

NOVICES MOOT COURT COMPETITION 2021, ORGANISED BY
ARMY INSTITUTE OF LAW MOOT COURT SOCIETY



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November 2021
Army Institute of Law, Mohali

I. ABOUT NOVICES

Army Institute of Law, Mohali, will be hosting Novice-2021 in the month of **November 2021**. **Novice Moot Court Competition** is an annual event in which the students who join the course of B.A.LL.B. are introduced to the activity of mooting. Moot is the mock activity on how the legal proceedings take place in the courts.

Novice is a beginner's guide for the First year's students to make them learn formal legal writing and drafting, to develop good and effective oratory skills and to work as a team in coordination with each other.

II. DATE SCHEDULE

Date	Event
12 Nov 2021	DRAW OF LOTS
15-16 Nov 2021	PRELIMINARY ROUNDS
22 Nov 2021	ROUNDS OF TOP 24 TEAMS
22 Nov 2021	OCTA QUARTER FINAL ROUNDS
23 Nov 2021	QUARTER FINAL ROUNDS
23 Nov 2021	SEMI FINAL ROUNDS
24 Nov 2021	FINAL ROUNDS

III. MOOTPROPOSITION

1. Aakriti was a firm believer of feminism and women liberty since her youth and was working as a software analyst with a reputed MNC in Mohali. She was a fun-loving girl and was habitual of going for late night outs and clubbing with her office colleagues and friends.
2. She had tied nuptial knot with a businessman Aahit on 20th September 2017 and moved to her matrimonial house of eight members including Aahit, his parents, his brother, brother's wife and their two sons.
3. The married life of Aakriti and Aahit was a bliss for the first four months but gradually the friction arose between the two as Aahit had a strong disliking for the job role of Aakriti and her habits of coming late at night, freely talking to her male and female colleagues and wearing western clothes.
4. On 30th Aug 2018 a baby girl 'Nia' was born out of this wedlock but accept Aakriti, no one in the family was happy with the birth of a girl child. The fights between the couple increased and Aahit's family starting supporting their son and blaming Aakriti for the unhappy environment in the family and also for giving birth to a girl child.
5. On 20th December, at around 7:00 pm, Aakriti told Aahit that she is going for a late-night informal party to be held at her Boss and friend Veer's place for successful launch of a new software of their company. Aahit clearly refused to permit her to go out for the concerned party as the attendance was not mandatory and Nia was also too small.
6. Despite his refusal, Aakriti went for the party, had few drinks and dinner in the party and returned back home at around 1:30 am.
7. Aahit did not allow her to enter inside the house or to meet Nia. The other family members came at the entrance door after hearing their loud arguments and shouting and scolded Aakriti.

8. Aahit also shouted loudly that Aakriti has illegitimate relationship with Veer so she should go and sleep with Veer only. Heartbroken and agitated, Aakriti left her matrimonial house immediately. She spent that night at Veer's house and arranged a P.G. accommodation from the next evening.
9. Veer as a good friend supported Aakriti to resettle again and find suitable accommodation.
10. After that Aakriti called Aahit thrice within short intervals and asked him to give Nia to her. However, Aahit always refused bluntly by saying that she can never become a responsible mother.
11. On 5th June 2020, Aahit's mother left her house for pilgrimage. After few days, Aahit sent a whatsapp picture to Aakriti. Nia was badly crying in that picture.
12. On 31st December 2020 Aakriti has filled a divorce petition and also seeking the custody of her child against Aahit.
13. Aahit also filed a petition against Aakriti for the restitution of conjugal rights.

Issues: Whether the decree of divorce can be granted?
 Whether Aahit is entitled for the restitution of conjugal rights by Aakriti?

Argue for both the sides

IV. RULES & REGULATIONS

1. TEAM PRE-REQUISITES:

The language for the Competition shall be English

The team shall comprise of only two Speakers per team.

In the event of odd number of students- team comprising of one person, he/she will be representing both the speakers and hence, will adhere to the requisite stipulated time limit of two speakers.

2. DRESS CODE:

The dress code for the oral rounds shall be advocate's attire, i.e. Black and White combination including Blazer and Formal Shoes. The participants are requested to dress up in Western Formals for the other events taking place during the competition.

3. DRAFT FOR ARGUMENTS:

The following requirements drafts must be strictly followed:

- A. Each team must prepare written arguments for both sides for both parties to the dispute and submit the soft copy of the same through email: ainovices2021@gmail.com
- B. Once the drafts have been submitted, no revision, supplements or additions will be allowed. The Cover page of drafts for the Plaintiffs should be in BLUE and Defendants should be in RED.
- C. All participating teams shall submit soft copy of one set of written drafts (Plaintiffs and Defendants) to the organizers on or before Nov. 12th 2021.
- D. The written drafts submitted by the teams, shall not exceed 5 pages for either party.

4. ROUNDS

There will be a total of 6 rounds consisting of Preliminary Rounds, Round of Top 24 Teams, Octa Quarter Final Round, Quarter Final Round; Semi-Final Round and consequently Final Round.

A. PRELIMINARY ROUNDS/ROUNDS OF TOP 24 TEAMS/ OCTA QUARTER FINAL ROUND

- These rounds shall be conducted through video-conferencing, via google meet online platform.
- The meeting Id & password and timings of the rounds will be informed to the teams/qualifying teams through e-mail/WhatsApp.
- These rounds of competition will consist of 20 minutes for oral pleadings.
- Each team shall strictly get a total time of 20 minutes to argue subject to a minimum of 8 minutes per speaker. The said 20 minutes should include a maximum of 2 minutes for the Rebuttals.
- At the beginning of the round, the teams shall specify the time distribution for each speaker and rebuttal to the moderator.
- Preliminary rounds, rounds of top 24 teams and octa quarter final round shall be on the basis of marks.
- The winning teams of octa quarter final round shall proceed to the Quarter-Finals.
- The meeting Id & password and timings will be informed to the qualifying teams through e-mail/WhatsApp.

