1st SURANA & SURANA – SCHOOL OF LAW, CHRIST INTERNATIONAL INVESTMENT & ARBITRATION MOOT COURT COMPETITION 2018

20 – 23 September 2018

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Host & Joint Organisers



School *of* Law
CHRIST (Deemed to be University)
Bengaluru



Venue

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RULES AND REGULATIONS

I. AIM & PURPOSE

The 1st Surana & Surana – School *of* Law, CHRIST International Investment & Arbitration Moot Court Competition has been conceived with the aim of creating awareness on the law of International Investments in a systematic/ scientific manner and train participants for effective practice. It also aims at facilitating the evolution of investment law through the jurisprudential and comparative analysis of the existing law and the consequential emergence of new laws.

II. VENUE & DATE

The 1st SURANA & SURANA – SCHOOL OF LAW, CHRIST INTERNATIONAL INVESTMENT & ARBITRATION MOOT COURT COMPETITION shall be held from 20 – 23 September 2018 at School *of* Law, CHRIST (Deemed to be University), Hosur Road, Bengaluru – 560 029. Dr Somu CS, Associate Dean & Head of the Department, School *of* Law will be the National Administrator.

III. The Competition shall be in English language.

IV. ELIGIBILITY

The competition is open for students who are studying LLB three year or five year course during the current academic year and interested in International Investment Law & Arbitration and who belong to institutions that have been invited.

V. TEAM COMPOSITION

- a. Each team should consist 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 the Tribunal and National Administrator in case of illness of the designated speakers.
- c. Each team will **be provided a team code** during orientation. Teams should not disclose the identity of their institution; such disclosure shall invite penalties including disqualification. The decision for the same shall be at the discretion of the National Administrator.

VI. REGISTRATION

a. Online registrations are open from **4 July 2018**. The teams must register online by **5 September 2018**. Teams will have to register online at www.moot.in.

- 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 5 September 2018 10:00 PM or earlier.
- c. A scanned copy of the letter from the participating college/ institution/ university duly signed by any one of the following: Faculty-in-charge of MCS/MCC/MCA, Registrar, Principal, Dean, Director, Chancellor or Vice-Chancellor confirming the names of participants, Year/ semester in which studying, representing the college/ institution / university for the moot competition will have to be attached during the online registration process (The approval letter shall be formatted on the letterhead of the participating institution/ university alternatively you may use the registration form as appended below as page 9 with the official seal.)
- d. Registrations without the scanned copy of the approval letter from the college/ institution/ university or duly attested registration form will not be valid.
- e. The registration fees of **Rs.** 6000/- to be paid in the form of DD drawn in favour of 'The Faculty Co-ordinator, Moot Court Society, School of Law, CHRIST (Deemed to be University), Bengaluru.'
- f. Registration particulars such as soft copy and scanned copy of DD should be sent by e-mail to moot@law.christuniversity.in marked as THE 1st SURANA & SURANA SCHOOL OF LAW, CHRIST INTERNATIONAL INVESTMENT & ARBITRATION MOOT COURT COMPETITION 2018 as subject of the mail latest by 5 September 2018.

VII. ROUNDS

There will be two preliminary rounds of arguments, an octa-final, a quarterfinal, a semi-final and a final round.

Octa-final will be conducted if the participation exceeds 30 teams.

Quarter final will be conducted if the participation exceeds 16 teams.

Preliminary Round

- a. There will be two preliminary rounds of arbitration per team, once for the claimant & another for respondent.
- b. No team will face each other more than once in the preliminary rounds.
- c. Each team will face a different tribunal in their second round of arguments.
- d. Preliminary/ Octa final/ Quarter finals will be held on **21 September 2018** (Friday), and the top sixteen/ eight teams, will qualify for the Octa finals/ Quarter finals as mentioned above.
- e. <u>Top sixteen/ eight teams</u> from the Preliminary Rounds will advance to the Octa/ Quarter final rounds that will be decided on
 - a. Win points
 - b. Win points + Aggregate raw points
 - c. Win points + aggregate raw points (in case of tie minus memorial marks)

Memorial marks will be added to the scores of both the preliminary rounds only.

- f. There will be an orientation programme for all the participants on **20 September 2018** (Thursday) followed by a draw of lots & exchange of memorials at 6:00 PM. Sides will be allotted.
- g. The dress code shall be advocate's attire during the competition rounds.
- h. The oral arguments need not be confined to the issues presented in the memorials.

