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**SRMS COLLEGE OF LAW**  
**Affiliated to MJP Rohilkhand University**  
**BAREILLY**

**1<sup>st</sup> MOOT COURT COMPETITION 2020**

**February, 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>**  
**(Friday and Saturday)**

**VENUE**  
**SRMS College of Law**



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**College of law**  
**Moot Court Society**

**SHRI RAM MURTI SMARAK TRUST**

Shri Ram Murti Smarak Trust, a public charitable Trust (Reg.) was established in the year 1990, to commemorate & Cherish memory of veteran freedom fighter, true Gandhian, ex-parliamentarian, ex-minister U.P., Late Ram Murti Ji. The primary objective of the Trust is to provide and promote education and research in the field of Engineering & Technology, Medicine, Humanities, Law, Science and Management.

**ABOUT THE SRMS COLLEGE OF LAW**



The SRMS-School of law, a professional College under the flagship of Shri Ram Murti Smarak Trust situated at National Road, Bareilly offers BA-LLB (Five years Integrated Course) and LLB (Three year Undergraduate Course) programs affiliated to the renowned MJP Roholkhand University, Bareilly and approved by the Bar Council of India. The Course Curriculums are both contemporary and global in perspective, enhancing the arena for students and the employability potentials of the graduating students. The focus on hands0on-training is more, wherein Court Visits, Drafting, Legal Research, Lok Adalats, Mediation Centres, Legal Aid & Advise Centres, Seminars, Documentation, and Moot Court Practice etc. are integral part of the learning process.

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**SCHEDULE**

{For Participants}

<b><u>DATE</u></b>	<b><u>EVENT</u></b>
22 <sup>nd</sup> January 2020	Release of Moot Problem
31 <sup>th</sup> January 2020	Deadline for Submission of Registration
3 <sup>rd</sup> February 2020	Allotment of Team Codes
10 <sup>th</sup> February 2020	Deadline for Submission of Soft Copy of Memorials
12 <sup>th</sup> February 2020	Deadline for Submission of Hard Copy of Memorials
21 <sup>st</sup> February 2020	Inaugural Ceremony Researcher Test Draw of Lots Preliminary Rounds
21 <sup>st</sup> February 2020	Draw of Lots Exchange of Memorials
21 <sup>st</sup> February 2020	Quarter Finals Draw of Lots Exchange of Memorials
22 <sup>nd</sup> February 2020	Semi Finals Exchange of Memorials Finals and Valedictory Ceremony

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**RULES AND REGULATIONS**

**General Rules:**

1. **“Participating Team”** means the team which has registered itself for the Competition as per the Rules given below.
2. All the Rules are only inclusive and not exhaustive for the competition.
3. Rules should be strictly adhered to any deviation there from would attract disqualification or other penalties mentioned subsequently.
4. All decisions by the Organizers in case of any disputes/ doubts etc. will be final. The Organizers may make such rules and procedures at any point of time, as they deem fit. Imposition of penalties including disqualification rests solely with the Organizers in case of failure to comply with the rule(s) and deadline(s).

**2. Date and Venue:**

Moot Court Competition 2020 shall be held from **21<sup>th</sup> -22<sup>th</sup> February, 2020** at SRMS College of Law.

**3. Language:**

The official working language of the Moot Court Competition shall be *English*.

**4. Eligibility:**

The competition is open for all the students of 3 years LL.B. and 5 years B.A. LL.B and all other integrated law course of all semesters conducted by any recognized College/ Institution/ University.

**5. Dress Code:**

During all the Days of the competition the participants shall be in Formal wear only.

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- i) Male participants are required to wear a Full Formal Suit i.e. Black Trousers, White Shirt, Black Tie, Black Coat and Black Formal Shoes.
- ii) Female participants are required to wear a Full Formal Suit i.e. Black Trousers, White Shirt, Black Coat and Black Formal Shoes or Indian Formal Dress i.e. White Salwar Suit / Saree Along With Black Coat & Black Bellies.

### **6. Team Composition:**

- i. Each team shall consist of 3 members. This number cannot be modified under any circumstances. Two of them shall be designated as a Speakers and one researcher.
- ii. Teams shall identify the speakers and researcher during registration. No extra member or observer shall be allowed.
- iii. Any additional member of any Participating Team shall not be entitled for hospitality or for any award. Such member or observer shall not be allowed to watch any of the rounds of the competition.
- iv. Each team will have a Team Code.
- v. Teams shall not disclose their identity except in the registration form. Any such disclosure shall invite strict penalty including disqualification. The decision for the same shall be at the discretion of the Organizers.

