



# PADMA BHUSHAN PROF. N. R. MADHAVA MENON **GLOBAL JURAL CONCLAVE 2022-23**

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- Students' Conference
- Judicial Colloquium
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COMPETITION

#### **ARTICLE 1: Participation & It's Scope**

- The Prof. N. R. Madhava Menon Global Jural Conclave will consist of (i)
  Moot Court Competition (MCC), (ii) Law Students' Conference
  (LSC), & (iii) Judicial Colloquium (JC) to be held at Lloyd Law
  College, Greater Noida, India.
- II. The Moot Court Competition (MCC), comprising of participants from India and other countries, will be held from 15th to 18th February, 2023.
- III. The Law Students' Conference (LSC) will be held on 16th and 17th February, 2023 on the theme:
  - " Dynamics of Liberty and Rights in Crisis".
- IV. The Judicial Colloquium (JC) on " Crisis Management and Justices Delivery: Comparative Perspective" will be held on 16th and 17th February, 2023.
- V. India, which has over 1400 law schools, can have up to twenty-five (25) teams to the MCC. Other countries that are members of Prof. N. R. Madhava Menon Global Jural Conclave can send up to Four (4) teams.
- VI. Selection Criteria for the MCC:
  - i. For Indian Teams:
     Evaluation of Memorial submitted by the applicants: Top 25 teams will qualify for Oral Rounds of the MCC.
  - ii. For International Teams:International teams will directly qualify for Oral Rounds. A total of 25 international teams will participate in the MCC.
- VII. The objective of the MCC is to hone the legal advocacy skills and imbibe professionalism among students, and to cultivate transnational ties

among legal community across the globe for having mutual benefits.

### **ARTICLE 2: Organization of the MCC**

- I. The MCC will be held at Lloyd Law College from 15th to 18th February, 2023 among student teams from various colleges / universities imparting legal education in India and other countries, provided that no institution shall send more than one team to compete in the MCC.
- II. The MCC shall consist of five rounds:
  - i. Preliminary Round: top scoring Sixteen (16) teams will qualify for the Second round, i.e., Octa-final Round.
  - ii. Octa-final Round: top Eight (8) scoring teams will qualify for the III round, i.e., Quarter-final Round.
  - iii. Quarter-final Round: top four (4) scoring teams will qualify for the IV round, i.e., Semi-final Round.
  - iv. Semi-final Round: top two (2) scoring teams will qualify for the IV Round, i.e., the Finals.
  - v. The Finals: team scoring higher marks will be the Winner, and the second team will be the Runner-up.
- III. The Organizing Committee **(OC)** reserves the right to skip any round/s, in case of any eventuality, without prior notification.
- IV. There shall be a Committee of judges in each court.
- V. The fifth and final round will have a five judges Bench including sitting judges of the High Court/Supreme Court.

# $ARTICLE\,3: Team\,Composition\,and\,Eligibility$

- I. Each team shall consist of two counsels and one researcher in the MCC; each member of the team must be:
  - i. Born on or after 1st January, 1997;
  - ii. As on 15th February, 2023 is a bonafide undergraduate law student (for the Academic Yr. 2022-2023 till June, 2023) of 03/05 Yrs.
     Program from an institution duly recognized by the Bar Council of India; or

Is a bonafide law student of an institution from country other than India, which is a member of Prof. N. R. Madhava Menon Global Jural

- Conclave; and
- iii. Has not been admitted to the practice of law in any jurisdiction.
- II. Each college or institution shall send only one team of such eligible participants.
- III. All the three members of the team must belong to one / same college / university.
- IV. In no case shall any team consist of more than three (3) participants. This number can-not be increased under any circumstances.

#### ARTICLE 4: Role of a Coach

- I. Each Team shall have a coach to the Global Jural Conclave.
- II. The respective institute shall nominate the coach from their existing faculty who shall be responsible for mentoring the team for the MCC and the LSC.
- III. During the conduct of the MCC (15th to 18th February, 2023), the coach will attend the Colloquium.
- IV. The coach shall prepare a note not exceeding 7000 words for Commonwealth Comparative Constitutional and Public Law (3CPL) Colloquium on the basis of which he/she shall deliberate in the colloquium.

# **ARTICLE 5: Registration of the Team**

- I. Online registration for the Prof. N. R. Madhava Menon Global Jural Conclave-shall be done at http://globaljuralconclave.org/
- II. The registration fee for the Global Jural Conclave is as follows:
- III. For Indian teams: Rs. 5,000/- (to be paid only after qualification in the memorial selection round).
- IV. For International teams: \$100.
- V. Registration fee once paid shall be non-refundable.\*
- VI. Teams requiring accommodation facilities during the Global Jural Conclave shall be required to inform the organizing committee prior to their registration.
- VII. Registration shall be done through payment by credit card or debit card

or e-transfer (NEFT) and subsequent e-mail of soft copy of registration form and proof of payment, to be sent to - profmenonmooting@lloydlawcollege.edu.in & cc to account@lloydlawcollege.edu.in and akhilesh@lloydlawcollege.edu.in.

