



INDIAN NATIONAL BAR ASSOCIATION

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MAHARASHTRA NATIONAL LAW UNIVERSITY

MUMBAI

Presents

1st VIRTUAL INTERNATIONAL MOOT COURT

COMPETITION, 2021

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ABOUT INBA

The Indian National Bar Association is incorporated as a Non-Profit, Non- Political, Non-Governmental Association endeavouring to act as premier body representing the interest of Indian Legal Community & to strive to provide several economic & social benefits that should accrue to them. The Organization aims to reform the Indian Legal Systems leading to effective & quick justice for everyone along with reformation of the Indian Governmental bureaucratic rules & regulations (red-tape) and the Legal Systems, leading to the nation's economic and business growth. INBA has global reach and membership.

It is constituted by Leading Advocates, Attorneys, Eminent Judges, Multinational Corporate & Businesses, Law Firms, Legal Fraternity and Professionals, Senior Government Officials, Law Students and Professors, NGOs, Litigants, Law Publishers and Vendors, Groups, Associations, and Individuals.

INBA achieves its goals by providing opportunities for legal education, seminars, camaraderie & networking, Pro-bono Work, Public Interest Litigations, and the opportunity to make a positive contribution to the Indian legal & justice systems.



ABOUT MNLU MUMBAI

Maharashtra National Law University, Mumbai was established under the Maharashtra National Law University Act 2014 on 20th March 2014 is one of the premier National Law Universities in India. The Act envisaged establishing National Law University in Maharashtra to impart advanced legal education and promote society-oriented research in legal studies for the advancement of the social life of the people in the country. The prime goal of the University is to disseminate advanced legal knowledge and processes of law amongst the students and impart in them the skills of advocacy, legal services, law reforms and make them aware and capable to utilize these instruments for social transformation and development.

Within the span of four years, the University has been able to traverse an arduous yet, promising path filled with lots of possibilities for the future. The advent of globalization and global connectivity is redefining the frontiers of education. Cognizant of this changing paradigm of learning MNLU Mumbai has signed MoUs with some leading Universities of Europe for a more sustained and engaged exchange of ideas related to law and society in modern times. MNLU Mumbai believes in the values enshrined in the Indian Constitution viz. Justice, Liberty, Equality, Fraternity, Secularism, Humanism, etc. and makes all-out efforts to inculcate them amongst its students.



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Message From Mr. Kaviraj Singh, Secretary General, INBA



With current unprecedented times looming over the economy, there is need to call out all the stakeholders to act pro-actively. With change in the daily activities, there has arisen a steadfast need for complete technological shift. This shift also includes change in how education and related academic activities must be administered.

Online Learning has become the new normal and students and professionals around the Globe are becoming more and more accustomed to it. In order to Aid this beginning of era of online learning, Indian National Bar Association (INBA) is conducting its first ever International Moot Court Competition which shall take place online to also accelerate extra-curricular activities.

I hereby extend my best wishes to all the Participants and special thanks to MNLU Mumbai for coming forward to support us in this initiative. I am sure this event will turn out to be one of its kind and therefore a stepping- stone towards advanced education studies.

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Message From Prof. (Dr.) Dilip Ukey, Vice Chancellor, MNLU, Mumbai



The COVID – 19 has created the unprecedented time for the legal industry as well. The lawyers are pushed to appear and argue the cases via online mode.

The intricacies of advocacy on virtual platform demand different skills. While, institutes imparting legal education are still finding ways to adapt to online pedagogy and assessment; ways also need to be identified to train students in the art of virtual advocacy.

The virtual moot court competition will give an opportunity to the students of the law to adapt and learn the intricacies of virtual advocacy. It will also ensure that students keep engaged in the co-curricular activities despite the existing constraints. We are happy to support this endeavour of INBA in conducting the 1st Virtual International Moot Court Competition under the able leadership of Mr. Kaviraj Singh.

**Message From Ms. Vinakshi Kadan, Senior Advisor & Head, Legal
Aid, INBA**



Times are changing rapidly and technology has become the foremost tool for the Human Civilization. It is upon us Humans to utilize it for the better of the society. Apart from impacting Manpower Resources, Technology is also impacting the education sector widely.

Today, even during the times of Pandemic when the world is shut down, the one to one educating system has been quickly replaced by digital education with various platforms coming out with their innovative solutions to maximize learning process.

