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JUS LEX TRIAL ADVOCACY COMPETITION III EDITION



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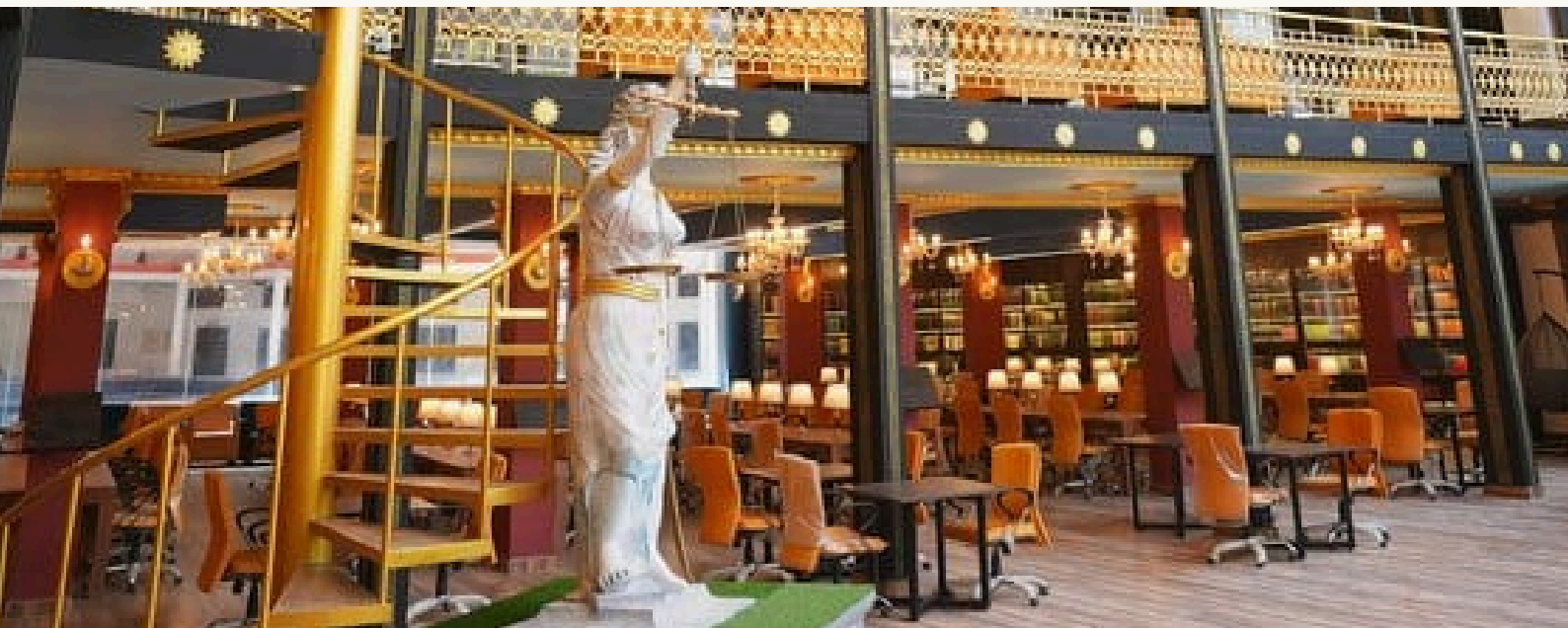


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ABOUT US

ABOUT SIMATS :

The Saveetha Medical and Educational Trust were created in 1986 mainly to provide medical relief, to promote Education and encourage Research. The Trust started a Saveetha Dental College and established an attached General Hospital in the year 1988. Subsequently the Trust established a Nursing College, Physiotherapy College, Occupational Therapy College, Law College and an Engineering College in order to comply with our commitment and to serve the people, especially those living in Rural Village in and around Chennai and adjoining districts of TAMILNADU. SIMATS has been recognized as Social Entrepreneurship, Swachhta & Rural Engagement Cell (SES REC) Institution by Mahatma Gandhi National Council of Rural Education, Department of Higher Education, Ministry of Education, and Government of India

ABOUT SAVEETHA SCHOOL OF LAW :

