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MANUU LAW SCHOOL

PRESENTS

3rd NATIONAL MOOT COURT COMPETITION

09TH-10TH JANUARY 2027
PRELIMINARY & QUARTER FINAL
(ONLINE)

30TH JANUARY 2027
SEMI FINALS & FINAL ROUND
(OFFLINE)

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SHORT TITLE

This moot court competition shall be called the "3rd National Moot Court Competition 2027" at MANUU Law School, Hyderabad .

1. DEFINITIONS

Unless otherwise stated, the following terms shall have the meanings assigned to them:

1.1 ***"Chairperson"*** shall refer to the Dean of the MANUU Law School.

1.2 ***"Court Master"*** shall refer to an officer appointed by the Organising Committee to ensure the smooth functioning of the courtroom during the Competition and to facilitate communication between the Committee and the Court.

1.3 ***"Competition"*** shall refer to all aspects of the "3rd National Moot Court Competition 2027. "

1.4 ***"Clarifications"*** shall refer to the requests for information with respect to the Moot Proposition, to be submitted by 31st July, 2026.

1.5 ***"Dispute Resolution Committee (DRC)"*** shall mean the appellate body for resolving disputes arising during the Competition. The decisions of the DRC shall be final and binding. No further appeals shall be entertained.

1.6 ***"MCC"*** shall refer to the Moot Court Committee of the MANUU Law School, MANUU, Hyderabad.

1.7 **"MLS"** shall mean the MANUU Law School, Hyderabad .

1.8 ***"Organising Committee"*** shall refer to the Committee constituted by the MCC and Chairperson for conducting the competition.

1.9 ***"Plagiarism"*** shall refer to the direct or substantial duplication of work represented as one's own, without acknowledgement.

1.10 ***"Preliminary Rounds"*** refer to the rounds conducted at the commencement of the Competition in which each participating team shall argue the Moot Proposition on the side allotted to it by the Organizers.

1.11 ***"Proof of Enrolment"*** shall mean to include College Identity Card or a similar document.

1.12 ***"Participating Team"*** shall refer to the team that has registered for the Competition in accordance with the rules of registration.

1.13 ***"Registration Fees"*** shall refer to the amount payable by all teams participating in the Competition.

1.14 ***"Participating Institution"*** shall refer to the institution to which a participating team belongs.

1.15 ***"Memorial"*** shall refer to the written submissions prepared by teams on behalf of both parties in accordance with the Competition rules.

1.16 ***"Memorial Evaluation Committee"*** shall refer to the committee responsible for evaluating memorials and providing feedback and scores to the Organising Committee.

1.17 ***"Rules"*** shall refer to refers to the rules governing the "3rd National Moot Court Competition 2027."

2.INTERPRETATION OF RULES

2.1 The Organising Committee shall have the exclusive authority to interpret, apply, and enforce these, Rules. Any decision rendered by the Organising Committee concerning the Competition, including matters relating to the interpretation of these Rules, shall be final and binding on all Participating Teams.

2.2 The Competition shall be governed by these Rules and any supplementary notifications, clarifications, or directions issued by the Organising Committee. By registering for the Competition, each Participating Team shall be deemed to have read, understood, and agreed to abide by these Rules in their entirety.

3. STRUCTURE OF THE COMPETITION

3.1 THE COMPETITION SHALL COMPRISE OF TWO STAGES:

3.1.1 ***Stage I*** (Virtual Rounds): The Preliminary Rounds and Quarter Final Rounds shall be conducted virtually on 9th January - 10th January, 2027.

3.1.2 ***Stage II*** (In Campus): Semi-Final and Final Rounds shall be conducted offline at MLS, MANUU, Hyderabad, on 30th January 2027.

