



*1st NALSAR -Gurcharan Singh Tulsi
Memorial Criminal Law Moot Court
Competition, 2012*

January 20-22, 2012

Rules



1. THEME AND DATE

The problem for the 1st NALSAR- Gurcharan Singh Tulsi Memorial Moot Court Competition, 2012 shall be based on Criminal Law. The Competition shall be held from January 20-22, 2012 at NALSAR University of Law, 'Justice City', Shameerpet, Hyderabad. Prof. M. Sridhar Acharyulu, Registrar, NALSAR University of Law, shall be the National Co-ordinator of the Moot.

2. LANGUAGE

The Competition shall be conducted in the English language only.

3. ELIGIBILITY

The Competition shall be open for students pursuing three or five year LL.B. Degree Course from any recognized Law College/University subject to fulfillment of the registration formalities. LLM Degree Course students are not eligible to participate.

4. TEAM COMPOSITION

- 4.1 Each team shall consist of a minimum of two members and a maximum of three members. This team composition cannot be altered under any circumstance.
- 4.2 Every team shall consist of two speakers. Teams may have only one researcher.
- 4.3 The researchers shall be allowed to argue instead of a speaker only with the permission of the Court and the National Coordinator.

5. REGISTRATION

- 5.1 Colleges must confirm participation by **December 10, 2011** by sending an email to mcc.nalsar@gmail.com. Each college must ensure that the subject of the mail reads "Confirmation for the 1st NALSAR-Gurcharan Singh Tulsi Memorial Criminal Law Moot Court Competition, 2012". *Any emails received after December 10, will not be considered.*
- 5.2 Teams from each college are required to send in their Travel Plans and the duly filled-in Registration Form along with a *Demand Draft of Rs.1000/-* in favour of, The Registrar, NALSAR University of Law, (payable at Hyderabad) to the organizers by **January 2, 2012** on the following address:



*NALSAR Moot Court Committee
C/o NALSAR University of Law,
'Justice City', Shameerpet, R.R.District
Hyderabad-500 078(AP)*

6. ORAL SUBMISSIONS

6.1 Each team shall be assigned a code a week before Memorial Submission. The student counsels shall not state their names during the oral rounds, and must use the team Code.

6.2 There shall be two preliminary rounds, a quarter final, a semifinal and a final. If the number of teams participating is less than twelve, there shall be no quarter final round.

6.3 During the Oral Rounds:

- a) Each team will get a total of 30 minutes to present their case. This time will include rebuttal and sur-rebuttal.
- b) The division of time per speaker is left to the discretion of the team subject to a minimum of 10 minutes per speaker.
- c) The oral arguments should be confined to the issues presented in the memorial.
- d) The researcher shall sit with the speakers during the orals.
- e) Passing of notes to the speaker by the researcher is not allowed. Maximum scores for the oral rounds shall be 100 points per speaker.
- f) The oral rounds shall be judged on the following criteria:
 - Knowledge of Law : 20 Points
 - Application of Law to Facts : 20 Points
 - Ingenuity and Ability to Answer to Questions : 20 Points
 - Style, Poise, Courtesy and Demeanor : 20 Points
 - Time Management : 10 Points
 - Organization : 10 Points
- g) Teams are prohibited from passing any material to the Bench during the Oral Rounds. If any team requires any documents to be submitted to the



Bench, they shall submit along with the hard copies of the Memorials, three copies of the Compendium. Please note that submission of Compendiums is not compulsory and teams shall not receive extra points merely for submitting a Compendium.

7. PRELIMINARY ROUND

- 7.1 Lots will be drawn during the Orientation on **January 20, 2012** in the evening at 5:00 PM. The exchange of memorials will take place the same evening.
- 7.2 There will be two preliminary rounds of arguments per team.
- 7.3 No two teams shall face each other more than once in the preliminary rounds.
- 7.4 All efforts will be made to ensure that no team faces the same bench more than once.
- 7.5 Preliminary rounds shall be held on **January 21, 2012** starting at 9:00 AM.
- 7.6 The top 8 teams that have the highest aggregate Memorial Scores and Preliminary Rounds Scores shall qualify for the quarterfinal Rounds.

8. QUARTER-FINALS/SEMI-FINALS/FINALS

- 8.1 The quarterfinal, semifinal and final rounds shall take place on January 22, 2012.
- 8.2 The quarterfinal and the semifinal rounds shall be knock out rounds.
- 8.3 Memorial scores will not be added to the overall scores in any of these Rounds.

9. RESULTS

- 9.1 The results shall be announced thirty minutes after each round. The teams shall be given a copy of the score sheets.
- 9.2 The results of the final round shall be announced at the valedictory ceremony.

