

**TILA INTERNATIONAL MOOT COURT COMPETITION
ON ENERGY LAWS RULES**

**Annual event organised on 2nd October @ Banasthali
Vidyapith, India**

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Background

It gives us immense pleasure to inform you that The Jammalal Bajaj School of Legal Studies, Banasthali Vidyapith in collaboration with Trans- India Law Associates and under guidance of Mr. Raj Singh Niranjana Legal Advisor, International Solar Alliance is organizing The TILA International Moot Court Competition on Energy- 2018, taking place on 2nd October, 2018 in Banasthali Vidyapith, Jaipur, INDIA.

The TILA International Moot Court Competition on Energy welcomes universities from all over the world for a large scale moot court deliberating upon challenging areas of Energy Law. The Competition consists of an extensive educational and social program, which brings together students of diverse backgrounds and cultures to challenge their skills as future international lawyers.

After Food, Water and Shelter the 4th element of basic necessities is Energy (Urja). It is a key indicator of development of the nation. There is widespread energy scarcity across the world. Objective of the TIMCCE 2018 is to sensitize the community especially law students about the energy sector challenges. There's a necessity for Energy Revolution similar to the green Revolution and Industrial Revolution across the globe in order to remove the curse of energy poverty, consequently improving standard of living of masses and encouraging sustainable/renewable energy.

Mahatma Gandhi rightly said that, *"when you do something, always consider what it's effect going to be on the last person"*

Keeping in view the above vision of The Father of Nation TIMCCE 2018 is organized on his Birthday 2nd October, 2018. This competition seeks to promote interest in the area of **Energy Laws** and more specifically, to kindle in law student's interest in the expanding field Energy Laws.

The competition will indeed be an ideal forum to bring together some of the most creative and intellectual young minds and witness their mastery on advocacy and research skills to be adjudged by experts in the field. We expect teams from leading Law Schools around the globe to participate & contribute to energy revolution.

The Competition involves collaboration with Judges from courts and tribunals, professors of law, Members of Electricity Regulatory Commission, Stakeholders and other Legal Officers of Energy Sector. This network makes the TIMCCE- 2018 a realistic simulation of court proceedings. The Competition's case addresses fundamental issues of substantive and procedural Energy law.

This event would lay down the inception for the International Moot Courts to be held by Banasthali Vidyapith, INDIA in future as well to carry forward its aim of women education.

The TIIMCCE-2018 will definitely provide a platform to the young women advocates refining their moot skills.

ABOUT BANASTHALI VIDYAPITH

Banasthali Vidyapith is a fully residential women's higher education institute which offers an integrated education system. It was on October 6, 1935 that Smt. Ratan Shastri and Pandit Hiralal Shastri founded Banasthali to fill up the vacuum caused by the sudden death of their highly talented and promising daughter Shantabai. Over these 75 years Banasthali has developed into a National Centre for women's education. Banasthali's educational programme aims at an all-round development of the student's personality.

The rural ambience of Banasthali Vidyapith is very conducive for promoting the ideology of simple living, and for imbibing and internalizing the values of self-reliance and tolerance. To achieve its objective of 'synthesis of spiritual values and scientific achievements of the East and the West', it has evolved Five-fold Educational Programme (**Panchmukhi Shiksha**) comprising of the following aspects : (i) Physical, (ii) Practical, (iii) Aesthetic, (iv) Moral and (v) Intellectual. This way the students develop an integrated and balanced personality. Banasthali has been accredited by **National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC)** with 'A' Grade (Five star Rating). Banasthali is a recipient of SANTBAL Award in the year 2000 for the services in the field of all round education of women.

Faculty of Law, Jamnalal Bajaj School of Legal Studies under the patronage of Banasthali Vidyapith is recognized by Bar Council of India and UGC. In 2013, Jamnalal Bajaj School of Legal Studies started imparting education to the students in the field of law. The basic notion of our college has been to embrace the education of women and to nurture young female minds to do wonders and deal with legal nuances, while they are equipped with all what they need.

On February 14th 2015, Justice R.M Lodha inaugurated Jamnalal Bajaj School of Legal Studies and laid the foundation of this prestigious institution. JBSLS has been, since then consistent in its effort to help students to encompass within their gamut multifold legal education. The undaunted efforts of the Faculty of Law and avidity seen in this department of Banasthali Vidyapith are unmatched. The students of the law department therefore thrive to live up to the ideals of Banasthali Vidyapith.

ABOUT TRANS INDIA LAW ASSOCIATES

Trans-India Law Associates (TILA) is a multi-discipline, full service law firm providing a range of legal services, both inbound and outbound. The firm has its main office at New Delhi and associate lawyers in many major cities of India in order to ensure fully integrated services.

The Partners and members of the firm are professionals having years of experience with them. They are in tune with the work culture of international law firms as well as with the expectations of large corporate clients; and bring in the highest level of professional service keeping up to the firm's mission- "Salute to Work!"

The firm endeavors to provide the highest quality standards by not only selecting experienced lawyers, but also in ensuring their further training. The firm thus organizes and encourages its lawyers to attend professional seminars and discussions so as to strengthen their knowledge in diverse areas. TILA is the largest Legal System in the world with 428+ associates across India.

About DGEF

Dr. Gopal Energy Foundation (DGEF) is a non-profit premier organization serving the International Community in the disciplines of power sector, Petroleum & Energy Gas, Coal, Nuclear and Renewable Energy Sector, founded on 15th April 2015 with its corporate office at New Delhi, INDIA. International Energy Conference is a flagship, annual event of DGEF . The Energy conference is organized by DGEF every year on its foundation day (15th April), in which delegates from across the world provide their inputs.

Dr. Gopal Energy Foundation provides Online Certificate Courses on Electricity Laws which is highly recommended courses for Law Management/Engineering Students, Professionals (Lawyers/CA/CS), Professors, Experts Managers/Engineers who are working in Energy PSU's and Private Energy Companies or anyone who wants to excel in Electricity Laws. This course is primarily based on Electricity Act – 2003.

TILA International Moot Court Competition on Energy (TIMCCE)

It is proposed to organize Energy Moot Court Competition every year on 2nd October to bring in awareness about Energy Laws amongst the Law candidates across the World.

Workshops

In house Training/Workshop in the corporate office/on site is provided by expert faculty. Many customized courses are conducted for capacity building in Energy sector as per the organizations requirements.

Publications of Technical Documents & Journal

A conference book with the name of “Energy for all” (ISBN Registered) is published every year containing articles & research papers from Leading experts and students from Institutions like IITs/National Law Schools/IIMs etc. A conference outcome book is published every year recommending reforms in Energy Sector to achieve the goal of Energy for all. Guide to Electricity Laws authored by Sh. Raj Singh Niranjana, Energy Law Expert is available through DGEF.

INVITATION

Subject: Invitation for joining TILA International Moot Court Competition on Energy TIMCCE 2018 to be held at Jamnalal Bajaj School of Legal Studies, Banasthali University Jaipur, India on 2nd October

It gives us immense pleasure to inform you that The Jamnalal Bajaj School of Legal Studies, Banasthali University in collaboration with Trans-India Law Associates, knowledge Partner DGEF and Mr. Raj Singh Niranjana Legal Advisor International Solar Alliance is organizing TILA Moot Court Competition on Energy TIMCCE 2018, taking place on 2nd October, 2018 in Banasthali University, Rajasthan.

We sincerely hope that you will accept our invitation and participate in TIMCCE, which would host an international array of students and arbitrators, deliberating upon challenging areas of Energy law.

Interested participants may register for the moot by mailing us at energy.moot@tlaindia.org. Please do send us an e-mail expressing your interest in the event, so we can add you to our mailing list. A detailed programme for Moot with all relevant information will be sent to the respective institutions in due course. We hope you will take advantage of this fantastic opportunity and register for the TIMCCE-2018.

For any further queries, you may contact us at energy.moot@tlaindia.org or to Mr. Ramesh Tiwari seceratory1@tlaindia.org. We look forward to the participation of a team from your institution.

Please do not hesitate to write back to us in case of any queries or concerns.

Regards

Banasthali University, Jaipur, (Raj.) India

RULES AND REGULATIONS

I. ELIGIBILITY

Students enrolled in 3/5 year law degree courses from any University are eligible to apply for registration of their team. However, only one team shall be allowed to participate from one State/College/Institution/Department¹, from the approved list of law institutions.

II. LANGUAGE

It'll be organized in English however during moot court competition following languages can be used:

- Arabic
- Chinese
- English
- French
- Hindi
- Russian
- Spanish

The proceeding of TIMCCE will be held in English, in case team is using any other language other than English they are required to arrange for one Translator at their own cost further a translated submission in English shall also be supplied to organization. Efforts will be made by organizer to Engage Judges who are well versed languages of the team.

