



LEX MACULA

**2nd LEX MACULA VIRTUAL MOOT COURT
COMPETITION**

BROCHURE AND RULEBOOK

Aim of the Moot:

The event is a whole new opportunity to turn things around and make this time productive. We understand the plight of the law students, due to cancellation and postponements of various Moot Court Competitions at the current moment. Consequently, we are here to provide an opportunity for enriching growth and knowledge.

This event not only enhances the Research skills and confidence of our participants but also promotes awareness about a social cause that we overlooked during these times. On behalf of Lex Macula, we welcome you all to participate in this Virtual Moot Court Competition. We assure you that it would be an interesting journey, and each of you will gain from it.

We are back with the 2nd edition and this time it is even bigger and better. With loads of free time available during this lockdown, we are here to continuously provide an extra level of competence and knowledge which will enhance the learning capabilities even during these times.

Lex Macula

Lex Macula is a youth organisation specializing in organizing moot courts, debates, seminars and other legal competitions for a much better learning experience than what is offered to the law students. Driven by a sense of excellence and talent in the young minds, a variety of mediums are provided to help students achieve perfectionism in every domain of the legal field.

The vision at *Lex Macula* is based around equality of opportunity in the field of law. By creating a community of law students, all students are delivered an equal shot at growing and learning. Every person is a manifestation of their past experiences, upbringing and the socio-economic backgrounds and *Lex Macula* transcends such barriers. For too long has the field marred with unfair patronage, nepotism, and it is time to move past such things and achieve egalitarianism.



2nd Lex Macula Virtual Moot Court Competition

**15TH-16TH
JUNE, 2020**

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RULEBOOK

RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE VIRTUAL MOOT COURT COMPETITION:

➤ GENERAL INFORMATION

1. These are the rules for the 2nd Lex Macula Virtual Moot Court Competition.
2. The Competition shall be conducted over a period of 2 days from 15th to 16th June, 2020.
3. The registration fee for the Competition is INR 300 per participant.
4. The Moot Court Competition is a mono advocacy event i.e. one team shall consist of only one participant.
5. The Competition shall be conducted in accordance with the rules mentioned hereunder. Participants are required to comply with the rules and procedures prescribed herein.
6. Official email for all correspondence with respect to the Competition is lexmacula@gmail.com
7. The Inaugural Function and Orientation of Participants will be held on 15th June, 2020 at 9:00 am and is to attended by all participants.
8. The Competition shall consist of the following Oral Pleading Sessions: (a) The Preliminary Rounds (15th June, 2020); (b) The Semi-Final Rounds (16th June, 2020); and (c) The Final Round (16th June, 2020).
9. Draw of lots and Exchange of Memorials will be held on 3:00 p.m., 14th June, 2020.

NOTE: No approval from the respective institute of the participants is required for participation.

➤ ELIGIBILITY

Students of three year and five-year law degree courses from any University/Law School/College/Department are eligible to apply for registration of their team.

➤ TEAM COMPOSITION

Each team shall consist of only one person as the 2nd Lex Macula Virtual Moot Court Competition is a mono advocacy event.

➤ REGISTRATION

1. The registration fee shall be Rs. 300/- (three hundred only) for each participant. The registration fee shall be non-refundable and non-transferable.

2. The last date for registration is 11:59 p.m., 12th June, 2020.
3. ONLINE GOOGLE FORM to register – <https://forms.gle/pR9fCDhqB8yfnJr5A>

➤ **MEMORIAL SUBMISSION**

1. The Memorial must strictly adhere to the below mentioned Guidelines and should be submitted in PDF as well as Word document (.doc/.docx) on lexmacula@gmail.com
2. Each participant shall prepare the Memorial for one side. The Organizers will allot the Team Code and side to the participant within 12 hours of registration i.e. Petitioner/Respondent.
3. The Softcopies of the Memorial have to be mandatorily submitted by 11: 59 p.m., 13th June, 2020 at lexmacula@gmail.com with the Subject – ‘Submission of Memorial by ‘team code’’.
4. The Compendium is optional.
5. The submission of the Compendium will be alongside the memorials as per the previously stipulated time period in both PDF and Word (.doc/.docx) format.
6. No further extension shall be provided, for any reason whatsoever.
7. The Written Submission shall nowhere mention any particulars of the team, except the Team Code allotted by the Organizers. There must be no mention of Name, Contact number, Email id, University name etc.

➤ **FORMAT OF THE MEMORIAL**

- The Memorials shall consist of only the following sections:

- a) Cover Page [mentioning the Team Code on the top right corner]
- b) Table of Contents
- c) List of Abbreviations
- d) Index of Authorities
- e) Statement of Jurisdiction
- f) Statement of Facts
- g) Statement of Issues
- h) Summary of Arguments
- i) Arguments Advanced (not exceeding 20 pages)
- j) Prayer

Non-compliance with the above criteria shall result in a penalty of two marks per missing section.

