

IX SURANA & SURANA AND UPES SCHOOL OF LAW, INSOLVENCY LAW MOOT COURT COMPETITION, 2026

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30th October – 1st November, 2026

ON-CAMPUS/OFFLINE MODE

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COMPETITION AT A GLANCE

Edition	Ninth (IX)
Mode	Offline
Offline Rounds	30th October – 1st November, 2026
Venue	Kandoli Campus, UPES, Dehradun
Case Record	Release 13th August, 2026
Registration Closes	22nd September, 2026

INVITATION

It gives us immense pleasure to announce that UPES School of Law is organising the **IX Surana & Surana and UPES School of Law, Insolvency Law Moot Court Competition, 2026**, which is scheduled to be held in offline mode from 30th October – 1st November, 2026.

The case record of the competition revolves around defining and exploring the laws of Insolvency and Bankruptcy. The competition aims to delve into the intricacies of the legal framework governing insolvency and bankruptcy proceedings in India.

The ninth edition of the competition will be conducted entirely offline at the Kandoli Campus of UPES, Dehradun, providing participants with the opportunity to experience a physical courtroom setting and engage before a distinguished bench.

We extend our warm invitation to your esteemed institution, recognizing the value you bring to the competition. We eagerly anticipate your active participation in this prestigious Moot Court Competition.

IN COLLABORATION WITH

Surana & Surana International Attorneys

JOINT ORGANISER



ABOUT UPES

UPES was established in the year 2003 through the UPES Act, 2003, of the State Legislature of Uttarakhand. The University has been accredited with grade "A" by the National Assessment and Accreditation Council, Government of India, and strives to achieve more heights in the coming years. As per the National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF) 2025, Ministry of Education, India, UPES School of Law has been ranked 18th in the Law category, with the University ranked 45th overall in the University category. UPES School of Law has also been consistently ranked among the leading private law schools in India by national ranking agencies.

We have a vision to provide quality legal education in this new age of digital transformation. The institute is committed to not only exploring, but also implementing an outcome-based education. We focus on applying the new-age learning technologies to competency-based, adaptive and collaborative education. This will help us in creating a learning space which meets the unique needs of every student.

In the coming years, we aim to focus on digital learning, through a balanced combination of technology, digital content, live instruction and experiential learning. Our partnerships with global institutions provide the much needed 'international exposure at home' to our students. We have the privilege of becoming the first Indian university to partner with the UK-based University of Law. We also have MoUs with renowned institutions such as Maurer School of Law and Nottingham Trent University to provide progression opportunities for higher education.

Venue for the offline rounds: Kandoli Campus, University of Petroleum and Energy Studies, Dehradun, Uttarakhand — 248007.



ABOUT SURANA & SURANA INTERNATIONAL ATTORNEYS

Surana & Surana International Attorneys, established in 1971, is dedicated to providing clients with prompt support and has been recognised as the "first choice" and "go-to" firm for legal counsel in South India. Surana & Surana International Attorneys operates through its 3 strategically located offices in India – Chennai, Coimbatore & New Delhi.

Since 1998, the firm has been consistently listed among the top law firms in India by national and international magazines as well as clients, providing legal services such as Dispute Resolution, Real Estate & Infrastructure, Corporate, Commercial, Intellectual Property, Securities & White-Collar Crime, Tax, Cyber-Entertainment-Media-Technology.

It is the world's first law firm to achieve SA8000 and ISO 14000 certification as well as Asia's first to achieve ISO 9001 certification for professional legal services.

The firm was featured as the only Indian case study in the best-selling book "Developing a Profitable Practice in Asia" by Mr. Robert C Sawhney, Hong Kong, in a full chapter titled 'An Uncommon Law Firm: Principles before Profits'.

The firm's Academic Initiatives division has pioneered the Moot Court Competitions in the country, which is now the world's largest moot court program.