Octa final / Quarterfinal / Semi Final Round / Final Round:

Lots / power matching will decide the side of the arguments in Octa finals, Quarter finals, Semi-finals & Finals. Preliminary rounds and Octa finals will be held on **21 September 2018** (Friday). Quarterfinals will take place on **22 September 2018** (Saturday) at 9.00 a.m. followed by the Semi-finals. The Finals will be held at 10.00 a.m on **23 September 2018** (Sunday). The Octa-final/ Quarter final/ Semi-final are knockout rounds.

Results (Announcement)

Results will be announced within 25 minutes after the completion of the preliminary/ octa/ quarter/ semi-final rounds. The Final result and the winners of the various categories will be announced only during the valedictory/ prize distribution ceremony.

VIII. MEMORIALS

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

- a. Each team must prepare memorials for both parties to the arbitration (Claimant and Respondent).
- b. One advance hard copy of the memorials (both Claimant & Respondent) must reach the host institution (School of Law, CHRIST (Deemed to be University)) for evaluation by 14 September 2018 latest by 6:00 p.m. Soft copy of the memorials in word format must be mailed to mootcourt@lawindia.com. Late submission will be penalized by one point each memorial for every day of delay after due date. No excuses in respect of delayed courier services will be entertained. The remaining 5 copies must be submitted during orientation at 4.30 p.m. on 20 September 2018.
- c. Once the memorials have been submitted, **no** revisions / supplements / additions will be allowed.
- d. The memorials have to be submitted on typed A 4 size paper printed on both sides and must contain:
 - The table of contents
 - The index of authorities
 - The statement of jurisdiction
 - The statement of facts (1 page only and argumentative statement of facts would attract penalties)
 - The statement of issues
 - The summary of arguments (not more than 1 page)
 - The arguments advanced (not more than 25 pages)
 - The prayer
- e. The font size should be 12 (doubles space) and for footnotes it should be 10 (single space).

- f. The memorials should be staple bound or stitched. Any other form of binding shall not be accepted.
- g. The memorial must have a margin measuring one inch on all sides of each page.
- h. The page numbering should be on the top right side of each page.
- i. Covers must be placed on briefs as follows:

Claimant: Light Blue Color; Respondent: Light Red Color.

Use of Cellophane sheets over the covers or inside will be penalized

- j. The cover page of the memorial must state the following
 - The team code provided to the team on the upper right-hand corner;
 - The name of the forum under which the arbitration proceedings are being conducted;
 - The case name;
 - The identification of the brief as Memorial for Claimant/ Memorial for Respondent as is applicable.
- k. Identity of the institution shall not be revealed anywhere in the memorial. Violation of this provision shall result in penalties including disqualification. The National Administrator's decision shall be final.

IX. ORAL ROUNDS

Preliminary Round, Octa-finals

- a. Each team will get a total of 45 minutes to present their submissions. This time is inclusive of preparation of order of presentation outside of the court room, rebuttal and sur-rebuttal time.
- b. The division of time is at the discretion of the team members, subject to a maximum of 25 minutes by one speaker. Division of time shall be informed to the tribunal officer before arguments begin.
- c. The oral arguments need not be confined to the issues presented in the memorials.
- d. Passing of notes to the speakers by the researcher during the rounds is allowed.
- e. The researcher shall sit with the speakers at the time of the orals.

Quarterfinals, Semi-final & Final

- a. Each team will get 60 minutes to present their submissions. This time is inclusive of preparation of order of presentation outside of the court room, rebuttal and sur-rebuttal time.
- b. The division of time is at the discretion of the team, with a maximum of 35 minutes by one speaker.
- c. The oral arguments need not be confined to the issues presented in the memorials.
- d. The researcher shall sit with the speakers at the time of the orals.

X. SCOUTING

Teams will not be allowed to observe the orals of any other teams. Scouting is strictly prohibited. Scouting by any of the team members shall result in disqualification.

XI. SCORING

A. Orals

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

- a. Knowledge of facts
- b. Logic and reasoning
- c. Organisation and clarity
- d. Persuasiveness
- e. Deference to the court
- f. Proper and articulate analysis of the issues arising out of facts
- g. Understanding of the legal principles directly applicable to the issues
- h. Ability to explain clearly the legal principles in general keeping to the time allotted
- i. Knowledge and use of legal sources and authorities and general principles of national law
- j. Ingenuity (ability to argue by analogy from related aspects of law)

B. Written Submissions (Memorials)

- a. The memorials shall be marked on a scale of 1-100 points each.
- b. Any revisions, supplements or additions to the memorials after submission shall attract severe penalties subject to the discretion of the National Administrator.
- c. Award of the points shall be based on the following parameters:
 - Neatness, legibility, no typographical errors or format errors
 - Logical progression of ideas
 - Effective use of headings to outline arguments
 - Understanding essential legal issues presented
 - Focus on essential (not collateral) issues
 - Clear, concise and unambiguous writing style
 - Forceful and persuasive presentation
 - Integration of facts into legal argument
 - Understanding of strengths and weaknesses of case
 - Discussion of viable alternative arguments
 - Understanding and analysis of authority
 - Proper use of citations and citation form
 - Effective use of authority to support arguments
 - Ability to distinguish adverse cases
- d. Non-compliance of the rules mentioned above shall attract severe penalties.

