



6th Surana & Surana And Shaastra IIT Madras,
Intellectual Property Law Moot Competition
2022-2023

15 – 16 April 2023

VENUE

Virtual (Online)

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AIM AND PURPOSE

- a. The Surana & Surana & Shaastra IIT Madras Intellectual Property Law Moot Court Competition has been envisaged with the aim of creating opportunities for learning the development of jurisprudence on emerging trends in Intellectual Property Law besides developing cutting edge skills in research, writing and advocacy.
- b. Further, it is aimed at facilitating the evolution of IP Law through jurisprudential analysis of the existing law and consequential emergence of new laws.

VENUE, DATE & SUBJECT MATTER:

The 6th Surana & Surana & Shaastra IIT Madras, Intellectual Property Law Moot Court Competition shall be held from **15th to 16th April 2023** virtually(online). Any clarification sought in respect of the case should be addressed by email to mootcourt@lawindia.com before **2nd April 2023**.

No clarification will be issued after this date.

THE COMPETITION SHALL BE IN ENGLISH LANGUAGE.

I. ELIGIBILITY:

The competition is open only for students who are enrolled in an LLB three year or five year course during the current academic year.

16 teams will be selected on the basis of their memorials for participation.

II. TEAM COMPOSITION:

- a. Each team should consist of a minimum of 2 and maximum of 3 members. This number cannot be modified under any circumstances.
- b. There shall be 2 speakers and 1 researcher designated for each team. The researcher shall be allowed to argue with prior permission of National Administrator in case of illness of the designated speakers.
- c. Each team will be provided a team code prior to the submission of memorials. This team code is only for the memorials. The top 16 teams will be provided with a competition team code during orientation. Teams should not disclose the identity of their institution; such disclosure shall invite penalties including disqualification. The decision shall be at the discretion of the National Administrator.



- d. The National Administrator for the purposes of this competition will be the Head – Academic Initiatives, Surana & Surana International Attorneys.

III. REGISTRATION:

- a. Online registrations are open from **14th December 2022**. The teams must register online by **31st March 2023**. Teams will have to register online at www.moot.in and send soft copy of the registration form at mootcourt@shastra.org with a copy to mootcourt@lawindia.com by 1st April 2023.
- b. Participants will receive an automated system generated acknowledgement on successful submission of registration. Participants will receive an approval as acceptance of their request for participation latest by **31st March 2023** or earlier.

Option 1 - The Registration form cum Approval letter as provided in the rules duly signed & sealed by your university / college / moot society.

Option 2 - Upload both (i) & (ii) as described below together **as a single PDF**

(i) The Registration form cum Approval letter (without seal & signature) as provided in the rules duly filled along with

(ii) Scanned copy of authorisation letter with sign and seal from your university / college / moot society

or

An email communication from the official id (to be filled as notification email id during online registration process) of the institution, from your university / college / moot society to complete the registration process.

Note :

1. Signatories on the registration form should be any of the following: Faculty- in-charge of MCA / MCS / MCC, Registrar, Dean, Principal, Director, Chancellor or Vice-Chancellor



2. Registration without the scanned copy of the approval letter / an email communication from the college/institution/university or duly attested registration form will not be valid.
- c. **The provisional team code for memorial submission shall be allotted to the registered teams by Host Institution soon after receiving the registration particulars.**
- d. CONFIRMATION of teams based on the evaluation of memorials submitted will be on **13th April 2023**, during the orientation.

IV. ORIENTATION

There will be an Orientation Program for selected 16 teams on **13th April 2023 (Thursday)** followed by draw of lots & exchange of memorials. Competition team codes and sides will be allotted during orientation only.

V. ROUNDS:

There will be two preliminary rounds of arguments, a quarterfinal, a semi-final and a final round. The organisers reserve the right to amend the schedule / rounds as per the number of participating teams.

VI. Preliminary Round

- a. There will be two preliminary rounds of arguments per team, one for Plaintiff & another for Defendant.
- b. No team will face each other more than once in the preliminary rounds.
- c. Each team will face a different bench in their second round of arguments.
- d. Preliminary Rounds I & II will be held on **15th April 2023** (Saturday).
- e. Top eight teams from the Preliminary Rounds will advance to the Quarter final rounds that will be decided on-
 - i. Win points
 - ii. Win points + Aggregate raw points
 - iii. Win points + aggregate raw points (in case of tie minus memorial marks)
- f. Memorial marks will be added to the scores of both the preliminary rounds only.