On this note, Indian National Bar Association (INBA) is organising its first ever International Moot Court Competition which will usher in new times in the arena of Moot Court Competitions. We hereby invite talent from across the Globe to bring together with a rich culture diversity to this initiative. In addition I would like to extend my special thanks to the MNLU Mumbai team for partnering with us.

ABOUT INBA's 1st INTERNATIONAL MOOT COURT COMPETITION

AIMS & OBJECTIVES

The Indian National Bar Association, since its inception, has been keeping the interests of the entire legal fraternity at the forefront. INBA, in its endeavour to initiate discourse on topics which concern all and in order to build a strong network of professionals in the industry, has been organizing events.

Continuing its saga of bringing together various legal systems of the world together by hosting such events, INBA is organizing its 1st International Moot Court Competition on Online Platform. The primary objective of the competition is to engage budding lawyers in an intricate proposition on international law which will not only introduce them to newer areas of law but also open up new avenues for them on online platform so as to ensure that students can utilise their time judiciously even in times of a pandemic. Additionally, the competition is aimed at ensuring that the curve of legal research does not flatten even during tumultuous times as these when the entire world is grappled with the novice Corona Virus.

THEME OF VIRTUAL INTERNATIONAL MOOT COURT COMPETITION

Subject to consultation with all the stakeholders, the competition problem would be a fictional case but bearing some similarity with the current global scenario and the case against the Republic of China for the spread of the deadly Coronavirus. The host organizations, after immense deliberation and consultation, have chosen this case scenario. The case scenario is fit for a moot of the kind and stature as that of the one under consideration, because –

Firstly, this is the most hotly debated topic in international law currently

Secondly, there are arguments both in favour of and against China - which makes it a perfect fit for the moot

Thirdly, the issue has such wide-ranging implications that international organizations like WHO can be involved as well.

The moot proposition could cover the following questions of law (among others as deemed to be fit by the draftsmen of the proposition) -

- Jurisdictional Challenges in International Adjudication
- Violation of Rules of International Health Regulation (IHR)
- Claims under WHO Constitution
- Plausible sanctions that can be imposed

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VENUE AND DATE OF THE COMPETITION

Following the orders of the Honorable Supreme Court in suo motu writ (Civil) No. 5/2021, INBA has decided to organize the 1st International Moot Court Competition from **April 08, 2021 to April 10, 2021 on Webex Meeting Application**. The links of the meeting rooms along with timing details shall be provided to the participants only after timely submission of Memorials and Completion of Registration.

RULES & GUIDELINES OF COMPETITION

DEFINITIONS

- ***Competition*** means the INBA's 1st International Moot Court Competition 2021
- ***INR*** refers to Indian Currency in Rupees
- ***Institution*** means any recognized Law School/ College/ University which can be either of Indian Jurisdiction or Foreign Jurisdiction
- ***IST*** refers to the Indian Standard Time
- ***Organizers*** includes the INBA's organizing Team which shall administer and conduct this Competition
- ***Payment Receipt*** means a written acknowledgement (electronic record is acceptable) that the payment of the registration fees has been done

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GENERAL GUIDELINES

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Students pursuing three- or five-years LL.B (or equivalent courses) from any recognized Indian/Foreign University/School/ Faculty/ Institute are eligible to participate

COMPETITION LANGUAGE

The Official Language of the Competition shall be English

TEAM COMPOSITION

- Every Team must comprise of only two members and both members shall be designated as speakers
- Any recognized Indian/ Foreign law school/college/university shall be entitled to send only 1 (one) team to the Competition
- No additional member or team coach or faculty will be allowed to join the meeting room during the competition

REGISTRATION GUIDELINES

- Registration shall be done by way of filling up form

[International Student Fill Here](#)

[National Students Fill Here](#)

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- Interested Participants must Register their Team latest by **February 15, 2021** by 11:59 PM IST
- Teams must submit a screenshot of Payment of Registration Fees that shall be asked in the Application Form
- After successful registration, each team shall be allotted a 'TEAM CODE'
- There are Limited slots for participating teams and hence, the registrations will be done on first come first serve basis
- Registration shall be considered complete **only** when the Registration Form has been filled along with Payment of Registration Fees

REGISTRATION FEES

A nominal registration fee of INR 2,500 shall be charged from all the Indian University/ School/ Faculty/ Institute.