- The Cover Page of a Written Submission must contain the following information: -
 - a) The Team Code in the upper right-hand corner
 - b) The 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.
- The front page of the memorial for the Petitioner must be **BLUE**, while the front page for the Respondent's memorial must be **RED**.
- The numbering should be on the bottom-centre of each page.
- The teams have to use the citation method as stated in the 20th edition of the Blue Book, for citation throughout the memorial, with strict adherence.
- There shall be no speaking footnotes in the memorial.
- The formatting particulars of the memorial is as follows:
 - a) Font Type – Times New Roman
 - b) Font Size – 12
 - c) Font Color – Black
 - d) Line Spacing – 1.5
 - e) Margins – 1 inch
 - f) Footnotes – Times New Roman, 10 and Single Line Spacing
- **ORAL ROUNDS**
 1. There shall be 3 rounds where the participants present their cases in front of the Court via live video presentations on Google Hangouts. The Judges may pose questions to the participants.
 2. The 3 rounds will be the Preliminary Rounds, Semi Final Rounds and the Final round.
 3. The time given during the Preliminary Rounds is 10 minutes for arguments, during the Semi Finals Round 12 minutes will be given for arguments and in the Final Round 15 minutes for arguments. For all the rounds, 2 minutes for rebuttal and 1 minute for sur rebuttal will be allotted.
 4. In certain cases, the judges may grant extra time to the participants by virtue of their discretion. However, the participants are requested to adhere to the given time.

5. The time slot for Presentation will be allotted beforehand via email and the Participants are expected to be alert and join the Video Conference on time.
6. In case of a tie breaker, the marks scored on the Memorial will be considered.
7. The team with the higher score shall be declared as the Winner of the Competition.
8. Proper courtroom attire is mandatory.
9. The language of communication will be English throughout the competition and proper courtroom etiquette is expected.

➤ **CLARIFICATIONS**

1. The organizing committee will entertain clarifications till 11:59pm, 10th June, 2020.
2. The participants shall email their queries to lexmacula@gmail.com and CC them to saharsh2206@gmail.com and krishabaweja@gmail.com.
3. If required, the organizing committee will release an addendum to the moot preposition addressing any and all relevant queries by 12th June, 2020, 11:59pm.

➤ **EVALUATION CRITERIA- Written Submissions (100 MARKS)**

	CRITERIA	MARKS
1	Knowledge of Law and Facts	10
2.	Interpretation of Law and Application of Facts	10
3.	Identification and Articulation of Issues and Jurisdiction	10
4.	Use of Authorities	10
5.	Authoritativeness and Persuasiveness	10
6.	Organization of Arguments	10
7.	Clarity of Thoughts	10
8.	Originality and Innovation	10
9.	Presentation Style	10
10.	General Impression	10
	Total	100

➤ **EVALUATION CRITERIA –Oral Submissions [100]**

	CRITERIA	Marks
1.	Knowledge of Law and Facts	10
2.	Appreciation and Application of Facts	10
3.	Interpretation and Application of Law	10
4.	Use of Authorities	10
5.	Response to Questions	10
6.	Organization of Arguments	10
7.	Clarity of Thoughts and Expression	10
8.	Argumentative Skills and Creativity	10
9.	Reference to Written Submissions in the course of Oral Pleadings	10
10.	Court Mannerism	10
	Total	100

➤ **MARKING SCHEME**

50 % Marks are allocated to Memorials and 50 % to the Oral Presentations during the Preliminary Round.

➤ **PENALTY**

PENALTY	MARKS DEDUCTION
Late Submission	4 marks (up to 12 hours)
Non-Uniformity in Citation	0.25 marks per citation
Exceeding Prescribed Word Limit	1.5 mark per page
Plagiarism	Up to 10 Marks

➤ **MISCELLENEOUS**

1. The Organizers shall not be responsible for any loss due to slow or non-functional Internet Connection during the Competition. We request all the participants to arrange a sound Internet Connection.
2. The decision of the Judges shall be final with regard to the outcome of the Rounds.

3. No additional documentation or screensharing will be allowed and any information which has to be provided to the court should be submitted beforehand along with the Compendium and the Memorial.
4. The Organizers reserve the right to take any action against unethical, wrongful or unprofessional conduct.
5. Scouting is not allowed under any circumstances and may lead to disqualification. You are requested to exit the call after your session is over.
6. If there is any situation, not covered by the Rules, the decision of the Organizers shall be final and binding.
7. Lex Macula owns all rights to the memorials submitted.
8. The Organizers reserve the right to amend the rules. However, due notice shall be provided to all participating teams.
9. Selection will be on first come first basis as there will be limited seats.

➤ **PRIZES:**

1. **BEST ADVOCATE: CASH PRIZE OF INR 2000/- + 1 year SCC Subscription + an E-Certificate + an opportunity to submit a guest post on our blog.**
2. **BEST MEMORIAL: CASH PRIZE OF RUPEES 1500 + 6 month SCC Subscription + an E- Certificate + an opportunity to submit a guest post on our blog.**
3. **RUNNERS UP TO THE BEST ADVOCATE: CASH PRIZE OF INR 1000/- + 6 month SCC Subscription + an E-Certificate + an opportunity to submit a guest post on our blog.**
4. **BEST SPEAKER: 6 month SCC Subscription + an E-Certificate + an opportunity to submit a guest post on our blog.**
5. **SECOND RUNNERS UP TO THE BEST ADVOCATE: 6 month SCC Subscription + an E- Certificate + an opportunity to submit a guest post on our blog.**

➤ **PERKS BY OUR PARTNERS:**

1. **THE LAWYER BRO**

- **50% Discount for certified courses in Alternative Dispute Resolution for top 5 teams.**

- **30% off to all the participants for certified courses in Alternative Dispute Resolution.**

2. KATCHERLIN

- **15% off on online courses to all the participants.**
- **40% off on publication fee with JSLR journal to all the participants.**

The announcement of the results will be provided on our Website, our social media handles as well as through the emails. All participants will be given an e-certificate to acknowledge their efforts and hard work throughout the course of this event.