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**7<sup>TH</sup> M.S. RAMAIAH MEMORIAL NATIONAL MOOT COURT COMPETITION**  
**SEPTEMBER, 2017**

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**8<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup> September, 2017**

**VENUE:**

**RAMAIAH COLLEGE OF LAW**

(Affiliated to Karnataka State Law University, Hubballi)

[Approved by the Bar Council of India, New Delhi]

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**RULES OF THE COMPETITION**

**1. DEFINITIONS:**

- 1.1. "ORGANIZER(S)" means the Moot Court Society of Ramaiah College of Law, Bengaluru (RCL) and/or any person/persons appointed to administer the Competition by the Society.
- 1.2. "COMPETITION" means 7<sup>th</sup> M.S. Ramaiah Memorial National Moot Court Competition.
- 1.3. "PROPOSITION" means the Problem of the Competition released by the Administrator.
- 1.4. "MEMORIAL" means the written submissions made by each team, according to these rules. Memorial includes Memorial for Petitioner and Memorial for Respondent.
- 1.5. "PRELIMINARY ROUND" means the first and second oral round.
- 1.6. "ADVANCED ROUND" means Semi-Final Round or Final Round of the Competition.
- 1.7. "REGISTRATION NUMBER" means the Unique Number/ Alphabet allotted to each Team on the first day of the Competition.
- 1.8. "REGISTRATION FORM" is the Form issued by the Administrator.

**2. ELIGIBILITY:**

- 2.1. All law schools, faculties of law and other institutions recognized by the Bar Council of India, offering a law degree are eligible to participate in the Competition. Only one team is allowed to participate from each law school/ faculties of law/ other institutions. Only students presently pursuing LL.B (5 years or 3 years course) are eligible for participation.
- 2.2. Team members should be *bonafide* students of the Institution they are representing. The Organizer(s) shall make any inquiries on the same at any time during the Competition. Teams must carry college identity card / *Bonafide* Certificate.
- 2.3. A team must be composed of a minimum of 2 members and maximum of 3 members i.e., 2 speakers and 1 researcher. Any two members of the team may be enlisted / registered as speakers. Only registered / enlisted speakers shall be permitted to plead in the oral rounds. However, only in the event of unavoidable circumstances, the

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researcher will be, subject to the discretion of the Organizer(s) permitted to plead in the oral rounds.

- 2.4. Each team will be provided a team code by the Organizers. 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 Organizer(s).

### **3. REGISTRATION**

- 3.1. 7<sup>th</sup> M.S. Ramaiah Memorial National Moot Court Competition has decided a cap of 32 teams for the National Level. The teams will be registered on first cum first serve basis with reference to the submission of the registration form and DD (Soft Copies).
- 3.2. The teams must register themselves by sending a duly filled Registration Form along with a Demand Draft of **Rs. 4,500/-** (Rupees four thousand Five Hundred) drawn in favour of **“The Principal, M. S. Ramaiah College of Law” payable at Bengaluru.**
- 3.3. On receiving the communication requiring the conformation of participation. The teams should send the hard copies of the registration form and the Demand Draft by post/courier to the address of the Administrator.
- 3.4. The registration fee includes accommodation of the participants. The participants who do not need accommodation are required to pay **3500/-** by way of Demand Draft in favour **‘Principal, M. S. Ramaiah College of Law’ payable at Bengaluru**
- 3.5. Once registered, the concerned registration fee would neither be refunded nor waived.
- 3.6. All updates will be communicated to the contact person as mentioned in the registration form. It is the responsibility of the contact person to distribute and communicate any contingent updates to the team.

### **4. CLARIFICATIONS TO THE PROBLEM**

- 4.1. Requests for clarifications regarding the moot problem may be e-mailed to mootcourt@msrcl.org before **28<sup>TH</sup> JULY, 2017**. Requests for clarification should be limited to matters having legal significance to the moot court problem. The e-mail for clarification must include a short explanation of the expected legal significance from it. Any request that does not contain such an explanation may be ignored.

