

# DAMODARAM SANJIVAYYA NATIONAL LAW UNIVERSITY

## 1<sup>st</sup> NATIONAL MOOT COURT COMPETITION, 2014

15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> February, 2014.

### Rules of the Competition

#### 1. Title and commencement:

The 1<sup>st</sup> Damodaram Sanjivayya National Moot Court Competition, 2014 (herein after referred as DSNMC) shall be held on 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> February, 2014 at DSNLU, Plot No.116, Sector-11, M.V.P Colony, Visakhapatnam-530017, Andhra Pradesh.

#### 2. Language:

The language of the Competition shall be English.

#### 3. Eligibility Criteria:

- 3.1 Law schools/Colleges/ Institutes/ Universities, recognized by the Bar Council of India, are eligible to participate in the DSNMC. The participants should currently be pursuing their Bachelor's degree in law i.e., Three Year or Five Year Law Courses. Students who have completed their law courses are not eligible to participate in the competition.
- 3.2 Only one team can register from a particular law school/College/ Institution/ University to participate in the DSNMC.
- 3.3 There shall be two speakers and one researcher designated for each team. In case of illness of the designated speaker, the researcher may be allowed to argue for the team with prior permission of the DSNMC Committee.

#### 4. Registration:

- 4.1 The Participating team shall duly fill the Registration Form provided along with the official rules and send it along with a Registration fee of Rs. 1500/- (Rupees one thousand five hundred only). The Registration fee shall be sent through Demand Draft drawn in favour of **The Registrar, Damodaram Sanjivayya**

**National Law University** payable at **Visakhapatnam**. The last date for receiving the registration form with fee shall be **31<sup>st</sup> December 2013**.

- 4.2 The participants are required to submit two passport size photographs of each team member along with the registration form.
- 4.3 Each team shall be allotted a Team Code on the receipt of registration fee and form. The Draw of Lots for the Preliminary rounds shall be drawn by the DSNMC Committee on **25<sup>th</sup> January** and the opponent memorial shall be mailed to the respective teams by **30<sup>th</sup> January 2014**.
- 4.4 The name of the Institution shall not be disclosed at the time of submission of memorials. Any such disclosure shall lead to disqualification.

5. **Written Submissions/Memorials:**

- 5.1 All participating teams shall submit 6 sets of written memorials
- 5.2 The cover page of memorials for the Informant shall be in **blue** and the Opposite party shall be in **red**.
- 5.3 The teams shall not indicate their names or the names of their college or the university on memorials. For all communications purposes, the team code shall only be specified.
- 5.4 The team code allotted to all teams shall be indicated at top right corner of the memorial, which will be communicated by way of E-mail.
- 5.5 All participating teams must submit a soft copy of their memorial in PDF format, for both sides by **11:59 P.M. IST** on or before **20<sup>th</sup> January, 2014**.
- 5.6 Teams must also send the hard copies of the memorials (6 sets for the informant and opposite party each) by **30<sup>th</sup> January, 2014**. The Hard Copies of the Memorials should be sent to the following address:

**The Faculty Convener**

Damodaram Sanjivayya National law Moot Court Competition  
C/o Damodaram Sanjivayya National Law University,  
Plot No: 116, Sector – 11, M.V.P Colony,  
Visakhapatnam – 530017,

- 5.7 Hard copies must be exact prints of the soft copies. Non-compliance with this rule would entail negative marking which may also attract disqualification. Decision in this regard shall be taken by the DSNMC Committee.
- 5.8 The written memorials shall conform to the set standards:
- 5.8.1 Written memorials shall be printed on white A4 size paper with black ink and neatly bound. No plastic divider should be used in the memorials.
- 5.8.2 The font of the body of the Memorial must be Times New Roman, size 12, with 1.5 line spacing and the font-size of footnotes, if any, must not be less than size 10.
- 5.9 Blue Book mode of citation must be followed.
- 5.10 Each page must have a margin of at least an inch on all sides.
- 5.11 The Memorial should not exceed 25 typed pages (not including the Cover Page) and shall consist of the following parts:
- Cover Page
  - Table of Contents
  - List of Abbreviations
  - Index of Authorities
  - Statement of Jurisdiction
  - Statement of Facts
  - Issues Raised
  - Summary of arguments
  - Arguments Advanced (not Exceeding 15 pages)
  - Prayer