III. REGISTRATION

¹ Exemption for the purpose of First moot competition more than one team are allowed from one state (this exemption doesn't apply to more than one team participating from each university)

- 1) The duly filled registration forms should reach latest by 31th July, 2018 through email at energy.moot@tlaIndia.org with subject title 'Final Registration'.
- 2) Registration is on first cum first serve basis as only the first 16 teams will be registered. Moreover only one team is permissible from one University. So, interested applicants are kindly requested to register themselves at the earliest.
- 3) The teams are required to send the registration fees as mentioned. Payment options are enclosed

| Delegates | Registration Fees |
|---------------------------------|-------------------|
| High Income Nations | 600 USD |
| Upper Middle Income Nations | 350 USD |
| Lower Middle/Low Income Nations | 200 USD |

The registration fee for participation in the International Rounds is based on the [World Bank list of economies \(June 2018\)](#)

- 4) The details provided for formal registration will be final for the purposes of certification of participation and awards.
- 5) Once registered, the registration fee will neither be refunded nor waived.

Structure of the Competition

(a) The Competition includes Preliminary Rounds, Advanced Rounds, and the World Championship TIMCCE Round. Each level of the Competition consists of written pleadings (Memorials) and oral pleadings (Oral Rounds).

(b) The Executive Director² will determine the exact number of Teams participating in the International Rounds and the manner in which they are chosen, provided that each participating nation is permitted to enter at least one Team in the International Rounds of the Competition. In nations where only one Team participates, that Team is the National Representative to the International rounds.

Rules Supplements

² For the time being Secretary General of DGEF will be Ex-Officio of TIMCCE till full time director is appointed.

(a) The Executive Office³ encourages all Administrators to formulate a Rules Supplement for their Rounds.

(b) Rules Supplements must be submitted to and approved by the Executive Office before they may be adopted and enforced by an Administrator. An Administrator shall submit a Rules Supplement to the Executive Office for approval as soon as practicable but no later than two weeks prior to the commencement of the competition. If the Rules Supplement modifies the memorial submission procedure, it must be submitted for approval no later than two weeks prior to the memorial submission deadline indicated in the Official Schedule.

(c) Upon approval of a Rules Supplement, the Executive Office shall post it on the TILA website, and the Administrator shall immediately notify every affected team that a Rules Supplement has been approved and adopted.

Power to Promulgate Additional Measures

The Executive Director may promulgate any other measures for the orderly conduct of the Competition or to correct deficiencies in the Competition. After the Executive Office has approved a Rules Supplement pursuant to Official Rule, Administrators may, in consultation with and upon prior approval of the Executive Director, promulgate additional rules, modifications, or other measures for the orderly conduct of the competition. Any such proposed additional rules, modifications, or other measures shall not violate the spirit of these Rules or the best interests of the Competition. Any proposed additional rules, modifications or other measures shall be submitted to the Executive Office as soon as practicable for approval in accordance with Official Rule, and once approved, codified by the Administrator in the Rules Supplement and posted to the TIMCCE website.

Interpretation of Rules

The Executive Director shall serve as final arbiter of implementation and interpretation of these Rules and of all Rules Supplements.

PARTICIPATION AND ELIGIBILITY

A. Institutional/Team Eligibility

³ For the time being a permanent office is not established, the secretariat of DGEF will be executive office.

(a) All educational institutions offering a degree in law or in a field related to Energy law are eligible to participate in the Competition. All determinations of eligibility are in the discretion of the Executive Director.

(b) Each institution may enter one Team, regardless of the number of colleges, departments, faculties, or schools within that institution, and the Team may include students from one or more of its colleges, departments, faculties, or schools (for example, by allowing a student in an Energy law program to compete on the Team with students from its law faculty). However, a duly authorized officer of an institution may petition the Executive Director, in writing and prior to the start of the Competition Year, to allow the participation of more than one Team from that institution. Additional Teams may be allowed if it is established that each such Team fulfills the participation and registration requirements of these Rules, and one of the following conditions is met: (i) an intramural competition or other Team selection process would be difficult or impossible to hold due to the institution's regulations, calendar, geographic location(s), or other circumstances beyond the control of the institution or participating Teams; or (ii) the Teams represent different colleges, faculties, branches, departments, or campuses of the same institution and will be participating independently of each other.

(c) An institution located in one jurisdiction (the "home jurisdiction") that has a permanent physical campus in another jurisdiction (the "foreign jurisdiction"), and that wishes to register a Team in the foreign jurisdiction, must petition the Executive Director in writing. The Executive Director may consult with the Administrator in the home and foreign jurisdictions, request additional information from the petitioning school, and conduct an independent investigation. The Executive Director may then grant or withhold permission to enter such Team in the best interests of the Competition. Permission may be subject to such conditions as the Executive Director may determine, including, in particular, limitations on the composition of the Team (for example, a requirement that all Team members be enrolled full time at the foreign campus).

(d) Institutions that have outstanding debts for fees or other Competition obligations are not eligible to compete in the Competition until such fees have been paid or obligations have been satisfied.

(e) Any Team composed of more than five Team Members, or which utilizes improper outside assistance, the Bench Memorandum, or another Team's Memorial without authorization under these Rules, may be disqualified from the Competition.

B. Team Composition

(a) A Team may be composed of two to five Team Members, who shall be the only individuals contributing to the work product of the Team over the course of the Competition Year. Substitutions of Team Members are not permitted after the registration deadline in the Official Schedule except in extenuating circumstances and only with the written permission of the Executive Office.

(b) Participating institutions and individuals are not permitted to use the current Competition Year's competition materials (including the Compromis) for any purpose other than participating in the TIMCCE Competition. Teams and/or individuals associated with institutions that violate this Rule may be disqualified from the Competition, and institutions violating it may be deemed ineligible to participate in future years.

C. Team Member Eligibility

A person may be a Team Member if he or she:

(a) is pursuing a law degree, an international law-related degree, or an international relations-related degree where the Executive Director has given permission in accordance with Official Rule; and

(b) intends to compete on behalf of an eligible institution at which he or she is enrolled as a full-time or part-time student as of (i) the Team Member registration deadline, (ii) the institution's Qualifying Rounds, or (iii) the International Rounds; and

(c) has not engaged in the practice of law, as determined in the discretion of the Executive Director, in any jurisdiction after having graduated from any type of law degree program; and

(d) has never participated as judge, either of Memorials or in any Oral Round, at any level of the TIMCCE Competition.

D. Executive Director's written permission required in certain cases

In addition to satisfying Rule (Team member eligibility), a person must request and obtain the written permission of the Executive Director to be a Team Member if the person:

(a) is enrolled as a visiting or exchange student rather than as a degree candidate, or is otherwise enrolled at more than one institution;

(b) is serving as an extern or apprentice in lieu of attending class; or

(c) has already received a graduate degree or post-graduate degree in a legal field; or

(d) is enrolled in a program of study leading to a post-graduate degree in a legal field.

Note that most LL.B. degrees are considered undergraduate degrees. Students who are currently pursuing an undergraduate degree in a legal field are not required to obtain special permission under Rule. In addition, students who are currently pursuing, but have not yet completed, their first graduate degree in a legal field are not required to obtain special permission under Rule.

E. Executive Director's Discretion

Notwithstanding any provisions, the Executive Director shall have the discretion to grant or deny eligibility in certain exceptional circumstances, but shall do so only in accord with the spirit of these Rules and in the best interests of the Competition.

F. Team Selection Process

Team Members may be chosen by any method approved by the responsible authority within the institution.

If an institution wishes to hold an intramural competition to determine the composition of its Team, however, the current Competition Problem may not be used. Violation of this Rule shall be penalized in disqualification of the team.

G. Nationality Requirements

Administrators may not, without the written approval of the Executive Director, set nationality requirements with regard to the composition of Teams. Requests for such approval must state clearly in writing the reasons for such a requirement and must be incorporated in the relevant Rules Supplement, approved in accordance with these Rules.

H. Outside Assistance to Teams

Each Team must research, write, edit, and develop its own legal and factual arguments without the assistance of persons who are not Team Members. Any Team that receives outside assistance may be penalized and may be disqualified from the Competition.