- VIII. E-transfer of the registration fee can be done using payment gateway/ NEFT, in favor of- "LLOYD LAW COLLEGE", Account No. 3976002100005500, Bank- Punjab National Bank Branch Sarita Vihar, New Delhi, IFSC Code- PUNB0397600.
- IX. No subsequent change in the team composition shall be permitted.
- X. Registration forms received after the deadline will not be considered for registration except under justifiable circumstances as shall be decided by the Organizing Committee.
- XI. After completion of the registration process, the team shall receive a confirmation mail containing with User ID and password using which they can login into their mooting accounts.\*

#### **ARTICLE 6: The MCC Problem & the Clarifications**

- The MCC proposition can be downloaded from http://globaljuralconclave.org/
- II. All queries and clarifications for the MCC proposition shall be sent via e-mail to profmenonmooting@lloydlawcollege.edu.in
- III. No queries and clarifications for the MCC proposition shall be entertained after the date as mentioned in the schedule.
- IV. The clarifications on the MCC proposition will be declared at http://globaljuralconclave.org/ for everyone's perusal without disclosure of the identity of the teams.

#### **ARTICLE 7: Memorial & It's Submission**

I. Each team shall submit soft copies of their memorial (in PDF only) to OC of the Prof. N. R. Madhava Menon Global Jural Conclave by January 31, 2023, via., uploading them into the specific columns created for this purpose on their mooting accounts.\*

- II. Memorial must be submitted on the standard international A/4 size page in font type: Times New Roman, font size: 12, double spacing. The font style of the footnote should also be Times New Roman, font size: 10 and should be single spaced. Quotations from sources outside of the memorial of fifty (50) words or more in any part of the memorial shall be block quoted (i.e., right and left indented) and must be single spaced.
- III. The citation should be in compliance with the latest edition of Bluebook. Speaking footnotes or endnotes are not allowed.
- IV. No indication shall be made that may identify the institution/college/university of the participant. Each team will be awarded a TEAM CODE and that number alone shall be marked on the memorials.
- V. No team shall communicate their institutional affiliation or identity to anyone during the competition. Disclosure of identity shall result in immediate disqualification.
- VI. Each team shall also submit five (5) hard copies of the memorials to the organizing committee of the Prof. N. R. Madhava Menon Global Jural Conclave, 2023 on 15th February, 2023 by 6:00 p.m. IST at the time of formal registration at the venue.
- VII. The memorials of the petitioner and the respondent must be differentiated by 'blue cover' & 'red cover' respectively and shall be marked with Team Code.
- VIII. Memorials for both sides should contain the following:
  - a. Title page
  - b. Table of contents
  - c. Index of authorities
  - d. Statement of jurisdiction
  - e. Statement of facts
  - f. Summary of arguments/pleadings
  - g. Arguments supported by the authorities
  - h. Conclusion/Prayer
- IX. The Title Page shall include:
  - a. The name of the court
  - b. The year of the MCC

- c. The name of the case
- d. The title of the document (i.e., "Memorial for the Respondent" or "Memorial for the Petitioner")
- X. The memorial shall not exceed thirty (30) pages. The following contents are inclusive within the stipulated page limit:
  - a. Pleadings
  - b. Conclusions
  - c. Annexure, if any
  - d. Appendices and footnotes
- XI. Any issue or pleading, not discussed within the above-mentioned contents of the Memorial shall not be included in any other section of the Memorial.
- XII. The following shall not be included in the limit of thirty (30) pages set out for the memorial:
  - a. Title page
  - b. Table of contents
  - c. Index of authorities
  - d. Statement of jurisdiction
  - e. Statement of facts
  - f. Issues presented
  - g. Summary of pleadings

#### XIII. Statement of Facts:

The statement of facts shall be limited to the facts as stipulated as well as to the necessary inferences drawn from the proposition. The statement of facts must not include unsupported facts, distortions of stated facts, argumentative statements, or legal conclusions. An excessive statement of facts shall be a 'non- discretionary memorial penalty', and such violation may be taken into account by the judges while evaluating the written submission.

# XIV. Summary of Pleadings:

The summary of pleadings shall consist of a substantive summary of the 'Pleadings', rather than a simple reproduction of the headings contained in the pleadings section. An excessive summary of pleadings shall lead

to 'non-discretionary memorial penalty', while a summary of pleadings which is otherwise improper shall not be subjected to a memorial penalty, but such violation may be taken into account by the judges while evaluating the written submission.

