THE JUSTICE CYRIAC JOSEPH FOUNDATION INTERNATIONAL ARBITRATION LAW MOOT COURT COMPETITION

January 10-13, 2013

ORGANISED BY:
RIZVI LAW COLLEGE, MUMBAI
(AFFILIATED TO UNIVERSITY OF MUMBAI)

IN COLLABORATION WITH:
The Justice Cyriac Joseph Foundation
The London Court of International Arbitration, India
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International Law Students Association
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Rotract Club of Rizvi Law College
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RULES & REGULATIONS
1. **ORGANIZATION AND ADMINISTRATION OF THE COMPETITION:**

Rizvi Law College is the organizer of The Justice Cyriac Joseph Foundation International Arbitration Law Moot Court Competition (“Competition”). The Competition is conducted under the supervision of the Students’ Bar Forum (“SBF”). The SBF has authority to interpret the Competition rules, to resolve any complaints or disputes in connection with the Competition, and to amend these rules. Decisions of the SBF regarding any aspect of this Competition are final.

2. **DATE OF THE COMPETITION:**

The Competition shall be held from January 10-13, 2013 at the Rizvi Law College, Mumbai.

3. **ELIGIBILITY:**

The competition is open to both undergraduates i.e. to students pursuing a programme of study that leads to a Bachelor’s degree in law (LL.B / BL) (either the 3 year or the 5 year program) as well as to postgraduates i.e. to students pursuing a programme of study that leads to a Master’s degree in law (LL.M). Only one team from an institution is allowed.

4. **TEAMS:**

4.1. Teams should comprise of a minimum of 2 members and a maximum of 3 members. Each must necessarily be composed of two speakers.
4.2. Interested teams are required to send an application for provisional registration via email to mootcourts@rizvilawcollege.in latest by Tuesday, 20th November, 2012.

4.3. A maximum of 24 teams shall be selected for the competition on a first come basis. Selected teams shall be intimated by the organisers by Sunday, 25th November, 2012.

4.4. Selected teams should, thereafter, send the enclosed registration forms duly filled in along with a registration fee of Rs. 1500/- (Rupees One Thousand Five Hundred Only) by Demand Draft favouring “Rizvi Law College” payable at Mumbai so as to reach the organizers not later than 5th December, 2012 by 17:00 Hrs. (IST)

4.5. The registration fees shall not be refunded in the event a registered team withdraws or defaults.

4.6. The hard copy of the duly filled in registration form along with the demand draft should be sent to the below mentioned address:

RIZVI LAW COLLEGE
NEW RIZVI EDUCATION COMPLEX
OFF CARTER ROAD
BANDRA WEST
MUMBAI-400050
MAHARASHTRA
INDIA

4.7. All registered teams are required to re-confirm their participation in person on arrival on Thursday, January 10, 2013 at the registration desk by 16:30 Hrs. at the Rizvi Law College campus.

4.8. There will be no substitution of team members after a team has registered, except upon the written consent of the organisers pursuant to a petition for substitution based on good
cause.

4.9. The organisers reserve the right to substitute a team(s) in the event that it backs out of the Competition at the last minute due to any unforeseen circumstances.

4.10. All participants should carry their College/ University Identity Cards at the time of registration as well as at all times thereafter, during the Competition.

5. **ACCOMODATION & FOOD:**

5.1. The Organizers will provide accommodation to members of the participating teams for the duration of the Competition i.e. from 12:00 Hrs. January 10, 2013 to 12:00 Hrs. January 14, 2013.

5.2. Accommodation shall be provided only to outstation teams.

5.3. Accommodation shall be provided only to the three registered members of the team of the registered college/institute. No accommodation shall be provided for any additional member/ observer/ coach or faculty.

5.4. Only one room per team will be allotted. If a team consists of members of different gender, they would be required to make arrangements with other teams.

5.5. Teams shall be provided meals from the dinner of January 10, 2013 to lunch of January 13, 2013.

5.6. A Party shall be organized for the participants & the organizing committee on January 11, 2013.
6. **WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS:**

6.1. Each team will submit Memorials for the applicant as well as the respondent.

6.2. By submitting the Memorials, teams are understood to have consented to the publication of their Memorials online and in print, and have assigned copyright ownership to Rizvi Law College.

6.3. Memorials will be scored on a scale of 100 points. Scholarly research, presentation of concise and cogent arguments, and writing style will account for 60 points of the score, and the formatting and technical matters will count for 40 points.

6.4. The written memorials submitted by participating teams shall be evaluated by a panel of experts appointed by the organising committee and marks will be awarded by them.

6.5. These marks will be taken into consideration for the purpose of seeding the teams. The top eight seeded teams (top eight teams in terms of memorial marks) will not face each other in the preliminary rounds of the Competition.

6.6. The memorials have to be submitted on A4 size paper, must be printed on only one side, and must contain the following sections:

   a) Cover Page
   b) Table of Contents
   c) Index of Authorities
   d) Statement of Jurisdiction
   e) Statement of Facts
   f) Statement of Issues
   g) Summary of Arguments
   h) Arguments Advanced
i) Prayer

6.7. The memorials must be printed in Times New Roman font, 12 font size with double spacing. The footnotes must be in Time New Roman font, 10 font size with 1.5 spacing. Violation of this rule shall result in a penalty of 1 point per page detected.