3.2 THE TENTATIVE TIMELINE SHALL BE AS FOLLOWS:

01 NOV 2026	Release of Moot Proposition & Commencement of Registration
15 DEC 2026	Last Date for Seeking Clarifications
17 DEC 2026	Release of Clarifications
15 DEC 2026	Registration Deadline
25 DEC 2026	Memorial Submission Deadline (Soft Copy)
01 JAN 2027	Memorial Submission Deadline (Hard copy)
08 JAN 2027	Exchange of Memorial
09 JAN 2027	Inaugural Ceremony & Preliminary Rounds (Virtual)
10 JAN 2027	Quarter Final Rounds (Virtual)
30 JAN 2027	Researcher Test
30 JAN 2027	Semi Final Rounds, Final Rounds & Valedictory Ceremony (On- Campus)

4. ELIGIBILITY

4.1 The Competition is open to all Undergraduate students enrolled in BA LLB (Hons.) or LLB Courses from any University/College/ Institution recognized by the Bar Council of India.

4.3 The Organising Committee shall reserve the right to cancel the participation of a participant/team on valid grounds.

5. TEAM COMPOSITION

5.1 Each team shall comprise of three members.

5.2 No cross-institutional team shall be allowed to participate in the competition.

5.3 The composition of a Participating Team, as notified at the time of registration, shall remain unchanged throughout the Competition. No substitution, addition, or replacement of any Team Member shall be permitted after the Registration Deadline.

5.4 However, in cases of unforeseeable circumstances, changes in team composition may be allowed at the discretion of the organisers, If justifiable reasons for the same are provided before the submission of memorials.

6. PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENTS & PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT

6.1 CODE OF CONDUCT

ANONYMITY:

6.1.1 Teams must not disclose their identity or the name of their institution during any of the rounds.

6.1.2 Any violation of this rule may lead to penalties or disqualification, at the discretion of the Organising Committee.

COURT DECORUM:

6.1.3 All participants are expected to maintain professionalism and courtroom decorum throughout the Competition.

6.1.4 All Participants shall conduct themselves in a professional, respectful, and courteous manner towards Judges, Organisers, Volunteers, and fellow Participants.

6.1.5 Any act of misconduct, intimidation, harassment, use of abusive language, or behaviour detrimental to the integrity of the Competition may result in penalties, including disqualification.

6.1.6 Participants shall comply with all instructions issued by the Organising Committee during the course of the Competition.

6.2 LANGUAGE OF THE COMPETITION

6.2.1 English shall be the sole and official language of the Competition.

6.2.2 All Memorials, Written Submissions, Oral Arguments, Clarifications, Correspondence, and any other communication made in connection with the Competition shall be in English.

6.2.3 Teams shall not use any language other than English during the Oral Rounds, except where the Bench specifically permits the use of a Latin legal maxim or commonly accepted legal phrase.

6.3 DRESS CODE

6.3.1 Participants shall maintain professional standards of appearance and shall be appropriately attired throughout the Competition.

6.3.2 The prescribed dress code for Oral Rounds shall be:

FOR MALE PARTICIPANTS:

- White formal shirt;
- Black formal trousers;
- Black tie;
- Black blazer or black suit coat;
- Black formal shoes.

FOR FEMALE PARTICIPANTS:

- White formal shirt, top, or kurti;
- Black formal trousers, salwar, or equivalent formal attire;
- Black blazer or black suit coat;
- Black formal footwear.

6.3.3 Participants failing to comply with the prescribed dress code may be subjected to penalties as determined by the Organising Committee.

6.4 ELECTRONIC DEVICES

6.4.1 The use of laptops, tablets, mobile phones, smartwatches, or any other electronic devices is strictly prohibited during the active rounds of the competition.

6.4.2 Communication with coaches, faculty members, alumni, or third parties during an active round is strictly prohibited.

6.4.3 Any participant found receiving external assistance during a round may be disqualified from the Competition.

6.5 RECORDING AND PHOTOGRAPHY

6.5.1 Participants shall not record, livestream, photograph, or otherwise reproduce any proceedings of the Competition without prior approval of the Organising Committee.

6.5.2 The Organising Committee reserves the right to photograph, record, and publish Competition-related content for academic, promotional, and archival purposes.

