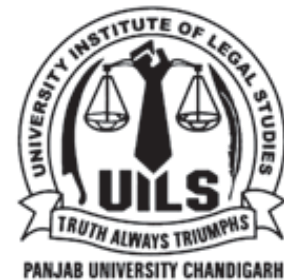


**5<sup>th</sup> SURANA & SURANA  
&  
UNIVERSITY INSTITUTE OF LEGAL STUDIES  
NATIONAL ENVIRONMENT LAW  
MOOT COURT COMPETITION, 2022-23**

**20 – 22 January 2023**



**Profession Partners &  
Joint Organisers**

**Host &  
Joint Organisers**

**Venue**

University Institute of Legal Studies  
Panjab University  
Sector 14 Chandigarh, U.T. - 160014 India

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## **RULES AND REGULATIONS**

### **I. AIM AND PURPOSE**

- a. The Surana & Surana Environment Law Moot has been envisaged with the aim of creating opportunities for learning the development of jurisprudence on emerging trends in Environment Law besides developing cutting edge skills in research, writing and advocacy.
- b. Further, it is aimed at facilitating the evolution of Environment Law through jurisprudential analysis of the existing law and consequential emergence of new laws.

### **II. VENUE AND DATE**

The **5<sup>th</sup> Surana & Surana & UILS Environment Law Moot Court Competition, 2022-23** shall be held from **20- 22 January 2023** at University Institute of Legal Studies, Panjab University, Chandigarh.

### **III. LANGUAGE**

The competition shall be in English language only.

### **IV. ELIGIBILITY**

The competition is open for students pursuing bachelors in law in either three year or five year course during the current academic session.

### **V. TEAM COMPOSITION**

- a. Each team should consist of a minimum of 2 and 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 prior permission of National Administrator in case of illness of the designated speakers or any other justifiable circumstances.
- c. Each team will be provided a team code during orientation. 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 National Administrator.
- d. The National Administrator for the purposes of this competition will be The Director, UILS, Panjab University, Chandigarh.

### **VI. REGISTRATION**

- a. Online registrations are open from **9<sup>th</sup> December, 2022**. The teams must register online by **30<sup>th</sup> December 2022**. Teams will have to register online at [www.moot.in](http://www.moot.in) and send the soft copy of registration form at [uils.surana2022@gmail.com](mailto:uils.surana2022@gmail.com). The teams will be registered on first-come-first serve basis with the maximum of **20 teams**.

- b. Participants will receive an automated system generated acknowledgement on successful submission of registration. Participants will receive an approval as acceptance of their request for participation latest by **31<sup>st</sup> December 2022** or earlier

**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) as described below 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.
- c. Registrations without the copy of the approval letter from the college/institution/university or duly attested registration form will not be valid.
- d. Soft copy of the registration and approval letter/ an email communication as a **single PDF** to be sent by email to: [uils.surana2022@gmail.com](mailto:uils.surana2022@gmail.com) marked as 5<sup>TH</sup> SURANA & SURANA AND UNIVERSITY INSTITUTE OF LEGAL STUDIES NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL LAW MOOT COURT COMPETITION REGISTRATION as subject of the mail latest by **30<sup>th</sup> December 2022**. **The provisional team code shall be allotted to the registered teams by Host University soon after receiving of registration particulars.**
- e. On receiving the provisional team code from moot committee/society of UILS you may proceed to pay the registration fees.
- f. **A registration fee of Rs. 4000/- is to be paid online by 30<sup>th</sup> December 2022 at:**  
Director, UILS  
Account No. 10444979993  
IFS Code: SBIN0000742  
SBI, Sector 14, Panjab University

Receipt of the online payment to be sent by email to: [uils.surana2022@gmail.com](mailto:uils.surana2022@gmail.com) by **31<sup>st</sup> December 2022**

**Fee once paid will not be refunded.**

- g. In the event a team drops out of the competition or is disqualified the team next in line as per registration data (When the registration exceeds beyond the permitted teams) will be offered the chance to participate in the competition at short notice. Such teams will have to submit memorials to be eligible at least 2 days prior to the start of the competition.