- XV. The teams may submit authorities (share via online while virtual mooting takes place) supporting their contentions referred to in the memorials at the time of oral presentation, but at no stage they are allowed to supplement the Memorial in the form of annexure, compilation, etc. which may otherwise amount to exceeding page limit of the memorial.
- XVI. Submission of authorities, etc. at the time of oral rounds shall be as per the discretion of Bench/judges. For the sake of clarity, it is further explained that this is not a matter of right of the oralists but purely at the discretion of Bench/judges. *No dispute shall be entertained on this clause.*

#### **ARTICLE 8: Assessment of the Memorials**

#### I. Evaluation Criteria:

The Memorials shall be assessed by a committee of judges and every Memorial will be marked out of total hundred (100) marks; and the team Memorial will have the average total of both the sides (petitioner/respondent). The marking criteria and the marks allocated to each category are listed below:

1	Knowledge of facts and law	Maximum: 20 marks	
2	Proper and articulate analysis	Maximum: 20 marks	
3	Extent and use of research	Maximum: 20 marks	
4	Clarity and Organization	Maximum: 20 marks	
5	Citation of sources	Maximum: 10 marks	

**Evaluation Criteria** 

#### II. Memorial selection criteria for Indian team:

Grammar and Style

Maximum: 10 marks

- i. The Qualifying Teams for the Oral Rounds shall be determined on the basis of a team having scored a minimum of 40 marks out of 100 in their total Memorial Score as marked in the Memorial Round.
- ii. The top 25 teams with the highest memorial scores (subject to minimum qualifying mark of 40 marks out of 100 marks in the Memorial Round) will be entitled to participate in the Oral Rounds.
- iii. The memorial scores will be added, only in the Preliminary Round of the competition, to the team's score.

#### **ARTICLE 9: Oral Presentation**

# I. The Preliminary Round

- i. The Preliminary round will comprise of two stages wherein the teams will argue from both sides, *i.e.*, Petitioner, and Respondent respectively. The OC reserves the absolute right to derogate from this rule in case of any eventuality.
- ii. Each oral round shall consist of sixty (60) minutes of oral pleadings. Each team (Petitioner/Respondent) shall be allotted thirty (30) minutes.
- iii. Two (2) members from each team shall make oral presentation during the round. Prior to the beginning of the oral round, each team shall intimate the bailiff how the team wishes to allocate its 30 minutes among:
  - a. First oralist,
  - b. Second oralist, and
  - c. Rebuttal (for the petitioner) or surrebuttal (for the respondent).
- iv. No single oralist shall plead for more than twenty (20) minutes, including rebuttal or surrebuttal. In exceptional circumstances, the Bench shall have the discretion to permit a single oralist to argue beyond the twenty (20) minutes limit.
- v. The order of the pleadings in each round at all levels of the competition shall be:

Petitioner 1 → Petitioner 2 → Respondent 1 → Respondent 2 → Rebuttal (Petitioner 1 or 2) → Surrebuttal (Respondent 1 or 2)

- vi. Each team may reserve up to five (5) minutes for rebuttal or surrebuttal. As a gesture of courtesy to the Bench, the participating teams should announce whether they intend to reserve any time for rebuttal or surrebuttal at the beginning of their oral arguments, and how much time they intend to reserve. Failure to announce it will not waive the right to rebuttal or surrebuttal. Only one team member may deliver the rebuttal or surrebuttal. Although the team member delivering rebuttal or surrebuttal must be one of the two team members who have argued during the team's main argument, the team need not indicate prior to rebuttal or surrebuttal which of its two eligible members will offer rebuttal or surrebuttal.
- vii. A team's oral pleadings shall not in any way be limited to the scope of the team's memorial. The scope of the petitioner's rebuttal shall be limited to responding to the respondent's primary oral pleadings, and the scope of the respondent's surrebuttal shall be limited to responding to the petitioner's rebuttal. If the petitioner waives the rebuttal, there shall be no surrebuttal. No legal issues which were not addressed in the primary pleadings may be raised in the rebuttal or surrebuttal.

# II. The Octa-final, Quarter-final, Semi-final and Final Rounds

- i. The Octa-final, Quarter-final, Semi-final and Final rounds shall comprise of only one stage respectively wherein the teams shall argue from one (1) side only, i.e., petitioner or respondent after a draw of lots. No derogation is permissible from this rule.
- ii. Each oral round shall consist of sixty (60) minutes of oral pleadings. Each team petitioner/respondent shall be allotted thirty (30) minutes.
- iii. Two (2) members from each team will make oral presentations during the round. Prior to the beginning of the oral round, each team shall intimate the bailiff how it wishes to allocate its 30 minutes among:
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- viii. No researcher from any team will be permitted to be present in the court room during any of the rounds, i.e., Preliminary, Octa-final, Quarter-final, Semi-final or Final. The oralists alone will be allowed

entry in the court room in all the four rounds. The registered oralists will remain as Oralists throughout the four rounds. No derogation is permissible from this rule.