- g. Oral arguments need not be confined to the issues presented in the memorials.

VII. Quarterfinal / Semi Final Round / Final Round

- a. Lots / power matching will decide the side of the arguments in Quarterfinals, Semifinals & Finals.
- b. Quarter finals and Semi finals will be held on **15th April 2023** (Saturday).
- c. The Finals will be held on **16th April 2023** (Sunday).
- d. The Quarterfinal and Semifinal are knockout rounds.

Results (Announcement)

Results of the preliminary rounds shall be announced after the completion of rounds of all the teams. Similarly, the results of the Quarterfinals / Semifinals shall be announced after the completion of the rounds. The Final result and the winners of the various categories will be announced only during the valediction / prize distribution ceremony.

VIII. MEMORIALS:

The following requirements for memorials must be strictly followed. Non-conformities will be penalized:

- (a) Each team must prepare memorials for both parties to the dispute. (Plaintiff and Defendant). Non-compliance with this rule would entail disqualification.
- (b) The soft copy of the memorials (both Plaintiff and Defendant) must reach the host institution (Shaastra, IIT Madras) for evaluation latest by **7th April 2023** at mootcourt@shaastra.org with a copy to mootcourt@lawindia.com
- (c) Late submission of soft copy of the Memorials will be penalized by one point each per memorial per day, maximum penalty not exceeding 20 points.
- (d) Once the memorials have been submitted, no revisions, supplements, or additions will be allowed.
- (e) The memorials have to be submitted on typed A4 size white paper and must contain:



- The table of contents.
 - The index of authorities.
 - The statement of jurisdiction.
 - The statement of facts. (1 page only and submissions of an argumentative statement of facts would attract penalties)
 - The statement of issues.
 - The summary of pleadings. (not more than one page)
 - The arguments advanced. (not more than fifteen pages)
 - The prayer.
- (f) The soft copy of the memorial for each side shall be a single file and in MS-Word and PDF. There should be only two-word documents (All parts of each memorial must be in a single document), one for Applicant and the other for the Respondent. (Separate first page/list of abbreviations/appendix / Table of contents etc. are not allowed). The soft copy must be submitted by email to mootcourt@shastra.org with copy marked to mootcourt@lawindia.com by **7th April 2023**.
- (g) The pleadings must not exceed 15 (fifteen) pages. The Font Style should be Roman or Times New Roman. Blue Book Pattern. The font size of the text should be 12 points (doubles space) and the font size for footnotes should be 10 points (single space).
- (h) The memorial must have a margin measuring one inch on all sides of each page. Margin should be left blank i.e, no margin notes, boundaries etc.
- (i) All the pages of the memorial, except the Cover Page shall be numbered. The page numbering should be on the top centre of each page.
- (j) Covers must be placed as briefs as follows:
Plaintiff : Light Blue Colour, Defendant: Light Red Colour.
- (k) The cover page of the memorial must state the following:
- i. The cause title
 - ii. Identify brief as Plaintiff & / Defendant as is applicable



- iii. Provisional Team Codes (see under Registration (III)) on the top right corner of cover page.
- (l) The teams are advised not to reveal their personal identities or the identity of their institution anywhere in the memorials. Violation of this provision shall result in penalties including deduction of marks or disqualification from the competition. The decision of the National Administrator shall be final in this regard.
- (m) Parameters for judging on a scale of 1-100 are:
1. Logical development of ideas
 2. Novelty in analysis and arguments
 3. Understanding pertinent legal issues
 4. Clear, concise and unambiguous writing style
 5. Integration of facts into legal argument
 6. Understanding of strengths and weaknesses of case
 7. Discussion of viable alternative arguments
 8. Proper use of citations and citation form
 9. Effective use of authority to support arguments
 10. Ability to distinguish adverse cases
 11. Neatness, legibility and formatting

IX. ORAL ROUND:

Preliminary Rounds & Quarter Final

- a. Each team will get a total of 30 minutes to present their case. This time will include rebuttal and sur-rebuttal.
- b. The division of time is at the discretion of the team members, subject to a maximum of 15 minutes per speaker. It is the duty of the team to inform the division of time to the court officer before arguments begin.
- c. The oral arguments need not be confined to the issues presented in the memorials.



- d. The researcher can, through Court Officers, pass notes to the speakers during the Oral Pleading Round subject to the discretion of the Judges.
- e. The attendance of the Researcher at the time of Oral Pleading Rounds is compulsory.