## **VII. ORIENTATION**

There will be an Orientation Program for all the participants on **20<sup>th</sup> January 2023 (Friday)** followed by draw of lots & exchange of memorials. Team codes and side will be allotted during orientation only.

## **VIII. ROUNDS**

There will be two preliminary rounds, , a quarter-final round, a semi-final round and a final round. The organisers reserve the right to amend the schedule / rounds as per the number of participating teams.

### **VIII. A. Preliminary Round**

- a. There will be two preliminary rounds of arguments per team, one for applicant & another for respondent.
- b. No team will face each other more than once in the preliminary rounds.
- c. Each team will face a different bench in their second round of arguments. The Preliminary Round I will be held on **20<sup>th</sup> January 2023 (Friday)** and Preliminary Round II will be held on **21<sup>st</sup> January 2023 (Saturday)**.
- d. Top eight teams from the Preliminary Rounds will advance to the Quarter final round 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)

Memorial marks will be added to the scores of both the preliminary rounds only.

#### **VIII.B. Quarterfinal / Semi-final Round / Final Round:**

- a. Lots / power matching will decide the side of arguments in Quarterfinals, Semi-finals & Finals.
- b. The Quarter Final Round and Semi-final Round will be held on **21<sup>st</sup> January 2023**.
- c. The Finals will be held on **22<sup>nd</sup> January 2023**.
- d. The Quarterfinals / Semi-finals will be knock out rounds.

#### **IX. RESULTS**

Results of the preliminary rounds shall be announced after the completion of rounds of all the teams. Similarly, the results of the Quarterfinals / Semi-finals shall be announced after completion of the rounds of all qualified teams of respective rounds. The results of the final rounds shall be announced in Valedictory Ceremony.

#### **X. MEMORIALS**

The following requirements for memorials must be strictly followed. Non-conformities will be penalized:

- h. Each team must prepare memorials for both parties to the dispute (Applicant and Respondent).
- i. The soft copy of the memorials (both Applicant & Respondent) must reach the host institution (University Institute of Legal Studies, Panjab University) for evaluation by **14<sup>th</sup> January 2023** latest by **5:00 p.m** at [uils.surana2022@gmail.com](mailto:uils.surana2022@gmail.com) with copy to [mootcourt@lawindia.com](mailto:mootcourt@lawindia.com)
- j. Late submission of soft copy of the Memorials will be penalised by one point for every hour, maximum penalty not exceeding 20 points.
- k. The teams are requested to carry along 5 copies from each side of the Memorials with them and submit the same during orientation on **20<sup>th</sup> January 2023**. **The participants should not mention their team code or name of the institution they represent on the hard copy of the memorials. Further instructions on the memorials will be provided during the orientation.**
- l. Once the memorials have been submitted, any revisions, supplements, or additions will be allowed at the discretion of the National Administrator.
- m. The memorials have to be submitted on typed A4 size paper printed on both sides and must contain:
  - i. Table of Contents
  - ii. Index of Authorities
  - iii. Statement of Jurisdiction (not more than 1 page)

- iv. Statement of Facts (1 page only and argumentative statement of facts would attract penalties)
- v. Statement of Issues (not more than 1 page)
- vi. Summary of Arguments (not more than 2 pages)
- vii. Arguments Advanced (not more than 15 pages)
- viii. Prayer (not more than 1 page)
- n. Uniform font style is to be followed throughout the Memorial. The Font Style should either be Times New Roman or Garamond. The font size of the text should be 12 points (double space) and the font size for footnotes should be 10 points (single space) with double space between two foot notes.
- o. The memorials should be staple bound or stitched. Any other form of binding will attract penalty.
- p. The memorial must have a margin measuring one inch on all sides of each page.
- q. All the pages of the memorial, except the Cover Page shall be numbered. The page numbering should be on the top right corner of each page.
- r. Covers must be placed on briefs as follows:

**Applicant: Blue Colour; Respondent: Light Red Colour.**

**Use of Cellophane sheets over the covers or inside will be penalized**

- s. The cover page of the memorial must state the following:
  - a. The cause title
  - b. Identify brief as Applicant & / Respondents as is applicable
  - c. Provisional Team Codes (see, Rule VI (f)) on the top right corner of Cover Page.
- t. The teams are advised not to reveal their personal identities or the identity of their institution anywhere in the memorials. Violation of this provision shall result in penalties including deduction of marks or disqualification from the Competition. The decision of the National Administrator shall be final in this regard.

## **XI. ORAL ROUNDS**

### **XI.A. Preliminary Rounds & Quarterfinals**

- a. Each team will get a total of 30 minutes to present their case. This period of 30 minutes is inclusive of the time reserved for rebuttal and sur-rebuttal.
- b. The division of time is at the discretion of the team members, subject to a maximum of 15 minutes per speaker. It is the duty of the team to inform the division of time to the court clerk before the arguments begin.

- c. Oral Pleadings shall be confined to the pleading in the Memorials.
- d. The Researcher can, through Court Clerks, pass notes to the Speakers during the Oral Pleading Round subject to the discretion of the Judges.
- e. The attendance of the Researcher at the time of Oral Pleading Rounds is compulsory.

#### **XI.B. Semi-final & Final**

- a. Each team will get 45 minutes to present their case inclusive of the time reserved for rebuttal.
- b. The division of time is at the discretion of the team members, with a maximum of 25 minutes and minimum of 20 minutes per speaker.
- c. Oral Pleadings shall be confined to the pleading in the Memorials.
- d. The attendance of the Researcher at the time of Oral Pleading Rounds is compulsory.

#### **XII. DRESS CODE**

The dress code shall be advocate's attire (black and white formals including coats) during the competition rounds.

#### **XIII. SCOUTING**

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

#### **XIV. SCORING**

##### **A. Orals Rounds**

- a. The parameters for judging the oral presentation on a scale of 0 – 100 points are:
  - i. Knowledge of facts
  - ii. Logic and reasoning
  - iii. Organization and clarity
  - iv. Persuasiveness
  - v. Deference to the court
  - vi. Proper and articulate analysis of the issues arising out of facts
  - vii. Understanding of the legal principles directly applicable to the issues
  - viii. Ability to explain clearly the legal principles in general keeping to the time allotted.
  - ix. Knowledge and use of legal sources & authorities and general principles of Environment Law.
  - x. Ingenuity (ability to argue by analogy from related aspects of law)

## **B. Written Submissions (Memorials)**

- a. The memorials shall be marked on a scale of 1-100 points each.
- b. Any revisions, supplements or additions to the memorials after submission shall attract severe penalties subject to the discretion of the National Administrator.
- c. Award of the points shall be based on the following parameters:
  - i. Neatness, legibility, no typographical errors or format errors
  - ii. Logical progression of ideas
  - iii. Effective use of headings to outline arguments
  - iv. Understanding essential legal issues presented
  - v. Focus on essential (not collateral) issues
  - vi. Clear, concise and unambiguous writing style
  - vii. Forceful and persuasive presentation
  - viii. Integration of facts into legal argument
  - ix. Understanding of strengths and weaknesses of case
  - x. Discussion of viable alternative arguments
  - xi. Understanding and analysis of authority
  - xii. Proper use of citations and citation form
  - xiii. Effective use of authority to support arguments
  - xiv. Ability to distinguish adverse cases
- d. Non- compliance of the rules mentioned in Clause X above shall attract severe penalties.