National Students: Pay Here

A registration fee of USD 125 will be charged from teams of all the Foreign University/ School/ Faculty/ Institute

International Students: Pay Here

Note: Registration Fees once paid shall be non-refundable.

DRESS CODE OF COMPETITION

The Dress Code for the competition shall be western formals for gentlemen and western formals for ladies. During the Competition, Every Participant must adhere to the dress code even if it is taking place on an online platform.

BASIC RULES

- The participants have to ensure high speed 4G internet connection with good audio and video facilities
- It is advisable to the participants to use laptops or PC for the oral rounds
- The background of the participants on video shall be plain and shall not contain any symbols or any representations
- There must not be any noises other than the voice of the participant
- In case other noises are audible and the judges find it to be disturbing, judges may stop the pleadings and the participant may be disqualified

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- At the time when the other participant is speaking, you are expected to keep your mic on mute
- In case a participant is found disturbing the other pleader anyway, he/she may be disqualified

MEMORIAL SPECIFICATIONS

- Each Team shall prepare and submit a Memorial on behalf of Applicant/ Petitioners as well as a Memorial on behalf of Respondents
- Each Team must send the Memorial (Both from the Petitioner/ Applicant side and Respondent side) to the Organizers at inbaheadoffice@gmail.com latest by **March 01, 2021 (11:59 PM IST)** with 'TEAM CODE - MEMORIALS SUBMISSION' as subject of the mail. In place of 'TEAM CODE', participating teams must mention their allotted team code
- The file names of the Memorials must contain only the 'TEAM CODE' and the side being represented in the following format: e.g. (say for Team Code 23) 23P/23A and 23R, "P/A" being for "Petitioner/Applicant" Memorial and "R" for "Respondent" Memorial and so on

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- Any memorial submitted after the deadline shall be subject to penalty for 'Late Submission'
- A COMPENDIUM has to be submitted on the given e-mail at the time of memorial submission. The Compendium must be in PDF Format

Format of the Memorial

Memorials Shall Consist Of Following Sections

- Cover Page
- Table of Contents (NOTE: The Table of Contents must be hyperlinked for the ready reference of the Judges)
- List of Abbreviations
- Index of Authorities (with page number where the authority has been cited)
- Statement of Jurisdiction
- Statement of Facts (not exceeding 1 page)
- Statement of Issues
- Summary of Arguments (not exceeding 1 page)
- Arguments Advanced (not exceeding 10 pages)
- Prayer (not exceeding 1 page)
- Therefore the **Length** of the Memorial must not exceed 20 pages.

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- Teams shall cite authorities in the Memorial using footnotes following the **Harvard Bluebook 20th Edition**. Explanatory or illustrative footnotes are not allowed.

Each Memorial Shall Have Only Following On Its Cover Page:

- The team code on the upper right-hand corner of the cover page
- The name and place Of the forum
- The relevant legal provision under which it is filed
- Name of parties and their status
- On whose behalf the memorial is filed
- Font Type: Times New Roman, Font Size: 16

Formatting Specifications

- *For Main Text:*
- Font Type: Times New Roman, Font Size: 12, 1.5 line Spacing and Margins of 1 inch on each side

For Headings:

- Font type: Times New Roman, Font Size: 14

For Footnotes:

- Font type: Times New Roman, Font Size: 10 and Single Line Spacing

Procedure Of Competition

- The last date for registration is February 15, 2021; 11:59 PM IST.
- There will be two moot problems. The participants would have to submit the memorials for both the moot problems. Problem 1 will be used for quarter-finals and semi-finals. Problem 2 will be used for the final.
- The selection into the quarter-final will be based on the evaluation of both the memorials by the judges.
- The last date for submission of Memorials is **March 01, 2021**, 11:59 PM IST.
- The participants will be selected for the quarter rounds on the basis of Memorial round only. The Result of the same will be declared on **March 20, 2021**.
- Quarter-Final round will be held on **April 08, 2021** at 10:00 AM IST. All teams have to make themselves available at 9:00 AM IST for the briefing Session.
- Semi-Final Round and Final Round will be on April 09, 2021,
- The result will be declared on **April 10, 2021** and all the teams must be available for the award distribution ceremony.