### **7. Registration:**

- i) The Participants are required to submit a scan copy of duly filled registration form along with the Passport Size Photographs latest by **31<sup>st</sup> January, 2020**. (Forms shall be available on the website of SRMS).
- ii) A scanned copy of the duly filled registration form should be emailed to contact [srmsmootcourtsociety2020@srms.ac.in](mailto:srmsmootcourtsociety2020@srms.ac.in)
- iii) No forms received after the deadline shall be considered for registration.
- iv) Every Participating Team will be allotted a team code which will be communicated through E-mail.

### **8. Allotment of Team Codes:**

- i) Each Team shall be allotted a Team Code on **3<sup>rd</sup> February, 2020**.

**9. Rounds:**

- i. There shall be a Preliminary Rounds, a quarter-final round, a semi-final round and a final round. Lots picked by the teams will decide the side of the arguments in Preliminary, Quarter-Finals, Semi-Finals & Final Rounds.
- ii. Orientation & draw of lots shall take place on **21<sup>st</sup>February, 2020.**
  - a. **Preliminary Round:** Each team shall present both sides in this round. The team will represent Petitioner's side as well as the Respondent's side, in the sequence determined under.  
(In the preliminary rounds each team shall get **30 minutes** time. The two Mooters can adjust the time between them. But, no Mooter shall argue for more than **20 minutes**.)
  - b. **Draw of Lots.** The top 8 team based on their Total Preliminary Score in the Preliminary Rounds shall qualify for the Quarter Final Rounds. Total Preliminary score does not include the memorial score.
  - c. **Quarter-Finals:** The top 8 teams from the Preliminary Round shall proceed to the quarterfinals. This will be a knockout round; hence winners will be decided on the basis of courtroom win. The sides of the teams will be determined by draw of lots, held on **21<sup>st</sup> February, 2020.** The Draw of Lots will also decide which team you will be competing against (There will be no pre-decided fixtures).  
(In Quarter rounds also each team shall get **30 minutes** time. In all these rounds each team shall get **2 minutes** time for rebuttals.)
  - d. **Semi Final:** The top 4 teams from the Quarter Finals shall proceed to the semi-finals. This round again will follow the knock-out fashion. The sides of the teams will be determined by Draw of Lots held on **22<sup>nd</sup> February, 2020.** The Draw of Lots will also decide which team you will be competing against (There will be no pre-decided fixtures).  
(In Semi Final rounds also each team shall get **30 minutes** time. In all these rounds each team shall get **2 minutes** time for rebuttals.)
  - e. **Final Round:** The winner of each court room fixture i.e. 2 teams from the semi-final round shall proceed to this round. The sides of the teams will be determined by Draw of Lots held on **22<sup>nd</sup> February, 2020.**  
(In the Final round each team shall get **40 minutes** time and **5 minutes** for rebuttals.)

**10. Written Submission:**

Each Team is required to prepare Written Submissions for both sides, i.e., the Complainant and the Respondent of the case.

A Written Submission shall be identified solely by the Team Code assigned to the Team. The Written Submissions shall not, in any way, disclose any fact pertaining to the identity of the Team, its members, or the College/Institution/University represented by the Team.

Each team is required to submit 12 memorials (Hard Copy) i.e. 6 Memorials for Petitioners side and 6 Memorials for Respondents Side,

One soft copy (only in MS Word doc/docx format) must be emailed to contact [srmsmootcourtsociety2020@srms.ac.in](mailto:srmsmootcourtsociety2020@srms.ac.in) latest by **10<sup>th</sup> February, 2020** (23:59 Hours IST) with the subject “Memorials for TC \_ \_”. The file names of the electronic copies of the Memorials must contain only the team code and the side being represented in the following format: e.g.

(For Team Code 13) 13P or 13R, “P” being for “Petitioner” Memorial and “R” for “Respondent” Memorial and so forth.

The hard copy submissions must be identical to the soft copy. Violation of this rule would entail disqualification from the Competition.