B. QUARTER FINAL ROUNDS

- The Quarter Final would take place on 23rd November, 2021.
- It shall be conducted through video-conferencing, via google meet online platform.
- The meeting Id & password and timings of the rounds will be informed after the preliminary rounds to the qualifying teams through e-mail/WhatsApp.
- The Quarter-final round of competition will consist of 20 minutes for oral pleadings.

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- Each team shall strictly get a total time of 20 minutes to argue subject to a minimum of 8 minutes per speaker. The said 20 minutes should include a maximum of 2 minutes for the Rebuttals.
- At the beginning of the round, the teams shall specify the time distribution for each speaker and rebuttal to the moderator.
- This round will be the knock-out round, and four teams will qualify for the semi-final round.
- The winning team of each round shall proceed to the Semi-Finals
- The meeting Id & password and timings will be informed to the qualifying teams through e-mail/WhatsApp.

C. SEMI-FINAL ROUND

- The Semi-final round would be conducted on 23rd November, 2021 via video-conferencing/an online platform which will be intimated to the participants.
- Each team shall strictly get a total time of 20 minutes to argue subject to a minimum of 8 minutes per speaker. The said 20 minutes should include a maximum of 2 minutes for the Rebuttals.
- The meeting Id & password will be given to the qualifying teams via e-mail/ WhatsApp

D. FINALROUND

- Finals will be held on 24th November, 2021 via video-conferencing/onlineplatform, which will be intimated to the participants.
- Each team shall get a total time of 25 minutes to argue subject to a minimum of 10 minutes per speaker. The said 25 minutes should include a maximum of 3 minutes for the Rebuttals.

5. MARKING CRITERIA FOR THE ORAL PRESENTATIONS

1. Knowledge of Law(30)
2. Application of Law to Facts (25)
3. Ingenuity and Ability to Answer Questions(30)
4. Style, Poise, Courtesy and Demeanour(10)
5. Time Management and Organization(5)

6. SCOUTING

- a. Teams will not be allowed to observe the orals of any other team till the time the team is declared to have advanced to the next round. Scouting is strictly prohibited. Scouting by any of the teams will result in disqualification.
- b. Any team can file a written complaint with the Administrator, regarding a case of scouting. The decision of the Administrator will be final.
- c. The other team member shall sit with the speaker at the time of the orals and shall not attend the court sessions of any other team participating in the competition.

7. MISCELLANEOUS

AWARDS

1. Best Team- Cash Prize of 3000 Rs.
2. Runners Up Team- Cash Prize of 2400 Rs.
3. Third Best Team- Cash Prize of 2000 Rs.
4. Best Speaker- Cash Prize of 1400Rs.
5. Second best speaker- Cash Prize of 1000 Rs.

GENERAL ETIQUETTE

- a. The participants are expected to behave in a dignified manner and not to cause any unnecessary inconvenience to the organisers. Deference to the Judges of the Moot Court Competition is expected to be maintained during the online proceedings
- b. The Organizers reserve the right to take appropriate action for any unethical, unprofessional and immoral conduct.

DELAYS IN APPEARANCE/PRESENTATION

- a. If a team scheduled to take part in a round does not appear within 5 minutes of the scheduled time, the other team shall be allowed to submit ex-parte.
- b. The criteria of rebuttals shall not be considered in such cases for evaluation in place of which an average for the same would be given on the basis of the marks scored by such team on other criteria.

INTERPRETATION OF THE RULES

- a. The Organizer's decision as regards the interpretation of rules or any other matter related to the competition will be final.
- b. If there is any situation, which is not contemplated in the rules, the Organizer's decision on the same shall be final.
- c. The Organizer reserves the right to vary, alter, modify, or repeal any of the above rules if so required and as they may deem appropriate at any time.
- d. Any dispute arising in the moot court rooms during the rounds would be at the discretion of the presiding officer of the respective courtroom.
- e. In any kind of dispute, the decision of the Moot Court Society would be final.

TEAMS FOR THE COMPETITIONS

Team Code	Roll no.	Roll no.
TC-01	2101	2151
TC-02	2102	2152
TC-03	2103	2153
TC-04	2104	2154
TC-05	2105	2155
TC-06	2106	2156
TC-07	2107	2157
TC-08	2108	2158
TC-09	2109	2159
TC-10	2110	2160
TC-11	2111	2161
TC-12	2112	2162
TC-13	2113	2163
TC-14	2114	2164
TC-15	2115	2165
TC-16	2116	2166
TC-17	2117	2167
TC-18	2118	2168
TC-19	2119	2169
TC-20	2120	2170
TC-21	2121	2171
TC-22	2122	2172
TC-23	2123	2173
TC-24	2124	2174
TC-25	2125	2175
TC-26	2126	2176
TC-27	2127	2177
TC-28	2128	2178
TC-29	2129	2179
TC-30	2130	2180
TC-31	2131	2181
TC-32	2132	2182
TC-33	2133	2183
TC-34	2134	2184
TC-35	2135	2185
TC-36	2136	2186
TC-37	2137	2187
TC-38	2138	2188
TC-39	2139	2189
TC-40	2140	2190
TC-41	2141	2191

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TC-42	2142	2192
TC-43	2143	2193
TC-44	2144	2194
TC-45	2145	2195
TC-46	2146	2196
TC-47	2147	2197
TC-48	2148	2198
TC-49	2149	2199
TC-50	2150	2200