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1st National Moot Court Competition (Virtual)

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About the Competition

The Oral Rounds of the LexPacto's 1st National Moot Court Competition ["the Competition"] will be held from the 10th to the 11th of August, 2024 via Virtual Mode. The main aim of the competition is to promote commitment towards experimental learning and to facilitate students in cumulating immense knowledge. The Moot Court Competition develops coherent legal insight among students and is essential to develop practical skills. The Competition shall consist of Preliminary Rounds, Quarter Finals Rounds, Semi-Finals Rounds, and Final Rounds.

Eligibility

Students duly enrolled and pursuing full time 5 years or 3 years undergraduate law courses may apply to participate in the given competition. Students enrolled in post-graduation diploma or short term certification courses are not eligible to apply.

Team Composition

The team composition of the given competition shall comprise of the following:

2 speakers OR

2 speakers and 1 Researcher



Registrations

- The last date of registration is 15th July 2024 by 11:59:59 PM. The teams must register online by 15th July 2024.
- The Registration fees is 'Rupees 4500/- Per Team' only.
- The registration shall be done by filling up the registration form: FORM
- The registration shall be considered complete only when the Registration Fee has been paid successfully and google form is filed.
- The participants will receive an official approval mail from the organising committee within 48 hours of their registration.
- The organising committee shall communicate the Team Point of Contact (POC) for all the necessary communication.
- Registration fee once paid is non-refundable.
- Please find attached the Rule Book and Moot Proposition in the Drive Link : <https://shorturl.at/kGlXg>

Timeline

Registration Open	June 01st 2024
Moot Problem Release	June 01st 2024
Registration (Last Date)	July 15th 2024
Allotment of Team Code	July 17th 2024
Clarification Session (Moot Problem & Rules)	July 19th 2024
Written Memorial Submission	July 28th 2024
Researcher Test	August 09th 2024
Oral Rounds	August 10th & 11th 2024



Moot Proposition

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF RAYONIA CIVIL ORIGINAL JURISDICTION WRIT PETITION (CIVIL) NO. _____ OF 2024

IN THE MATTER OF:

1. Harmony Foundation, a registered non-governmental organization working for the welfare of minority communities in Rayonia
...Petitioner

Versus

2. Federation of Rayonia, through the Ministry of Internal Affairs
...Respondent No. 1

3. State of Mahariva, through the Chief Secretary ...Respondent No. 2

4. Rayonian Broadcasting Authority, through the Chairperson
...Respondent No. 3

FACTS:

Background:

Harmony Foundation is an NGO dedicated to the rights and welfare of minority communities in Rayonia. Recently, hate speech and misinformation targeting minority groups have been broadcast on various television channels and widely circulated on social media platforms. These incidents have escalated tensions and raised significant concerns about the protection of minority rights and the responsibility of the state and central authorities to curb hate speech.



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Events Leading to the Petition:

On January 15, 2024, a prime-time debate on a prominent news channel featured inflammatory statements against a particular minority community by a panelist. This broadcast led to widespread unrest and violence in multiple cities across the State of Mahariva. Despite multiple complaints to the Rayonian Broadcasting Authority (RBA) and the Ministry of Internal Affairs (MIA), no substantial action was taken against the news channel or the panelist.

Following the broadcast, the State of Mahariva experienced numerous incidents of communal violence and property damage. Police forces in various areas were accused of failing to take adequate preventive measures. The violence resulted in several casualties, injuries, and significant property damage, highlighting the urgent need for regulatory and governmental intervention.

Legislative and Regulatory Framework:

Article 19(1)(a) of the Constitution of Rayonía guarantees the right to freedom of speech and expression. However, Article 19(2) permits reasonable restrictions on this right in the interests of public order, decency, morality, and other specified grounds. The Cable Television Networks (Regulation) Act, 1995, and the guidelines issued by the RBA set standards for broadcasting content and provide mechanisms to address violations of these standards.

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Petitioner's Contentions:

The Petitioner contends that the Federation of Rayonía and the Rayonian Broadcasting Authority's failure to take timely and effective action against the hate speech broadcasted violates the reasonable restrictions under Article 19(2) of the Constitution. The inflammatory statements during the broadcast incited violence and disrupted public order, falling within the permissible restrictions of Article 19(2).

The Petitioner asserts that the inaction of the State of Mahariva in preventing and controlling the subsequent violence infringes on the fundamental rights to life and personal liberty under Article 21 of the Constitution. The State's failure to deploy adequate preventive measures and its delayed response to the violence constitute a dereliction of its duty to protect lives and properties.

The Petitioner also highlights the lack of stringent regulatory measures and enforcement against hate speech in media, arguing that this constitutes a violation of the State's duty to protect public order and maintain communal harmony. The Petitioner emphasizes that hate speech poses a severe threat to the nation's social fabric and requires robust and effective regulatory mechanisms.