I. Assistance from Team Advisors

As a general principle, a Team shall have a number of Team Advisors no larger than is necessary to adequately prepare the Team to participate fairly in the Competition. Notwithstanding the provisions of previous Rule, Team Advisors may provide advice to a Team, provided such advice is limited to:

- (a) general instruction on the basic principles of Energy law;
- (b) general advice on research sources and methods;
- (c) general advice on memorial writing techniques;
- (d) general advice on oral advocacy techniques;
- (e) general advice on the organization and structure of arguments in the Team's written and oral pleadings;
- (f) general commentary on the quality of the Team's legal and factual arguments;
- (g) advice on the interpretation and enforcement of these Rules; and
- (h) advice as to pleading options or similar strategic decisions.

J. Assistance from Other Teams

Team Members and Team Advisors from any Team, including Teams that have been eliminated from the Competition, may not provide assistance in any way to any other Team. Prohibited assistance includes, but is not limited to, the following: giving the Team's notes or Memorials to an advancing Team; posting the Team's Memorials online so that a person who is not a registered Team Member or registered Team Advisor may access them; engaging in practice moots against a participating Team; and providing video or audio tapes of previous rounds, whether practice rounds or Competition rounds, to an advancing Team. The Executive Director may allow for otherwise prohibited assistance if deemed to be in the best interests of the Competition.

Copyright of TIMCCE Moot problem is with DGEF, any Institute/University can use same after written permission from DGEF and payment of Royalty fees to DGEF which will be utilized for strengthening and promoting TIMCCE which includes improving prize money and additional facilities to participants.

K. Energy Courses

Unless prior approval is granted in writing by the Executive Director, Team Members may not participate or be enrolled in a class or course which uses the current year's Competition Problem as a subject matter of instruction, as a teaching tool, or as a means for selecting Team Members. No approval is necessary if student enrolment in the course is limited to Team Members. In any case, even when approval is unnecessary or has been granted by the Executive Director, Team Members must comply with the other provisions of Official Rules regarding outside assistance. Students enrolled in a Energy related course who are not selected to be Team Members may not share or discuss their work with Team Members.

L. Draft Memorials

Before Memorials are submitted, Teams may not distribute their memorials to anyone who is not a registered Team Member or a registered Team Advisor. Registered Team Advisors may provide feedback on memorials at any time provided they abide by the provisions, with respect to the permissible advice that can be given to the Team.

M. Practice Rounds

(a) Teams may organize “practice rounds” of oral pleadings involving the Competition Problem to prepare for the Competition. In practice rounds, the persons presenting arguments for the Applicant and Respondent must be from the same Team.

(b) Registered Team Advisors may serve as judges in practice rounds held at any time provided they abide by the provisions.

(c) No one who is not a registered Team Member or registered Team Advisor may serve as a judge in a Team’s practice rounds unless he or she:

i does so only after the submission of Memorials;

ii is not formally affiliated with any other Team in the Competition;

iii has not obtained access to the Bench Memorandum, and/or abides by the provisions with respect to the confidentiality of the Bench Memorandum;

iv confines his or her feedback to general commentary on the advocacy style and technique of the speakers, and to commentary respecting the general rules of Energy law; and

v refrains from offering commentary or suggestions about specific substantive arguments.

N. Confidentiality of the Bench Memorandum

(a) The Bench Memorandum is strictly confidential. The Executive Director will disqualify any Team that makes use of the Bench Memorandum. Teams who obtain a copy of the Bench Memorandum should immediately return it to the Executive Director without examining the contents.

(b) The Bench Memorandum may not be used at practice rounds or any other event that is not an official Qualifying Competition or the International Rounds.

(c) Individuals who have obtained access to the Bench Memorandum may not judge practice rounds.

O. Use of Opposing Team’s Memorials and Arguments

A Team may not view or otherwise become privy to any Memorial other than its own and the Applicant or Respondent Memorials of each of its scheduled opponents. A team may incorporate arguments and other information from the Memorials and Oral Rounds of other Teams that the Team is authorized to view or hear under this Rule.

P. Problem Corrections and Clarifications

Teams may request clarifications and corrections to the Compromise by submitting a written request to the Executive Office through the online system provided for that purpose at www.tlaindia.org by the date in the Official Schedule. Based upon the requests received from all Teams, the Executive Office will publish Problem Corrections and Clarifications by the date in the Official Schedule. Each Team must ensure that it receives and adequately notes the Problem Corrections and Clarifications in preparation for the Competition.

Q. Anonymity of Teams

Teams must not reveal the identity of their institution or country of origin to judges at any time during a competition. The Administrator may disqualify or impose a Penalty against any Team that intentionally or inadvertently discloses its school or country of origin to a judge during a competition, whether or not such disclosure occurs during an Oral Round. All instances of disclosure during a competition shall be reported to the Executive Office. For the sake of clarification, merely posting pictures of a TIMCCE Team or Team Member(s) on social media or a publicly available website, absent other facts, does not constitute a violation of this Rule.

OFFICIAL RULE 1: TEAM REGISTRATION

1.1 Team Registration

(a) Each Team must register with the Executive Office by completing a registration form online at www.dgef.in and paying the appropriate registration fee by the deadline in the Official Schedule. Each Team must provide a valid email address at registration. Notice sent to the registered email address constitutes notice to all Team Members.

(b) TIMCCE may promulgate additional rules and procedures as dictated by the best interests of the competition. All Team Members and Team Advisors are expected to regularly check their TIMCCE Homepage for updates and announcements and are assumed to have done so. A Team may not validly complain that it was not given proper notice of a rule change or update, when that change or update was made available on the TIMCCE Homepage.

1.2 Waiver of Registration Fee

(a) Teams unable to pay in full the registration fee levied pursuant to Rule (a) of team registration may apply for a waiver or discount from the Executive Office, which the Executive Office may grant in exceptional circumstances. (a). Requests for waivers must be submitted to the Executive Office by the deadline noted in the Official Schedule. Any appeal from a decision taken by the Qualifying Competition Administrator should be addressed to the Executive Director.

1.3 Team Member Registration

(a) Every student who contributes to the work product of the Team, at any point in the Competition Year, must be registered as a Team Member and counted toward the maximum of five Team Members that constitute that Team. Conducting research for a Team's oral and/or written arguments, writing any part of a Team's Memorial, and presenting any of a Team's oral arguments are examples of activities that contribute to a Team's work product. Students designated by a school or by a Team as alternate or back-up team members may not be registered as Team Members and may not contribute to the Team's work product.

(b) Each registered Team Member may serve any Team Member role, such as researcher, writer, oralist for the Applicant, and oralist for the Respondent, and may serve multiple or all Team Member roles, at any time during the Competition Year. Team Members do not need to register or otherwise designate with TIMCCE their particular role(s) on the team.

(c) It is the responsibility of the Team to ensure that students are eligible under the provisions of Rule, or have submitted a request for special permission as required under Rule, prior to contributing to the Team's work product.

(d) Registered Team Members with pending requests for special permission may contribute to the Team's work product while awaiting TIMCCE decision regarding such requests. If the Executive Director denies a request, the requesting Team Member must immediately cease contributing to the Team's work product and the Team must discard all work produced by the ineligible Team Member.

(e) The name of each Team Member and the degree program in which he or she is enrolled must be registered with the Executive Office, via the online registration form located under the "Profile" link on the TIMCCE Homepage, by the registration deadline in the Official Schedule.

1.4 Team Advisor Registration

The name of each Team Advisor for a Team must be registered with the Executive Office by the Team registration deadline in the Official Schedule. Team Advisors must be registered by completing the online registration form located under the “Profile” link on TIMCCE Homepage. An individual sitting only as a practice round judge pursuant to Rules, whether or not a member of the faculty of the institution represented by the Team, need not register as a Team Advisor.

1.5 Team Number as Identification

Once a Team has completed registration, including paying in full the appropriate registration fee, the Executive Office will assign the Team an official Team Number.

1.6 Changes to Registration Information

Once Team Members and Team Advisors are registered, Teams may not make any changes, including to contact and mailing information, without permission from the Executive Director. Any request to make a change must be submitted to (TIMCCE email-ID) with an explanation of the reason for the proposed change. Substitution of a Team Member is not permitted after the registration deadline except in extenuating circumstances and only with the written permission of the Executive Office. The Executive Office will record approved Team Member substitutions in the registration system. These registration obligations continue throughout the course of the Competition Year until the Team has been eliminated from the Competition.

NOTE: In accordance with Rules, no more than five individuals may contribute to the work product of the Team over the course of the Competition Year.

OFFICIAL RULE 2: JUDGES AND ELIGIBILITY TO JUDGE

2.1 Determinations of Eligibility

The Executive Director, or the Administrator in consultation with the Executive Director, will determine the eligibility of persons to serve as judges in any part of the Competition, subject to the provisions of this Rule.