The memorial shall be printed on A4 size paper, with the following mandatory formatting specifications:

**Font**

- (a) Font Type: Times New Roman
- (b) Font Size: 12
- (c) 1.5 line spacing
- (d) Margin : 1 inch on each side

**Foot Notes:**

- (a) Font Type: Times New Roman
- (b) Font Size: 10
- (c) Single Line Spacing

A Written Submission shall consist of the following mandatory heads:

- (a) Cover Page
- (b) Table of Contents
- (c) List of Abbreviations

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- (d) Index of Authorities (with page number of authority cited):
- (e) Statement of Jurisdiction.
- (f) Statement of Facts (not exceeding 2 pages):
- (g) Statement of Issues
- (h) Summary of Arguments (not exceeding 2 pages):
- (i) Arguments Advanced (not exceeding 22 pages)
- (j) Prayer (not exceeding 1 page)

The Cover Page of a Written Submission must contain the following information:

- (a) The Team Code in the upper right-hand corner.
- (b) The name and place of the jurisdiction
- (c) The Relevant Provision under which case is filed
- (d) Name of Parties and Status
- (e) The side for which the Written Submission has been prepared

It is further clarified that the Organizing Committee reserves the right to refuse acceptance of any memorial which is in violation of any of the norms. Further, the cover page should be printed in the same paper used to print the remainder of the memorial.

Participating team shall not include their name or their institution's name anywhere in the memorial so prepared for the competition.

Team shall cite authorities in the Memorial using footnotes following the "Indian Law Institute" Explanatory or illustrative footnotes are not allowed.

Colour of the cover page must be:

**Blue** in case of Petitioner/Applicant  
&  
**Red** in case of Defendant/Respondent

The colour of the cover page shall compulsorily be Red and Blue (as the case may be) and no other variant of the colour shall be used.

**Index of Authorities**

Each Written Submission shall include an "Index of Authorities." The Index of Authorities shall contain a list of all legal authorities cited in any section of the Written Submission. This list shall



include a description of each authority adequate to allow a reasonable reader to identify to location of cited authorities.

**Statement of the Facts**

Each Written Submission shall include a full “Statement of the Facts.” The Statement of the Facts shall be limited to the stipulated facts and necessary inferences from the problem and any clarifications to the same. The Statement of the Facts must not include unsupported facts, distortions of stated facts, argumentative statements, or legal conclusions.

**Summary of the Arguments.**

Each Written Submission shall include a “Summary of the argument.” The Summary of the Pleadings shall consist of a substantive summary of the “arguments” section of the Written Submission in paragraph form, rather than a simple reproduction of the headings contained in the argument section.

**Arguments Advanced (Pleadings) & Prayer.**

The pleadings shall contain the substantive arguments with appropriate citations. The teams must endeavour to follow a uniform method of citation.

The Prayer shall be the effective remedies requested in the pleadings.

**Compendium**

All participating teams at their option can prepare a compendium as a supplement to their memorial submission. The compendium may contain all relevant provisions of law and photocopies of important judgments cited if any. There can be no arguments/argumentative interpretation of facts/judgments in the compendium. Any such arguments will be disregarded and shall result in penalization of points. The compendium may be presented to the judges for further reference and clarity of argument presented by the speaker.

**Length**

The “Pleadings” section include: Summary of arguments, Arguments Advanced (Detailed Arguments), including footnotes and memorial should not exceed more than 26 pages excluding prayer. Exceeding the stated limit shall attract a penalty of marks for every page exceeded.

**Plagiarism**

Participants must refrain from using same language or copying from other’s memorials and other sources. Even use of publicly available information must be accompanied by proper citations.

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These rules shall apply to all parts of the memorial and not just the Pleadings and Prayer. A failure to comply with this rule may result in the guilty participants being debarred from mooting in 1<sup>st</sup> SRMS College of Law Moot Court Competition, 2020. The Organizing Committee in consultation with the memorial judges will take a final decision regarding determination of cases of plagiarism and penal measures for such action.

**Changes in Soft Copy**

An attempt at sending a different or shortened or corrected version of your pleadings as soft copy will result in disqualification from the selection process for the competition. The Organizing Committee shall only take all decisions of disqualification after providing a hearing to the participants concerned. Hearing may be allowed in case of deduction of marks also if demanded by the affected participant(s) in writing.