10. MEMORIALS

- 10.1 The following guidelines must be strictly followed for the memorials.
Noncompliance will entail penalties as provided below:
 - a. Teams have to prepare memorials for both the sides.
 - b. The teams must send in advance a soft copy of their memorials for evaluation by **January 15, 2012** before midnight at mcc.nalsar@gmail.com. *Delay will entail a*



- penalty of 5 points per day beyond January 13. Requests for extension will not be granted under any circumstances.*
- c. All soft copies must be emailed in MS Word .doc format. *Any other file extensions will entail a penalty of 5 points.*
 - d. The teams are required to submit 5 hard copies of the memorial for each side (and if applicable, 3 copies of the Compendiums) during the registration on January 20, at 5:00 PM. *Non compliance will entail a penalty of 5 points per copy not submitted.*
 - e. Each Memorial (soft and hard copy) must enlist the Code of the team on the top right corner of the Cover page. *Non compliance will entail a penalty of 1 point.* Please note that the teams must not disclose the identity of their Institute anywhere in the Memorial.
 - f. The content of the hard copies must be the same as that of the soft copy. *Non compliance with this rule will entail penalties which may extend to disqualification.*
 - g. The memorials have to be submitted on A4 size paper, printed on only one side, and must contain the following sections:
 - i. Cover Page;
 - ii. Table of Contents;
 - iii. Index of Authorities;
 - iv. Statement of Jurisdiction;
 - v. Statement of Facts;
 - vi. Statement of Issues;
 - vii. Summary of Arguments;
 - viii. Arguments Advanced; and
 - ix. Prayer.

Non compliance of the Rule with respect to Sections (i)-(vii) as well as the Prayer will result in a penalty of 1 point per missing section. Non compliance of the Rule with respect to Section (viii) will result in the Memorial not being considered for evaluation at all.



- h. The memorials must be printed in Times New Roman font, font size 12 with double spacing. The footnotes must be in Time New Roman font, font size 10 with 1.5 spacing. *Non compliance will result in a penalty of 0.25 per violation subject to a cap of 5 points per page.*
- i. The Arguments Advanced should not exceed 15 pages. *Non compliance will result in a penalty of 1 point per additional page.*
- j. The memorial as a whole should not exceed 30 pages including the cover page. *Non compliance will result in a penalty of 3 points per additional page.*
- k. The memorials should have a margin measuring one inch on all sides of each page. *Non compliance will result in a penalty of 0.25 point per page detected.*
- l. The numbering should be on the bottom and center of each page. *Non compliance will result in a penalty of 0.25 point per page detected.*
- m. The petitioners’ memorial cover page shall be printed on red colour A4 size paper, and the respondents’ memorial on blue colour A4 size paper. *Non compliance will result in a penalty of 5 points.*
- n. A Uniform Style of Citation should be followed in the memorial throughout. Speaking footnotes are not allowed. *Non compliance will result in a penalty of 1 point per page.*
- o. The maximum scores for the memorials shall be 100 points.
- p. Memorial Scores shall be added to the Oral Scores only in the Preliminary Rounds.
- q. The memorials shall be evaluated on the following criteria:
 - Knowledge of Law and Facts : 25 Points
 - Proper and Articulate Analysis : 25 Points
 - Extent and Use of Research : 20 Points
 - Clarity and Organization : 20 Points
 - Grammar and Style : 10 Points
 - Total :100 Points

11. SCOUTING



- 11.1 Teams shall not be allowed to observe the oral rounds of any other team. Scouting by any team shall result in instant disqualification.

12. AWARDS

- 12.1 Winning Team Award: The winning team will receive a trophy and a cash prize of Rs. 15,000.
- 12.2 Runners Up Team Award: The runners up team will receive a trophy and a cash prize of Rs. 10,000.
- 12.3 Best Oralist shall receive a certificate and a cash prize of Rs. 4,000.
- 12.4 Second Best Oralist shall receive a certificate and a cash prize of Rs. 2,000.
- 12.5 The team with the Best Memorial will receive a certificate and a cash prize of Rs. 4,000.
- 12.6 The team with the Second Best Memorial will receive a certificate and a cash prize of Rs. 2,000.

13. ANONYMITY

- 13.1 The student counsels shall not state their names during the oral rounds, and must use the team Code. All team members must refrain from disclosing the identity of their institution at any time and in any manner, during the oral rounds.
- 13.2 Non compliance with this Rule will result in immediate disqualification of the team. The decision of the National Coordinator in this regard shall be final.

14. DECISION OF THE JUDGES SHALL BE FINAL.

The decision of the judges with regard to the outcome of the rounds shall be final.

15. ACCOMMODATION, FOOD AND TRANSPORT

- Accommodation and food shall be provided to all teams by NALSAR University of Law from 20th to 22nd January, 2012. Teams are requested to arrange transportation to and from the venue.



- All teams are required to send their Travel Details along with the registration form by January 2, 2012.

16. Any queries/clarifications pertaining to the Competition can be sought from:

- Prof. Vijender Kumar, Faculty Advisor, Moot Court Committee, Phone No. 09848016212
- Ms. Chand Chopra, Convenor, Moot Court Committee, Phone No. 09963125226.
- Ms. Chinmayi Sharma, Member, Moot Court Committee, Phone No. 09701177220.
- Mr. Prajwal Gyawali, Coordinator, Travel and Hospitality, Phone No. 09000535664.

NOTE:

All clarifications regarding the Moot Problem should be sent to mcc.nalsar@gmail.com by 15th December, 2011. A full list of clarifications shall, if need be, sent to all teams by email by 20th December, 2011.