Saveetha School of Law, Saveetha Institute of Medical and Technical Sciences (SIMATS) established in 2009 aims to strive for Quality Legal Education and maintain higher standards of Legal Research and Training. The SSL is located close to the city in a serene atmosphere. We are ranked 11th among all India Law Universities and 1st in Tamilnadu as per Ranking of NIRF 2023. We are accredited with NAAC as a Grade A Law School, recognized by the Bar Council of India and approved by the UGC. We offer a wide range of undergraduate and postgraduate courses and Ph.D. programs to the aspirants of law. Name anything a Law graduate has to know and we have it on the campus. We offer the CBCS Curriculum with a range of regular and special subjects. Our system is fully digitized with Flipped Classes and I-books made available to students. We are no less in academics, regular tests and assessments, internship programmes on a one to one basis with advocates in High Court, Moot courts with regular sessions were organized. We also conduct moot court competitions and research programmes on a regular basis. Community services to create awareness on legal aspects of the problems of the common man are also our special feature.

EVENT OVERVIEW



JUS LEX 2025 is a premier Trial Advocacy Competition designed to enhance law students' understanding of criminal law and courtroom practices. Centred on the recently enacted criminal laws in India, it provides a national platform for budding advocates to demonstrate their advocacy skills.

This competition bridges the gap between theoretical learning and practical litigation by fostering critical thinking, persuasive argumentation, and strategic litigation skills. Participants will engage in realistic trial scenarios, complete with witnesses and judges, offering an immersive experience in the workings of trial courts. Jus Lex aspires to cultivate a spirit of excellence and prepare students for the dynamic challenges of criminal litigation in India.

The Event has **SCC Online as the exclusive Knowledge Partner and SCC Times as the official Media Partner**. As pioneers in legal research and publishing, SCC Online and SCC Times bring immense value to our event through their unparalleled support and resources



RULES AND REGULATIONS

Chapter I: Preliminary Provisions

1. Short Title and Commencement

These Rules shall be referred to as the "JUS LEX Trial Advocacy Competition Rules, 2024," and shall come into force from the date of their publication.

2. Application

These Rules shall apply to all participants, organisers, and adjudicators of the JUS LEX Trial Advocacy Competition.

3. Objective

The objective of these Rules is to ensure fair competition, promote advocacy skills among law students, and simulate courtroom practices under the framework of Indian criminal law.

4. Definitions

For the purposes of these Rules:

- a. "Adjudicator" refers to judges presiding over the rounds, including academicians, legal practitioners, or judicial officers.
 - b. "Advanced Rounds" refer to the in-person rounds simulating trial court proceedings.
 - c. "Competition" means the JUS LEX Trial Advocacy Competition.
 - d. "Memorials" mean the written submissions prepared by the teams for both prosecution and defence.
 - e. "Organisers" means the committee or institution responsible for the conduct of the Competition.
 - f. "Participant" means any student enrolled in a team for the Competition.
 - g. "Preliminary Rounds" refers to online virtual qualifying rounds.
 - h. "Team" refers to a group of three participants representing an institution.
 - i. "Witness" refers to individuals acting in the capacity of witnesses during the trial simulation.
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5. Event Date and Venue

The Preliminary Round of Jus Lex Trial Advocacy Competition shall be conducted on **Online Mode** via Google Meet on **27.2.25**. The 16 teams that qualify from Preliminary Round will advance to Advanced rounds, which will be held in person at Saveetha School of Law Campus on **28-03-25 to 29-03-25**.

Chapter II: General Rules

1. Eligibility

- a. The Competition is open to students enrolled in a recognised 3-year or 5-year law programme in India.
- b. Each institution may register only **three** teams.

2. Language

The language of the Competition shall be **English**.

3. Dress Code

- a. Participants shall adhere to professional courtroom attire as prescribed:
 - i. For gentlemen: Black trousers, white shirt, plain black blazer, and black tie.
 - ii. For ladies: Black trousers and white shirt, with plain black blazer.
- b. Robes and neck bands are not permitted.
- c. Attire shall not have any identification of the Institution.

4. Team Composition

- a. A team shall consist of **two speakers and one researcher**.
- b. Teams must designate roles before the Competition, which cannot be changed once the rounds commence. Teams will be given codes. The identification of team shall be kept confidential throughout the event.

Chapter III: Registration

1. Restrictions

The Registration to 3rd Edition of Jus Lex Trial Advocacy Competition is restricted to **48 teams** only. The spots will be reserved on the first come first served basis.

