

COLLEGE OF
LAW



SHRI. KONERU LAKSHMAIAH
3rd ALLINDIA

NATIONAL MOOT COURT COMPETITION

2021 (VIRTUAL)

The Koneru Lakshmaiah Charities was established as a trust in the year 1980 with its official address at Museum road, Governorpet, Vijayawada, Andhra Pradesh 520 002 and started KL College of Engineering in the Academic year 1980-81.

KL Deemed to be University was established in 1980-81, as KL College of Engineering, which was upgraded to KL College of Engineering Autonomous in 2006 by UGC, and was declared as a Deemed to be University in 2009 by UGC, MHRD Govt. of India. In 2012 as a Deemed to be University the institution was accredited by NAAC with A Grade and later in 2018, was re-accredited by NAAC with A++ grade. In 2019 UGC, MHRD declared this institution as Category I Institution



KLU COLLEGE OF LAW



KLEF College of Law was established in the Academic Year 2015-16 with the prior approval of the Bar Council of India (BCI). The College of Law at KL University is training students for the Five Year Integrated BBA. LL.B. program as well as 3 Year LL.B. program and L.L.M in four specialization fields. We also offered research activity with PhD both full time and part time.

The College of Law runs on the lines of National Law Schools in India. The former Vice Chancellor of National Law School of India University, Bangalore Prof. R. Venkata Rao and the former Central Information Commissioner and former Professor of Law at NALSAR, Hyderabad, Prof. Madabhushi Sridhar, Justice K.G.Shankar, (retired Judge of AP High Court) are part of the External Experts on the Board of Studies in Law, and have helped finalize the program structure and detailed syllabus.

With a strong team of faculties, a comprehensive study environment at College of Law is assured. We are well equipped with extensive infrastructure for both online and offline conducting of class. Since the need of the hour is to provide the new gen with advanced methods of legal study, we at College of Law, K L University are on it. We have 5 Year as well as 3 Year law courses along with Masters in Law in four fields of specialization. Furthermore, the delivery of non law subjects is handled by subject experts. KLU has a highly reputed Management faculty who are training the students in the courses on Business Administration. Thus, you may entrust us with your wonderful career at College of Law, K L University.



INVITATION

Greetings!

We feel privileged and it gives us an immense pleasure to invite students from your esteemed Institution to participate in our KL Memorial 3rdAll India Moot Court Competition 2021.

In these times, while we are combating the COVID-19 crisis, we at the College of Law, KL University are committed to cooperative resilience. Hence, we have planned to organise 1st Virtual National Moot Court Competition to provide an environment where aspiring lawyers can enrich the mooting skills and practical experience

we firmly believe that organising this kind of academic events would provide best explorer to the budding lawyers.

It will be our endeavour to create an atmosphere of intellectual challenges and opportunity through competition .We look forward for the participation of your team at our Moot Court Competition.

BestWishes!

The Core Team

Moot Court Society

RULES AND REGULATIONS

The Organising Committee of the 1st Virtual National Moot Court Competition will have exclusive authority to interpret the rules in the interest of just and fair competition. 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. These rules may be called the rules for the 1st Virtual National Moot Court Competition, 2021.

- ❖ Decision taken by Panel/Judge will be final; if any disputes arises is subjected to resolved by the discretion of the panel/judge/host.

DATE & VENUE

The 3rd KIU National moot court competition will be held from 23rd April 2021 to 24th April 2021 in virtual mode

LANGUAGE

The official language of the competition shall be ENGLISH only

REGISTRATION OF TEAMS:

Each team shall complete the Registration on or before 10 April 2021

The Registration is a two-step process comprising of : Filling up of the Registration form and payment of the Registration Fee

The Registration Fee is INR (1000 /-) per team and is payable at “The Principal College of Law” via online payment to “Account Number: 3754-3830-746 / Bank: State Bank of India /IFSC code: SBIN0021361”.

Download the Registration Form from the official website www.kluniversity.in

Link for registration <https://forms.gle/UGJEZWGz9juaRFR56>

DEFINITIONS

The following 'expressions and words' used in this competition will have the following meanings

- “Competition” means ‘Shri. Koneru Lakshmaiah Memorial’s 3rd All India Moot Court Competition, 2021
- “Compendium” means ‘Collection of all the materials/ documents referred by the mooters in the memorial. It also includes the extract of the Judgment, case laws, textbooks etc.’
- “Organizing Society” means ‘The Moot Court Society consisting of one faculty coordinator and core committee.
- “Participating College/Institution/University” shall be the parent Institution of the participating team
- “Participating Team” means the ‘team from participating College/ Institution/ University registered for the competition as per the rules stated in this document’
- “Reservation” means ‘the right reserved by the Organizing Society/ higher authorities of KLEF to invite any College/ Institution/ University without any formalities of registration etc.’ “Registration” means ‘the registration of participating team on receiving the Registration Form with Demand Draft/ Online Payment’
- “Participants” means ‘the two Student-Speakers and the Research Associate of the participating team’
- “Problem” means ‘the problem selected for the Round’ (Annexure) to be held on 23rd and 24th of April 2021.