Details Of Virtual International Moot Rounds

Preliminary Round

- Participants will be selected on the basis of Memorial Submitted after which they will be qualified for Quarter Finals.
- There will be two sets of problems for the participants and they have to submit both sets of Memorials.

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- Participants will have to send a soft copy of the Memorials on both the problems at inbaheadoffice@gmail.com.
- Problems will be shared with the participants only after Registration.
- The Result of the preliminary round will be declared on March 25, 2021.

Quarter-Final Rounds

- Quarterfinal round will have eight teams selected on the basis of the written memorials.
- The Quarter-Final Rounds shall take place on 08 April, 2021 on the online platform via Video-Conferencing.
- In the quarter-final round, there shall be two rounds. Each team will be expected to argue from both sides the appellant and the respondent side.
- Each round will be of 50 minutes. Each side shall be allotted a total of Twenty (20) minutes for presenting and arguing the case.
- The decision of judges will be final.

Semi-Final Rounds

- The Semi-Final Rounds shall take place on 09 April, 2021 on the online platform via Video-Conferencing wherein each side shall be allotted a total of Thirty (30) minutes.
- Each team shall argue from only one side. From which side and against whom the team will argue will be determined by the draw of lots by the organizers.
- 5 minutes extra are allotted for Rebuttals and Sur-Rebuttals.

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- The result of the Semi-Final Rounds shall be announced on 09 April, 2021 itself.
- In this regard, the decision of the Judges shall remain final.

Final Rounds

- The Final Rounds shall take place on 10 April, 2021 on the online platform via **Video-Conferencing**.
- Each side shall be allotted a total of Thirty minutes(30) wherein each speaker cannot speak for more than Twenty (15) minutes for pleadings.
- 10 minutes extra are allotted for Rebuttals and Sur-Rebuttals.
- In this regard the decision of the Judges shall remain final.

I EVALUATION CRITERIA

MEMORIAL (TOTAL - 100 MARKS)		
SNO.	CRITERIA	MARKS
1	Knowledge of Law and Facts	20
2	Problem Analysis	15
3	Application of Law	15
4	Formatting of Memorial	15
5	Novelty of arguments	15
6	Grammar and Language	10
7	Originality	10

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SPEAKER (TOTAL - 100 MARKS)		
SNO.	CRITERIA	MARKS
1	Knowledge of Law and Facts	20
2	Application of Law	20
3	Argument Style and demeanour	20
4	Team -Work and Time Management	20
5	Ability to answer interjections*	20
* Point 5 will not be considered while judging Preliminary Round		

II PENALTIES

SNO.	CRITERIA	PENALTY IN POINTS
1	Delay in Memorial Submission	-2 per day
2	Incorrect Memorial Formatting	-1 per such violation of Formatting
3	Absence of Contents of Memorial	-2 for each part which is Missing
4	Plagiarism	-3
5	Wrong File Name	-1
6	Wrong name for Videos of Arguments	-2
7	Excess of Length	-1 for Every

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		Extra Page
8	Revealing College Name or Participant Name	-2 for every such breach

AWARDS

- **Winner:** Rs. 11,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand only) and e-certificate.
- **Runner up:** Rs. 8,000/- (Rupees Seven Thousand Only) and e-certificate.
- **Best Speaker:** Rs. 5,000/- (Rupees Five Thousand Only) and e-certificate.
- **Best Memorial:** Rs. 5,000/- (Rupees Five Thousand Only) and e-certificate.

CERTIFICATE OF PARTICIPATION: E-certificate of participation shall be provided to all the participants who will be submitting the memorial.

HARD COPY OF CERTIFICATE TO FINALISTS: Hard copy of Certificates will be provided only to the finalists. All the other participants, quarter-finalists, semi-finalists will get it over an email.

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DISCLAIMER

- The Organizers reserves the right to amend, modify, change, or repeal any of the competition rules at any stage. We shall communicate any such changes made in the competition rules to the Participating Teams
- Team(s) under no circumstances shall approach the Judges with any complaints
- The Organizer's decision shall be final in all matters concerning the competition
- The Organizers shall not be responsible for any loss of connection or slow Internet Connection during the Competition. We request all the participants to arrange a working and sound Internet Connection prior to the Competition

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