XII. AWARDS

- i. Winner Trophy + Rs. 50,000/-
- ii. Runner up Trophy + Rs. 30,000/-
- iii. Best Memorial (Claimant) Trophy + Rs. 5000/-
- iv. Best Memorial (Respondent) Trophy + Rs. 5000/-
- v. Best Speaker Trophy + Rs. 5,000/-
- vi. Spirit of Surana Trophy

All participants shall be issued participation certificates.

XIII. ANONYMITY

- a. Student speakers may introduce her/himself to the tribunal 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).

XIV. DECISION OF THE JUDGES/ARBITRATORS IS FINAL

XV. 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 School *of* Law, CHRIST (Deemed to be University), Bengaluru 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 School *of* Law, CHRIST (Deemed to be University), Bengaluru 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.

XVI. ACCOMODATION, FOOD & TRANSPORT

- a. Accommodation and transport between the hostel/ hotel and the competition venue to the participating teams will be provided by School *of* Law, CHRIST (Deemed to be University).
- b. Accommodation shall be provided only for out station teams.
- c. The name and mobile number of the student volunteers in charge of Accommodation/ Transportation shall be made available after finalization. Teams should fill in their travel plan in the sheet available on page 10 positively so as to reach by 5:30 p.m. on 12 September 2018.
- **XVII.** The National Administrator of the Competition is **Dr Somu CS**, Associate Dean & Head of the Department, School *of* Law, CHRIST (Deemed to be University), Bengaluru.

XVIII. Any clarifications for the competition can be sought from:

Regarding Queries on Case/ Submission of Memorials/ Accommodation/ Transport/ etc.

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IMPORTANT DATES

Start of Online Registration	4 July 2018	
Last date for Online Registration	5 September 2018	
Approval of acceptance of Registration	5 September 2018	
Last date for receiving copies of Reg. Form / Approval letter & Last date for seeking Clarifications	5 September 2018	
Release of clarifications & Temporary Team Codes for Memorials (by email)	7 September 2018	
Submission of Travel form	12 September 2018	
Last Date for Submission of Memorials One Hard Copy (both claimant and respondent) & Soft Copy by email	14 September 2018	
Orientation & Submission of Memorials (Five Hard Copies)	20 September 2018	
Prelims / Octa-finals / Quarter-finals/ Semi-finals	21 – 23 September 2018	
Finals, Valediction & Prize distribution	23 September 2018	







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REGISTRATION FORM/ APPROVAL LETTER

(Please fill all details 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/to be submitted are prepared by us and agree to indemnify the organizers, i.e. the Surana & Surana International Attorneys, Chennai and School of Law, CHRIST (Deemed to be University), Bengaluru for any claim or dispute arising out of the further use and exhibition of these materials.

Regd. Mobile #:

(All particulars must be given)

Notification Email:

Name & Address of the participating Institution:

Name of the participant	Gender	Course	Year / Semester	Signature

Seal & signature of the Head of the Institution

Completed hard copy of the form should reach Administrator, School *of* Law, CHRIST (Deemed to be University) by 7 September 2018

- a. <u>E-mail:</u> <u>moot@law.christuniversity.in</u> & The subject of the email must be 1st SURANA & SURANA SCHOOL OF LAW, CHRIST INTERNATIONAL INVESTMENT & ARBITRATION MOOT COURT COMPETITION
- b. <u>Postal Address:</u> Dr. Shiju M V, Faculty Co-ordinator, Moot Court Society, School *of* Law, CHRIST (Deemed to be Univeristy), Hosur Road, Bengaluru 560 029;

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TRAVEL PLAN

(Please fill all details in Capital letters)

1.	Name of Institution -					
2.	Arrival Details -					
	a.	Mode of Arrival: Train / Air / Bus				
	b.	Train No./Bus No./Flight No				
	c.	Estimated Time of Arrival				
3.	Departu	ure Details -				
	a.	Mode of Arrival: Train / Air / Bus				
	b.	Train No./Bus No./Flight No				
	c.	Estimated Time of Departure				
4.	Any oth	her details:				

(Signature & Seal of the Head of the Institution)

Note: This Travel Form must reach School of Law, CHRIST (Deemed to be University) on or before 12 September 2018 latest by 5.30 pm.