# **ARTICLE 10: Marking Criteria for the Oral Presentations**

I. The judges would assign marks to each individual speaker out of hundred (100) marks. The team score would be the aggregate of the total marks for oral presentations of the 2 speakers. The following shall be the marking criteria and the marks allocated to each category:

#### **Oral Presentation Evaluation Criteria**

		Excellent	Very Good	Good	Adequate	Poor
1	Knowledge of Law (30)	27-30 marks	24-27 marks	21-24 marks	19-21 marks	15-19 marks
2	Application of Law to Facts(25)	23-25 marks	21-23 marks	19-21 marks	16-19 marks	15-16 marks
3	Ingenuity and Ability to Answer	27-30 marks	24-27 marks	21-24 marks	19-21 marks	15-19 marks
4	Style Poise, Courtesy and Demeanour	09-10 marks	08-09 marks	07-08 marks	05-07 marks	04-05 marks
5	Time Management and Organization	05 marks	04 marks	03 marks	02 marks	01 marks

# **ARTICLE 11: Dispute**

- I. Any dispute about the MCC shall be referred to the Dispute Resolution Committee (DRC), comprising of the Chairperson, Member Secretary, and other member/s.
- II. This reference shall be done before the MCC ends. In all matters of complaint or dispute, the decision of the DRC shall be final.

#### **ARTICLE 12: Code of Conduct**

- I. The language for the MCC shall be English.
- II. All participants are expected to maintain the decorum in the court during the competition and are expected to conduct themselves in a manner befitting the legal profession.
- III. Scouting: Oralists, researchers will not be permitted to hear the arguments in any court room in which the team is not one of the contesting teams whilst the team is still in the competition.

#### **ARTICLE 13: Awards for MCC**

- I. The winning team will be awarded the "Prof. N. R. Madhava Menon Global Jural Conclave Winning Team Award".
- II. The runner-up team will be awarded the "Prof. N. R. Madhava Menon Global Jural Conclave Runner-Up Team Award".
- III. The female and male oralists receiving the highest marks in the oral pleadings of Preliminary Round will be awarded the 'Best Student Advocate (Female)', and the 'Best Student Advocate (Male)' awards respectively. No memorial score shall be considered for the purpose of Best Student Advocate Award.
- IV. Team receiving the highest and second highest marks in memorial evaluation shall be awarded the 'Best Memorial', and the 'Second Best Memorial' awards respectively.
- V. The winners will receive 'Certificate of Merit', and all participants will receive 'Certificate of Participation'.
- VI. The two best law student awardees (one female and one male) will be chosen from the selected students in their final years who are participants from India of Prof. N. R. Madhava Menon Global Jural Conclave, by the jury (constituted under an MOU between SILF-MILAT and Penn State University, USA). The law schools participating are to note that though they are free to choose their teams from any of the LL.B classes, only those who are completing Law degree in 2023 and finding a place in the top twenty five (25) teams in the Memorial Selection round of the Prof. N. R. Madhava Menon Global Jural Conclave will be shortlisted for the consideration by the Jury to select the Best Law Student of the Year Awardee to receive a fellowship of \$ 50000 USD from Penn State University, School of Law, USA to pursue LLM. (For the purpose of clarification, it is to be noted that both the oralists and the researcher will be considered for the selection of the Best Law students Award and Fellowship. However, the qualifying teams' oralists should remain as oralists; and the researcher should remain as participants in the Law Students Conference, 2023 to present

papers in the Global round. No deviation from this rule shall be permitted).

\*In case the minimum number of final year students is not met through top twenty-five teams, the selection committee reserves the right to call upon final year students from other teams also.

#### **ARTICLE 14: General Section**

- I. The duration of each court shall not exceed its prescribed time limit.
- II. Team numbers and the side to be represented (Petitioner/Respondent) will be decided by draw of lots at different stages during the competition. The scheme of competition thus drawn out will be notified to the participating teams.
- III. The organizers reserve the right to make any necessary alterations in respect of the side to be taken by the competing teams, in case it becomes absolutely necessary due to withdrawal of any team/teams at the last minute, or if the competing teams had no opportunity to argue the other side of the problem.
- IV. Each team is expected to be ready with written briefs and oral arguments to argue from either side of the case. The court will follow its own procedure within the accepted norms and judicial practice; and, in case of doubt or dispute in the matter of procedure or facts, the decision of the presiding member of the committee of judges of each court shall be final.

#### **ARTICLE 15: Official Communication**

I. All communication by the teams pertaining to registration, travel, moot proposition, clarifications or otherwise shall be made to the organizing committee to: *profmenonmooting@lloydlawcollege.edu.in* 





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