7. REGISTRATION

7.1 Interested teams are required to register for the Competition by completing the Registration Form. Registration shall not be accepted through any means other than the Registration Form.- 3rd National Moot Court Competition 2027, MANUU Law School (LINK)

7.2 Prior payment of INR 2000/- per team as Registration Fee for participating in 3rd National Moot Court Competition, 2027.

7.3 The registration fee shall be excluded of accommodation and food.

7.4 The confirmation of Registration for the competition will be notified by providing with a Team Code to the teams by the organizers after the completion and verification of all the registration formalities.

7.5 At any stage of the competition, a team must be identified only by the allotted team code. All team members must refrain from disclosing the identity of their institution at any time in any manner during their participation in the competition. Non-compliance with this rule shall lead to severe penalty or disqualification, as determined by the Organizers.

7.6 The Speaker 1 of each participating team shall be deemed the designated point of contact for all official communication with the Organising Committee. All notices, updates, instructions, and other official information shall be communicated to the respective Speaker 1, who shall be responsible for conveying the same to the other team member(s).

7.7 While filling out the online Registration Form, each participating team shall upload a scanned copy of the Bonafide Certificate, duly issued by its respective Institution/College/University, signed by the Dean/Head of the Institution/College/University, and bearing the official seal, strictly in the prescribed format provided by the Organising Committee.

7.8 In the event a team notifies the Organizers of its withdrawal or absence from participation in the competition, such team SHALL NOT be entitled to the refund of the registration fee or any amount which has been paid in the registration process.

7.9 Submissions of incomplete forms and/or registration via email will not amount to successful registration and shall not be considered. In any such event, the decisions of the organizers regarding the mode of submission in such cases shall be final.

8. ACCOMMODATION AND TRANSPORT (FOR OFFLINE ROUNDS)

8.1 Accommodation will not be provided by the event organizers. However, if you wish to stay in the University Guest House, the accommodation will be available on 29th to 30th January only, and accommodation payment is to be made in advance, please find the details below:

8.1.1. Room Tariff and Dinning Charges:

i. ACCOMODATION:

Double Occupancy Room: Rs. 1000/- per day

8.1.2 MEAL CHARGES (per person):

- Breakfast: Rs. 60/-
- Lunch (Non-Veg): Rs. 200/- & Veg: Rs.175/-
- Dinner (Non-Veg): Rs. 200/- & Veg: Rs.175/-

8.2. For accommodation you may contact to the Student Convener

8.3 Payment Details:

- Account Number: 187901000011247
- Name (Account Holder): Dean MANUU Law School
- IFSC Code: IOBA0001879
- Bank Name: Indian Overseas Bank
- Branch: 1879 Gachibowli

9. MEMORIAL

9.1 GENERAL RULES FOR SUBMISSION AND COMPLIANCE:

9.1.1 All rules regarding submission and formatting of memorials must be strictly followed.

9.1.2 Non-compliance will result in penalties as detailed below.

9.1.3 Teams may raise grounds or issues beyond those mentioned in the Statement of Facts.

9.2 SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS:

9.2.1 Each team must submit two memorials - one for the Petitioner and one for the Respondent.

9.2.2 Soft copies in PDF and DOCX formats must be emailed to mootcourt@manuu.edu.in with the subject: "Submission of memorial by [Team Code]" by 11:59 PM IST on 25th December, 2026. Late submissions incur penalties.

9.2.3 File names must clearly reflect the team code. Example: P01 for Petitioner, R01 for Respondent.

9.2.4 Deadlines are strict; no extensions will be granted.

9.2.5 Only the team code is permitted as identification. Any other identifying marks (participant names, institution names) will cause disqualification.

9.2.6 Cover page colour: BLUE for Petitioner/Appellant memorials, RED for Respondent memorials.

9.2.7 In case of multiple submissions, only the latest received before the deadline will be evaluated.

9.2.8 All participating teams shall send five (5) sets of hard copies of their memorials through courier, ensuring that the copies reach the Organising Committee on or before 5th January 2027.