2.1.1 Students

Students may act as Competition judges only if they (a) hold a degree in law in any jurisdiction, or a degree in an Energy law-related field, and (b) are not directly affiliated with any Team participating in the competition at which they are judging.

2.1.2 Team Advisors

Unless expressly permitted by an approved Rules Supplement or otherwise approved by the Executive Director, Team Advisors, or others directly affiliated with a Team, may not act as judges at the oral or memorial stages of any competition until the Team they advise has been eliminated from the Competition

2.2 Anonymity of Teams

Judges should not attempt to ascertain the school or country of origin of any Team during a competition. However, in circumstances where the judge believes his or her evaluation of a particular Memorial would be affected by knowledge of whether or not the primary language used by the Team Members in their legal studies is English, the judge may request the Executive Office to reveal this information.

2.3 Oral Round Conflicts of Interest

(a) Definitions. For the purpose of this Rule, the following definitions shall apply:

(1) an “Affiliation” means a personal or professional relationship between a judge and a school, coach, or Team member participating in the competition in which the judge is to serve.

(2) a “Conflict of Interest” means an Affiliation that would, in the eyes of a reasonable observer, create an inference that the judge would be unable to be impartial as to the conduct or result of the Oral Round. Reference should be had to Rule 2.4 (f), which lists certain Affiliations that do not per se constitute a Conflict of Interest.

(b) Prohibition and Mitigation of Conflict of Interest. The Administrator should avoid placing a judge into an oral round in which he or she has a Conflict of Interest. In the event that the Administrator is unable to avoid a Conflict of Interest, the Administrator should take reasonable steps to mitigate the effects of the Conflict on the Oral Round. Such steps might include: obtaining a waiver of the Conflict from both Teams; informing the other members of the panel of the judge’s Affiliation; adding to the panel a judge with a proportional Affiliation with the opposing Team; and assigning a neutral official to observe the Oral Round and the

subsequent deliberations to determine whether the Conflict of Interest affected the outcome of the Oral Round.

(c) Waiver by Consent of Both Teams. Any Conflict of Interest may be cured by the express oral or written waiver, either before or after the Oral Round, of both Teams. In this event, neither Team may later file an appeal or other complaint on the basis of the Conflict of Interest. In addition:

(1) If a Team is aware of an Affiliation before the commencement of an Oral Round and fails to report it, as required under Rule 2.4 (e), before the Oral Round begins, it shall be deemed to have waived any alleged Conflict of Interest.

(2) If a Team becomes aware of an Affiliation after the completion of an Oral Round and fails to report as required under Rule 2.4 (e), it shall be deemed to have waived any Conflict of Interest.

(d) Prophylactic Avoidance of Conflicts. It is the duty of a judge to report any Affiliations at the time he or she registers to judge or subsequently, directly to the Administrator in advance of the Competition. The Administrator shall investigate any reported Affiliation (whether self-reported by a judge or otherwise) and shall determine whether such Affiliation constitutes a Conflict of Interest.

(e) Reporting Obligation of Teams. If a Team believes that an Affiliation exists which may constitute a Conflict of Interest, it shall promptly inform the Administrator or the bailiff of the affected Oral Round. The bailiff will report any alleged Affiliations to the Administrator, who shall take appropriate steps to investigate and, if he or she determines that a Conflict of Interest exists, to eliminate or mitigate it. A Team's failure to timely inform the Administrator of an Affiliation of which it is aware will constitute waiver under Rule 2.4 (c).

(f) Affiliations Which Do Not Constitute Conflicts of Interest. The difference between a mere Affiliation and a Conflict of Interest is the reasonable inference of partiality. Absent additional facts supporting an inference of partiality, the following frequently occurring Affiliations do not constitute Conflicts of Interest:

(1) the judge knows or recognizes a Team member by reason of the Member's participation in previous moot court competitions;

(2) the judge knows one or both coaches, either because of professional or personal affiliation, prior participation in moot court competitions, or other reasons;

(3) the judge is an alumnus of one of the schools participating in the Oral Round; and

(4) the judge is an employee of one of the schools participating in the Oral Round where such employment is sufficiently remote from the activities of the Team as to dispel any reasonable suspicion of partiality.

2.4 Prior Viewing of Teams

(a) Subject to Rule 2.4 (b) of oral round conflict of interest, judges should not view a Team that they have viewed in a previous Oral Round. If a judge must view a Team twice, the Administrator should strive to ensure that he or she views the Team's opposite side.

(b) In the Advanced Rounds, the Executive Director may permit judges to view one or more Teams that they have previously judged, if such viewing serves the best interests of the Competition.

2.5 Bench Memorandum

Judges must keep the contents of the Bench Memorandum strictly confidential, and may not disclose it to Teams or Team Members.

2.6 Commentary by Judges

Judges are encouraged to provide direct feedback to Teams regarding their performance at the completion of an Oral Round. In providing such feedback, judges are admonished to give due regard to the time limitations and schedule of the Competition, and must abide by the following:

(a) In the Preliminary Rounds of any competition, Judges may not provide any feedback that would reveal the contents of the Bench Memorandum, the scores given to individual Oralists, or the results of the Round.

(b) In the Advanced Rounds of any competition, Judges may not provide any feedback that would reveal the contents of the Bench Memorandum or scores given to individual Oralists. The results of the Round may be revealed to the Teams only if the judges are authorized to do so by the Administrator.

OFFICIAL RULE 3: MEMORIALS

3.1 Submission of Memorials

(a) Each Team participating in the Competition must prepare one Applicant and one Respondent Memorial. (to be decided)

(b) Each Team must submit its Applicant and Respondent Memorials to the Executive Office via TIMCCE Homepage (available through www.tlaindia.org), and send its Applicant and Respondent Memorials to the relevant Administrator, if any, at the email address provided by the Administrator, no later than 23:59 (11:59 p.m.) Central Standard Time (CST) (UTC/GST – 6), on the date specified in the Official Schedule. Submission to the Administrator must occur in a single email message, addressed to the Administrator, with both Applicant and Respondent Memorials attached as separate files titled “###A” and “###R”, respectively (where “###” is the Team’s official Team Number assigned in accordance with Rules). If one of the Memorials will be submitted late, a Team may separately submit the timely memorial online through TIMCCE Homepage and send the timely Memorial to the Administrator before the deadline without penalty. The official time of submission for the purpose of calculating late penalties is the time each individual Memorial is uploaded to TIMCCE Homepage. Administrators may assess a discretionary penalty of no more than 5 points (unless a Rules Supplement provides otherwise) if a Team fails to timely email its memorials to the Administrator.

(c) In exceptional situations and upon approval of the Executive Director pursuant to Official Rules, an Administrator may modify the Memorial submission guidelines via a Rules Supplement in the following ways:

(i) by establishing a deadline which is earlier, but not later, than the time and date specified in the Official Schedule. If an earlier deadline is set, the Memorials must be uploaded via TIMCCE Homepage and emailed to the Administrator by this earlier deadline. Memorials received by the Executive Office after the earlier deadline will be subject to late penalties;

(ii) by requiring electronic copies to be mailed to opponent Teams by the deadline and in a manner and form specified by the Administrator; or

(iii) by requiring paper copies to be mailed to the Administrator and/or opponent Teams by the deadline and in a manner and form specified by the Administrator. If the Administrator requests paper copies, he or she may specify a later postmark or courier deadline for the paper copies than for the electronic submission, provided that an electronic copy is sent to TIMCCE and the Administrator by the designated deadline for electronic copies.

(d) All electronic and paper copy versions (if any) of Memorials submitted to the Executive Office, the Administrator, or any other person must be identical.

(e) Teams may resubmit their Memorials without penalty until the Memorial deadline has passed. After the Memorial submission deadline, resubmitted Memorials will be subject to a two-point penalty, as well as any applicable late penalties.

(f) Equipment failure or problems will not be considered justification for improper formatting or late submission of Memorials.

3.2 Disqualification Deadline

Unless otherwise agreed in advance and in writing by the Executive Office, a Team will be disqualified from the Competition if it does not submit both its Applicant and Respondent Memorials by 23:59 (11:59 p.m.) Central Standard Time (CST) (UTC/GST – 6) on the Disqualification Deadline for Memorial submission specified in the Official Schedule. Any Memorial submitted after the deadline for Submission of Memorials as defined by Official Rule 3.1(b), but prior to the Disqualification Deadline, will be subject to applicable late penalties.

