9th SURANA & SURANA AND SHAASTRA
IIT MADRAS INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LAW
MOOT COURT COMPETITION 2025-26

On Campus

Jan 2nd - Jan 4, 2026

RULES

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Host &
Joint Organisers

SHAASTRA IIT MADRAS
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Venue

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RULES AND REGULATIONS

I. Aim & Purpose

The Surana & Surana and Shaastra IIT Madras Intellectual Property Law Moot has been conceived with the aim to

i. Create opportunities for learning the development of jurisprudence on emerging trends in Intellectual Property Law in a systematic / scientific manner and train participants for effective practice.

ii. Facilitate the evolution of Intellectual Property Law through the jurisprudential analysis of the existing law and consequential emergence of new laws besides developing cutting edge skills in research, writing and advocacy.

II. Venue and Date

The **9th Surana & Surana & Shaastra IIT Madras Intellectual Property Law Moot Court Competition** shall be held from **2nd to 4th January 2026 on Campus** at Indian Institute of Technology, Madras complex.

III. Language

The Competition shall be in English language

IV. Eligibility

The competition is open for students who are pursuing LLB three-year / five-year course during the current academic year. One team per university/institution shall be eligible to participate.

16 Teams will be selected on the basis of their Memorials for participation.

V. Team Composition

a. Each team should consist of a minimum of 2 and a 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 the prior permission of the court and Chief Administrator in case of illness of the designated speakers.

c. Each team will **be provided a team code** prior to the submission of memorials via e-mail. This team code is to be used only for the soft copy of the memorials. Teams should

not disclose the identity of their institution in their memorials; such disclosure shall invite penalties including disqualification. The decision for the same shall be at the discretion of the Chief Administrator.

VI. Registration

a. Online registrations are open from **6th November 2025**. The teams must register online by **2nd December 2025**. Teams will have to register online at www.moot.in

b. Teams will be registered on first come first served basis with the maximum of 24 Teams.

c. No temporary registration requests will be entertained. Kindly refrain from sending such requests to Surana & Surana or Shaastra IIT Madras, Chennai.

d. Participants will receive an automated system-generated acknowledgement on successful submission of registration. Participants will receive an approval email as acceptance of their request for participation latest by **2nd December 2025 o**r earlier.

e. ***Registration Process***

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) 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.

f. Soft copy of the registration and approval letter / an email communication as a **single PDF** to be sent by email to: mootcourt@shaastra.org with a copy to ai@lawindia.com marked as **SURANA**

& SURANA AND SHAASTRA, IIT MADRAS INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LAW MOOT COURT COMPETITION - REGISTRATION as subject of the mail latest by **2nd December 2025**. The provisional team code shall be allotted to the registered teams by Host University soon after receiving of registration particulars. **The Provisional team code is to be used for submission of only the soft copies of your memorials.**

g. **Confirmation of Teams based on the evaluation of memorials submitted will be on or before 13th December 2025, 05.00 pm**

h. **Confirmed Teams to pay the Registration fees for the Competition :**

Rs. 2,000/- (without accommodation) is to be paid through the **Shaastra payment portal** https://rzp.io/rzp/MootCourtRegistration. Payment receipt of the same shall be sent by e-mail to mootcourt@shaastra.org with the name of the institution as the subject of the mail latest by **20th December 2025.**

The Registration fee of Rs. 2,000 does not include Accommodation and Shaastra Passport cost. (refer Clause XVII on page 8) Fees once paid will not be refunded.

i. In the event a team drops out of the competitions or is disqualified the team next in line as per the memorial rankings will be offered the chance to participate in the competition at short notice.

VII. Clarifications

Clarifications on the moot proposition may be sought before **2nd December 2025 (12.00 Noon)** with an email to ai@lawidia.com & copy to mootcourt@shaastra.org

VIII. Orientation

There will be an Orientation Program for all the participants on **2nd January 2026 (Friday).** It will be followed by a draw of lots and exchange of memorials for the Preliminary Rounds. **Competition team codes and side will be allotted during the Orientation only**.

IX. 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.

Preliminary Rounds

a. There will be two Preliminary Rounds of arguments per team, one for the Plaintiff and another for Defendant side.

b. No team will be facing each other more than once in the Preliminary Rounds.
c. Each team will face a different two-judge bench in their second round of arguments.
d. Preliminary Rounds I & II will be held on **3rd January 2026 (Saturday)**.
e. The 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)

   NB : Aggregate raw points = oral scores + memorial score

   Memorial marks will be added to the scores of both the Preliminary Rounds only.
f. The dress code shall be BCI advocate's attire during the rounds of the competition
g. The oral arguments need not be confined to the contents that are presented in the submitted memorials, subject to the issues be covered within the case data.