9.3 FORMATTING REQUIREMENTS:

9.3.1 Arguments Advanced shall not exceed 25 pages; total memorial (including cover) must not exceed 40 pages.

9.3.2 Formatting specs:
Font: Times New Roman.
Font Size: 12 for body text, 10 for footnotes.
Line Spacing: 1.5 for body, single for footnotes.
Citation Style: Bluebook 21st Edition.
Margins: 1 inch all sides.
Pagination: Bottom-right hand corner on each page. 9.3.3. The Memorial shall imply page number in this format

- Cover Page and Table of content will have no page numbers. Under
- clause 9.4 (iii) to (x), the page number should be in Roman Numerals (I, II, III, IV).
- Arguments Advance should be in Hindu Arabic Numeral (1,2,3).

9.3.4 Use of endnotes and speaking footnotes is prohibited.

9.3.5 Headings/titles: size 12, bold, consistent throughout.

9.4 STRUCTURE OF THE MEMORIAL:

9.4.1 Memorials must include the following sections in order:

i. Cover Page (appropriate colour and team code at top-right corner)
ii. Table of Contents
iii. List of Abbreviations
iv. Index of Authorities

v. Statement of Jurisdiction
vi. Statement of Facts
vii. Issues Raised
viii. Summary of Arguments
ix. Pleadings/Arguments Advanced
x. Prayer

9.4.2 Statement of Facts shall not exceed two pages.

9.5 COMPENDIUM

9.5.1 Teams may summit, Relevant Cases, Laws, Statutes, and supporting evidence in the form of a compendium.

9.5.2 Teams qualifying for Online Rounds, may submit the soft copy of their compendium in "pdf and doc" latest by 11.59 P.M. IST on 31st December 2026 via email to mootcourt@manuu.edu.in.

9.5.3 Teams qualifying for Offline Rounds, may submit 5 (five) hard copies of the 'Compendium' from each side along with the hard copies of the memorials on 29th January 2026 by 4:30 P.M. IST, at MANUU Law School, Gachibowli, Hyderabad 500032

9.5.4 Note, submitting a compendium is optional and not mandatory for all teams and must ensure anonymity is maintained when passing any material to the bench. Any identifying marks, names, or logos from the institution must be obscured.

10. BEST MEMORIAL EVALUATION

10.1 Memorial Evaluation: All memorials submitted by the participating teams shall be evaluated by the designated evaluators appointed by the Memorial Evaluation Committee. Each memorial shall be assessed independently, with each evaluator awarding a maximum of 100 marks. The combined score awarded by the evaluators, amounting to a maximum of 200 marks, shall constitute the team's final memorial score. The evaluation shall be conducted in accordance with the prescribed memorial evaluation criteria. The memorial scores shall be used to determine the Best Memorial Award, which shall be conferred upon the team securing the highest marks in the memorial evaluation.

The criteria for memorial evaluation are as follows:

Depth, extent, and use of research	20
Reasoning & Understanding of Law & Procedure	20
Knowledge, Interpretation, and Application of Law	20
Use of Authorities and Precedents	20
Formatting	20
Maximum Marks	100

10.2 PENALTIES

Rule Violated	*Penalty*
Late submission (up to 4 hours)	2 marks per hour, per side
Late submission (beyond 4 hours)	Disqualification
Exceeding total page limit	1 mark deduction per extra page
Missing required sections	5 marks deduction per section
Improper cover page (color, format, missing code)	Up to 5 marks deduction per memorial
Font, spacing, margin, citation, or style errors	1 mark deduction per error (max 10 marks per side)
Speaking footnotes	0.5 mark deduction per footnote
Disclosure of identity (names, institution, etc.)	Disqualification
AI Exceeding 10% (Arguments Advanced)	Disqualification
Plagiarism exceeding 25% (Arguments Advanced)	Disqualification

11. ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE USAGE AND PLAGIARISM POLICY

11.1 Each memorial submitted by a participating team shall be an original work prepared exclusively for the purposes of this Competition. Teams shall ensure that their submissions reflect independent legal research, analysis, and drafting, and shall comply with the standards of academic integrity and professional ethics expected in legal writing.