A PARTNERSHIP SINCE 2018

Surana & Surana International Attorneys has been the joint organiser of the Insolvency Law Moot Court Competition at UPES School of Law since its inaugural edition in 2018. The 2026 edition marks the ninth consecutive year of this collaboration.

ABOUT SURANA & SURANA ACADEMIC INITIATIVES

For over 30 years, the firm has hosted, administered, and supported a dozen moot court events each year. It is crucial to understand the larger picture of this mammoth initiative, which is now the world's largest moot court programme.

Hon'ble Justice Krishna Iyer, during one of his stays with the Surana Family in the late 1980s, spoke at length with the firm's Founder, Mr. P.S Surana, on the need & importance of developing young advocates with strong advocacy abilities. He was particularly concerned that talented young law graduates were leaving the Bar to join the corporate sector, thereby depriving the Bar of strong talent.

Inspired by this interaction, Mr. P.S. Surana designed a well-structured and transparent moot court competition platform to provide law students with an opportunity to hone their talents in oral and written advocacy, as well as legal research. Surana & Surana has conducted nearly 400 Moot Court competitions with more than a dozen every year, besides judgment writing, arbitral awards, and essay competitions. The moot court advisory board has over the years, had about 50 members at various points in the journey, from Chief Patron (Late) Fali S Nariman to designated Senior Advocates and distinguished Academicians. The present Chief Patron is Shri. R. Venkataramani, Attorney General for India & Senior Advocate, Supreme Court.



ABOUT MOOT COURT COMMITTEE, SCHOOL OF LAW, UPES

The Moot Court Committee (MCC) is the flagship committee of the School of Law, UPES, entrusted with fostering, administering, and facilitating moot activities while upholding the benchmark of excellence that the University has set for itself.

Our primary goals include planning, organising, and executing International, National and Internal Moot Court Competitions, nurturing upcoming mooters, as well as furthering our vision of developing the moot culture in the Law School. MCC has proudly orchestrated fifteen illustrious editions of the Dr Paras Diwan Moot Court Competition, several recent editions of which have been graced by collaborations with leading law firms. Similarly, we have conducted eight remarkable editions of the Insolvency Law Moot Court Competition, with a distinguished partnership with Surana & Surana since 2018. In 2026, the Committee also marked another milestone by successfully hosting its inaugural International Moot Court Competition. Furthermore, MCC annually hosts a Novice Moot Court Competition and an Internal Moot Court Competition, showcasing our unwavering commitment to legal excellence within the School of Law, UPES.

The Moot Court Committee encourages and provides opportunities for participation to all batches. MCC also organises workshops and interactive seminars with experienced mooters and professionals in line with its vision.

WHAT THE COMMITTEE DOES

National Competitions	Surana & Surana Insolvency Law Moot Court Competition
Internal Competitions	Novice Moot Court Competition; Internal Moot Court Competition
Capacity Building	Mooting workshops, memorial drafting sessions, interactive seminars
Representation	Selection and mentoring of teams representing UPES nationally

TIMELINE

RELEASE OF CASE RECORD	13TH AUGUST, 2026
COMMENCEMENT OF PROVISIONAL REGISTRATION	13TH AUGUST, 2026
COMMENCEMENT OF FINAL REGISTRATION	13TH AUGUST, 2026
LAST DATE FOR PROVISIONAL REGISTRATION	15TH SEPTEMBER, 2026
LAST DATE FOR SEEKING CLARIFICATIONS	22ND SEPTEMBER, 2026
LAST DATE FOR FINAL REGISTRATION & PAYMENT OF REGISTRATION	22ND SEPTEMBER, 2026
RELEASE OF CLARIFICATIONS	26TH SEPTEMBER, 2026
LAST DATE OF MEMORIAL SUBMISSION (SOFT COPY)	5TH OCTOBER, 2026
RESEARCHER'S TEST	12TH OCTOBER, 2026
RESULT DECLARATION- MEMORIAL SUBMISSION	13TH OCTOBER, 2026
SUBMISSION OF TRAVEL PLAN & PAYMENT OF ACCOMMODATION FEE	18TH OCTOBER, 2026
INAUGURATION, ORIENTATION, DRAW OF LOTS, MEMORIAL EXCHANGE	30TH OCTOBER, 2026
REGISTRATION & SUBMISSION OF HARD COPIES OF MEMORIALS	30TH OCTOBER, 2026
PRELIMINARY ROUND I & II	31ST OCTOBER, 2026
QUARTER-FINAL AND SEMI-FINAL ROUNDS	31ST OCTOBER, 2026
FINAL ROUND & VALEDICTORY	1ST NOVEMBER, 2026