Semi Final & Final Round

- a. Each team will get a total of 45 minutes. This time will include rebuttals.
- b. The division of time is at the discretion of the team members, subject to a maximum of 25 minutes and minimum of 20 minutes per speaker.
- c. The oral arguments need not be confined to the issues presented in the memorials.
- d. The attendance of the researcher at the time of Oral Pleading Rounds is compulsory.

X. DRESS CODE

The dress code shall be advocate's attire (black and white formals including coats) during the competition rounds.

XI. SCOUTING:

The teams will not be allowed to observe the orals of any other teams. Scouting is strictly prohibited. Scouting by any of the team's members will result in disqualification from the competition.

XII. SCORING:

A. Orals:

The criteria for judging the oral presentation on a scale of 0-100 points are:

- a. Knowledge of the facts.
- b. Proper and articulate analysis of the issues arising out of the facts.
- c. Understanding of the international / national legal principles directly applicable to the issues.



- d. Ability to explain clearly international / national legal principles in general keeping to the time allotted.
- e. Knowledge and use of legal sources: treaties, custom, general principles of international / national laws.
- f. Ingenuity (ability to argue by analogy from related aspects of international/ national law.
- g. Logic and reasoning.
- h. Organisation and clarity.
- i. Persuasiveness.
- j. Deference to the court.

B. Written Submissions (Memorials):

The criteria for marking the memorials are: (categories listed under VIII (1 – 11) will be marked under this heading)

- a. Presentation
- b. Quality of arguments.
- c. Formatting and Syntax.

XIII. AWARDS:

- a. Winning Team - Rs. 30,000 /-
- b. Runners-up Team - Rs 10,000/-
- c. Best Memorial Award - Rs. 4,000/-
- d. Best Speaker Award - Rs.4,000/-
- e. Second Best Speaker Award - Rs. 2,000/-

All participants will be issued participation certificates.

XIV. DECISION OF THE JUDGES IS FINAL.



XV. ANONYMITY

- a. Student counsel may introduce her/himself to the court in the usual manner and may also state her/his names. However, the team's college / institution affiliation may not be mentioned at any time before the awards ceremony.
- b. Further, all team members, coaches, advisors, and observers shall refrain from identifying a team's school at any time and in any manner, including, but not limited to, wearing any identifying items, such as school clothing, ties, patches, or pins or carrying identifying material (such as a books with a college logo, or college seal).

XVI. COPYRIGHT:

- a. The copyright over the memorials submitted for participation in the competition is assigned by participants and shall also vest completely and fully in Shaastra 2023 and Surana & Surana International Attorneys Chennai. The participants shall certify in writing the originality of materials contained therein and shall be responsible for any claim or dispute arising out of the further use and exhibition of these materials.
- b. Further use and exhibition of these materials, electronically or otherwise, shall be the exclusive right of Surana & Surana International Attorneys, Chennai and Shaastra 2023 and they shall not be responsible for any liability to any person for any loss caused by errors or omissions in this collection of information, or for the accuracy, completeness, or adequacy of the information contained in these materials.
- c. Distribution of these materials on affiliated websites such as www.moot.in does not constitute consent to any use of this material for commercial redistribution either via the Internet or using some other form of hypertext distribution. Links to the collection or individual pages in it are welcome.



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XVII. ANY CLARIFICATIONS FOR THE COMPETITION TO BE SOUGHT FROM:

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IMPORTANT DATES

Start of Online Registration	14th December 2022
Last date of issue of clarifications	2nd April 2023
Last date for Online Registration	31st March 2023
Submission of Registration and approval letter / email to Shastra	1st April 2023, 5.00PM
Last Date for Submission of Memorials – Soft copy by email (both Plaintiff and Defendant) for selection of participating teams	7th April 2023
Confirmation of teams after evaluation of memorials	13th April 2023
Orientation	13th April 2023
Prelims I & II / Quarters / Semifinals	15th April 2023
Finals, Valediction & Prize distribution	16th April 2023



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Date:

Registration form/ Approval letter

(Please fill in capital letters)

Undertaking

1. We hereby state that our participation complies with the rules and regulations of the competition.
2. We certify that the materials submitted are prepared by us and indemnify the organizers for any claim or dispute arising out of the further use and exhibition of these materials.

(All details must be provided)

Institution Name:

Current Address:

Head of Institution:

Phone:

Email (Institution):

Notification Email:	Primary Regd. Mobile:			
Name of the participant	Gender	Course	Year	Signature

Seal & signature of the
Head of the Institution

All teams must register at www.moot.in by 31st March 2023