11.2 The assessment of Artificial Intelligence (AI)-generated content and plagiarism shall be restricted exclusively to the "Arguments Advanced" section of the memorial. The remaining portions of the memorial, including but not limited to the Cover Page, Table of Contents, Index of Authorities, Statement of Jurisdiction, Statement of Facts, Issues Raised, Prayer, Footnotes containing citations, and other formatting or structural components, shall not be considered for the purpose of AI or plagiarism assessment.

11.3 PERMISSIBLE LIMITS

11.3.1 The AI-generated content in the "Arguments Advanced" section shall not exceed 10%.

11.3.2 The plagiarism similarity index in the "Arguments Advanced" section shall not exceed 25%.

11.4 The Memorial Evaluation Committee shall determine the AI-generated content and plagiarism similarity index using software or technological tools deemed appropriate by the Committee. The report generated by such software shall be final and binding for the purposes of this Competition.

11.5 A memorial exceeding either the prescribed AI-generated content limit or the permissible plagiarism threshold shall be deemed to be in violation of these Rules. Such violation shall render the concerned team liable to disqualification from the Competition.

11.6 The Memorial Evaluation Committee reserves the right to seek clarifications, conduct additional verification, or adopt any other reasonable measures necessary to ensure compliance with this Rule. Any attempt to manipulate, conceal, or circumvent the AI or plagiarism assessment process may also result in disqualification or such other action as the Organising Committee may deem appropriate.

12. ORAL ROUNDS

12.1 GENERAL RULES:

12.1.1 The rounds include, Preliminary Rounds, Quarter-Finals, Semi-Finals, and the Final Round.

12.1.2 The Preliminary and Quarter Final oral rounds will be conducted in Online mode, with teams allotted courtrooms accordingly.

12.1.3 Two speakers from each team will present oral arguments; the researcher must be present but cannot address the court.

12.1.4 No oral communication is allowed between team members and the speaker during submissions.

12.1.5 Teams may not use any digital or electronic devices during rounds except to join virtual rounds. Violation may lead to disqualification.

12.1.6 The division of time between speakers must be communicated to the Court Masters before the round.

12.1.7 Teams shall not disclose their or their institution's identity at any time during the rounds.

12.1.8 Only one speaker per team may deliver rebuttal or sur-rebuttal, subject to Judges' permission.

12.1.9 Rebuttals must address only the opposing side's primary oral pleadings; no new legal issues can be raised. If the Petitioner waives rebuttal, Respondent cannot give sur-rebuttal.

12.1.10 Standard pleading order in all rounds: Petitioner 1 → Petitioner 2 → Respondent 1 → Respondent 2 → Rebuttal (P1 or P2) → Sur-rebuttal (R1 or R2).

Exchange of Memorials

i. Memorials shall be exchanged between the opposing teams before the commencement of each round of the Competition, including the Preliminary Rounds, Quarter-Final Rounds, Semi-Final Rounds, and Final Round. The exchange shall be facilitated by the Organising Committee.

ii. Teams are strictly prohibited from making derogatory remarks about reproducing, or copying the opposing team's memorial, either digitally or physically.

12.2 PRELIMINARY ROUNDS:

12.2.1 These rounds will be conducted online.

12.2.2 Each team argues twice - once as Petitioner and once as Respondent.

12.2.3 Match-ups will be determined by random allocation.

12.2.4 Total time per team: 30 minutes (including rebuttal, sur-rebuttal, and Judges' questions).

12.2.5 Each speaker may argue for a maximum of 18 minutes.

12.2.6 No extra time will be granted to teams.

12.3 QUARTER-FINAL ROUNDS:

12.3.1 The Quarter-Final Rounds shall be conducted online.

12.3.2 Qualification for the Quarter-Final Rounds shall be determined on the basis of the aggregate marks secured by each team in Preliminary Round I and Preliminary Round II, and not on a knockout basis.