AWARDS AND PRIZE MONEY

AWARD	PRIZE MONEY
Winners	₹ 65,000
Runners-up	₹ 35,000
Best Researcher	₹ 10,000
Best Student Advocate	₹ 10,000
Best Memorial for Appellant	₹ 5,000
Best Memorial for Respondent	₹ 5,000

All participants will be awarded with participation certificates.

NOTES ON THE AWARDS

1. Only the categories specified above shall be eligible for a cash prize accompanied by a trophy and/or certificate of merit, as applicable.
2. Only the designated speakers in the Preliminary Rounds shall be eligible for the Best Student Advocate award.
3. Only the designated researcher of a team who appears for the Researcher's Test shall be eligible for the Best Researcher award.
4. The Best Memorial awards shall be determined on the basis of the marks awarded to the written submissions in accordance with Rule IX of these Rules.
5. All results, including the winners of the various categories, will be announced only at the Valedictory Ceremony on 1st November, 2026.
6. Prize money will be disbursed by bank transfer to the account of the participating team members upon submission of the requisite details.

RULES OF THE COMPETITION

I AIM AND PURPOSE

The Surana & Surana and UPES School of Law, Insolvency Law Moot Court Competition aims to facilitate an understanding of evolving jurisprudence in Insolvency Law and its emerging trends. It also focuses on enhancing research, writing, and advocacy skills. By participating in this competition, individuals have the opportunity to enhance their legal acumen and contribute to the growth of this specialised field.

II DEFINITIONS

1. **Advanced Rounds:** It shall refer to the Quarter-Finals, Semi-Finals, and the Final Round of the Competition.
2. **Competition:** It shall refer to the IXth edition of the Surana & Surana and UPES School of Law, Insolvency Law Moot Court Competition, 2026.
3. **Disqualification:** It shall render a team invalid to continue participating in the Competition.
4. **Judge:** It shall refer to any person appointed to evaluate a Participant's Memorial or Oral Pleading.
5. **Memorial:** It shall refer to the written arguments submitted by each team, on behalf of both the Parties, according to the official competition rules.
6. **Chief Administrator:** It shall refer to the Senior Director, School of Law, UPES (Chairman, Moot Court Committee, UPES).
7. **Oral Rounds:** It shall refer to a team's pleadings, composed of both speakers, submitted orally in front of the judges, on behalf of one of the parties, against another team representing the opposing party.
8. **Parties:** It shall refer to the parties to the dispute as identified by the case record as Appellant and Respondent.
9. **Penalties:** It shall refer to points deducted for violation of any Rules mentioned hereunder.
10. **Preliminary Rounds:** It shall refer to the Oral Rounds which will take place prior to the Advanced Rounds of the Competition for the purpose of determining the teams which will proceed to the Advanced Rounds.
11. **Rules:** It shall refer to these official Competition Rules and such other applicable supplements to these Rules published by the Organising Committee.
12. **Organising Committee:** Shall mean and include the members mentioned in this brochure.
13. **Scouting:** It shall refer to the act of attending a round in which the members of the team or any person related to the team are not competing.
14. **Team Code:** It shall refer to the unique number allotted to each participating team for the purpose of this Competition. This would primarily be used for all submissions of memorials and the researchers' test..
15. **Competition Code:** For the oral rounds, competition codes will be allotted through a draw of lots as part of the orientation.