2. Procedure for Registration

- a. Each team must register online via the official registration form.
- b. A scanned approval letter from the institution's Head (Dean/Principal) must be uploaded during registration, certifying the participation of the team.

3. Registration Fee

- a. The Registration shall be two-tiered.
- b. The **base registration** fee for each team shall be **Rs.2000**.
- c. This registration process will commence on 17.01.25. Upon successful submission of all necessary details, participants shall receive an acknowledgement. The above mentioned process is provisional registration. Only first 48 teams who registered will be receiving link for payment gateway and confirmation for proceeding further and complete final registration process.
- d. The top 16 teams who are selected from the preliminary rounds shall be required to pay **additional fee of Rs.1500**.
- e. Registration fees, once paid, are **non-refundable**.
- f. Non payment of additional registration fee within 3 days of intimation to pay, shall result in forfeiture of eligibility to participate in advanced rounds.

Chapter IV: Competition Structure

1. Phases

The Event shall consist of two phases

Phase I- Preliminary Rounds(Online)

Phase II- Advanced Rounds(In-Person)

Only 48 teams shall participate in Preliminary Rounds. Top 16 teams will advance to Advanced Rounds.

2. Procedure of Preliminary Rounds

- The preliminary round will test the knowledge and advocacy skills of the participants. **Participants are to make a written submission and do oral arguments in this round.**
- The participants are to make and submit a written submission on or before the prescribed date.
- There will be a draw of lots via google meet on a day before the preliminary rounds. Based on that, the team will be allotted either prosecution side or defense side.

- The preliminary round is strictly **restricted to framing of charges**. The prosecution should restrict their arguments as to justify the charges framed against the accused. they must establish prima facie case.
- The argument of defense shall be restricted to lack of prima facie case to charge the accused.
- No examination of witness shall happen at this phase.
- Each team shall have 15 mins for oral argument. The 15 mins shall include the time for rebuttal.
- The participants shall be evaluated based on the written submissions and oral arguments. The written submission shall be evaluated on the basis of the following criteria included but not limited to-
 - Knowledge of law
 - Application of Law and Facts
 - Coherence and Fluency
 - Use of Language
- The format of written submission shall be as prescribed under **Chapter VII** of this rules.
- The written submission for preliminary round shall not exceed 12 Pages.
- The oral argument shall be evaluated on the basis of knowledge and application of law, structure of argument, clarity, use of language.
- All the participants of preliminary rounds shall receive a participation **E-Certificate**.

3. Procedure for Advanced Rounds

- a. The Advanced rounds which shall happen in-person at Saveetha School of Law shall consist of **Two Rounds of 16, a Quarter Final, a Semi Final and A Final**.
- b. The advanced rounds has two parts. i) Oral Rounds ii) Memorial Submissions.
- c. **Top 16 teams from preliminary Round shall be qualified for Advanced Rounds.**
- d. If any of the Top 16 teams is not willing to proceed with advanced rounds, the team next in the ranking table will be allowed to advance to advanced rounds at the discretion of the organizing committee.

i) Oral Rounds

- a. The Oral Rounds shall include:
 - i. Opening and closing statements.
 - ii. Examination-in-chief and cross-examination of witnesses.
- b. There will be two round of 16 for each team.

- c. Teams shall present arguments for both prosecution and defence during each round of Round of 16.
- d. Time allocation for rounds shall be announced prior to the Competition.
- e. No team shall face the same team more than once in Round of 16
- f. In second round of Round of 16, the team will be judged by a different bench.

ii) Memorial Submission

- a. Each team shall prepare and submit memorials for both prosecution and defence.
- b. Memorials must adhere to the general and prescribed format and must include ,Table of contents,Statement of Jurisdiction, Statement of Facts,Statement of Charges, Witness List, Summary of Arguments, Arguments Advanced,Prayer.
- c. Plagiarism shall result in disqualification.
- d. Each team shall bring 5 copies of Memorials for each side.
- e.Soft Copy and Hard Copy of memorial must be identical in all aspects.