**11. Condonation of Delay**

Delay in submission of memorials will not be condoned on grounds like failure of printer, traffic jams, etc. However, the Moot Court Committee shall have final discretion in case of application for condonation of delay. The MCC shall act as the sole decision-making body in this regard and no single decision will have precedent value and shall not bind the committee. Decisions could range from full condonation, to reduction of marks and as the Judges and Moot Court Committee may deem fit.

**(a) Competition Scoring Evaluation of Round**

Scoring of Rounds shall be solely based on the oral argumentation skills of the designated speakers of a particular team. Each Oral Round will be scored by a panel of two or more judges.

**(b) Evaluation of Memorial**

Every Memorial will be marked on scale of 100.

**(c) Criteria for Evaluation**

The Memorial & speakers would be evaluated according to the following criteria:

Knowledge of Law and Facts	20 Marks
Proper and Articulate Analysis	15 Marks
Depth and Use of Research	15 Marks
Organization and Presentation	15 Marks
Grammar and Language	10 Marks

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Novelty of Arguments	15 Marks
Clarity of Thought and Originality	10 Marks
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>100 Marks</b>

**(d) Penalties**

Late Submission	1 mark per memorial every 12 hours after deadline. Disqualification beyond 48 hours
Wrong File Name	1 mark per Memorial
Failure to submit Memorial as one File	1 Marks per Memorial
Exceeding Page Limits	1 Mark per exceeding page
Failure to include the section in the Memorial	3 Marks per section
Failure to include the required information on the cover page	1 mark per violation
Failure to use the correct colour coding	2 marks per Memorial

**12. Researchers' Test**

- (a) The Researchers' Test shall be conducted on Day 1 of the Competition.
- (b) The test shall be for duration of thirty (30) minutes only. The test will be based on MCQs (Multiple Choice Questions).
- (c) If a team comprises of three (3) members, then ONLY the Researcher is eligible to take the test. Researcher test marks will NOT be added up in the marking criteria.

**NOTE: Participants are not allowed to carry/use any study material during the researcher's test.**

**Scouting**

Scouting shall be deemed to have happened if the speakers, researcher or any other person affiliated with a team is found:

- Witnessing, hearing, observing, etc. the oral submissions in a Round, except where the Round is one in which the team to which he/she is affiliated is participating in;

- Reading a Memorial of a team except where: it is of the team to which he/she is affiliated; or the Memorials have been obtained on account of an exchange of Memorials prior to a Round of the team to which he/she is affiliated.

### **13. Disclaimer**

The Proposition is neither nor does it attempt to resemble any incident or any person, living or dead. Any such resemblance is purely coincidental. The Proposition is fictitious and is prepared for the purposes of the present Competition only and it does not attempt to influence or predict the outcome of any matter whatsoever.

### **14. Awards/Trophy**

- (a) The team with the maximum score in the final round will be declared as the “Winning Team” and the team with the second highest score in the final round will be declared as the “Runners up Team”.
- (b) The speaker with the maximum score in the Preliminary Rounds will be declared the “Best Mooter/Speaker”.
- (c) The team with the maximum Memorial scores will be awarded “The Best Memorial”.
- (d) The researcher scoring the highest marks in the researcher test will be awarded “Best Researcher”.

**The following categories will receive a award:**

- a. Winning Team
- b. Runners Up.
- c. Best Speaker/Mooter
- d. Best Memorial
- e. Best Researcher

\*Certificates shall be issued to all the participants. (Certificate of Participation)

### **Accommodation, Food and Transportation**

- a. Accommodation shall be provided for two days.
- b. Team should send their travel plan, as and when asked by the Organizing Committee i.e. as Soft Copy (during Soft Copy Registration) and as hard Copy along with their submissions.
- c. Campus rules shall be applicable for all the participants.

### **15. Contacts**

The following persons can be contacted in the event of any query or clarification relating to any information released in the brochure or any detail related to the competition or email us: [contact.srmsmootcourtsociety2020@srms.ac.in](mailto:contact.srmsmootcourtsociety2020@srms.ac.in)

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\*Kindly make a call to student convener after 5 P.M. only

#### **DECISION OF THE JUDGE SHALL BE FINAL:**

The decision of the judges regarding the outcome of the rounds shall be final.