NOTE: The Organising Committee reserves the authority to disqualify any team if there is any grave violation of these Rules.

III VENUE AND DATE

The **IX Surana & Surana and UPES School of Law, Insolvency Law Moot Court Competition** shall be held on campus in offline mode from **30th October, 2026 to 1st November, 2026** at the Kandoli Campus of UPES, Dehradun.

IV LANGUAGE

The competition shall be conducted in English.

V ELIGIBILITY

The competition is open to students who are pursuing LL.B. (three-year / five-year) courses during the current academic year, i.e. the academic year 2026–27.

VI TEAM COMPOSITION

1. The maximum number of participants per team shall be restricted to 3, wherein only 2 shall be speakers and 1 shall be the designated researcher. The researcher shall be allowed to argue with the prior permission of the court and the Chief Administrator in case of illness of the designated speakers.
2. No team coach, mentor, observer or any other person shall accompany registered participating team members.
3. 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 Chief Administrator.

VII REGISTRATION

• Provisional Registration

1. Provisional Registration commences from **13th August, 2026**.
2. The Provisional Registration shall be done by **15th September, 2026**. It is mandatory for every university to register provisionally via its moot court's ID at **[\[PROVISIONAL REGISTRATION LINK\]](#)**.
3. Teams will receive a confirmation mail of the successful provisional registration from the Host University.

• Final Registration

1. Final Registration for teams commences from **13th August, 2026**.
2. The teams must register online by **22nd September, 2026**. Teams will have to register online at **www.moot.in**.
3. After registering online, the teams must complete the Registration Process as stated below by sending a copy of the documents for authentication at **mca.upes@gmail.com**.
4. Participants will receive approval as acceptance of their request for participation within **3 days** from the last date of registration.

• Registration Process

The following documents are required from the teams at the time of Final Registration:

1. An external participation form/approval letter (with seal and signature) as provided in the rules (refer to page no. 24), duly filled out by the participant's institution / moot society.
2. Submission of the Registration form in the prescribed format is mandatory without any exception.
3. Scanned copy of the receipt of online payment.

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

• Registration Fee

A registration fee of Rs. 4,000/- (Four Thousand Rupees only) shall be payable online by each participating team through Net Banking at the time of registration. Upon qualification of the team based on Memorial scores for the Offline Rounds, such qualifying teams shall be required to pay Rs. 3,000/- (Three Thousand Rupees only) per team, per day, towards accommodation and food.

NOTE: For verification and reconciliation of registration fee payments, participating teams shall be required to provide the Name and Address of the person/entity making the payment, along with the corresponding UTR/RTGS Transaction Number(s), at the time of registration.

Account details are as follows:

Beneficiary Name	UPES
Account Number	011594600000224
IFSC Code	YESB0000115
Branch	Yes Bank Ltd., Ground Floor, 56, Rajpur Road, Dehradun – 248001

The fee, once paid, will not be refunded under any circumstances.

Note: The additional fee of **Rs. 3,000/- (Three Thousand Rupees only)** per team, per day shall be payable only by those teams that qualify for the On-Campus Rounds. The said fee must be remitted **within the timeline communicated to the qualifying teams upon declaration of the results of the Memorial Evaluation.**

VIII CLARIFICATION

1. Teams may seek clarification latest by **22nd September, 2026** (11:59 PM IST) through the **[[CLARIFICATION FORM LINK](#)]**. The form will be accessible from 13th August, 2026.
2. All the clarifications shall be posted on www.moot.in and emailed to all the participants on their respective email IDs provided in the registration form by **26th September, 2026**.