- The Rules must be strictly adhered to by the participating team without any deviation but any deviation from rules would attract Disqualification and/or Penalty as by Organizing Society’

- “Disqualification” means ‘Disqualification incurred by participating team as per decision taken and communicated to the participating team by Organizing Society’

- “Penalty” means ‘any sanction other than Disqualification of participating team announced by the Organizing Society’

- “Judges” means ‘the Sitting as well as retired Judges of Higher and Lower Judiciary, Senior Law Faculty Members and Senior Lawyers appointed at the discretion of Organizing Society from different parts of India to evaluate the performance of participating teams in oral arguments by allotment of marks as per evaluation procedure’

- “Evaluation” means ‘allotment of marks at Preliminary and Final Rounds by Judges invited by Organizing Society on evaluation of the performance of participating teams and also evaluation and allotment of marks to written Memorials’ by Panel of Evaluators selected and appointed by Organizing Society. For the removal of doubts it is hereby informed that in case of any doubt, dispute, disqualification etc. of any participating team, the decision of Organizing Society shall be final.

- “Rules” means ‘The Moot Court Competition-2021 Rules as originally framed as amended by the Organizing Society duly notified in the Website from time to time’

STRUCTURE OF THE COMPETITION:

- The Competition Rounds shall be held over a period of 2 days, 23rd and 24th of April 2021
- The Memorial Exchange will take place on the day of the competition.

ELIGIBILITY FOR PARTICIPATION:

- The Competition is Open to all students, enrolled bona fide on a regular basis in an undergraduate Law course (5 years Integrated Law course/ 3 Year L.L.B Course) or its equivalent conducted by any recognized Institution/College/University of any State

TEAM COMPOSITION:

The team shall comprise of either two members (being designated as Speakers and one of the speakers shall be designated as Researcher) OR three members (two of them shall be designated as Speakers and one of them shall be designated as Researcher).

No team will be allowed to substitute any of its members after a team has submitted its Registration form, except with the permission of the organisers.

Note

No faculty member, coach, or a designated observer will be allowed to join the team through video-conferencing during the competition.

IDENTIFICATION OF PARTICIPATING TEAMS:

- a.Each participating team will have a team code and communicated via email to every participating team after submission of their memorial.
- b Disclosure of identity of the parent College/ Institution/University otherwise than on registration form shall incur disqualification of participating team.

ANONYMITY:

- Any material presented to the Panel should be devoid of any identification marks/ seal of the team. If any such mark/ seal exists, it shall be treated as resorting to unfair means.

- Any violation of Rules stated above shall attract penalty or disqualification as determined by the Moot Court Society. The decision of the Judges in this regard shall be final and not subject to challenge.

•DRESS CODE

- the participating teams must adhere to the following dress code during the virtual moot court competition-

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



**KEY
DATES**

Commencement of Registration

26-03-2021

Last date of Registration

10-04-2021

Allotment of team codes

13-04-2021

Last date for seeking Clarifications (if any)

14-04-2021

Last date for submission of memorials (online)

20-04-2021

Allotment team managers

22-04-2021

Memorial exchange

23-04-2021

Inaugural Ceremony and Orientation

23-04-2021

Preliminary Rounds

23-04-2021

Quarterfinal Rounds

23-04-2021

Semi-final Rounds

24-04-2021

Final Round

24-04-2021

Valedictory Ceremony

24-04-2021

CORRECTION AND CLARIFICATIONS

The teams may request for correction and clarification regarding the moot proposition as per the date given in the important dates, i.e., 14th April 2021. Such requests shall be sent at klmootsociety@gmail.com only. No other mode of communication will be taken into consideration.

MEMORIAL SUBMISSION

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/Applicant(s) as well as Respondent(s) side. Petitioner/Applicant(s) memorials are required to have a **Blue cover** and Respondent(s) memorials are required to have **Red cover**.

Only soft copies of memorials shall be submitted in .doc/.docx format latest by 11:55 pm on 20 April 2021 through GOOGE FORM LINK provided <https://forms.gle/p7x2349B5dN8pTsk8>

PLAGIARISM POLICY

Plagiarism in any manner is strictly prohibited and if any participating team found to be indulging in same shall be disqualified from the competition. The decision of the organising committee regarding plagiarism would be final and binding on all participants.

MEMORIAL CONTENT

The memorial must contain the following pages only: -

- a. 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.
- b. Table of Contents
- c. Index of Authorities, Statement of Jurisdiction, Statement of Facts, Issues Raised
- d. Summary of Arguments
- e. Pleadings/Arguments Advanced and prayer

GUIDELINES FOR MEMORIAL FORMATTING

The following content specifications must be strictly followed: -

- a. 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.
- b. Font and Size (General) – Times New Roman, 12 pts.
- c. Line Spacing (General) – 1.5 lines.
- d. Font and Size (Footnotes) – Times New Roman, 10 pts.
- e. Line Spacing (Footnotes) – Single lines.
- f. Page Margins – 1 inch on all sides.
- g. All the citations and footnotes must be in compliance with the 21st Edition of bluebook

ORAL PLEADINGS:

- Any form of scouting during the competition is strictly prohibited and shall entail instant disqualification of the team.
- The proceedings and method of presentation of oral arguments shall be, to the extent possible, in alignment with the procedure adopted by the Supreme Court
- In case any team fails to appear in an oral round, the round shall be conducted ex-parte and the scoring shall be done as if the defaulter team had been present and arguing.
- Before the start of the oral rounds, each team shall inform the Court Officer regarding the order of speaking as well as allocation of time between themselves and the time reserved for Rebuttals.