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- 4.2. Clarifications regarding the framing of issues or arguments advanced to any of the Organizer(s) shall not be entertained.
- 4.3. The clarifications shall be available on the college website by **31<sup>st</sup> July, 2017**. The participants will not be communicated individually.

**5. MEMORIAL**

5.1. Each team must prepare a written memorial in support of the Petitioner/Appellant and the Respondent. Soft copies of the Petitioner's/Appellant's and Respondent's Memorial in the **PDF format** assigning file names Petitioner/ Appellant and Respondent must be submitted by **28<sup>th</sup> August, 2017**. Three sets of the memorial (hard copy), must be send to the Administrator latest by **31<sup>st</sup> August, 2017**

5.2. The cover page shall be placed on the Memorial in the following manner:

- a. **Petitioner / Appellant** - **Blue Color**
- b. **Respondent** - **Red Color**

The Cover page of each memorial must contain the following information:

- i. Name of the Court before which the proceedings are to be conducted.
- ii. Cause Title.
- iii. Title of the Memorial. *E.g. "Memorial for the respondent"*.

5.3. All Memorials shall be in English only.

5.4. Memorial formatting rules:

Text Font	Times New Romans
Margin	1 inch on all the sides
Text size	12pt
Foot note size	10pt
Page numbers	Bottom Center
Citation	Indian Law Institute (ILI)
Line Spacing	1.5-bodytext; 1.0-footnotes

- 5.5. The Memorials must be printed on both sides on A4 size sheets. Character spacing should not be condensed. Reproduction of all copies must be clear and in full size.
- 5.6. Memorial which do not adhere to the prescribed instruction shall be penalized.

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- 5.7. The Memorials should contain the following parts only:
1. Cover Page/ Cause Title;
  2. Table of Contents;
  3. Table of Abbreviations;
  4. Index of Authorities;
  5. Statement of Jurisdiction;
  6. Statement of Facts;
  7. Questions Presented;
  8. Summary of Pleadings;
  9. Pleadings/Argument Advanced;
  10. Prayer.
- 5.8. The Index of Authorities must list all the authorities cited in the Memorial. Corresponding page numbers and/or paragraph number(s) of the Memorial where it has been cited must be mentioned.
- 5.9. The total length of each Memorial should not be more than 35 A4 pages. The pleadings/Arguments Advanced section should not be more than 25 A4 pages.
- 5.10. The Statement of Facts must contain a concise statement of the relevant facts of the Problem.
- 5.11. The Summary of Pleadings should contain a summary of the Pleadings/Arguments Advanced. It should not be a mere reproduction of the headings and sub-headings of the Pleadings/Arguments Advanced.
- 5.12. Substantive footnoting is strictly prohibited. Footnotes should be restricted to citations only. A consistent format of citations must be followed.
- 5.13. The Index of Authorities must list all the authorities cited in the Memorial. Corresponding page numbers and/or paragraph number(s) of the Memorial where it has been cited must be also mentioned.
- 5.14. The Memorial will be marked on the basis of the analysis of facts, structuring of arguments, depth of research and adherence to the elements of style set out above.
- 5.15. Memorial will be marked on the parameters mentioned below. Thus the Memorial for the Petitioner / Appellant and the Respondent will be individually evaluated for 50 marks each.