Issues for Consideration:

1. Whether the broadcast of inflammatory statements targeting a minority community constitutes a violation of the reasonable restrictions under Article 19(2) of the Constitution?
2. Whether the failure of the Federation of Rayonía and the Rayonian Broadcasting Authority to take action against the hate speech broadcasted infringes on the fundamental rights of minority communities?

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3. Whether the inaction of the State of Maharashtra in preventing and controlling the violence following the broadcast amounts to a violation of Article 21 of the Constitution?
4. What are the legal and constitutional obligations of the government and regulatory bodies in preventing and addressing hate speech in media?

Reliefs Sought:

The Petitioner humbly prays that this Hon'ble Court may be pleased to:

1. Direct the Federation of Rayonia and the Rayonian Broadcasting Authority to enforce stricter regulations and punitive actions against hate speech in media.
2. Order an independent investigation into the instances of violence following the broadcast and the alleged inaction of the State of Maharashtra.
3. Issue guidelines to the States and the Central Government for the effective prevention and redressal of hate speech and its consequences.

Awards and Accords



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Best Memorial

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INTRODUCTION

1.1 General Information

1st LexPacto's National Virtual Moot Court Competition, 2024 shall be organized by LexPacto, through online mode. The competition shall be conducted in accordance with these rules, and all the participants shall be presumed to have read and understood the rules.

1.2 Important Dates

- Registrations Open: June 1, 2024
- Moot Problem Release: June 1, 2024
- Registrations Close: July 15, 2024
- Allotment of Team Code: July 17, 2024
- Clarification (Moot Problem and Rules) Session: 19 July, 2024
- Written Memorial Submission: July 28, 2024
- Research Test: August 9, 2024
- Oral Rounds: August 10 & 11, 2024

1.3 Venue

The competition will be held in a virtual mode through the application called Google Meet, which the participants have to download in order to participate.

1.4 Definitions

The definitions placed below by the Organising Committee shall be final, and the decision of the Organising Committee regarding the applicability of these rules will be final.

1. **'Bench'** refers to the members duly invited by the organizing committee to adjudge any of the rounds, collectively. The bench may be a bench of any number of judges as the Organizing Committee may decide.
2. **'Clarifications'** means any questions, queries, or doubts sent by the registered teams to the organizers, within the given deadline.

GENERAL RULES

2.1 Team Composition and Eligibility

Languages

The official language of the competition shall be English only.

Eligibility

Students duly enrolled and pursuing full-time 5 years or 3 years undergraduate law courses may apply to participate in the given competition. Students enrolled in postgraduate diploma or short-term certification courses are not eligible to apply.

Team Composition

The team composition of the given competition shall comprise the following members:

- (A) 2 speakers OR
- (B) 2 speakers and 1 Researcher.

The team members should not be necessarily from the same University/College.

2.3 Dress Code

The participating teams must adhere to the following dress code during the competition:

- Male: White shirt, black trousers, black tie or white band, black coat, and black shoes.
- Female: White salwar and kurta along with white band or white shirt and black trousers along with black tie, a black coat, and black shoes.

2.4 Registration

Online registrations are open from 01st June 2024. The teams must register online by 15th July, 2024. The registration shall be done by filling up the registration form available in the official Brochure. The registration shall be considered complete only when the 'Registration Fee' has been paid successfully and the registration form is duly filled with all the credentials.

The participants will receive an official approval mail from the organizing committee within 48 hours of their registration. The organizing committee shall communicate the unique team codes to each team through mail, which shall be quoted by the teams for further communications with the organizing committee. Registration fee once paid is non-refundable.

MEMORIAL

3.1 Memorial Submission

1. All memorials submitted for all purposes of the Competition shall firmly comply with the rules of the competition. Each participating team must prepare two written submissions, one for each Petitioner/Appellant as well as Respondent side. Petitioner/Appellant memorials are required to have a Blue cover and Respondent(s) memorials are required to have a Red cover. Only soft copies of memorials shall be submitted in both .pdf and .doc/.docx format latest by 11:59:59 PM on 28th July, 2024.
2. Late submissions shall be penalized (5 marks per day) and no memorial shall be accepted after 11:59:59 pm on 30th July, 2024. The soft copy of the memorial shall be submitted only by email to dlmootcourt@gmail.com only. No other mode of submission shall be considered valid.

3.2 Memorial Content

- **Cover Page:** The cover page shall contain the Case Title, Side of the Memorial, Year of the Competition, Name of the Court, and Team Code on the top right corner.
- Table of Contents
- Index of Authorities
- Statement of Jurisdiction

- Statement of Facts
- Issues Raised
- Summary of Arguments
- Pleadings
- Arguments Advanced
- Prayer

The Memorial shall not exceed 35 Pages in total, and Arguments Advanced shall not exceed 25 Pages.

3.3 Formatting Guidelines

The memorial shall be typed on an A4 size page and all the pages of the memorial should have a page number at the bottom.

- **Font and Size (General):** Times New Roman, 12 pts.
- **Line Spacing (General):** 1.5 lines.
- **Font and Size (Footnotes):** Times New Roman, 10 pts.
- **Line Spacing (Footnotes):** Single lines.
- **Page Margins:** 1 inch on all sides.