3.3 Memorials Submitted in Languages Other Than English

If permitted by an applicable Rules Supplement, Teams may submit Memorials for Qualifying Rounds in languages other than English. Teams must upload such Memorials in the original language via TIMCCE homepage on or before the deadline indicated in the Official Schedule. Memorials of such Teams advancing to the International Rounds must be translated into English and submitted to the Executive Office at energy.moot@tlaindia.org no later than three weeks prior to the start of the International Rounds. Unless otherwise approved in advance and in writing by the Executive Office, failure to send translations by this date will result in disqualification of the Team. Such Memorials must otherwise conform to the required format outlined in these Rules and must be, to the greatest extent possible, verbatim translations of the originally submitted Memorials. Translated Memorials must be accompanied by a certificate from the translators stating that the contents of the Memorials were not revised, updated, or otherwise altered in the translation process. The Executive Director may disqualify any Team that alters the substantive content of its Memorial(s) during translation.

3.4 Memorial Formatting

(a) File Type: All parts of each Memorial must be contained in a single file. Memorials must be in Microsoft Word format and have a .doc or .docx file extension. Memorials that do not conform to this Rule, such as memorials in PDF format or memorials using a .dat file extension, will not be accepted. If a Team submits its memorials in an unacceptable format it

may resubmit conforming Memorials, but will be subject to resubmission penalties under Rule 3.1(e).

(b) **Paper Size/Margins:** All pages of the Memorial must be letter size, 8.5 x 11 inches (21.6 x 27.9 cm), with margins of at least one inch (2.54 cm) on all four sides. The Executive Office and Administrator may reformat a Memorial that does not comply with this Rule. Teams are advised that such reformatting may result in changes to pagination and layout.

(c) **Printing:** Administrators in jurisdictions where letter-size or A4 size paper is the standard must print Memorials on letter-size or A4 size paper for their Qualifying Rounds. However, the document settings in Rule 3.4(b) for paper size and margins must not change.

(d) **Font and Font Size:** The font and size of the text of all parts of the Memorial, excluding the Cover Page and page numbers but including the footnotes, must be in Times New Roman 12-point.

(e) **Line Spacing:** The text of all parts of the Memorial must be double-spaced, except for the Cover Page, Table of Contents, Index of Authorities, headings, and footnotes. A quotation to sources outside of the Memorial may be block quoted (i.e. right and left indented) and single-spaced only if the quotation (excluding footnotes) has at least 50 words.

3.5 Memorial Content

(a) The Memorial must contain the following parts in the following order:

1. Cover Page;
2. Table of Contents;
3. Index of Authorities;
4. Statement of Jurisdiction;
5. Questions Presented;
6. Statement of Facts;
7. Summary of Pleadings;
8. Pleadings; and
9. Conclusion/Prayer for Relief.

(b) Parts not enumerated in paragraph (a), for example, a Table of Abbreviations, are prohibited.

3.6 Cover Page

The front cover of each Memorial must have the following information:

- (a) the Team Number in the upper right-hand corner followed by “A” if an Applicant Memorial or “R” if a Respondent Memorial;
- (b) the name of the court;
- (c) the year of the Competition (the year during which the relevant International Rounds take place);
- (d) the name of the case; and
- (e) the title of the document (i.e., “Memorial for Applicant” or “Memorial for Respondent”).

3.7 Index of Authorities

The Index of Authorities must list all legal authorities cited in any part of the Memorial and must indicate the page number(s) of the Memorial on which each is cited.

3.8 Statement of Facts

A well-formed Statement of Facts should be limited to the stipulated facts and necessary inferences from the Competition Problem. The Statement of Facts should not include unsupported statements, distortions of the facts provided, argumentation, or legal conclusions.

3.9 Summary of the Pleadings

A well-formed Summary of the Pleadings should consist of a substantive summary of the Pleadings of the Memorial, rather than a simple reproduction of the headings contained in the Pleadings.

3.10 Legal Argument Limited to Pleadings

Substantive, affirmative legal argument or legal interpretation of the facts of the Competition Problem may be presented only in the “Pleadings” part of the Memorial. Summaries of such arguments may be included in the Questions Presented and the Summary of Pleadings.

3.11 Length

The word count for each Memorial shall be conducted using the standard “Word Count” feature in Microsoft Word 2003, Microsoft Word 2007, Microsoft Word 2010, Microsoft Word 2013, or Microsoft Word 2016.

(a) The Statement of Facts section, including the section title, any section headings or sub-headings, conclusion, associated footnotes, and any other language a team might elect to include, must be no longer than 1,200 words.

(b) The Summary of Pleadings section, including the section title, any section headings or sub-headings, conclusion, associated footnotes, and other language a team might elect to include, must be no longer than 700 words.

(c) The total length of the Pleadings section, including the section title, any section headings, section sub-headings, the required Conclusion/Prayer for Relief, associated footnotes, signature block, and other language a team might elect to include, must be no longer than 9,500 words.

(d) Manipulation of the word count is prohibited, and will be subject to appropriate Penalties pursuant to Rules 7.1(e) and 7.8(a).

3.12 Citation Requirement

(a) Footnotes must be used to identify the source of statements or propositions made in the body of the Memorial. Endnotes are not permitted. Footnotes may include substantive pleadings in addition to the text of the citation itself. Footnotes are included in the word limit of Rules.

3.13 Citation Form

Citations appearing in the Index of Authorities and text or footnotes of the Memorial must include a description of each authority adequate to allow a reasonable reader to identify and locate it in a publication or other source of general availability.

3.14 Anonymity in Memorials

Names of participants, and the nations or school name of Teams, may not appear on or within the Memorials, and Team Members should not sign their Memorials. Administrators shall strike all references to Team Members, and countries or school names of Teams, from Memorials before submitting them to judges.

3.15 Teams with Technological Limitations

If a Team is unable to comply with any portion of Official Rules due to technological limitations, it may request alternative arrangements with the Executive Office. Any such

request must be made as soon as possible and, at a minimum, two weeks before the Memorial deadline.

OFFICIAL RULE 4: ORAL ROUND PROCEDURES

4.1 General Procedures

Each Oral Round of each competition consists of 90 minutes of oral pleadings. Applicant and Respondent are each allotted 45 minutes. Oral presentations during the Round must be made by two, and only two Members, from each Team. Prior to the beginning of the Oral Round, each Team must indicate to the bailiff how it wishes to allocate its 45 minutes among (a) its first Oralist, (b) its second Oralist, and (c) rebuttal (for Applicant) or sur-rebuttal (for Respondent). The Team may not allocate more than 25 minutes, including rebuttal or sur-rebuttal, to either Oralist, although in extenuating circumstances, the Executive Director has discretion to permit a single Oralist to argue beyond the 25-minute limit. Time allocated for but not used by one Oralist may not be used by the other Oralist or saved for rebuttal or sur-rebuttal. Any Team Member may act as an Oralist during any round of the Competition, and need not always argue the same side. Teams using interpreters may be allotted additional time.

4.2 Extension of Time at Judges' Discretion

Judges may, at their discretion, extend total Team oral argument time beyond the 45-minute allocation, and Oralists asked by the judges to expand upon arguments may, in this instance, exceed the 25-minute individual limit.

4.3 Oral Rounds

The order of the pleadings in each Oral Round at all levels of the Competition is:

Applicant 1 --> Applicant 2 --> Respondent 1 --> Respondent 2 --> Rebuttal (Applicant 1 or 2) --> Sur-rebuttal (Respondent 1 or 2). Once an Oralist has completed his or her main pleading, that Oralist may not make any additional argument except for rebuttal or sur-rebuttal. This applies irrespective of whether the pleading Team uses all of the time it has allocated for its main pleadings. Time not used in the main pleading may not extend the time allocated to rebuttal or sur-rebuttal.

4.4 Rebuttal and Sur-rebuttal

Each Team may reserve up to ten minutes for rebuttal or sur-rebuttal. As a courtesy to the judges, Teams should announce at the beginning of their oral argument whether they intend to reserve time for rebuttal or sur-rebuttal and how much time they intend to reserve, although a failure to do so will not entail waiver of the right to rebuttal or sur-rebuttal. Only one of the two oralists participating in the Oral Round may deliver the rebuttal or sur-rebuttal, but the Team need not indicate in advance which of the pleading Team Members will do so. The rebuttal shall immediately follow Respondent 2, and the sur-rebuttal shall immediately follow the rebuttal. Teams may waive their rebuttal or sur-rebuttal.

4.5 Scope of Pleadings

A Team's oral pleadings are not in any way limited to the scope of the Team's Memorial. The scope of the Applicant's rebuttal is limited to responding to the Respondent's primary oral pleadings, and the scope of the Respondent's sur-rebuttal is limited to responding to the Applicant's rebuttal. If the Applicant waives rebuttal, Respondent's sur-rebuttal is automatically waived as well. Although judges are admonished to enforce the limits on the scope of rebuttal and sur-rebuttal, and may take a violation of this Rule into account in evaluating an Oralist's performance, there is no discretionary or non-discretionary Penalty for exceeding the scope of rebuttal or sur-rebuttal.