Chapter V: Procedure for Oral Rounds

1. Round of 16 (1 and 2)

- a. Each team will argue once as the prosecution and once as the defence during the each round of Round of 16.
- b. Timings for each team:
Opening Statement: 5 minutes.
Examination-in-Chief : 10 minutes.
Cross-Examination : 10 minutes.
Closing Statement: 5 minutes.
- c. *Each speaker shall handle either the examination-in-chief or cross-examination, along with one of the statements (opening or closing).*

2. Quarterfinals

- a. Top 8 teams from the preliminary rounds will advance to the quarterfinals based on cumulative scores.
- b. Teams shall be assigned sides through a draw of lots.
- c. Timings:
Opening Statement: 5 minutes.
Examination-in-Chief: 15 minutes.
Cross-Examination: 20 minutes.
Closing Statement: 5 minutes.
- d.The Quarterfinals shall be knockout round.



3. Semifinals and Finals

- a. Semifinals: The top 4 teams from the quarterfinals shall compete in Semi Finals. The Semi Finals too shall be a knockout round.
- b. Finals: The two winning teams from the semifinals shall compete for the title.

Timings:

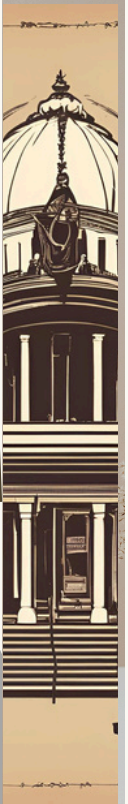
Opening Statement: 10 minutes.

Examination-in-Chief: 20 minutes.

Cross-Examination: 20 minutes.

Closing Statement: 10 minutes.

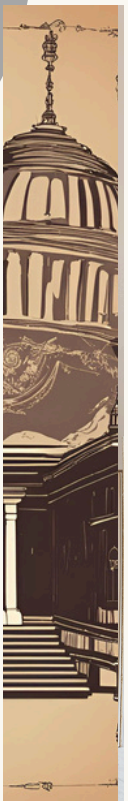
4. The Organizing Committee reserve the right to amend the schedule / rounds as per the number of participating teams



Chapter VI: Handling of Witnesses and Evidence

1. Witness Handling

- a. The organisers shall provide witnesses for all oral rounds.
- b. Each team shall have **30 minutes** to brief their assigned witnesses before the round begins. In case of Semi Finals and Finals, the teams shall have **45 minutes** to brief their witnesses.
- c. Each team shall examine minimum of two witness and maximum of 4 witness. The list of witnesses that each team intends to examine has to be submitted along with the memorial at the time of submission. The list of witness intended to be examined shall not be subject to change.
- d. Witnesses may be prepared for examination but not coached for specific responses.





Chapter VII: Memorial Submission

1. Memorial Submission Dates

- a. Teams must submit memorials for both prosecution and defence by the prescribed date.
- b. Late submissions will attract a penalty of 2 points per day.

2. Memorial Guidelines

- a. Each memorial must include:
 - Cover Page (Prosecution: Blue; Defence: Red).
 - Table of Contents.
 - Index of Authorities.
 - Statement of Jurisdiction.
 - Statement of Facts (1 page).
 - Summary of Charges.
 - Arguments Advanced (maximum 15 pages).
 - Prayer.
- b. Formatting:
 - Font: Times New Roman, 12-point for text, 10-point for footnotes.
 - Spacing: 1.5 for text, single for footnotes.
 - Margins: 1 inch on all sides.
- c. Citation Style: The Bluebook, 21st Edition.
- d. The cover page of the memorial must have Team Code, Identification of the brief as either prosecution side or defense side.
- e. Memorial Shall not have any identification of the institution.

Chapter VIII: Results and Scoring

1. Announcement of Results

- a. Results for each round shall be announced within 60 minutes after its completion.
- b. Final results will be disclosed during the valedictory ceremony.

2. Scoring Criteria

a. Oral Rounds shall be judged based on the following criteria included but not limited to:

- Knowledge of Law and Facts
- Strategy and Technique in Witness Handling
- Persuasiveness and Advocacy Skills
- Courtroom Decorum
- Adherence to Time Limits.

b. Memorials shall be judged on the following criteria included but not limited to

- Originality and Depth of Research
- Clarity and Structure
- Legal Analysis and Citation.
- Use of language

3. Penalties

- a. Any act of misconduct, including revealing institutional identity, shall attract penalties or disqualification.
- b. Exceeding the time limit in oral rounds shall result in score deductions.