All the citations and footnotes must be in compliance with the 20th Edition of Bluebook.

3.4 Marking Criteria

Marking Criteria	Total Marks
Precise Drafting	10
Knowledge of Laws and Facts	10
Quality of Research	10
Creative Approach in Appreciation of Facts and Evidences	10
Grammar and Formatting	10
Total	50

ORAL ROUNDS

4.1 Preliminary Round

The Preliminary rounds shall consist of 2 Rounds: Preliminary 1 & Preliminary 2. Each team shall argue for both sides i.e., Appellant and Respondent, during the preliminary round.

Explanation: If a team has argued for the Appellant side in Preliminary – 1, it shall argue for the Respondent side in Preliminary – 2 and vice versa. Each team shall strictly get a total time of 20 minutes to argue, which will include rejoinder and sur-rejoinder time (if permitted by the judge(s)). Extension of time may be permissible at the discretion of judges. No speaker shall speak for more than 12 minutes, subjected to a maximum time limit of 20 minutes for the team. The top 8 teams of teams winning both Preliminary rounds shall qualify for Quarter Finals. If less than 8 teams win both rounds of the Preliminary round, then all the teams winning both rounds of Preliminary rounds and top-scoring teams in the remaining space shall qualify for Quarter Finals. In case of a tie in scores calculated, the team with the higher score in the Written Submission (Memorials) shall proceed to the next round.

4.2 Quarter Final Round

Quarter Finals shall consist of only one round. Each team shall strictly get a total time of 30 minutes to argue, which will include rejoinder and sur-rejoinder time (if permitted by the judge(s)). No speaker can speak for more than 18 minutes, subjected to a maximum time limit of 30 minutes for the team. Extension of time may be permissible at the discretion of judges. The winning teams of the Quarter Final Rounds shall qualify for the Semi-Final Rounds.

4.3 Semi Final Round

Each team shall get a total time of 35 minutes to argue, which will include rejoinder and sur-rejoinder time (if permitted by the judge(s)). No speaker shall speak for more than 20 minutes, subject to a maximum time limit of 35 minutes for the team. A time extension may be granted to each team at the discretion of the Judge. The winning teams from the Semi-Final Round shall qualify for the final round.

4.4 Finals Round

Each team shall get a total time of 40 minutes which will include rejoinder and sur-rejoinder time [if permitted by the judge(s)]. No speaker shall speak for more than 25 Minutes subjected to maximum time limit of 40 minutes for the team. A time-extension may be granted to Each team at the discretion of the Judge. The Team scoring maximum marks in Final Round shall be adjudged as winner of 1st LexPacto's National Virtual Moot Court Competition, 2024.

4.5 Marking Criteria

Marking Criteria	Total Marks
Application of laws to facts	20
Use of Authorities	10
Responsiveness to judges' questions	20
Style of Presentation	20
Court Mannerism	20
Effectiveness of Prayer	10
Total	100

Calculation of Marks: Marks obtained in Oral Round + Marks obtained in Memorial

GENERAL CODE OF CONDUCT

The competition shall be conducted on a Virtual Platform (Zoom/Google Meet/Jitsi or other platform). The description of the platform shall be intimated to the teams 1 week prior to the competition.

- The teams must ensure that they have a strong internet connection (along with good audio and video facilities) for the smooth running of the Competition. In case any participant or team is logged out due to connection issues, reasonable time may be given to the respective participant or team to join in.
- The participants must ensure that no background disturbance is impeding the flow of the moot court competition. Hence, it is recommended for the participants to be seated/situated in a quiet room.
- Entering/indulging in any kind of misconduct, or violating the aforementioned rules and regulations shall lead to immediate disqualification.
- In case of a tie in any round, the team scoring higher marks in the memorial shall be adjudged the winner. The decision of the judges with regards to the oral rounds shall be final.

- Teams shall not reveal their identity in any form, except by means of the Team Code allotted to them during the Competition. The Written Submissions shall not reveal the identity of the team in any form and should not bear the logo, name, etc., of the University represented.
- Scouting is strictly prohibited. Scouting by any team shall entail instant disqualification.
- Any violation of the rules mentioned will attract severe penalty or disqualification as determined by the organizing committee.
- Maximum of 2 minutes will be provided to the participants in case of any network or technical issue. Further that no relaxations will be given.

MISCELLANEOUS

- The Organising Committee reserves the right to amend, modify, change, or repeal any of the competition rules at any stage.
- The Organising Committee shall convey any changes made in the competition rules to the Participating Teams.
- If a team is of the perspective that a violation of the rules of the competition has taken place at any stage of the competition, the team(s) shall inform within half an hour after the completion of the round to the Organising Committee.
- Team(s) under no circumstances shall approach the Judges with any complaints.
- The Organisers shall not be responsible for any loss or slow or unstable Internet Connection during the Competition.

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