circumstances shall approach the judges with any complaints.
- 11. In case of any dispute, the decision shall be taken as per Sub-Rule 2 of Rule 3.

12. ANONYMITY OF PARTICIPANTS

- 1. The participating teams shall be allotted a code after the registration.
- 2. The student counsels shall not state their names during the oral rounds, and instead must use the code allotted.
- 3. The teams shall not disclose their identity anywhere in their written memorials and instead would use the code allotted.
- 4. Non-compliance with the Rules 2 and 3 will result in immediate disqualification of the participant/team.
- 5. The decision of disqualification from participation will be executed as per Sub-Rule 2 of

Rule 3.

13. CANCELLATION/ INDEFINITE POSTPONEMENTS/POSTPONEMENT

- 1. In case of any moot court competition getting cancelled/ indefinitely postponed, the MCC in consultation with the Vice-Chancellor would allot a new moot court competition from the available moot invites with MCC at that point of time. However, such new allotment shall be final and binding on the team. If the team refuses to abide by the allotment, the team would waive the right to represent NLUJA from that allotment.
- 2. If the official rules of the competition in which a team is participating changes and the team has not been intimated in regards to the change or has been intimated very late, and such change of rule makes the team ineligible to participate in the competition, such team would be eligible to be considered for allotment of a new moot court competition subject to availability of the moot court competition. Any such decision taken shall be final and binding.

14. CEILING FOR PARTICIPATION

- A team cannot represent NLUJA in more than one moot court competition in one academic semester which shall be allotted on the basis of ranklist of the IUM for Schedule B Moot court competitions, organized by the MCC.
- 2. In the event when the team wishes to participate in two moot court competitions in one academic year, the allocation of the moot court competition shall be subject to the availability of Schedule B Moot court competition and approval of the MCC.

15. USE OF LIBRARY

- 1. No books will be issued from the library on the subject matter of the moot problem in order to provide a level playing field to all participants.
- 2. Every student is free to make use of facilities in the library. Students must also refrain from hiding, marking or tearing any pages from library books.
- 3. No student participating in the moot rounds will be allowed to work in the library/moot court hall/class room(s) after the permitted time as given by MCC, even if they have permission for any reason whatsoever.
- 4. The moot participants shall be issued a moot card by MCC to use the library and classrooms for limited time period. The validity of these moot cards will expire on completion of the respective moot court competitions.

5. Violation of the said rules would lead to disqualification in the absence of mitigating circumstances.

CHAPTER IV

16. STUDENT MEMBERS OF MOOT COURT COMMITTEE

For the purpose of organization, the committee will have One (1) Student Convener and four (4) student members, representing respective B.A.,LL.B. (Hons.) classes, elected from amongst the students through SBC Election process for every academic year.

17. SELECTION OF STUDENT MEMBERS

All student members of the MCC will be elected by popular vote of Student Bar Council (SBC) Elections for every academic year.

18. SUSPENSION OF STUDENT MEMBERSHIP

- 1. The committee itself or on the recommendation of the Vice-Chancellor, after due consultation with the Faculty Advisor, may suspend the student membership of a particular student member by resolution.
- 2. Suspension proceedings may be initiated on an official complaint by any student followed by a resolution of the MCC passed with simple majority and further approved by the Vice-Chancellor and the Faculty Advisor, MCC.
- 3. Resolution as mentioned above shall be taken up for vote in the first meeting after the complaint has been registered.
- 4. Membership of a particular student member or members may be suspended for a period of not more than three (3) months. After the said period, the member must appear before MCC (Faculty and Student MCC) and plead his/her case. Only by passing of a resolution in his/her favour may his/her membership be reinstated.
- 5. In cases where the (Faculty and Student MCC) is not satisfied with the explanation of the suspended member and the resolution for his reinstatement is not passed in his/her favour, then his/her membership shall deemed to be terminated from the MCC.
- 6. Such termination should be resorted to only in exceptional circumstances and generally the membership should be reinstated unless there are compelling reasons to do the

contrary.

