



VII<sup>th</sup> Surana & Surana And Shaastra IIT Madras,  
Intellectual Property Law Moot Competition  
2023-2024

05<sup>th</sup> – 07<sup>th</sup> January 2024

VENUE

Indian Institute of Technology, Madras Campus

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# Rules & Regulations

## AIM AND PURPOSE

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

## VENUE, DATE & SUBJECT MATTER:

The 7<sup>th</sup> Surana & Surana & Shaastra IIT Madras, Intellectual Property Law Moot Court Competition shall be held from 05th to 07th January 2024 at Indian Institute of Technology, Madras Campus.

## THE COMPETITION SHALL BE IN ENGLISH LANGUAGE.

### I. ELIGIBILITY:

The competition is open only for students who are enrolled in an LLB three year or five year course during the current academic year.

16 teams will be selected on the basis of their memorials for participation.

### II. 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.
- 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 shall be at the discretion of the National Administrator.



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- d. The National Administrator for the purposes of this competition will be The Head – Academic Initiatives, Surana & Surana International Attorneys.

### III. REGISTRATION:

- Online registrations are open from 28<sup>th</sup> November 2023. The teams must register online by 15<sup>th</sup> December 2023. Teams will have to register online at [www.moot.in](http://www.moot.in) and send soft copy of the registration form at [mootcourt@shastra.org](mailto:mootcourt@shastra.org). Teams will be registered on first come first serve basis with the maximum of 24 teams.
- 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 20<sup>th</sup> December 2023 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.



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### 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.
- Soft copy of the registration and approval letter/an email communication as a **single PDF** to be sent by mail to [mootcourt@shaastra.org](mailto:mootcourt@shaastra.org) with a copy to [mootcourt@lawindia.com](mailto:mootcourt@lawindia.com) marked as 6<sup>th</sup> Surana & Surana AND Shaastra, IIT Madras Intellectual Property Law Moot Court Competition as subject of the mail latest by 5.00 p.m. on 16th December 2023. **The provisional team code for memorial submission shall be allotted to the registered teams by Host Institution soon after receiving the registration particulars.**
  - CONFIRMATION of teams based on the evaluation of memorials submitted will be on or before 20th December 2023, 5:00 PM.
  - Confirmed teams have to pay a registration fees of Rs.2000 through the Shaastra payment portal. Receipt of the online payment to be sent by email to : [mootcourt@shaastra.org](mailto:mootcourt@shaastra.org) by 16th December 2023. Pls note that the Registration fee of Rs.2000 does not include Accomodation and Shaastra Passport cost. (refer clause XVII on page 11)

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

**IV.** In the event a team drops out of the competition or is disqualified the team next in line as per the memorial rankings will be offered the chance to participate in the competition at short notice. **ORIENTATION**



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There will be an Orientation Program for all the participants on 05th January 2023 (Friday) followed by draw of lots & exchange of memorials. Competition team codes and side will be allotted during orientation only.

### V. ROUNDS:

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

### VI. 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.
- d. Preliminary Rounds, Quarter finals , Semifinals will be held on 6th January 2024 (Saturday).
- e. Top eight teams from the Preliminary Rounds will advance to the Quarter final rounds 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)
- f. Memorial marks will be added to the scores of both the preliminary rounds only.
- g. Oral arguments need not be confined to the issues presented in the memorials.



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### VII. Quarterfinal / Semi Final Round / Final Round

- a. Lots / power matching will decide the side of the arguments in Quarterfinals, Semifinals & Finals.
- b. Prelims, Quarter finals and Semi finals will be held on 6th January 2024 (Saturday).
- c. The Finals will be held on Sunday, 7th January 2024.
- d. The Quarterfinal and Semifinal are knockout rounds.

#### Results (Announcement)

Results of the preliminary rounds shall be announced after the completion of rounds of all the teams. Similarly, the results of the Quarterfinals / Semifinals shall be announced after the completion of the rounds. The Final result and the winners of the various categories will be announced only during the valediction / prize distribution ceremony.