IX WRITTEN SUBMISSION

1. Each team is required to prepare Written Submissions for both sides, i.e., the Appellant(s) and the Respondent(s) of the case. A Written Submission shall be identified solely by the Team Code assigned to the Team under the Rules of the Competition. The Written Submissions shall not, in any way, disclose any fact about the identity of the Team, its members, or the Institution/College/University represented by the Team.
2. The cover page of the **Appellant(s)** memorial shall be **blue**, and that of the **Respondent(s)** memorial shall be **red**.
3. The soft copy of the Memorials for the Appellant and the Respondent should be submitted in a zip folder at [\[MEMORIAL SUBMISSION LINK\]](#) and also email to mca.upes@gmail.com and ai@lawindia.com on or before **5th October, 2026 (11:59 PM IST)**. Late submissions will be penalized by one point each per memorial per side for every hour of delay (upto 6th October 2026, 11:59 p.m.).
4. Once the soft copy of the memorials has been submitted, no revisions, supplements, or additions will be allowed.
5. The submissions shall be the original work of the team. The similarity index (plagiarism) for a Memorial should not be more than 15%.
6. If teams choose to use Generative AI tools to assist with creating the content of their Memorials, they are fully responsible for ensuring that no fictitious, fabricated, or non-existent facts, information, quotations and/or sources are incorporated into their submissions. The OC shall conduct a review, independent of the Memorial evaluation, to verify the authenticity and legitimacy of the sources cited. Any Memorial found to contain such inaccuracies or fabricated material shall be liable to significant penalties, including disqualification from the Competition.
7. The teams are requested to submit **8 hard copies** of memorials of both sides (**each Appellant and Respondent**) on **30th October, 2026** at the registration desk.
8. The memorials shall be submitted in Word format as well as PDF format. The files shall be named "Team Code – Appellant" and "Team Code – Respondent", respectively.
9. A Written Submission shall consist of the following mandatory heads:
 - A. Cover Page
 - B. Table of Contents
 - C. List of Abbreviations
 - D. Index of Authorities
 - E. Statement of Jurisdiction
 - F. Statement of Facts (not exceeding 2 pages)
 - G. Issues Raised
 - H. Summary of Arguments (not exceeding 2 pages)
 - I. Arguments Advanced (not exceeding 30 pages)
 - J. Prayer (not exceeding 1 page)
10. The Cover Page of a Written Submission must contain the following information:
 - A. The Team Code in the upper right-hand corner in accordance with the Rules of the Competition.
 - B. Name and year of the competition
 - C. The name of the case.

- D. The side for which the Written Submission has been prepared.
 - E. Name of the forum resolving the dispute.
11. Teams shall cite all authorities in the Written Submission using footnotes as per Bluebook (21st Edition).
 12. The Written Submission shall not contain any annexures, photographs or any other representation of that nature.
 13. The Written Submission (including the preliminary pages and excluding the cover page) shall adhere to the following mandatory specifications:
 - A. Paper size: A4
 - B. Font type: Times New Roman
 - C. Font size: 12
 - D. Line spacing: 1.5
 - E. Body of text: Justified
 - F. Margin: 1 inch on all sides
 - G. Page Numbering: Bottom right side of each page
 14. For footnotes, the formatting specifications are:
 - A. Font type: Times New Roman
 - B. Font size: 10
 - C. Line spacing: 1
 - D. Paragraph spacing: 0
 - E. No additional space between 2 footnotes
 - F. Body of text: Justified
 15. The identity of the institution shall not be revealed anywhere in the memorial. Violation of this provision shall result in penalties, including disqualification. The Organising Committee's decision shall be final.

All important links pertaining to the Competition are available through the official [Linktree](#).

X COMPENDIUM

1. Each participating team shall submit the Compendium to the designated Organising Committee (OC) member along with the hard copies of the Memorials during the memorial submission process.
2. In case of failure of a team to submit a compendium to the Organising Committee, the team shall not be allowed to share the compendium with the bench.
3. Any identifying marks/seal of the college shall attract severe penalties, including disqualification. There will be no passing of notes to the judges. The compendium will have to take care of this requirement. The teams can take them back after the respective rounds.
4. It is not mandatory for the teams to make a compendium. However, if a team is making one, then they are required to submit it on **30th October, 2026**, at the Registration Desk along with the memorials.