## 6. Deductions of Marks:

S. No	Scheme of Deduction	Marks Deducted
1.	Teams submitting soft copy after 12.00 A.M IST, 21 <sup>st</sup> January, 2014.	1 mark for each day of delay
2.	Teams submitting hard copy after 5.00 P.M IST, 30 <sup>th</sup> January, 2014.	1 Mark for each day of delay
3.	Non – Compliance with the rules relating	0.5 Mark for each page

	of the font of the body of the Memorial and line spacing.	containing such violation.
4.	The Memorial Exceeding 25 pages.	1 Mark for each page
5.	Non – Compliance with the Blue book method of citation.	0.25 Marks for every page containing such Violation.
6.	Submitted Hard Copies and the soft copies Mis-match.	0.25 marks deducted for every page containing such violation.

### 7. Evaluation Criteria for Written Submission:

Every memorial will be marked on scale of 100 and will be evaluated according to the following criteria:

S. No	Marking Criteria	Maximum Marks Allocated
1	Knowledge of Law & Facts	15
2	Grammar and Style of Presentation	10
3	Application of Law to Facts	20
4	Analysis and Organization	10
5	Use of Authority	15
6	Proper Citation & Correct Format	10
7	Originality in Presentation	10
8	General Impression and Clarity of Thought	10

### 8. Structure of Rounds:

The oral rounds shall comprise of:

#### 8.1 Preliminary Rounds:

8.1.1 There shall be two preliminary rounds on **15th February, 2014** and every team shall be given the opportunity to argue on each side.

- 8.1.2 The Draw of Lots for the Preliminary rounds shall be drawn by the DSNMC Committee on **25<sup>th</sup> January, 2014** and the opponent memorial shall be mailed to the respective teams by **30<sup>th</sup> January 2014**.
- 8.1.3 Each team shall get a total of **30 minutes** to present their case and shall include the time for ‘rebuttal’ and ‘Sur-rebuttal’. Any extension of time beyond the specified period shall be subject to the discretion of the judges.
- 8.1.4 The division of time between the speakers is the discretion of the team members, subject to a maximum of **20 minutes** for one speaker.
- 8.1.5 Before the commencement of the each round, each team shall indicate to the ‘court officer’ as to how they wish to allocate their time.
- 8.1.6 At the end of the preliminary rounds, the top **8 teams** will qualify for the Quarter Finals. The top 8 teams will be selected on the basis of number of rounds won.
- 8.1.7 A team shall be credited with a win, if its total marks in the respective sessions are higher than its opponent’s teams.
- 8.1.8 In the case of a tie, combined total marks of both the preliminary rounds shall be considered. The team with the higher score will advance to the Quarter Finals.
- 8.1.9 If the situation of the tie still persists, then it would be resolved by considering the memorial scores.

## **8.2 Quarter- finals:**

- 8.2.1 The Quarter Finals will be held after the completion of the preliminary rounds on the same day i.e. **15<sup>th</sup> February, 2013**. The quarter Finals shall be knock-out round. A team will be credited with a win in the Quarter Finals if there total marks are higher than its opponent’s team.

- 8.2.2 The side to be presented by the team shall be determined by way of draw of lots with the teams picking the lots after the completion of the preliminary rounds.
- 8.2.3 Each team shall get a total time of **30 minutes** to present their case and shall include the time for ‘rebuttal’ and ‘Sur-rebuttal’.
- 8.2.4 The division of time between the speakers is the discretion of the team members, subject to a maximum of **20 minutes** for one speaker.
- 8.2.5 Before the commencement of the round, each team shall indicate to the ‘court officer’ as to how they wish to allocate their time.

### **8.3 Semi-finals**

- 8.3.1 The Semi-Finals will be held on **16<sup>th</sup> February, 2013**. The Semi-Finals shall be knock-out round. A team will be credited with a win in the Semi-Finals if there total marks are higher than its opponent’s team.
- 8.3.2 The side to be presented by the team shall be determined by way of draw of lots with the teams picking the lots after the completion of quarter-finals rounds.
- 8.3.3 Each team shall get a total of **40 minutes** to present their case. This time will include the time for ‘rebuttal’ and ‘Sur-rebuttal’.
- 8.3.4 The division of time between the speakers in the discretion of the team members, subject to a maximum of **25 minutes** for one speaker.
- 8.3.5 Before the commencement of the round, each team shall indicate to the ‘court officer’ as to how they wish to allocate their time.