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Criteria	Marking
Presentation of Facts	05
Interpretation of facts and law	20
Use of precedents and authorities	10
Prayer	05
Quality of Language	05
Adherence to rules and overall neatness	05
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>50</b>

### **6. PRELIMINARY ROUNDS**

- 6.1. Each Team shall argue twice in the Preliminary Round, once for Petitioner / Appellant and once for Respondent.
- 6.2. In the Preliminary Round, each round will be judged by a Bench comprising of 2 Judges.
- 6.3. **Oral Arguments:** Each Preliminary Round shall consist of 40 minutes of arguments. The Petitioner shall be allocated a total time of 20 minutes and the Respondent shall be allocated a total time of 20 minutes. The arguments shall be in English. Each Team shall allocate the 20 minutes among its 2 speakers. Each speaker must be allocated a minimum of 7 minutes.
- 6.4. The total marks scored by a Team in the Preliminary Round will be the aggregate scores of the two rounds, i.e. marks scored as Petitioner / Appellant, marks scored as Respondent and the memorial scores for both the sides.
- 6.5. The detailed breakup of the marking criteria is as follows-

S. No.	Basis for marking	Marks
1	Knowledge of facts and Law	20
2	Articulation Skills	20
3	Extent and use of research	20
4	Clarity & Organization	10
5	Advocacy Skills and Court manners	10
6	Citation of sources (originality)	10

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7	Persuasiveness & Ingenuity	10
	<b>Total</b>	100

**7. QUARTER FINAL ROUNDS**

7.1 Eight Teams from the preliminary Round shall qualify to the Quarter -Final Round.

7.2 Oral Arguments: Each Team after draw of lots shall argue in the quarter final rounds for Petitioner / Respondent. Each Quarter final Round shall consist of 60 minutes of arguments. The Petitioner shall be allocated a total time of 30 minutes and the Respondent shall be allocated a total time of 30 minutes. Each speaker must argue for minimum of 10 mins which is excluding the rebuttal/ Sur- rebuttal. Memorial marks will not be considered for the rounds unless there is a tie.

**8. SEMI FINAL ROUNDS**

8.1. Four Teams from the quarter finals Round shall qualify for the Semi-Final Round.

8.2. Oral Arguments: Each Team after draw of lots shall argue in the Semi-Final Round for Petitioner / Respondent. Each Semi-Final Round shall consist of 60 minutes of arguments. The Petitioner shall be allocated a total time of 30 minutes and the Respondent shall be allocated a total time of 30 minutes. The arguments shall be in English. Each Team shall allocate its 30 minutes between the 2 speakers. Each speaker must be allocated a minimum of 10 minutes not including the time for rebuttal/sur-rebuttal. The rebuttal/sur-rebuttal must be by one speaker only. Sur-rebuttal shall be allowed according to the discretion of the Judges only and thus cannot be claimed as a matter of right. Memorial marks will not be considered for the rounds unless there is a tie.

**9. FINAL ROUND**

9.1 The two Teams from the Semi-Final Round will advance to the Final Round.

9.2 Oral Arguments: Each Semi-Final Round shall consist of 90 minutes of arguments. The Petitioner shall be allocated a total time of 45 minutes and the Respondent shall be allocated a total time of 45 minutes. The arguments shall be in English. Each Team shall allocate its 45 minutes between the 2 speakers. Each speaker must be allocated a minimum of 20 minutes not including the time for rebuttal/sur-rebuttal. The rebuttal/sur-rebuttal must be by one

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speaker only. Sur-rebuttal shall be allowed according to the discretion of the Judges only and cannot be claimed as a matter of right.

### **10. RESEARCHER'S TEST**

Researcher from every team is required to give the researcher test. It shall be based on the facts of the case and the laws relating thereto. The test will be for 50 marks, 50 objective questions and the maximum time allotted would be 45 minutes. The test shall be conducted simultaneously during the orientation and draw of lots for the preliminary rounds.

### **11. TEAM ANONYMITY & PENALTIES**

11.1 If the Memorial is not prepared as per the instructions contemplated in **Rule 5** there will be a deduction of 0.5 marks for each default. If the Memorial (hard copy) does not reach the Administrator before the stipulated time for submission of Memorial, then there will be a deduction of 1 mark for each day of delay.