## **XV. AWARDS**

- a. Winner – Rs. 10,000/-
- b. Runner's up – Rs.7,000/-
- c. Best Memorial – Rs. 4,000/-
- d. Second Best Memorial – Rs. 2,500/-
- e. Best Student Advocate – Rs. 4,000/-
- f. Second Best Student Advocate – 2,500/-

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 awards ceremony.
- b. 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 books with a college logo, or college seal).

## **XVII. FINALITY OF THE DECISION**

The decision of the judge shall be final and binding.

## **XVIII. 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 University Institute of Legal Studies, Panjab University 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 University Institute of Legal Studies, Panjab University 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](http://www.moot.in) 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.

## **XIX. ACCOMMODATION, FOOD & TRANSPORT**

- a. Accommodation and transport between the hostel/hotel and the competition venue to the participating teams will be provided by University Institute of Legal Studies, Panjab University only during the period of competition i.e. 20 – 22 January 2023.
- b. 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 page 12** positively so as to reach the scanned copy **by 5.00 p.m. on 15<sup>th</sup> January 2023** by email to [uils.surana2022@gmail.com](mailto:uils.surana2022@gmail.com).

**XX. ANY CLARIFICATIONS FOR THE COMPETITION CAN BE SOUGHT FROM:**

Queries on case / submission of memorials / registration form / accommodation / transport / etc.

1. Faculty Co-ordinator, UILS, MCS  
**Dr.Pushpinder Kaur, Phone: 9417503115**

2. Regarding registration

**Mr Preetam Surana**

Advocate & Head - Admin, Dispute Resolution Practice

Head – Academic Initiatives

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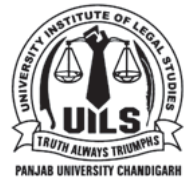
**Important Dates**

<b>Start of Online Registration</b>	<b>9<sup>th</sup>December 2022</b>
<b>Last date of Online Registration</b>	<b>30<sup>th</sup> December 2022</b>
<b>Last date for receiving copies of Reg. Form / Approval letter</b>	<b>30<sup>th</sup> December 2022</b>
<b>Last date for payment of Registration fee</b>	<b>30<sup>th</sup> December 2022</b>
<b>Last date for seeking clarifications to the case</b>	<b>30<sup>th</sup> December 2022</b>
<b>Last Date for Submission of Memorials soft copy (both applicant and respondent)</b>	<b>14<sup>th</sup> January 2023 5 pm</b>
<b>Last Date for Submission of Memorials 5 ( Five) hard copy (both applicant and respondent)during Orientation ( No markings, team code to be mentioned –Further instructions during Orientation )</b>	<b>20<sup>th</sup> January 2023</b>
<b>Last date for submission of Travel Plans</b>	<b>15<sup>th</sup> January 2023</b>
<b>Orientation / Prelim 1</b>	<b>20<sup>th</sup> January 2023</b>
<b>Prelim 2 / Quarterfinal/Semi-final</b>	<b>21<sup>st</sup> January 2023</b>
<b>Finals &amp; Valedictory and Prize Distribution</b>	<b>22<sup>nd</sup> January 2023</b>



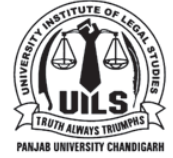
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Date:

**Registration form/ Approval letter**

(Please fill in capital letters)

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 organizers, i.e. the Surana & Surana International Attorneys, Chennai and the University Institute of Legal Studies, Panjab University, Chandigarh 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:	Primary Regd. Mobile:			
<b>Name of the participant</b>	<b>Gender</b>	<b>Course</b>	<b>Year</b>	<b>Signature</b>

Seal & Signature of the  
Head of the Institution

**TRAVEL FORM**

Name of Participants	1		
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Date of Arrival			
Mode of Arrival	Railways	Airways	Roadways
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Time & Place of Arrival			
Date of Departure			
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Completed & duly filled scanned copy of the form should reach Administrator (UILS) by **15<sup>th</sup> January 2023** at [uils.surana2022@gmail.com](mailto:uils.surana2022@gmail.com)