Chapter IX: Accommodation and Travel

1.. Accommodation and Travel

a. Accommodation shall be arranged to all outstation participants from **27 March 2025 8PM to 29 March 2025 8PM**

b. Teams requiring accommodation must indicate their request during the registration process .

c. **The cost of providing accommodation shall not be bore by the institution.**

c. Separate accommodation arrangements will be made for male and female participants.

d. Shuttle services will be arranged between the accommodation venue and the competition premises, with schedules shared closer to the event.

e. Participants must submit their travel plans, including arrival and departure details, via email for smoother experience.

f. Misconduct in accommodation premises may lead to immediate disqualification from the Competition.

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FOR PROVISIONAL REGISTRATION CLICK [HERE](#)

Chapter XI: Miscellaneous

1. Queries and Contact

a. Participants may seek clarifications regarding the rules or the moot proposition by sending an email to **juslex2025@gmail.com** from **10th January 2025**.

b. For any registration-related queries, contact **Shivakumar. A 8668151226(Student Co-Ordinator)**

2. Copyright

The copyright of all memorials and documents submitted for the Competition shall vest exclusively with the organisers.

3. Scouting

Scouting shall be strictly prohibited and lead to disqualification

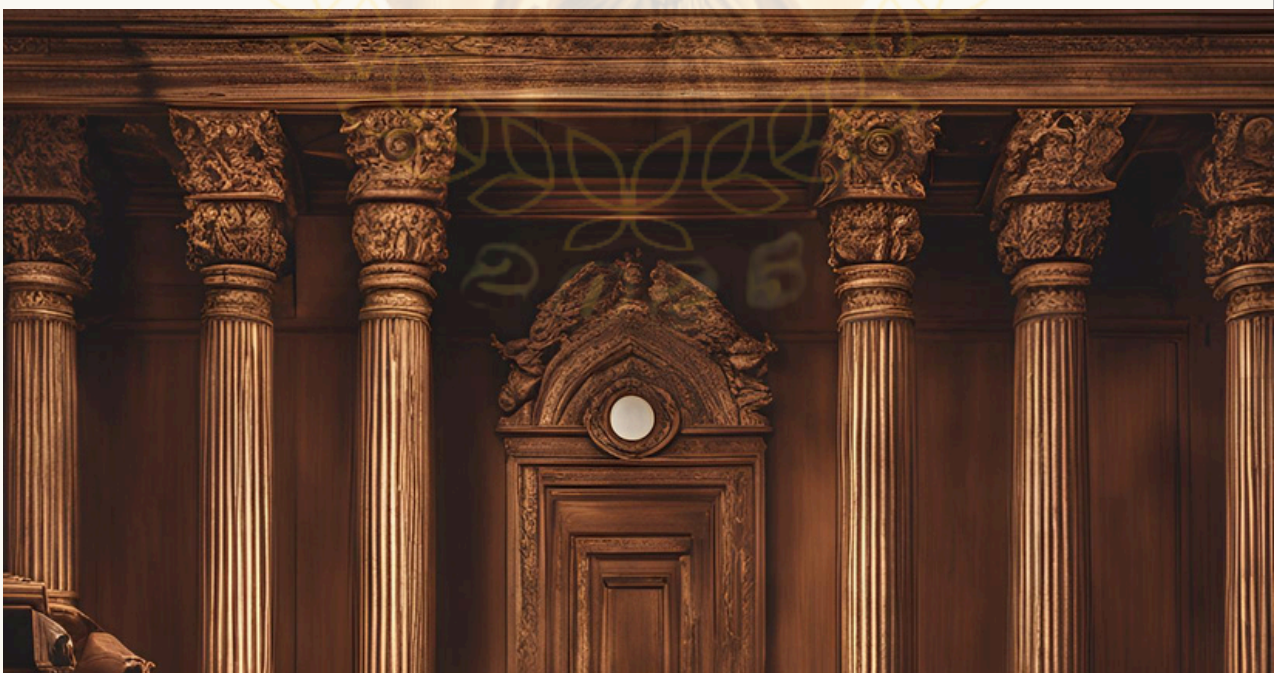
4. Anonymity

Participants shall maintain anonymity of their institution throughout the Competition. Violation shall lead to penalties.

5. Amendments & Interpretations

The organisers reserve the right to amend the rules as deemed necessary.

The decision of the organisers in interpreting these Rules shall be final and binding.