19. GROUNDS FOR SUSPENSION OF STUDENT MEMBERSHIP

- 1. Membership may be suspended if any student member is found engaging in activities violating provisions of the MCC Rules.
- 2. Membership may also be suspended if student member does not appear for 2 consecutive meetings without prior application to Faculty Advisor or valid reason in case of emergency.
- 3. Membership may be suspended if the student member is found negligent towards his duties as envisaged under this Rules.

CHAPTER V

20. REIMBURSEMENT REQUIREMENTS AND POLICY

- Teams selected for participation in Moot Court Competitions by NLUJAA Moot Court
 Committee will be eligible for reimbursement claim. No other team participating in
 National/International Moot Court Competitions are entitled to reimbursement of
 expenditure.
- 2. A student of B.A, LL.B. (Hons.) Five Year Integrated Course is entitled to reimbursement for a maximum of two (2) Moot Court Competitions in one Academic Year. Out of the two competitions, reimbursement claim may be made for only one (1) International Moot Court Competition.
- 3. The Financial Assistance may be granted to any of the Applicant/s subject to the availability of funds at the University's disposal.
- 4. Grant of reimbursement is a prerogative of the University, which may/may not approve of a reimbursement claim on justiciable grounds. No student can claim the same as a matter of right.
- 5. All Moot Court Teams who have represented NLUJAA in the Moot Court Competitions enlisted in Schedule 'B' shall be entitled to the following reimbursements on submission of corresponding testimonials:

1.	Registration Fees	✓	Photocopy of Participation Certificate
		✓	Proof of Registration Fee Payment
			(Photocopy of DD/On-Line Transaction
			Statement etc.)

		✓	Receipt of Registration Fee	
		✓	✓ Soft Copy of Memorial	
		✓	Report (hard copy) of Participation in the	
			Event	
2.	Expenditure towards	✓	Self-Attested Vouchers of Expenditure	
	Stationery and Courier		related to Stationery and Courier	
3.	Travel Allowance (AC/3	✓	Tickets (Boarding Pass if any)	
	for to & fro journey)			

6. Teams/Students who perform exceptionally well in Moot Court Competitions will be entitled to incentives as mentioned below:

1.	Winning Team (that is ranked first)	INR 3,000/
2.	Runners –Up Team	INR 2,000/
3.	Team Awarded for Best Moot Memorial	INR 2,000/
4.	Best Advocate (Individual)	INR 1,000/
5	Best Researcher (Individual	INR 1,000/

7. All Moot Court Teams who have represented NLUJAA in the Moot Court Competitions enlisted in Schedule 'A' shall be entitled to the following reimbursements on submission of corresponding testimonials:

1.	Registration Fees up to a	✓	Photocopy of Participation Certificate
	maximum amount of 500	✓	Proof of Registration Fee Payment
	USD		(Photocopy of DD/On-Line Transaction
			Statement etc.)
		✓	Receipt of Registration Fee
		✓	Soft Copy of Memorial
		✓	Report (hard copy) of Participation in the
			Event
2.	Expenditure towards	✓	Self-Attested Vouchers of Expenditure
	Stationery and Courier		related to Stationery and Courier

3.	Travel Allowance (lowest	✓	Tickets and Boarding Passes	
	airfare of one way only)			
	on international flight.			
	Train fare (AC/III) will be			
	reimbursed for one way			
	travel within country.			

CHAPTER VI

21. CAPACITY BUILDING MOOT (CBM)

- 1. The MCC shall organize one CBM for each batches in one academic year.
- 2. The MCC shall invite any external moot court mentors, trainers, distinguished judges, academicians, scholars, and practitioners as part of CBM exercise.
- **3.** The ranking based on individual participation at the CBM shall have no effect on the ranking of IUM or vice versa.