12.3.3 The teams securing the highest aggregate marks across both Preliminary Rounds shall qualify for the Quarter-Final Rounds. The qualification shall be determined strictly on the basis of the combined scores of both rounds, irrespective of the number of wins or losses.

12.3.4 In the event of a tie in the aggregate marks between two or more teams, the higher marks secured in the memorial evaluation shall be considered as the first tie-breaker.

12.3.5 If the tie persists even after applying the memorial evaluation criteria, the Organising Committee shall determine the appropriate tie-breaking mechanism.

12.3.6 The total time allotted to each team shall be 40 minutes, inclusive of rebuttal and sur-rebuttal.

12.3.7 Each speaker shall be permitted a maximum of 25 minutes, subject to the overall time limit prescribed for the team.

12.3.8 No additional time shall be granted to any team beyond the prescribed time limits.

12.4 SEMI-FINAL ROUNDS:

12.4.1 Four teams who shall secure higher marks in the Quarter-Finals shall reach to semi final rounds.

12.4.2 Total time per team: 50 minutes (including rebuttal and sur-rebuttal). 12.4.3 Maximum 28 minutes per speaker.

12.4.4 These rounds will be conducted offline.

12.4.5 Time may be extended at the discretion of the Judges.

12.5 FINAL ROUNDS:

12.5.1 The final two teams compete in the Final Round conducted offline. 12.5.2 Total time per team: 60 minutes (including rebuttal and sur-rebuttal). 12.5.3 Maximum 30 minutes per speaker.

12.5.4 Time may be extended at the discretion of the Judges.

12.6 SCORING CRITERIA FOR ORAL ROUNDS:

Knowledge of Law	20
Advocacy Skills	20
Ingenuity & Ability to Answer Questions	20
Court Craft, Demeanour	20
Rebbutal/ Sur Rebbutal	20
Total	*100*

13. DELAY IN APPEARENCE/ PRESENTATION

13.1 Preliminary Rounds and Quarter Final Rounds will be held virtually. Further Advanced Rounds will be held in physical mode at the Campus.

13.2 Courtrooms will be allocated in advance, with designated Court Officers and Timekeepers.

13.3 If a team fails to appear within 15 minutes of its scheduled time (while the Judges are present), the opposing team may be allowed to present ex- parte.

13.4 Permission to allow a late-appearing team to present is at the sole discretion of the Organizing Committee.

13.5 Any attempt to use unfair means or violate competition rules will lead to disqualification. The decision of the Organising Committee shall be final in case of disputes or issues during the rounds.

14. SCOUTING

14.1 Scouting by any speaker, researcher, or person affiliated with a team will result in immediate disqualification of that team.

14.2 Scouting is deemed to have occurred if any affiliated person is found:

14.2.1Witnessing, hearing, or observing oral submissions of a round not involving their team.

14.2.2 Reading the memorial of another team, except:

- The memorial belongs to their own team; or
- The memorial was obtained through an official exchange prior to the round involving their team.

15. Researcher Test

15.1 The Researcher Test shall be conducted offline at MANUU Law School, Maulana Azad National Urdu University, Hyderabad, on 30th January 2027.

15.2 Only the researchers of the teams qualifying for the Semi-Final Rounds shall be eligible to participate in the Researcher Test.

15.3 The Best Student Researcher Award shall be conferred on the basis of the performance of the eligible researchers in the Researcher Test.

16. DISPUTE RESOLUTION & MISCELLANEOUS

16.1 DISPUTE RESOLUTION:

16.1.1 Any dispute regarding interpretation or application of competition rules will be resolved by the Organising Committee. Their decision is final and binding on all participants.

16.1.2 Any dispute arising out of or in connection with the participation of any team in any round of the Competition shall be governed by and resolved in accordance with the Equity Policy of the Competition. The decision rendered under the Equity Policy shall be final and binding on all participating teams.

16.2 MISCELLANEOUS:

16.2.1 All rules may be amended or revised at any stage by the Organising Committee at their sole discretion.

16.2.2 Official communications from the Organising Committee or its recognized channels shall be considered official notifications. Teams must stay updated and respond promptly.

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