JUS LEX TRIAL ADVOCACY 2025 APPROVAL FORM

Undertaking

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 Saveetha School of Law, SIMATS Chennai 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:

Name of the Participant	Gender	Course and Year	Signature
Primary email:			

*Seal and Signature
of the Head
of the Institution*

Duly filled, sealed & signed soft copy of the Registration form should be sent by E-Mail: **juslex2025@gmail.com** before last date of provisional registration.

AWARDS

Winners

₹25,000

Runners

₹15,000

Best Advocate

₹5,000

Best Memorial

₹5,000

- **Three one-year complimentary subscription to SCC Online Web Edition to be distributed to the winning team worth Rs. 24,000 each**
- **One month access to the SCC Online Web Edition to all participants valued at Rs. 1099 each. E-mail ids of the participants to be provided to SCC Online to activate the subscriptions.**

COMPETITION TIMELINE

17 Jan. 2025

Commencement of Provisional Registration

10 Feb. 2025

Last Date for Provisional Registration

15 Feb. 2025

Last date to pay Base Registration Fee and Final Registration

18 Feb. 2025

Release of Team Codes

22 Feb. 2025

Last date to Submit Memo for Preliminary Round

24 Feb. 2025

Online Training Session Conducted by SCC Online

26 Feb. 2025

Draw of lots for Preliminary Round

27 Feb. 2025

Preliminary Round

28 Feb. 2025

Declaration of Results for Preliminary Round

COMPETITION TIMELINE

20 Mar. 2025

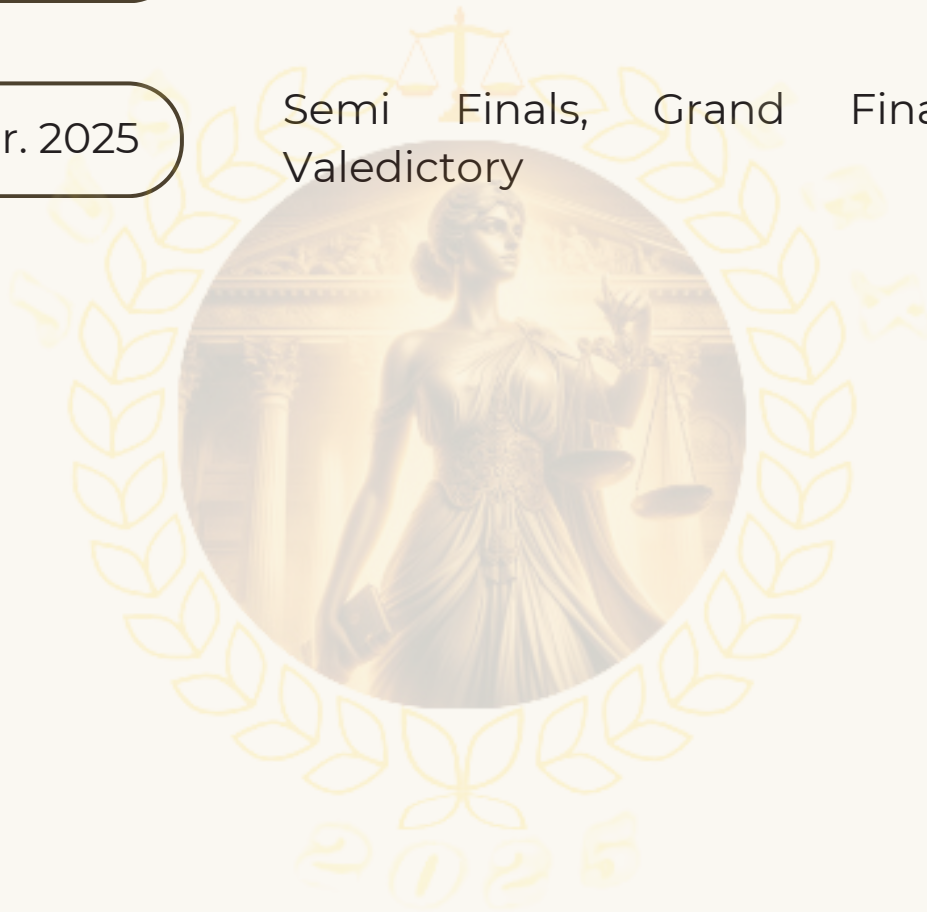
Deadline for Memorial Submission for Advanced Rounds

28 Mar. 2025

Rounds of 16 and Quarter Final

29 Mar. 2025

Semi Finals, Grand Final and Valedictory



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