### **8.4 Finals:**

- 8.4.1 The Final will be held after the Semi-Finals on **16<sup>th</sup> February, 2013**. A team will be credited with a win in the Final if there total marks are higher than its opponent team.

8.4.2 Each team shall get a total of **45 minutes** to present their case. This time will include the time for ‘rebuttal’ and ‘Sur-rebuttal’.

8.4.3 The division of time between the speakers is the discretion of the team members, subject to a maximum of **30 minutes** for one speaker.

8.4.4 Before the commencement of the round, each team shall indicate to the ‘court officer’ as to how they wish to allocate their time.

### 9. Evaluation Criteria for Oral Pleading Session:

The oral pleadings would be marked on scale of 100 per judge and would be evaluated on the following grounds:

S.No	Marking Criteria	Maximum Marks Allocated
1	Knowledge of Law & Facts	20
2	Interpretation of Facts & its Application	20
3	Use of Authorities	15
4	Style, Poise and Court Mannerism	15
5	Organization of Arguments	15
6	Time Management	15

### 10. Dress Code:

10.1 The official Dress Code for the Competition is as follows:

- a) **Gentlemen:** Black Trousers, White Shirt, Black Blazer, Black neck tie, and Black formal shoes;
- b) **Ladies:** Black Trousers/Skirt, White Shirt, Black Blazer, Black neck tie and Black formal shoes (or) White Salwar Kameez, Black Blazer, and Black Formal shoes.

## 11. Disputes:

- 11.1 All queries relating to the Moot Problem may be clarified by sending an email to [dsnmc@dsnu.ac.in](mailto:dsnmc@dsnu.ac.in) on or before **20<sup>th</sup> December, 2013**.
- 11.2 Any dispute about the Moot Court Competition shall be referred to the DSNMC Committee before the end of the competition. In all matters of complaints or disputes, the decision of the DSNMC Committee shall be final.

## 12. Accommodation:

Participants from outstations shall be provided accommodation by the university for the duration of the competition. Only the registered three member of the team shall be provided accommodation. The team shall make their own arrangements for any extra members. All teams shall be provided accommodation from **14<sup>th</sup> February to 17<sup>th</sup> February, 2014**.

## 13. Awards:

- 13.1 The winning Team shall be awarded a Trophy and a cash prize of Rs. 15,000/-.
- 13.2 The Runners up Team shall be awarded a cash prize of Rs. 10,000/-.
- 13.3 The Best Memorial Award carries books worth Rs. 4,000/- for each member of the team.
- 13.4 The Best Speaker of the DSNMC (Preliminary Rounds) will get a cash prize of Rs. 5,000/-.
- 13.5 The Best Speaker of the DSNMC Final Round will get a cash prize of Rs. 5,000/ -

## 14. Miscellaneous:

- 14.1 All participants shall maintain the decorum in the Court during the competition and are expected to conduct themselves in a manner befitting the legal profession.
- 14.2 Scouting by any person and on behalf of any team should be brought to the notice of the DSNMC committee immediately, without disturbing the round the



proceedings. Any team found scouting will be disqualified and the final decision shall lie with DSMNC committee.

- 14.3 If any team does not appear after **10 minutes** after the commencement of any round as per the scheduled time, the team which did not appear shall give a walkover and the opponent team shall be declared as winners of the round.
- 14.4 The DSMNC Committee reserves the right to take decisions on any matter not mentioned in the Competition Rules. Any such decision taken by the DSMNC committee shall be final and binding on all the teams.
- 14.5 Audio or videotaping of oral pleadings is **NOT PERMITTED**.
- 14.6 If a Team believes that violation of the Competition Rules has taken place at any stage of the Competition, the Team(s) within half an hour after the completion of the round in which violation has allegedly occurred should register a complaint with the DSNMC committee. Team(s) under no circumstances shall approach the Panel with any complaints.

## 15. Contact

For all further communications, the Organising committee can be contacted at:

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Damodaram Sanjivayya National Law University  
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