Quarter Final / Semi-Final Round & Final Round:

a. Draw of lots / power match will decide the sides of the arguments in Quarter Finals, Semi Finals & Finals. The Quarter Finals & Semi Finals are knockout rounds.
b. The Quarter Finals & Semi Finals will be held on **3rd January 2026 (Saturday)**
c. The Finals will be held on Sunday **4th January 2026**

X. Results (Announcement)

Results will be announced within 30 minutes after the full completion of the respective Preliminary / Quarter / Semi-Final Rounds. The Final result and the winners of the various categories will be announced only during the valedictory / prize distribution ceremony.

XI. Memorial

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 dispute **(Plaintiff and Defendant)**.
b. The soft copy of the memorials for the **Plaintiff** and **Defendant** should be mailed to mootcourt@shaastra.org with copy to ai@lawindia.com on or before **7th December 2025 latest by 12 Noon.**
c. Late submission will be penalised by one point for every hour, maximum penalty not exceeding 20 points for delay of each memorial.
d. Once the memorials have been submitted, **no revisions, supplements or additions will be allowed**.

e. The teams are requested to carry along **5 copies** from each side of the Memorials with them and submit the same during Registration on **2nd January, 2026**. **The participants should mention the Competition code on the hard copy of the memorials which would be allotted to all the teams through a draw of lots during the Orientation on 2nd January 2026.**

f. The memorials have to be submitted on typed A4 size paper printed on one side and must contain:

- Cover Page
- 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 15 pages)
- The prayer

g. Uniform font style is to be followed throughout the Memorial. The font should be either Times New Roman or Garamond. The font size of the text should be 12 (double space) and for footnotes it should be 10 (single space) & double space between two-foot notes. Footnoting must conform to the Oxford University Standard for Citation of Legal Authorities (OSCOLA), 4th edition.

h. The memorials should be staple-bound or stitched. Any other form of binding shall not be accepted, will attract penalty.

i. The memorial must have a margin measuring one inch on all sides of each page.

j. Except Cover page, all the pages of Memorials shall be numbered. The page numbering should be on the top right side of each page.

k. Covers must be placed on briefs as follows:

Plaintiff: Light Blue Color ; Defendant: Light Red Color.

l. Use of Cellophane sheets over the covers or inside will be penalised.

m. The cover page of the memorial must state the following:

i. Team / Competition Code (on the top right corner) of soft / hard copy
ii. The cause title
iii. Identify brief as Plaintiff & Defendant as is applicable

n. Identity of the institution shall not be revealed anywhere in the memorial, both soft and hard copy. Violation of this provision shall result in penalties including disqualification. The Chief Administrator's decision shall be final.

o. The teams may share a separate paper book (compendium) of not more than 50 pages, which will carry all the annexure and case laws that have been referred to in the memorial. The paper

book will have a white cover. Any identifying marks/seal of the college/university shall attract severe penalties including disqualification.

XII. Oral Round

Preliminary Rounds & Quarter Final Round

a. Each team will get a total of 30 minutes to present their case.

b. This time will include rebuttal and sur-rebuttal time.

c. The division of time is at the discretion of the team members, subject to a minimum of 10 minutes per speaker (excluding the rebuttal time). It is the duty of the Team to inform the division of time to the court officer before arguments begin.

d. The oral arguments need not be confined to the contents that are presented in the submitted memorials, subject to the issues be covered within the case data.

e. Passing of notes to the speakers by the researcher through the Court Officers during the rounds is allowed subject to the discretion of the Judges.

f. The attendance of the researcher at the time of the oral pleading rounds is compulsory.

Semi-Final & Final Round

a. Each team will get 45 minutes to present their case which will include rebuttal and sur-rebuttal time

b. The division of time is at the discretion of the team, with a maximum of 25 minutes & minimum of 20 minutes per speaker.

c. The oral arguments need not be confined to the contents that are presented in the submitted memorials, subject to the issues be covered within the case data.

d. The attendance of the researcher at the time of the oral pleading rounds is compulsory.

XIII. 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.

XIV. Scoring

A. Orals

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

a. Knowledge of facts

b. Proper and articulate analysis of the issues arising out of 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 of IPR
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 Submission (Memorials)

a. The memorials shall be marked on a scale of 0-100 points each under

- Presentation
- Quality of arguments
- Formatting and Syntax

b. Any revisions, supplements, or additions to the memorials after submission shall attract severe penalties subject to the discretion of the Chief Administrator.

c. Award of the points shall be based on the following parameters:

- Logical development of ideas
- Novelty in analysis and arguments
- Understanding pertinent legal issues
- Clear, concise and unambiguous writing style
- Integration of facts into legal argument
- Understanding of strengths and weaknesses of case
- Discussion of viable alternative arguments
- Proper use of citations and citation form
- Effective use of authority to support arguments
- Ability to distinguish adverse cases
- Neatness, legibility and formatting

XV. Awards

i.	Winner	Rs. 40,000
ii.	Runner up	Rs. 20,000
iii.	Best Memorial	Rs. 10,000/-
iv.	Best Student Advocate	Rs. 10,000/-
v.	2nd Best Student Advocate	Rs. 5,000/-

In addition to the above awards, plaques and certificates will be given to other categories of winners. All participants will be issued participation certificates.