4.6 Ex Parte Procedure

(a) In extreme circumstances, such as when a Team fails to appear for a scheduled Oral Round, the Administrator, after waiting 30 minutes, may allow the Oral Round to proceed ex parte. In an ex parte proceeding, the attending Team presents its oral pleadings, which are scored by the judges to the extent possible as if the absent Team had been present and arguing. In such a case, the Team that fails to appear for its scheduled Round forfeits all six of the Round's Oral Round Points.

(b) The Administrator may schedule an additional ex parte proceeding for the absent Team later in the competition, if time and administrative concerns permit. The scores from the absent Team's ex parte proceeding do not affect the scoring of the original Oral Round and are used only for purposes of calculating individual oral pleading scores.

(c) Team will be deemed to have failed to appear if only one Member from a given Team appears for the Oral Round. In such an event, the absent Team's single Oralist shall be allowed to plead and receive an individual score for purposes of calculating individual oral pleading scores, even though his/her team forfeits all six Oral Round points.

4.7 Of Counsel

During each Oral Round, one additional Team Member registered, may sit at the counsel table with the two Oralists, as counsel. The person acting as counsel need not be the same person in each Oral Round.

4.8 Competition Communications

Only the oral communications with the judges described in Rule 4.9, 4.10, 4.11 are permitted. In particular, no written communication or exhibits may be presented or delivered by any Team Member to any judge.

4.9 Oral Courtroom Communication between Counsel and Judges

Each Oralist may communicate with the judges, and the judges may communicate with that Oralist, only during his or her allotted time. In extraordinary circumstances, the judges may communicate directly with either Team's counsel table (for example, to clarify the spelling of an Oralist's name or to request that a Team remain quiet during its opponent's oral presentation).

4.10 Oral Courtroom Communication and Activity at Counsel Table

To prevent disruption, communication at the counsel table between Team Members may be in writing only.

Teams and team-affiliated spectators shall avoid all unnecessary noise, outbursts, or other inappropriate behavior that distracts from the argument in progress.

4.11 Written Courtroom Communication

Written communication during the Oral Round shall be limited to written communication among Team Members seated at the counsel table. No other written communication may take place between any combination of the following parties: judges, the oralist, Team Members seated at the counsel table, or spectators (including Team Members seated in the audience).

4.12 Audio and Videotaping

No audio taping or videotaping of oral pleadings is permitted without the advance permission of the entire panel of judges, the two participating Teams, and either the Administrator or the Executive Director. In no circumstances may participating Teams view or listen to any video

or audiotape of an Oral Round until after the completion of the Competition in which the taped Oral Round took place. TIMCCE reserves all rights to the audio taping and videotaping, or any other form of audio or visual reproduction, of any Oral Round or part thereof. All Teams participating will be deemed to have consented to the taping and broadcasting of that Oral Round.

4.13 Anonymity of Teams in Courtrooms

During an Oral Round, participants may not directly or indirectly indicate their country or school of origin to the judges or bailiff, including through the wearing of name tags, pins, logos, or other signifiers, or the placement of folders, files, library books, or other materials identifying their school on counsel table. For the purposes of this Rule, the term “participants” includes Team Members, Team Advisors, and spectators affiliated with the Team.

4.14 Computers, Mobile Phones, and other Electronic Devices in Courtrooms

During an Oral Round, Oralists at the podium and participants seated at counsel table may not operate, for any purpose, mobile phones, laptop computers, PDAs, or any other computing or electronic devices, including but not limited to those which are internet-enabled or data-capable, or have instant messaging capabilities. All such devices must be turned off and removed from sight as soon as the bailiff first enters the courtroom, and must remain off and out of sight until the conclusion of the Oral Round. A Team that violates this Rule may forfeit up to six Oral Round Points; the Administrator shall determine a Penalty that corresponds to the severity of the violation.

4.15 Timekeeping Devices in the Courtroom

The official time of the match shall be indicated by the bailiff. No one other than the bailiff may display timecards or otherwise signal to the Oralist how much time is left. Teams may use silent digital or analog watches at the podium or at counsel table. However, the use of any such device which, in addition to keeping time, is capable of either (a) sending or receiving data to another person or to the Internet, or (b) storing text data, shall be prohibited at counsel table and at the podium as a violation of Rule 4.14, even if such functionality is turned off.

OFFICIAL RULE 5: QUALIFYING COMPETITION PROCEDURES

5.1 Preliminary Rounds

Each Team participating shall participate in Preliminary Rounds consisting of four Oral Rounds, twice as Applicant and twice as Respondent. The Administrator shall work with the Executive Director to decide an appropriate match schedule, pairing procedure, and scoring system. Each Team shall, to the degree possible, face any opposing Team only once in the Preliminary Rounds. In the event that Teams must face each other in two Preliminary Rounds, each Team shall plead as Applicant in one Round and Respondent in the other Round.

5.2 Pairings

The pairing of Teams for Preliminary Rounds shall be done, in the first instance, by a random draw. Pairings and Memorials of opposing Teams will be distributed to Teams on or prior to the first day of the Qualifying competition. The Administrator may modify the pairings to account for absent Teams or other contingencies. If Teams must be newly paired, they must be provided their new opponents' Memorials as soon as reasonably possible, but at the very least 15 minutes prior to the start of the newly-paired round.

5.3 Quarterfinal Rounds

If 16 or more Teams are participating in a Qualifying competition, the Administrator may hold Quarterfinal Rounds consisting of four matches among the eight highest-ranking Teams from the Preliminary Rounds. In such Quarterfinal Rounds, the pairings shall be determined as follows: the eighth-ranked Team versus the first-ranked Team, the seventh-ranked Team versus the second-ranked Team, the sixth-ranked Team versus the third-ranked Team, and the fifth-ranked Team versus the fourth-ranked Team.

5.4 Semifinal Rounds

(a) If Quarterfinal Rounds have been held, the winning Team in each of the four Quarterfinal Rounds shall advance to the Semifinal Rounds. In Semifinal Rounds, the pairings shall be determined as, the highest-ranked remaining Team shall compete against the lowest-ranked Team. The rankings to be used will be the final rankings from the Preliminary Rounds.

(b) In other Qualifying Rounds of eight or more Teams, the Administrator may hold Semifinal Rounds among the four highest-ranking Teams from the Preliminary Rounds. In such Semifinal Rounds, the pairings shall be determined as follows: the fourth-ranked Team versus the first-ranked Team; and the second-ranked Team versus the third-ranked Team.

5.5 Championship Rounds

If Semi-final Rounds have been held, the winning Team in each of the two Semifinal Rounds shall advance to the Championship Round. If Semifinal Rounds have not been held, then the top two Teams from the Preliminary Rounds shall compete against one another in a single Championship Round. In either case, the winner of the Championship Round is the Champion.

5.6 Pleading Option

(a) Prior to the commencement of the Advanced Rounds, each competing Team will be given its completed master Team score-sheet from the Preliminary Rounds, but not individual judges' score-sheets or notes.

(b) In the Quarterfinal and Semifinal Rounds, the higher-ranking Team from the Preliminary Rounds shall have the right to choose which side it will argue. This right is called the "pleading option."

(c) The Administrator shall choose a means of random decision in determining the pleading option for a Championship Round. Possible methods include, but are not limited to, the following:

(i) Coin toss: A designated Team Member of the higher-ranking Team from the Preliminary Rounds will call the toss, and the Administrator will toss the coin. If the Team Member correctly calls the toss, then his or her Team will have the pleading option. If that Team Member does not correctly call the toss, then the opposing Team will have the pleading option.

(ii) Rolling a Die: A designated Team Member of the higher ranking Team from the Preliminary Rounds will roll a 6-sided die. If the Team Member rolls an even number, then his or her Team will have the pleading option. If the number rolled is odd, then the opposing Team will have the pleading option.

(iii) Drawing Lots: A designated Team Member of the higher ranking Team from the Preliminary Rounds will select a piece of paper from a container (e.g., a hat, bag, or box). The pieces of paper will say either "Yes" or "No", and there shall be an equal number of pieces marked "Yes" and "No." If the Team Member selects a piece of paper saying "Yes," his or her Team will have the pleading option. If the piece of paper says "No," then the opposing Team will have the pleading option.

Administrators may also use any reasonable alternate random method to determine pleading option in a Championship Round.

