

# AD-LIB MOOT - 2011

## MOOT COURT (EXTEMPORE) COMPETITION

### ABOUT 'AD- LIB MOOT'

Ad-lib Moot is a unique competitive moot court competition pioneered by V.M. Salgaocar College of Law. This Moot, being ad-lib, the participants will be given the moot problem on the day of their arrival after orientation. Participants are expected to do research on the problem with available resources at the College. Participants being informed about the area of the problem, they are free to bring whatever information or material relevant to the area of the Moot.

Facilities for research like standard reference books on the relevant topics, Journals and Bare Acts, will be made available in the library. Xerox/print out facility will also be available for the participants on payment of nominal charges. Organizers will provide a computer with internet facility to each team, with Manupatra e-journal and a CD consisting of basic research material relating to the subject matter of the problem. The above facility and also the College library will be available from 8a.m. to 8 p.m. only from 20<sup>th</sup> January to 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2010

It is suggested that each team may bring their own laptops, the organizers will provide LAN facility for internet use. Library and computer facilities will be available from 8.00 a.m to 8.00 p.m on the days of event. Details of library rules and regulations in order to ensure equitable availability of facilities to all the participating teams will be informed during the orientation.

**NOTE: AD – LIB MOOT PROBLEM FOR LEX NOVITAS 2011 IS RELATING TO 'UNFAIR TRADE PRATICES' – CONSUMER PROTECTION ACT AND OTHER RELATED LAW.**

## RULES AND REGULATIONS

OF

### AD-LIB MOOT - 2011

1. REGISTRATION PROCEDURE

Registration for the Moot shall have to be effected in accordance with the general rules for the Lex Novitas 2011.

2. TEAM COMPOSITION

2.1. Each team shall consist of only three members.

2.2. Two of these members shall be specifically deputed as speakers and one as the researcher.

3. DATE OF THE EVENT

3.1. The Preliminary rounds of the Moot Court Competition will be held on 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2011, in the morning session.

3.2. The Semifinal rounds and Final round of the Moot Court Competition will be held on 23<sup>rd</sup> January in the afternoon session.

4. COMPETITION PROCEDURE: PRELIMINARY ROUNDS

- 4.1. The participating team has to argue the same problem in all the rounds, namely Preliminary Round I, Preliminary Round 2, Semi Final Round and the Final Round.
- 4.2. The teams in each group shall be chosen by draw of lots during the orientation program and shall be named alphabetically, according to the draw of lots.
- 4.3. Each of the Court Rooms shall be presided over by a minimum of two judges.
- 4.4. Each team will be given maximum **30 minutes only**. However, one speaker shall not exceed a maximum of 20 minutes, teams may reserve 5 minutes for rebuttal if they wish, within the allotted 30 minutes time available for the team. One speaker or both speakers dividing the 5 minutes time between them may present the rebuttal for the team.
- 4.5. The judges shall declare the score of the team and the individual score in the open courts soon after the moot. However, they are allotted 10 minutes time to verify the calculations etc during which time the participants are required to wait out side the courtroom.
- 4.6. The Rankings of the team as per their performance at preliminary rounds will be declared during the lunch break

5. COMPETITION PROCEDURE: SEMIFINALS AND FINAL

- 5.1. The four qualifying teams for the semi-finals shall be decided on the basis of most wins obtained in the preliminary rounds. In case of a tie, average points in the preliminary rounds shall be considered. And in case of a further tie, the qualifying team may be chosen by draw of lots/ toss.
- 5.2. The four semifinalists shall be ranked from I to IV on the basis of their aggregate scores in the preliminary rounds. Then, Team-I shall compete against Team-III, while Team-II shall compete against Team-IV. The sides for argument shall be allotted on the basis of draw of lots that shall be conducted following the declaration of results of the preliminary rounds, during the lunch break
- 5.3. The two semifinal rounds shall be conducted in different Court Rooms: Court Room I & Court Room II on 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2011.
- 5.4. In the Semifinal round, each team shall have 30 minutes, however, one speaker shall not exceed a maximum of 20 minutes, and 5 minutes may be reserved for rebuttal within the allotted time for each team. One speaker or both speakers may divide the 5 minutes time between them for rebuttal.
- 5.5. The winner of each semifinal, based only on the performance in the semifinal rounds, shall qualify for the final round.
- 5.6. The sides to be argued by either of the teams in the final rounds shall be decided by draw of lots following declaration of the semifinal results.
- 5.7. The Final Round shall be held in the College Moot Court Hall.
- 5.8. In the Final round, each team shall have 35 minutes, however, one speaker shall not exceed a maximum of 20 minutes, and 5 minutes may be reserved for rebuttal by each team. One speaker or both speakers dividing the 5 minutes time between them may present the rebuttal for either team.

## 6. CODE OF CONDUCT

- 6.1. The Researcher may sit with the speakers during the arguments, but shall not be allowed to speak when the court is in session. However, non verbal communication with the team members is allowed.
- 6.2. Researchers may be permitted to assist the teams by handing over hard copies to the court officials.
- 6.3. Scouting is strictly prohibited.
- 6.4. The Dress Code shall be as prescribed for Advocates. However, Collar Bands and Advocates' gowns are not permitted.
- 6.5. At the time of oral submissions, the participants shall not reveal the name of their college or university. Any such attempt will result in disqualification of the team.

## 7. MEMORIALS

- 7.1. Submission of memorial is not compulsory. Marks are not allotted for memorials.
- 7.2. For the convenience of the judges if the team wishes, it may submit written arguments of not more than five pages.
- 7.3. The identity of the team/institution should not be revealed anywhere. Rather the teams should use their code numbers.