XVI. 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 Valedictory.

b. Further, all team members, coaches, advisors, and observers shall refrain from identifying a team's institution 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).

XVII. Live Streaming of the Finals

The organisers will arrange for the live streaming of only the finals of the competition through YouTube & Instagram, links be provided by Surana & Surana.

XVIII. Decision of the Judges will be Final & Binding

XIX. 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, IIT Madras 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, IIT Madras 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 and other platforms by Surana & Surana 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.

XX. Accommodation, Food & Transport

(a) Accommodation and transport between the hostel / hotel to the competition venue for the teams availing accommodation will be provided by Shaastra IIT Madras.

(b) Accommodation will be arranged only during the period of competition i.e., **2nd January 2026 (12:00PM IST) till 5th January 2026 (12:00PM IST).**

(c) **Participants will be notified through (a) updated version of the Rules on www.moot.in and (b) by OC members of Shaastra IIT Madras on the following**

i. **Accommodation charges Rs. 850 per person per day**

ii. **Shaastra Passport charges Rs. 400 per person**

(d) The accommodation fee is non-refundable

(e) The name and mobile number of the student volunteers in charge of transport/ accommodation will also be made available after finalization. Teams should fill in their travel plan in the sheet available on **Annexure B** positively to send the scanned copy by **05:00 PM on 20th December 2025** via eMail to mootcourt@shaastra.org

(f) Extra members over & above the prescribed number will not be entertained and accommodated under any circumstances

Misbehaviour of any sort by the participants will be dealt very seriously and will lead to disqualification

XXI. The Chief Administrator of the competition is **Mr. Preetam Surana, Partner - Dispute Resolution & Head - Academic Initiatives, Surana & Surana International Attorneys, Chennai**.

XXII. **Any clarifications for the competition can be sought from:**

Regarding Case Data / Problem Statement

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Deputy Head - Intellectual Property
Surana & Surana International Attorneys
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Regarding Registration

Mr. A D Johnson Christy
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Contacts of the Organising Committee & Regarding Queries on Accommodation / Transport / etc. -

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For any queries, kindly write to us at: mootcourt@shaastra.org

IMPORTANT DATES

Start of Online Registration	**6th November, 2025**
Last date for Online Registration	**2nd December, 2025**
Last date for seeking Clarification to the case	**2nd December, 2025 12.00 noon**
Release of Clarifications	**3rd December, 2025 05.00 pm**
Last date for receiving copies of Reg. Form / Approval letter by Shaastra IIT Madras	**2nd December, 2025**
Last Date for Submission of Memorials (both Plaintiff and Defendant) for selection of participating teams Soft Copy by eMail with temporary Team code	**7th December, 2025 12.00 noon**
Confirmation of Teams after evaluation of Memorials	**13th December, 2025**
Last date for Payment of Registration Fee	**20th December, 2025 05.00 pm**
Last Date for submission of Travel Plans to Shaastra IIT Madras	**20th December, 2025 05.00 pm**
Submission of Memorials 5 (Five) hard copies each (both Plaintiff - 5 & Defendant - 5) (Competition code to be mentioned on the Memorials at the Competition Venue during Orientation)	**2nd January, 2026**
Inaugural, Orientation, Draw of Lots, Exchange of Memorial for Prelims I & II	**2nd January, 2026**
Preliminary Rounds I & II / Quarterfinals / Semifinals	**3rd January, 2026**
Finals, Valedictory & Prize Distribution	**4th January, 2026**

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/to be submitted are prepared by us and agree to indemnify the organisers, i.e., the Surana & Surana International Attorneys, Chennai and the Shaastra IIT Madras, Chennai for any claim or dispute arising out of the further use and exhibition of these materials.

(All particulars must be given)

Name & Address of the participating Institution:

Notification Email: **Regd. Mobile #:**

Name of the participant	Gender	Date of Birth	Course	Year / Semester	Signature

Seal & signature of the Head of the Institution

The participating team shall submit the form to the E-mail: mootcourt@shaastra.org

The subject of the email must be **"9th SURANA & SURANA & SHAASTRA IIT MADRAS INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LAW MOOT - REGISTRATION"**

TRAVEL PLAN (ANNEXURE B)

1. Name of Institution -
2. Team Code -
3. Arrival Details -
    a. Mode of Arrival: Train / Air / Bus _____
    b. Train No./Bus No./Flight No. _____
    c. Estimated Time of Arrival _____
4. Departure Details -
    a. Mode of Arrival: Train / Air / Bus _____
    b. Train No./Bus No./Flight No. _____
    c. Estimated Time of Departure_____
5. Any other details:

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NOTE: ***This travel form should be mailed at*** mootcourt@shaastra.org ***by 05:00 PM IST on / before 20th December 2025***