XI COMPETITION FORMAT

1. Qualification for On Campus Rounds

All participating teams shall submit their Memorials, which shall be evaluated by a Panel of Judges. The designated researchers of all participating teams shall appear for the Researcher's Test, which shall be conducted online on **12th October, 2026**.

The top sixteen (16) teams shall qualify for the On-Campus Rounds based on the aggregate of their Memorial Evaluation scores and it's result will be announced on **13th October, 2026**.

The researcher's test result will be released along with the competition result on **1st November, 2026**.

2. Oral Rounds

The Oral Rounds shall be conducted on-campus/offline at the Kandoli Campus of UPES, Dehradun, and shall comprise Preliminary Rounds 1 & 2, followed by the Quarter-Final, Semi-Final and Final Rounds.

The top eight (8) teams, based on the results of the Preliminary Rounds 1 & 2, shall qualify for the Quarter-Final Round. The Quarter-Final and Semi-Final Rounds shall be conducted as knockout rounds.

XII ROUNDS

There will be Preliminary Rounds 1 & 2 and a Quarter-Final, Semi-Final, and Final Round, which will be conducted on-campus/offline at the Kandoli Campus of UPES, Dehradun.

1. Preliminary Rounds

- A.** Preliminary Rounds will be held on 31st October, 2026, which shall be conducted offline at the Kandoli Campus of UPES, Dehradun.
- B.** Each team shall have a total of 30 minutes to present their case. This includes time for rebuttals and sur-rebuttals
- C.** The division of time is at the discretion of the team members, subject to a minimum of 10 minutes and a maximum of 15 minutes per speaker. Division of time shall be informed to the court officer/moderator before arguments begin.
- D.** The researcher shall sit with the speakers at the time of the Oral Rounds.
- E.** Eight teams from the Preliminary Rounds will advance to the Quarter- final rounds. Preliminary rounds 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 the Preliminary Rounds only.

2. Quarter-Final Rounds

- A. Quarter-Finals will be held on **31st October, 2026**.
- B. This will be a knockout round.
- C. Each team shall have a total of 30 minutes to present their case. This includes time for rebuttals and sur-rebuttals.
- D. The division of time is at the discretion of the team members, subject to a minimum of 10 minutes and a maximum of 15 minutes per speaker. Division of time shall be informed to the court officer/moderator before arguments begin.
- E. The researcher shall sit with the speakers at the time of the Oral Rounds.

3. Semi-Final Rounds

- A. The Semi-Final Rounds will be held on **31st October, 2026**.
- B. Each team will get a total of 45 minutes to present their case. This includes time for rebuttals and sur-rebuttals.
- C. The division of time is at the discretion of the team members, subject to a minimum of 20 minutes and a maximum of 25 minutes per speaker. Division of time shall be informed to the court officer/moderator before arguments begin.
- D. The researcher shall sit with the speakers at the time of the Oral Rounds.
- E. This will be a knockout round.

4. Final Round

- A. The Final Round will be held on **1st November, 2026**.
- B. Each team will get a total of 45 minutes to present their case. This includes time for rebuttals and sur-rebuttals.
- C. The division of time is at the discretion of the team members, subject to a minimum of 20 minutes and a maximum of 25 minutes per speaker. Division of time shall be informed to the court officer/moderator before arguments begin.

5. Results

The final result and the winners of the various categories will be announced only during the Valedictory Ceremony on **1st November, 2026**.

XIII DRESS CODE

The dress code for the competition shall be as per the Bar Council of India Rules for Advocates.

XIV SCOUTING

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

XV ANONYMITY

Student counsel may introduce themselves to the court through their competition codes and the sides represented. However, the team’s college/institution affiliation may not be mentioned at any time before the Valedictory Ceremony. 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 book with a college logo).