PRELIMINARY ROUND:

- Oral round for each team will be provided a period of 30 minutes (including Rebuttals), wherein each speaker of a team will be allowed to argue upto 15 minutes. No team shall reserve more than 5 minutes for Rebuttals.
- Any extension of time beyond this specified period is subject to the deduction of marks as the Judge may deem fit.
- A “Round” shall mean the Oral arguments advanced by both the teams. However, the time limit for each round in preliminary, shall be 30 minutes for Team 1 and 30 minutes for Team 2Team members can pass research materials to the speaker in a discreet manner . Team members can pass research material to the speaker in a discreet mannerThe Oral arguments shall confine to the written memorials
- During the oral rounds, Speakers at the podium and participants seated at counsel table shall not operate, for any purpose, Mobile Phones, Laptop Computers, iPad, or any other computer orelectronic devices which are internet enabled or has instant messaging capabilities

- Compendium can be submitted to the Court Officer prior to the oral rounds which will be submitted to the judges at their discretionTeam members can pass research materials to the speaker in a discreet manner

•QUARTER FINALS:

The quarter final round follows with the 8 teams selected in the preliminary round.

Each team will be given a maximum time period of 40 minutes for oral submissions.

No team shall extend their submissions beyond the prescribed limit subject to the discretion of the judges.

SEMI FINALS:

- Each oral round will be for a period of 40 minutes, (including Rebuttals), wherein each Team will be allowed 20 minutes
- Any extension of time beyond this specified period is subject to the deduction of marks as the Judge may deem fit
- No Team shall reserve more than 5 minutes for Rebuttals

FINALS:

- Each oral round will be for a period of 50 minutes, (including Rebuttals), wherein each Team will be allowed 25 minutes. Any extension of time beyond this specified period is subject to the deduction of marks as the Judge may deem fit
- No Team shall reserve more than 5 minutes for Rebuttals

EVALUATION AND ALLOTMENT OF MARKS FOR MEMORIALS:

Memorials will be evaluated by the Judges at that time of Oral arguments itself for a total of Fifty marks giving due regard to the following criteria:

S.NO	BASIS OF EVALUATION	MARKS
1	Presentation of facts	5
2	Ingenuity and Logical Reasoning	10
3	Interpretation of Law	10
4	Extent and use of Authority	10
5	Relief Sought	5
6	Format and Citation	5
7	Quality of Language	2.5
8	Adherence to the Guidelines	2.5
9	Total Marks	50

MODE OF ONLINE ROUND

a. The rounds will be conducted via (webex).

b. All teams are requested to download the app before hand on their devices (Desktop / Laptop).

c. Teams participating in this competition are advised to use a stable internet connection for ensuring smooth presentation.

d. The host institution shall not be held responsible for any connectivity or network issues that might arise during the course of oral arugument.

EVALUATION OF ORAL ARGUMENTS

S.no	BASIS OF EVALUATION	MARKS
1	SYNOPSIS AND PRESENTATION OF FACTS	2.5
2	IDENTIFICATION AND ARTICULATION OF LEGAL ISSUES	2.5
3	Originality in Presentation and Application of Legal Issues	10
4	Depth of Research	2.5
5	Citation of Cases	2.5
6	Response to questions posed and Court manners	5
7	TOTAL	25

MISCELLANEOUS:

- The Moot Court Society reserves the right to modify any of the Competition Rules at any point of time.
- The Moot Court Society shall communicate any changes made in the Competition Rules to the Teams.

INTERPRETATION OF RULES:

i.All interpretations of all the rules and information given for this competition are at the complete discretion of the Organizing society and College of Law. The decision so made shall be final and binding on all participating teams.

ii.The Moot Court Society reserves the right to take decisions on any matter not mentioned in the Competition Rules.

iii.Any such decision taken by the Moot Court Society shall be final and binding.

SCOUTING:

The teams will not be allowed to observe the orals of any other teams. Scouting is strictly prohibited. Scouting by any of the team's members will result in disqualification

AWARDS

WINNING TEAM	RUNNER - UP
Cash prize of Rs 25000/- + Trophy	Cash prize of Rs 15000/-

Best Speaker - Cash Prize of Rs. 5,000/-

Best memorial- Cash Prize of Rs. 5,000/-

Certificate of Participation shall be provided to all the participants

CLARIFICATIONS:

Any clarifications about the competition may be sought through email or through contact numbers of the organising society given below:

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