## 7. CRITIQUES

- 8.1 The judges may be requested to provide a short oral critique at the end of each round.

## 8. CRITERIA FOR ASSESSMENT

- 9.1. Appreciation of facts
- 9.2. Correct articulation of legal issues and analysis
- 9.3. Knowledge of law and interpretation
- 9.4. Response to queries from judges
- 9.5. Advocacy skills
- 9.6. Use of authorities and citations
- 9.7. Language and style
- 9.8. Clarity, brevity and ingenuity
- 9.9. General impression and court manners

## 9. AWARDS

- 10.1 V. M. Salgaocar Memorial Moot Court Winners Trophy and a Cash Prize of Rs. 5,001- will be awarded to the Winning team.
- 10.2 V. M. Salgaocar Memorial Moot Court Runners-up Trophy and a Cash Prize of Rs. 3,001- will be awarded to the Runners-up team.
- 10.3. The Best student Advocate will be awarded a Cash Prize of Rs. 1,001 and a trophy.
- 10.3.1 Only one participant from one of the four Semi Finalist teams will be eligible for the Best Advocate Award. For this purpose the average of the performance in all rounds including the preliminary, semi finals and finals will be considered.
- 10.4 The host team shall not be eligible for any of the above prizes.

**LEND A LAWYER –  
A CLIENT COUNSELING COMPETITION**

**INTRODUCTION**

The event promotes greater knowledge and interest among law students in interviewing and counseling functions of law practice. It encourages students to develop interviewing, planning, and analytical skills that are most essential in a lawyer-client relationship. Lawyers need to have the listening and questioning skills for effective conduct of an interview with the client. This competition provides an opportunity for promoting these necessary skills.

The competition simulates a law - office consultation situation in which two law students (participants), as lawyers are presented with a client matter. The students conduct an interview with a person donning the role of the client. Students are expected to elicit the relevant information from the client, explore with the client his or her preferred outcome, outline the nature of the problem, and present the client with a means (or range of alternatives, if appropriate) for resolving the problem. The interview with the client is then followed by a post-consultation period during which the students, in the absence of the client, analyze the interview and discuss the legal and other work to be undertaken. The interview and post interview consultation period is for a total of 35 minutes. The participants will be evaluated by a panel of judges.

The evaluation criteria are specific and emphasize the use of listening, questioning, planning, and analytical skills in a lawyer/client interview. Once the judges have completed their evaluation of the interview, the participants are called back in and the judges are allowed to provide a brief critique of the team's handling of the consultation and post-consultation periods.

**RULES AND REGULATIONS  
OF  
LEND A LAWYER**

1.     **REGISTRATION PROCEDURE**

Registration for Lend a Lawyer shall have to be effected in accordance with the general rules for Lex Novitas 2011

2.     **TEAM COMPOSITION**

2.1.    A team shall consist of two members as student advocates.

2.2     Client allotment to teams shall be on the basis of draw of lots.

3.     **DATE OF THE EVENT**

3.1. The Competition shall be held on 22<sup>nd</sup> of January 2011.

4. CODE OF CONDUCT

- 4.1. Teams should strictly adhere to the time allotted.
- 4.2. The participant shall not reveal the identity of his/her college/university at any point of time.

5. COMPETITION ROUNDS

- 5.1. This event shall be conducted in three Rounds namely, Preliminary Round, Semi Final Round and the Final Round
- 5.2. Top 6 teams will go to the semi final round on the basis of average team score of both preliminary rounds.
- 5.3. In case of a tie for the 6<sup>th</sup> place, all the tied teams will also be eligible to compete at the semifinals.
- 5.4. Top two teams from the semi final rounds shall qualify for the finals on the basis of team scores
- 5.5. In case of a tie for the 2<sup>nd</sup> place, the finalist shall be decided by draw of lots.

The given legal problem will be on the following subjects:

Law of Contract

Law of Torts

6. COMPETITION PROCEDURE

- 6.1. The teams will have a maximum of 35 minutes of which 25 minutes will be for client interviewing and counseling. The remaining 10 minutes may be used for discussing among themselves (team) and summarizing as to how they will proceed with the case.
- 6.2. During this period of 35 minutes if necessary, the competing students can consult any books or laptop, which they may bring with them.
- 6.3. During the post interview period of 10 minutes when the client will not be there, the students will have to summarize the interview, analyze the problem and indicate the course of action to be undertaken. If the team exceeds the time allocated there will be negative marking.
- 6.4. In both the interviewing and Counseling stage as well as post interviewing and counseling stage, out of the students in a given team, one will take the lead role and another a supplementary role.
- 6.5. There should be good co-ordination between the two team members throughout the 35 minutes period.

## 7. JUDGING CRITERIA

The competition shall be judged on the basis of the following criteria:

- 7.1 Establishing the working atmosphere and professional approach
- 7.2 Eliciting the problem of the client and the tools used in doing so.
- 7.3 Eliciting Clients' goals, expectation and needs.
- 7.4 Analysis and formulation of the problem with precision.
- 7.5 Suggesting alternatives and allowing the client to informed choice.
- 7.6 Effective conclusion of the counseling session.
- 7.7 Team work
- 7.8 Management of ethical and professional relation with the client – dealing with emotional and legal needs of the client.
- 7.9 Post interview session interaction with the judges/among themselves
- 7.10 The lawyer's office set up and use of accessories and of objects will not be considered while judging their performance.

## 8. AWARDS

- 8.1 Winner of this event will be awarded a cash prize of Rs 3001/- and trophy.
- 8.2 Runner-up at this event shall be awarded a cash prize of Rs 2001/- and trophy.
- 8.3 The host team shall not be eligible for any of the above prizes.