22. FORMALITIES FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE MOOT COURT COMPETITIONS

- The MCC shall notify the date of registration of the participating teams with the MCC for Schedule A and Schedule B Moot Court competitions.
- No team shall be allowed to participate in any moot court competition without prior approval of the MCC, failing which the team shall be subject to the decisions as per Sub-Rule 2 of Rule 3.
- 3. A team may be allowed to participate during end-semester examination only if they are representing the University at Schedule A Moot Court competition.
- 4. A team may be allowed to participate in the Schedule A and Schedule B Moot Court competition during the mid-semester examination with the prior approval of the Faculty Convener/Faculty Advisor, MCC and the Convener of the Examination Committee of NLUJA.
- 5. The teams representing the University in moot court competitions shall without fail:
 - a) Get the outpass signed by the respective Faculty Warden of their respective Hostels; and
 - b) Submit the Photostat copy of the Travel tickets to the MCC.

23. AMENDMENT

The MCC reserves the right to amend, modify, change or repeal any of the competition rules at any point of time. The MCC shall communicate any changes made in the competition rules to the participating teams.

24. MISCELLANEOUS

- 1. The MCC reserves the right to take decisions on any matter not mentioned in the competition rules. Any such decision taken by the MCC shall be final and binding.
- 2. The MCC reserves the right to interpret any of the competition rules. Any such interpretation taken shall be final and binding.
- 3. The MCC may depart from these competition rules in exceptional circumstances, in which case it shall inform all participating teams of the reasons for such departure.
- 4. The decision of the MCC would be final and binding.

SCHEDULE A

The given list will be updated from time to time by the MCC after due consultation with the Vice-Chancellor and Faculty Advisor

PRESTIGIOUS INTERNATIONAL MOOTS:

- i. Phillip C Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition
- ii. Williem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot, Vienna
- iii. Stetson International Environmental Law Moot
- iv. Leiden Sarin International Air Law moot
- v. Manfred Lachs International Space Law Moot Competition
- vi. WTO ELSA Moot
- vii. International Maritime Law Arbitration Moot
- viii. Monroe E. Price Media Law Moot Court Competition
- ix. International Criminal Court Trial Competition
- x. Oxford International Intellectual Property Moot

SCHEDULE B

PRESTIGIOUS NATIONAL MOOT COURT COMPETITION

The given list (both schedule A & B) will be updated from time to time by the MCC after due consultation with the Vice Chancellor and Faculty Advisor

- 1. Bar Council of India Moot
- 2. NUJS Herbert Smith Freehills Corporate Law Moot Court Competition
- 3. NLU-J Anti Trust Moot Court Competition
- 4. Surana Corporate Moot Court Competition
- 5. B R Krishna IPR Moot Court Competition
- 6. Amity National Moot Court Competition
- 7. K K Luthra Criminal Law Moot Court Competition
- 8. D M Harish Moot, GLC
- 9. KLA Moot, Kerala
- 10. RMNLU National Moot Court Competition
- 11. NLU Orissa Maritime Law Moot
- 12. Amity International Moot Court Competition
- 13. Surana and Surana Trial Advocacy
- 14. NALSAR BR Sawhney
- 15. Nani Palkhivala Tax Law Moot
- 16. NLIU Juris Corp
- 17. School of Law, Christ University Moot Court Competition School of Law, Christ University, Bangalore
- 18. FYLC- Ranka National Moot Court Competition Rajasthan University, Jaipur
- 19. Surana Tort Moot Court Competition AKK New Law Academy, Pune
- 20. Hidayatullah Memorial National Moot Court Competition HNLU, Raipur
- 21. Pro Bono Enviro National Court Competiton School of Excellence in Law, Chennai