(d) The Team with the pleading option has ten minutes to decide which side it wishes to plead. If that Team fails to select, then the opposing Team has five minutes to do so. If the opposing Team fails to exercise its pleading option within a five-minute period, it also shall forfeit its pleading option. Should both Teams fail to select, then the higher-ranked Team will argue Applicant and the lower-ranked Team will argue Respondent.

(e) Once the sides have been determined, the Administrator will immediately notify both Teams. The Administrator will give each Team the appropriate Memorial of its opponent. The Teams will then be granted a reasonable time to prepare for the Oral Round.

5.7 Complaints Regarding Conduct of a Round

(a) General Procedure. A Team may submit a complaint to the Executive Director concerning one or more violations of the Official Rules that it alleges materially deprived it of an opportunity to further Rounds. Such complaint must be submitted to the Executive Director and the Administrator via electronic mail no later than 48 hours after the conclusion of Rounds. A Team's allegation, however well supported, that the judges in a given Oral Round reached the wrong conclusion cannot be the basis for a complaint.

(b) Required Contents of a Complaint. A complaint must include the following information:

(i) the Team number, school, and contact information of the complaining Team;

(ii) the specific facts constituting the alleged violation(s);

(iii) a description of how the violation(s) materially deprived the team of an opportunity to advance to the International Rounds; and

(iv) the identities and contact information of any witnesses to the violation(s).

(c) Prohibition on Discussion of Complaint. Unless directed to do so by the Executive Director, a Team shall not discuss its complaint with any judges or other witnesses to the alleged violation(s) until after the final decision on the complaint is delivered by the Executive Director.

(d) Exhaustion of Local Remedies. If, at the time a violation occurs, a Team that is aware of the violation fails to bring it to the attention of the Administrator, and if such violation could have been remedied by prompt action of the Administrator, the Team shall have waived any complaint based upon that violation.

(e) Standing. Only a Team claiming that, as a result of a violation, it was materially deprived of an opportunity to advance to the International Rounds shall have standing to file a

complaint based upon that violation. Any other allegations of violations shall be treated as comments or suggestions under Rule 5.7 (h).

(f) Investigation of Complaints. The Executive Director will promptly investigate a complaint. Such investigation will focus on whether the alleged violation actually occurred and, if so, whether the violation materially deprived the Team of an opportunity to advance to the International Rounds. Such investigation may entail discussions with the Administrator, judges, other Teams, and interested and disinterested observers. Even when it is determined that a violation occurred, the Executive Director may conclude that the violation did not materially deprive the Team of an opportunity to advance to the International Rounds.

(g) Remedy. If the Executive Director concludes that a violation occurred and materially deprived the complaining Team of an opportunity to advance to the International Rounds, he or she shall impose an appropriate remedy, including but not limited to: overruling the results of one or more Advanced Rounds; changing the Team declared as the winner of the Round; inviting one or more additional Teams to attend the International Rounds as additional representatives of the country or region in question; or issuing a formal apology to the complaining Team(s).

(h) No Prohibition on Constructive Suggestions. Teams are encouraged to offer suggestions to the Administrator or the Executive Director for the improvement of the Competition. Such suggestions shall be promptly acknowledged, although for reasons of expediency, they may not be addressed until after the conclusion of the International Rounds.

OFFICIAL RULE 6: COMPETITION SCORING

6.1 Basis for Scores

Judges are instructed to judge the Teams on the overall quality of their performances, not on the underlying merits of the case.

6.2 Preliminary Rounds

(a) Scoring of the Preliminary Rounds shall consist of two parts: the written Memorials and the Oral Rounds.

(b) Each judge will score each Memorial on a scale of 50 to 100 points.

(c) Each judge will score each Oralist on a scale of 50 to 100 points.

6.3 Calculation of Scoring Points

Two categories of points shall be awarded to Teams in each match: Raw Score and Round Points.

6.4 Raw Scores

The calculation of Raw Scores shall be subject to the deduction of Penalty points under the provisions of Rules 7.

(a) Memorial Raw Scores: In each match, the Total Memorial Raw Score for each Team is the sum of the three Memorial judges' scores for the side the Team argued in that Oral Round. A Team's Total Competition Memorial Raw Score is the sum of the six scores for its Applicant and Respondent Memorials. This score shall be used to determine Best Memorial Awards.

(b). Oral Raw Score: In each match, a Team's Total Oral Raw Score is the sum of the scores of the three judges for each of its two Oralists.

(c) Total Raw Scores: In each match, a Team's Total Raw Score is the sum of the Team's Total Memorial Raw Score and the Team's Total Oral Raw Score for that match. A Team's Total Competition Raw Score is the sum of the Total Raw Scores from each of its matches.

6.5 Round Points

(a) Memorial Round Points: In each match, a total of three Round Points will be awarded based on a comparison of the highest, middle, and lowest scores on Memorials. If four-judge panels are used to evaluate Memorials, the score furthest from the mean will be discarded and the three remaining scores will be used as the Memorial's highest, middle, and lowest scores. The Memorials to be compared correspond to the side that the Team argued in that match (in other words, the scores of the Applicant Team's Applicant Memorials are compared with the scores of the Respondent Team's Respondent Memorials). For each comparison, the Team with the higher score is awarded one Round Point. Hence, the highest score given by a memorial judge for one Team is compared to the highest score given the other Team, and one round point is awarded to the Team with the higher of these scores. Similarly, the two middle scores, and then the two lowest scores, are compared to determine which Team receives the second and third round points. If in any such comparison the two Teams' scores are equal, each Team is awarded one-half of a Round Point.

(b) Oral Round Points: In each match, a total of six Round Points are awarded based on a comparison of combined oral argument scores. For each judge, the sum of the judge's score for Applicant's two Oralists is compared to the sum of the judge's scores for Respondent's

two Oralists. For each judge, the Team with the highest combined oralist score is awarded two Round Points. If in any such comparison, the two Teams' scores are equal, each Team is awarded one Round Point.

(c) Total Round Points: In each Round, a Team's Total Round Points is the sum of the Team's Memorial Round Points and Oral Round Points.

6.6 Two-Judge Panels

If only two judges score a given Memorial or a given Oral Round, the Administrator shall create a third score and score sheet by averaging the scores of the two judges.

6.7 Determining the Winner of a Preliminary Round Match

In any given match, the Team receiving more of the nine available Round Points wins the match. If the two Teams each receive 4.5 Round Points, the Team with the higher Total Raw Score wins the match. If the two Teams have an equal number of Round Points and an equal Total Raw Score, the match is a draw.

6.8 Preliminary Round Rankings

(a) Teams shall be ranked by number of wins in the Preliminary Rounds, from highest to lowest.

(b) If two or more Teams have the same number of wins, the Team having the higher number of draws shall be ranked higher.

(c) If two or more Teams have the same number of wins and the same number of draws, the Team having the higher Total Competition Raw Score from the Preliminary Rounds shall be ranked higher.

(d) If two or more Teams have the same number of wins, the same number of draws and the same Total Competition Raw Score, the Team with the higher Total Competition Round Points from the Preliminary Rounds shall be ranked higher.

6.9 Tie-Breaking Procedure

If two or more Teams are tied after application of Rule 6.8, and the outcome of the determination does not affect (a) any Team's entry into the Advanced Rounds, or (b) the pairing of any Teams in the Advanced Rounds of the competition, the Teams shall be ranked equally. If, however, further determination is necessary to determine advancement or pairings, the rankings shall be accomplished as follows:

- (a) If only two Teams are tied and if the tied Teams have faced each other in the Preliminary Rounds, the winner of that match shall be ranked higher.
- (b) If only two Teams are tied and the Teams have not faced each other in the Preliminary Rounds, the Administrator shall break the tie according to the following methods, starting with the first and working down only if the prior method does not break the tie:
- (i) the Team with the higher total Oralist and Memorial score average wins, calculated by adding the Team's Total Competition Oral Raw Score divided by 24 and the Team's Total Competition Memorial Raw Score divided by six;
 - (ii) the Team whose opponents won more matches wins, calculated by adding the number of wins of the Teams' opponents and for this purpose only, counting a draw as one-half of a win;
 - (iii) the Team wins whose opponents scored higher, calculated by adding the Total Raw Scores of the Teams' opponents;
 - (iv) the Team with the higher total oralist score average wins, calculated by dividing the Total Competition Oral Raw Score by 24; or
 - (v) the Administrator determines a method to break the tie, taking into account the interests of the Teams and the Competition as a whole.