SUMMARY OF PENALTIES

VIOLATION	
Late submission of soft copy of memorial (upto 6 th October, 2026)	1 point per memorial per side per hour of delay
Plagiarism exceeding 15% similarity	At the discretion of the judges, up to disqualification
Disclosure of institutional identity	May result in penalties, including disqualification
Scouting	May result in penalties, including disqualification
Non-appearance within 10 minutes of scheduled time	Round proceeds ex-parte
Usage of Generative AI Tools	May result in penalties, including disqualification

XVI EVALUATION CRITERIA

A. Evaluation Criteria for Written Submission

PARAMETER	MARKS
Analysis of issues	20
Ability to explain clearly the legal principles in general	10
Proper and articulate analysis of issues arising out of facts	10
Understanding of the legal principles directly applicable to the issues	10
Presentation of arguments	20
Use of legal sources: custom, precedents, and general principles of law	10
Variety and depth of research	10
Variation in approach (new points of law, unique interpretation of facts/law, etc.)	10
TOTAL	100

B. Evaluation Criteria for Oral Rounds

The Oral Rounds will be marked on a scale of 100 marks as per the following criteria:

PARAMETER	MARKS
Knowledge of Law & Facts	10
Logic and reasoning	10
Organisation and clarity (time management)	10
Persuasiveness	10
Style, Poise, Courtesy, Demeanor and Deference to the court	10
Proper and articulate analysis of issues arising out of facts	10
Understanding of the legal principles directly applicable to the issues	10
Ability to explain clearly legal principles in general	10
Knowledge and use of legal sources	10
Ingenuity (ability to argue by analogy from related aspect of law)	10
TOTAL	100

XVII FINALITY

1. The decision of the judges shall be final and binding regarding the oral rounds and memorial submissions.
2. In the case of any conflict regarding the composition of the team, the decision of the Chief Administrator will be final.
3. In the case of a gross misdemeanour, the decision of the Organisers in consultation with the judges will be final.
4. In the case of conflict regarding a situation outside the scope of the rules, the decision of the Organizers will be final.
5. The Administrator retains the right to amend the rules of the competition (including the structure of the competition) at their discretion, with the concurrence of the Chief Administrator.

XVIII RESEARCHER'S TEST

1. The Researcher's Test shall be conducted on **12th October, 2026** for designated researchers of all participating teams via online medium.
2. The participant shall ensure complete integrity and shall not resort to unfair means while attempting the test. Any such attempt shall result in disqualification.
3. Necessary details will be mailed to the respective team members after their soft copy submission.

XIX COPYRIGHT

1. The copyright over the memorials submitted for participation in the competition is assigned by the participants and shall vest completely and fully in Surana & Surana and UPES School of Law, Dehradun. The participants shall be responsible for any claim or dispute arising out of the further use and exhibition of these materials.
2. Further use and exhibition of these materials, electronically or otherwise, shall be the exclusive right of Surana & Surana and UPES School of Law, Dehradun, 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.

XX ACCOMMODATION & TRANSPORTATION

1. Accommodation shall be provided from 10 am of **30th October, 2026** to 12 noon of **1st November, 2026**
2. The pricing will be **₹3000/-** per team per day.
3. Transportation shall be provided from the place of accommodation to UPES Kandoli campus at Morning and Evening only on the competition dates that is **30th October to 1st November, 2026**.
4. The last date to submit the travel plan and additional fee for accommodation is **18th October, 2026**.

XXI EX-PARTE ROUNDS

1. In case of a last-minute withdrawal/internet connectivity issue of any team during the On-Campus / Virtual Session, the other opposing team, as per the competition fixture, will put forth their submissions to the bench and will be accordingly scored as per the parameters.
2. Refer above Clause XII (1) (E), Win points will not be applicable for this round.
3. The Aggregate raw points (Oral scores + Memorial scores) of the team presented will be taken into record as valid.
4. If there would be a dummy team available from the Host Institution, they will be permitted to represent the non-available team & to avoid ex-parte, then the particular round will be considered a competitive round. However, the dummy team will not advance even if they win the particular round.
5. Qualifying teams advancing to Octa Finals (16 teams) /Quarter Finals (8 teams) - the team with at least 1 Win point + maximum Aggregate raw points will qualify for the Advance round, subject to the Top teams (16 / 8) qualify with 2 Win points & 1 Win point with the higher Aggregate raw points.