- S.C. Javali Memorial National Moot Court Competition University Law College,
 Dharwad
- 23. Annual Amity International Law Moot Court Competition Amity Law School, Centre I, Noida
- 24. National Moot Court Competition, Faculty of Law, University of Delhi
- 25. All India Moot Court Competition GLC, Ernakulam
- 26. B.R. Krishna Memorial National Intellectual Property Rights Moot Court Competition Symbiosis Law School, Pune
- 27. Anti-Trust Law Moot Court CompetitionSchool of Law, Christ University, Bangalore
- 28. Lex Novitas, National Law Court Competition V.M. Salgaocar College of Law, Panaji, Goa
- 29. Fiat Justicia National Moot Court Competition Dr. Ambedkar Government Law College, Nagpur
- 30. All India Moot Court Competition GLC, Thiruvananthapuram
- 31. Just Causa National Moot Court Competition Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar College of Law, Nagpur
- 32. Prof. S.P. Sathe Memorial Moot Court Competion ILS Law College, Pune
- 33. NLU Delhi All India Corporate Law Moot Court Competition, NLU, Delhi
- 34. RGNUL National Moot Court Competition, RGNUL, Patiala
- 35. Amity National Moot Court Competition Amity Law School, Delhi
- 36. NLU Anti-Trust Law Moot Court Competition, NLU, Jodhpur
- 37. Army Institute of Law Moot Court Competition Army Law Institute, Mohali
- 38. National Moot Court Competition G.H. Raisoni law School, Nagpur
- 39. M.K. Nambyar National Moot Court Competition Raja Lakhamgouda Law College, Belgaun
- 40. Dr. Paras Diwan Energy Law Moot Court Competition UPES, Dehradun
- 41. National Moot Court Competition Sastra University, Tamil Nadu
- 42. Nirma Law University International Moot Court Competition, Nirma Law University, Ahmedabad
- 43. DS National Moot Court Competition (DSNMC)DSNLU, A.P. COMPETITION LAW

- 44. Justice P.N. Bhagwati International Moot Court Competition, New Law School, Bharati Vidyapeeth, Pune
- 45. International Environment Law Moot Court Competition Amity Law School, Centre II, Noida
- 46. Amity Lucknow Moot Court Competition, Amity University, Lucknow
- 47. Annual National Moot Court Competition, K.C. Law College, Mumbai
- 48. National Trial Advocacy Moot Court Competition SVKM's Pravin Gandhi College of Law, Mumbai
- 49. Surana & Surana Corporate Moot Court Competition, J.S.S Law College, Mysore
- 50. IIT Law School National Moot Court Competition IIT Kharagpur
- 51. CUSAT's Dr. A.T. Markose Memorial National Moot Court Competition School of Legal Studies, Ernakulam, Kerala
- 52. CLEA Moot Court Competition CNLU, Patna
- 53. IIT Law School Verdict IP Law National Moot court Competition RGSOIPL, IIT Kharagpur
- 54. Symbiosis Law School Noida's National Moot Court Competition, 2014 Symbiosis, Noida
- 55. Amity University Rajasthan's Amity Leadership Fest Moot Court Competition Amity University, Jaipur
- 56. Punjab University's Jhankaar Extempore Moot Court Competition, Punjab University, Chandigarh
- 57. Jyoti Vidyapeeth Women's University Moot Court Competition for Women JVM University, Jaipur
- 58. ITMU Law School National Moot Court Competition ITMU Law School, Gurgaon
- 59. School of Law, Sastra University's 'TarkaSastra' National Moot Court Competition School of Law, SASTRA University, Tamil Nadu
- 60. Auro University's National Moot Court Competition, Auro University, Surat
- 61. BITS Pilani's Lex Omnia National Moot Court Competition, BITS Pilani, Rajasthan
- 62. Shri Mangilal Pagariya Memorial National Moot Court Competition MATS Law School, MATS University, Raipur

- 63. Justice P.B. Sawant National Moot Court Competition Shankar Rao Chavan Law College, Pune
- 64. National Moot Court Competition, Manikchand Pahade Law College, Aurangabad
- 65. Annual Raj Anand Moot Court Competition, Symbiosis Law School, Noida
- 66. IP Markets National IPR Moot Court Competition University College of Law, Osmania University
- 67. G. D. Goenka University Moot Court Competition
- 68. KIIT University Moot Court Competition
- 69. NCU National Moot Court Competition

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