### VIII. MEMORIALS:

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

- (a) Each team must prepare memorials for both parties to the dispute. (Applicant and Respondent)
- (b) The soft copy of the memorials (both Applicant and Respondent) must reach the host institution (Shaastra, IIT Madras) for evaluation latest by 16<sup>th</sup> December 2023 latest by 5:00PM at [mootcourt@shaastra.org](mailto:mootcourt@shaastra.org) with a copy to [mootcourt@lawindia.com](mailto:mootcourt@lawindia.com)
- (c) Late submission of soft copy of the Memorials will be penalized by one point for every hour, maximum penalty not exceeding 20 points.
- (d) The teams are requested to carry along 5 copies from each side of the Memorials with them and submit the same during orientation on **5th January 2024. The participants should not mention their team code**



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**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.**

- (e) Once the memorials have been submitted, any revisions, supplements, or additions will be allowed at the discretion of the National Administrator.
- (f) The memorials have to be submitted on typed A4 size white paper and must contain:
- The table of contents.
  - The index of authorities.
  - The statement of jurisdiction.
  - The statement of facts. (1 page only and submissions of an argumentative statement of facts would attract penalties)
  - The statement of issues.
  - The summary of pleadings. (not more than one page)
  - The arguments advanced. (not more than fifteen pages)
  - The prayer.
- (g) 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 (doubles space) and the font size for footnotes should be 10 points (single space) with double space between two foot notes.
- (h) The memorial should be staple bound or stitched. Any other form of binding will attract penalty.
- (i) The memorial must have a margin measuring one inch on all sides of each page.
- (j) 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.
- (k) Covers must be placed as briefs as follows:



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

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

- (l) The cover page of the memorial must state the following:
  - i. The cause title
  - ii. Identify brief as Applicant & / Respondent as is applicable
  - iii. Provisional Team Codes (see under Registration (III)) on the top right corner of cover page.
- (m) 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.
- (n) Parameters for judging on a scale of 1-100 are:
  1. Logical development of ideas
  2. Novelty in analysis and arguments
  3. Understanding pertinent legal issues
  4. Clear, concise and unambiguous writing style
  5. Integration of facts into legal argument
  6. Understanding of strengths and weaknesses of case
  7. Discussion of viable alternative arguments
  8. Proper use of citations and citation form
  9. Effective use of authority to support arguments
  10. Ability to distinguish adverse cases
  11. Neatness, legibility, and formatting





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### IX. ORAL ROUND:

#### Preliminary Rounds & Quarter Final

- 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 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 officer before arguments begin.
- c. The oral arguments need not be confined to the issues presented in the memorials.
- d. The researcher can, through Court Officers, 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.

#### Semi Final & Final Round

- a. Each team will get a total of 45 minutes. This time will include rebuttals.
- b. The division of time is at the discretion of the team members, subject to a maximum of 25 minutes and minimum of 20 minutes per speaker.
- c. The oral arguments need not be confined to the issues presented in the memorials.
- d. The attendance of the researcher at the time of Oral Pleading Rounds is compulsory.



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### X. DRESS CODE

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

### XI. SCOUTING:

The teams will not be allowed to observe the orals of any other teams. Scouting is strictly prohibited. Scouting by any of the team's members will result in disqualification from the competition.

### XII. SCORING:

#### A. Orals:

The criteria for judging the oral presentation on a scale of 0-100 points are:

- a. Knowledge of the facts.
- b. Proper and articulate analysis of the issues arising out of the facts.
- c. Understanding of the international / national legal principles directly applicable to the issues.
- d. Ability to explain clearly international / national legal principles in general keeping to the time allotted.
- e. Knowledge and use of legal sources: treaties, custom, general principles of international / national laws.
- f. Ingenuity (ability to argue by analogy from related aspects of international/ national law.
- g. Logic and reasoning.
- h. Organisation and clarity.
- i. Persuasiveness.
- j. Deference to the court.