6.10 Scoring Procedures for Advanced Rounds

The following scoring procedures and guidelines shall apply to Advanced Rounds of Qualifying:

Judges of Advanced Rounds of each Qualifying competition shall make an independent review of the Team Memorials and oral arguments, taking both into account, although they need not give any particular fixed weight to either Memorials or oral arguments. The Administrator shall provide a Preliminary Round Oral Score-sheet to the judges to use at their discretion. The decision regarding the winner of the Round shall be by majority vote of the judges. No ties are allowed.

6.11 Ranking of Oralists

Individual Oralists shall be ranked from highest to lowest average oral score by the Administrator. An Oralist's average oral score is the average of the scores awarded to that individual by each judge during the Preliminary Rounds, excluding the single lowest score awarded to the Oralist. If an oralist argued in only one Preliminary Round, he or she is not eligible for ranking.

Example: Peter argued in two Preliminary Rounds. After his first appearance, the three judges awarded him a 93, an 86, and an 83. In her second appearance, the three judges awarded him an 86, an 82, and an 79. In determining her average oral score, the Administrator would disregard the 79 she received in the second Round (her lowest mark). So her score would be the sum of her other five scores (430), divided by the number of judges whose scores were counted (5), for an average oral score of 86.0.

6.12 Ranking of Memorials

Total Memorial scores for each Team shall be determined by adding the Total Raw Score of a Team's Applicant Memorial and the Total Raw Score of the Respondent Memorial, for a total of six judges' scores. Team Memorials shall be ranked by the Administrator from the highest Total Memorial score to the lowest. Ties are permitted. Scores shall be adjusted for Penalties per Rule 7.

6.13 Reporting of Results

After the conclusion of each competition, each participating Team shall receive the following:

- (a) a copy of individual Memorial judges' score-sheets with comments, if any;
- (b) a copy of individual Oral Round judges' score-sheets and Penalties, if any, with attendant comments, if any, from Preliminary Rounds of the competition;
- (c) a copy of the Overall Rankings of the Preliminary Rounds, with the Total Win-Loss records, Overall Raw Scores, and Overall Round Points;
- (d) a copy of the Oralist Rankings from the Preliminary Rounds;
- (e) a copy of the Memorial Rankings from the Preliminary Rounds; and
- (f) a summary of the Advanced Rounds of the competition.

OFFICIAL RULE 7: PENALTIES

7.1 Memorial Penalties

(a) Memorial Penalties may be imposed by the Administrator and shall be deducted from each of the individual judges' scores on a Team's Memorial. In the event that a Memorial is scored by only two judges, penalties shall be deducted from each of the two judges' scores prior to calculating the third score.

(b) The minimum adjusted raw score that any Team may receive from any individual Memorial judge is 50 points. No further reduction may be made to scores after the minimum score is reached, regardless of unallocated Penalty points remaining.

(c) In instances where only one Memorial is in violation of a Rule, Memorial Penalties may be deducted from the scores of the offending Memorial only.

(d) The Administrator shall notify all affected Teams of imposed Penalties prior to the first Preliminary Round, and shall include with such notification a reasonable deadline for any appeals from the decision to impose Penalties. A Team may appeal any Penalty imposed against its Memorials by writing to the Administrator, who shall then forward the appeal to the Executive Director, or by writing directly to the Executive Director. The Executive Director shall decide upon the validity of any appeal from the imposition of a Penalty by the Administrator. No further appeal is available from this decision of the Executive Director.

(e) Penalties shall be assessed for violations of the Rules concerning Memorials by reference to the following table:

| Rule | Summary | Penalty |
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| 3.1, 3.2 | Tardiness in submitting Memorial to TIMCCE | 5 points for first day, 3 points per day thereafter If neither Memorial has been submitted by the Disqualification Deadline, the Team will be withdrawn from the Competition. |
| 3.1(e) | Resubmission of memorial | 2 Points |
| 3.4 | Formatting Violations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use of incorrect font • Use of incorrect font-size • Use of improper line spacing • Use of improper block quote (less than 50 words) • Use of endnotes | 1 point per type of violation, up to a maximum of 5 points |
| 3.5 | Failure to remove Tracked Changes or Comments | Up to 5 points (one-time penalty) |

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| 3.6 | Failure to include all parts of Memorial, or inclusion of an un-enumerated part | 2 points for each part |
| 3.7 | Failure to include necessary and correct information on Memorial Cover Page | 2 points (one-time penalty) |
| 3.12 | Excessive length: Pleadings | 1-100 words over 3 points 101-200 words over 6 points 201-300 words over 9 points 301-400 words over 12 points 401+ words over 15 points |
| 3.12 | Excessive length: Summary of Pleadings | 2 points (one-time penalty) |
| 3.12 | Excessive length: Statement of Facts | 2 points (one-time penalty) |
| 3.15, Q | Violation of anonymity in Memorial | Disqualification or up to 10 points (one-time penalty) |
| 7.2 | Plagiarism | 1 to 50 points |

7.2 Plagiarism

Teams shall not commit plagiarism. “Plagiarism” means the act of appropriating the literary composition of another, or parts or passages of another’s writings, or the ideas or language of another, and passing them off as the product of one’s own mind. After investigation and review, in a verified case of plagiarism, an Administrator shall assess a Penalty between one and 50 points to each offending Memorial, with the Penalty corresponding to the degree of the violation in the judgment of the Administrator. Administrators shall refer all allegations of plagiarism to the Executive Office. After investigation and review, the Executive Director may do one or both of the following: (1) disqualify the Team; (2) notify the Team’s dean and/or other university official(s) of the results of the Executive Office’s investigation.

7.3 Oral Round Penalties

The Administrator shall impose an Oral Round Penalty only when he or she is satisfied that an event subject to such Penalty has occurred, if necessary after consultation with the judges, bailiff, Teams, and/or spectators.

7.4 Complaint Procedure

(a) If a Team believes that an infraction of the Rules has occurred during an Oral Round, the Team may notify the bailiff in writing within five minutes of the conclusion of that Oral Round. If there is no bailiff, Teams must approach the Administrator with complaints. Written notification shall clearly describe the alleged violation and the parties involved. Teams shall not directly approach the judges regarding a violation of these Rules. When possible, the matter should be raised with the bailiff outside the presence of the judges. Failure by any Team to follow the procedures described in this paragraph shall result in a waiver of the Team's complaint.

(b) If a judge believes that an infraction has occurred during an Oral Round, he or she shall notify the bailiff orally or in writing within five minutes after the completion of the Oral Round. When possible, the matter should be raised with the bailiff outside the presence of the other judges.

7.5 Deduction of Penalties by Judges Prohibited

Penalty points may be deducted only by the Administrator. In no instance shall judges themselves deduct any Penalty points from the scores of the oralists. Judges shall score the Oral Round as if no violation occurred, and may take an infraction into account only if so instructed by the Administrator.

7.6 Activity Subject to Oral-Round Penalties

Penalties may be assessed for violations during an Oral Round by reference to the following table. The Administrator shall deduct the Penalty amount from each judge's combined score (the sum of the judge's score for Oralist 1 and Oralist 2) before determining the Oral Round Points.

| Rules | Summary | Penalty |
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| 4.10, 4.11 | Improper courtroom communications | Upto 10 points |

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| 4.13, Q | Violation of anonymity in courtroom | Disqualification or up to 15 points |
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7.7 Notice and Appeals

The Administrator shall notify Teams of his or her decision regarding imposition of any Oral Round Penalty as soon as practicable. Along with the decision, the Administrator shall set a reasonable deadline by which either Team may appeal to the Executive Director. If an appeal is submitted, the Administrator shall consult with the Executive Director in resolving it. The Executive Director's decision on all appeals is final.

7.8 Discretionary Penalties

(a) In addition to the Penalties listed in Rule 7, the Administrator may assess up to 15-point Discretionary Penalties for other violations of the letter or spirit of these Rules. The size of the Penalty shall correspond to the degree of the violation in the judgment of the Administrator. Discretionary Penalties may be imposed upon a Team for conduct of its Team Members or of persons affiliated with the Team. Such violations may include:

- i. poor sportsmanship;
- ii. submitting multiple frivolous complaints against other Teams;
- iii. inappropriate behavior at the counsel table during the Oral Rounds;
- iv. blatant disregard for the procedures or requirements outlined in the Rules.

(b) Serious breaches of sportsmanship, for example, inappropriate ex parte communications with competition judges either before or after a match, may, at the sole discretion of the Executive Director, result in a Team being disqualified from the Competition.

7.9 De Minimis Rule

The Administrator may waive or reduce the penalty for a de minimis Rule violation.

7.10 AWARDS

The awards will be decided by the Administrator.

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