XXII MISCELLANEOUS

1. The Organising Committee (OC) reserves the right to amend, modify, change, or repeal any of the Rules of the Competition (including the structure of the competition). The OC shall communicate any changes made in the Rules of the Competition to the Teams.
2. The OC reserves the right to make decisions on any matter not mentioned in the Rules of the Competition. Any such decision taken by the OC shall be final and binding.
3. The OC reserves the right to interpret any of the Rules of the Competition. Such interpretation shall be final and binding.
4. If any one member of a team is notified or informed of any detail or information concerning the Competition, it shall be deemed as if the said team as a whole has been duly notified or informed.
5. No audio recording or videotaping of oral pleadings is permitted without the permission of the OC, the Bench before which the team is scheduled to present, and the opposing Team. The OC reserves all rights to audio recording and videotaping, or any other form of audio or visual presentation of any oral round or part thereof. If a Team believes that the Rules of the Competition have been violated at any stage of the Competition, the Team shall, within half an hour after the completion of the round in which the alleged violation has occurred, register a complaint with the Joint Student Convenors of the Competition.
6. Team(s) shall not approach the Bench with any complaints, under any circumstances whatsoever.
7. Any violation of the rules stated in the rulebook will attract stringent penalties, including disqualification.

Communication: All official communication regarding the Competition will be issued only from mca.upes@gmail.com. Teams are advised to whitelist this address and to check their spam folders regularly during the competition period. The Moot Court Committee will not be responsible for any communication that fails to reach a team on account of an incorrect email address furnished at the time of registration.

IMPORTANT LINKS



WWW.MOOT.IN

For Registration & Clarification Forms



LINKTREE

For all official links & updates

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Kushagra Singh	Principal Secretary
Raghav Modi	Student Treasurer

The 4th Year Core of the Moot Court Committee is responsible for the overall administration of the Competition, including liaison with the joint organiser, constitution of benches, and the conduct of the Advanced Rounds.

MEET THE ORGANISING COMMITTEE

3RD YEAR CORE

Salil Ashok Paranjape

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The 3rd Year Core assists in the conduct of the Memorial Qualification process, registration and verification of teams, court-officer duties, and participant liaison throughout the Competition.

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**‘IX SURANA & SURANA AND UPES SCHOOL OF LAW, INSOLVENCY LAW MOOT
COURT COMPETITION 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 we agree to indemnify the organizers, i.e. Surana & Surana International Attorneys, Chennai and UPES, Dehradun, 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:

NAME OF THE PARTICIPANT	GENDER	DATE OF BIRTH	COURSE	YEAR	SIGNATURE

Primary Email ID and Contact Number:

Seal & Signature of the
Head of the Institution

Duly filled, sealed & signed soft copy of the Registration Form should be sent by email to **mca.upes@gmail.com** by **22nd September 2026**. The subject of the email must be "IX SURANA & SURANA AND UPES SCHOOL OF LAW, INSOLVENCY LAW MOOT COURT COMPETITION 2026".

Travel Plan (Annexure B)

NAME OF INSTITUTION –

COMPETITION CODE -

ARRIVAL DETAILS

a. Mode of Arrival: Train / Air / Bus _____

b. Train No./Bus No./Flight No. _____

c. Estimated Time of Arrival _____

DEPARTURE DETAILS

a. Mode of Arrival: Train / Air / Bus _____

b. Train No./Bus No./Flight No. _____

c. Estimated Time of Departure _____

ANY OTHER DETAILS:

Note: This travel form should be mailed to **mca.upes@gmail.com** by 11:59 PM IST on/before 18^h October 2026