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

The criteria for marking the memorials are: (categories listed under VIII (1 – 11) will be marked under this heading)

- a. Presentation
- b. Quality of arguments.
- c. Formatting and Syntax.

### **XIII. AWARDS:**

- a. Winning Team - Rs. 40,000 /-
- b. Runners-up Team - Rs 20,000/-
- c. Best Memorial Award - Rs. 10,000/-
- d. Best Speaker Award - Rs.10,000/-
- e. Second Best Speaker Award - Rs. 5,000/- All participants will be issued participation certificates.

### **XIV. DECISION OF THE JUDGES IS FINAL.**

### **XV. 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,



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patches, or pins or carrying identifying material (such as a books with a college logo, or college seal).

### **XVI. 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 Shaastra 2024 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 Shaastra 2024 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.

### **XVII. ACCOMMODATION, FOOD AND TRANSPORT:**

#### **Accommodation**

- a. Registration fee is exclusive of accommodation on campus. Extra charges will apply if the team requires accommodation. Accommodation to the participants will commence on 4<sup>th</sup> January, 12 pm and will end on 7<sup>th</sup> January at 12 pm. Accommodation charges per person per day is Rs.700, apart from which individual participants have to pay for Shaastra Passport which costs Rs.400.



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b. The name and mobile number of the student volunteers in charge of transportation / accommodation will also be made available after finalization. Teams should fill in their travel plan in the sheet available on Page 14 positively so as to reach the scanned copy by 5.00PM on 30th December 2023 by email to [mootcourt@shaastra.org](mailto:mootcourt@shaastra.org)

### **XVIII. ANY CLARIFICATIONS FOR THE COMPETITION TO BE SOUGHT FROM:**

#### **Regarding Case:**

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### IMPORTANT DATES

Start of Online Registration	28 <sup>th</sup> November 2023 (Tuesday)
Last date of issue of clarifications	15 <sup>th</sup> December 2023 (Friday)
Last date for Online Registration	15 <sup>th</sup> December 2023 (Friday)
Submission of Registration and approval letter / email to Shastra	17 <sup>th</sup> December 2023 (Sunday)
Last Date for Submission of Memorials – Soft copy by email (both applicant and respondent) for selection of participating teams	16 <sup>th</sup> December 2023 (Saturday)
Confirmation of teams after evaluation of memorials	22 <sup>nd</sup> December 2023 (Friday) 5.00PM
Submission of Travel plans to Shastra	30 <sup>th</sup> December 2023 (Saturday) 5.00PM
Submission of Memorials (Each Five Hard Copies). During Orientation	05 <sup>th</sup> January 2024 (Friday)
Orientation	05 <sup>th</sup> January 2024 (Friday)
Prelims / Quarters / Semifinals	06 <sup>th</sup> January 2024 (Saturday)
Finals, Valediction & Prize distribution	07 <sup>th</sup> January 2024 (Sunday)



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## Surana & Surana & Shaastra IIT Madras

### Intellectual Property Law Moot Court Competition 2022-2023

Date:

#### Registration form/ Approval letter

(Please fill in capital letters)

#### Undertaking

1. We hereby state that our participation complies with the rules and regulations of the competition.
2. We certify that the materials submitted are prepared by us and indemnify the organizers for any claim or dispute arising out of the further use and exhibition of these materials.

**(All details must be provided)**

Institution Name:

Current Address:

Head of Institution:

Phone:

Email (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





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## TRAVEL FORM

Name of Participants	1			
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Date of Arrival				
Mode of Arrival	Railways	Airways	Roadways	
Train/Flight/Bus Details				
Time & Place of Arrival				
Date of Departure				
Mode of Departure	Railways	Airways	Roadways	
Train/Flight/Bus Details				
Time & Place of Departure				

Completed & duly filled scanned copy of the form should reach Administrator (IIT Shaastra) by **30th December 2023** at [mootcourt@shaastra.org](mailto:mootcourt@shaastra.org) <mailto:uils.surana2022@gmail.com>