11.2 Scouting is not permitted. If any Team is found indulging in the same, that Team will be disqualified.

11.3 Teams shall not reveal the name of their institutions, names of the participants anywhere in the Memorial or in the course of the Oral Arguments. On the first day of the Competition, Teams will be allotted a Registration Number. A team shall be identified only by the Registration Number.

### **12. AWARDS**

The winner of the Final Round will be declared the "**Winning Team**" and shall be awarded a cash prize of ₹ 25,000/- and a **winning trophy**.

The other Team which loses the Final Round will be declared as "**Runner-up Team**" and will be awarded a cash prize of ₹.20,000/- and a **runner-up trophy**.

The **Best Memorial** will be awarded a cash prize of ₹ 5,000/- and **trophy**

The "**Best Speaker**" shall be determined on the basis of **the points secured in the Oral Arguments during the Preliminary Round**. Only those speakers will be eligible for the "Best Speaker", who will argue for both the sides in the Preliminary Round. The Best speaker, on the basis of the aforesaid criteria will be awarded a cash prize of ₹ 5,000/- and **trophy**.

The "**Best Researcher**" will be adjudged on the basis of test conducted. He/she shall be awarded a cash prize of ₹ 5000/- and **trophy**.



**13. ADMINISTRATOR'S ADDRESS**

In the Rules wherever applicable the address of the Administrator shall be:

The PRINCIPAL,  
Ramaiah College of Law,  
M.S.R. Nagar, M.S.R.I.T Post,  
MSRIT Campus,  
Bengaluru-560054,  
Karnataka, India.  
Email: mootcourt@msrcl.org

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**14. INTERPRETATION**

Interpretation of all the rules, as well as any waiver, consent, or other decisions are at the discretion of the administrator shall be conclusive and final.

**15. MISCELLANEOUS**

Notwithstanding anything contained in these Rules, the Administrator may at any time before or during the Competition, amend, alter, modify or repeal these rules or any part thereof. The Administrator in the best interest of the Competition can take any decision including disqualifying teams for unethical, unprofessional conduct etc., Nothing in these Rules shall limit the powers of the Administrator.

Any alternations to the Rules if made will be informed to all Teams who register for the Competition.



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**REGISTRATION FORM**

**PARTICIPATING INSTITUTION**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:**

**Telephone No.:**

**E-mail:**

**TEAM MEMBERS**

**Speaker 1**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Class:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Mobile No.:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

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photograph

**Speaker 2**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Class:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Mobile No.:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Researcher**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Class:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Mobile No.:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

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photograph

**Seal & Signature of Principal/Head of the Department**

**Date :**

**Place :**

**PAYMENT DETAILS**

(Demand draft in favour of 'Principal, M. S. Ramaiah College of Law' payable at  
Bangalore)

**Bank & Branch:**

**D.D. No.:**

**Date:**

**ACCOMODATION DETAILS**

**Whether accommodation required: Yes / No**

**Teams seeking accommodation shall be provided one room per team, if additional rooms are required, the team will have to pay additionally.**

**TRAVEL DETAILS**

**Date & Time of Arrival:**

**The teams are required to make their travel arrangements to the place of accommodation. The accommodation details and the coordinator's number will be forwarded to the registered mail IDs of the teams.**

**SCHEDULE**

<b>Event</b>	<b>Dates</b>
Release of moot proposition and opening of registration (including provincial registration)	<b>28<sup>th</sup> June, 2017</b>
Last date for registration	<b>25<sup>th</sup> July, 2017</b>
Last date for seeking clarification	<b>28<sup>th</sup> July, 2017</b>
Release of clarification	<b>31<sup>st</sup> July, 2017</b>
Last date for the submission of soft copy of memorials	<b>28<sup>th</sup> August, 2017</b>
Last date for the submission of hard copy of memorials (3 copies from each side)	<b>31<sup>st</sup> August, 2017</b>
Dates of competition	<b>8<sup>th</sup> -10<sup>th</sup> September, 2017</b>