6.8. The memorials should have a minimum margin of 1 inch on all sides of each page. Violation of this rule shall result in a penalty of 1 point per page detected.

6.9. The Arguments Advanced must not exceed 25 pages. Violation of this rule shall result in a penalty of 1 point for every exceeded page.

6.10. A uniform citation style should be followed throughout the memorial. Speaking footnotes are discouraged.

6.11. **The Applicant’s memorial must have a blue cover page and the Respondent’s memorial a red cover page.**

6.12. Memorials must be stapled, stitched or spiral bound. Any other form of binding is not encouraged.

6.13. No part of the memorial should contain the name of the Law School/University/Institution or the team members. Violation of this rule shall result in outright disqualification.

6.14. The decision of the judges with respect to the memorial scores (including penalties) shall be final.

6.15. Memorials have to be submitted to the organizers in both soft as well as hard copies.
6.16. **SOFT COPY SUBMISSIONS:**

6.16.1. A soft copy of the memorials in Read Only Microsoft Word format (.doc or .docx) should reach the organizers latest by **Saturday, January 5, 2013** latest by **23:59 Hrs. (IST)** on mootcourts@rizvilawcollege.in

6.16.2. Failure by any team to submit the memorials on time would entail deduction of 5 marks per day per side.

6.16.3. In any case, no submission of memorials would be accepted after **23:59 Hrs. (IST)**, Tuesday, January 8, 2013.

6.16.4. The name of the law school must not appear anywhere in the Memorials. **However, the name of the institution needs to be mentioned in the body of the email.**

6.16.5. A Memorial may not be corrected, revised, or supplemented after it has been submitted.

6.17. **HARD COPY SUBMISSIONS:**

6.17.1. Teams are required to submit **Five hard copies of memorials for each side** at the time of Desk Registration on **Thursday, January 10, 2013 at 16:30 Hrs.**

6.17.2. Teams are to carry copies of the memorials for their own use in addition to the five copies that are to be submitted.
7. **ORAL SUBMISSIONS:**

7.1. A draw of lots to determine the team codes and groups shall be held at 16:30 Hrs. on Thursday, January 10, 2013. This code will be applied by the organising committee to the participating teams during the Competition, including on their written memorials.

7.2. Oral submissions will be held at Rizvi Law College, Mumbai, India from January 11-13, 2013.

7.3. The Competition shall have four rounds- Preliminary, Quarter finals, Semifinals and Finals. The Preliminary rounds of the Competition shall be a seeded Round Robin League whereas the other rounds shall be knockout rounds.

7.4. The eight highest seeded teams (as per memorial marks) will not face each other in the Preliminary rounds of the Competition.

7.5. The teams shall be divided (by the draw of lots) into eight groups of three teams each.

7.6. Each team will argue from both the sides (i.e. Applicants & Respondents) in the Preliminary rounds.

7.7. In the Preliminary rounds, the Competition shall follow the Two Win format. Teams with two wins each shall proceed to the Quarter finals. In case there are less than eight teams with two wins each, the teams with the higher margin of victory shall proceed to the quarter final rounds.

7.8. In case the margin of victory is the same for two teams, the team with more memorial marks will proceed ahead. In case the memorial marks are the same, the team with fewer penalties in memorial marks will proceed ahead.
7.9. Except in case of a tie, as aforementioned, the memorial marks shall not be counted during the rounds of the Competition (except for the purpose of seeding at the start of the Competition).

7.10. The winner of each Quarter Final pairing will advance to the Semi Final round.

7.11. The winner of each Semi Final pairing will advance to the Final round.

7.12. Each team will be allowed the following time for arguments in each round:

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7.13. Each team may use reasonable discretion in allocating the time between two speakers, with each speaker being allocated no less than 40% of the time allocated to the team. The team representing the applicant may reserve up to five minutes of its time for rebuttal by addressing such request to the Court Officer before the commencement of arguments. Up to 3 minutes can be allocated for a sur-rebuttal. However, a sur-rebuttal will be solely at the discretion of the Judges. Decision of the Bench shall be final in this regard.

7.14. Before commencement of oral argument, each team must intimate the Court Officer of the allocation of time between its members. The Court may interrupt argument for questions and in its discretion may allow additional time.
7.15. To avoid any perception of bias during the Competition, the teams are required to maintain anonymity of the college/university/institute names during the rounds.

7.16. Advisors and other persons accompanying a team should not be present in a courtroom if their presence is likely to compromise the anonymity of one or both competing teams.

7.17. During a round, only the participating speakers and the researcher of a team may sit at the counsel table. Other persons from the same law school may be present in the room but may not be seated with and may not confer with those seated at the counsel table.

8. **SCORING:**

In each of the preliminary rounds, each speaker who argues will be scored on a scale of 50 points by each judge.

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9. **GENERAL CONDUCT REQUIREMENTS:**

9.1. All competitors are required to conduct themselves in a responsible and professional manner throughout the Competition. The SBF will investigate and resolve any reported infractions of these rules. Every participating institution and its representatives are bound
by these rules.

9.2. Scouting by teams or their coaches/observers is strictly prohibited during all stages of the Competition.

9.3. The organising committee reserves the right, at its sole discretion, to take appropriate action for any unethical, unprofessional and wrongful conduct during the entire period of the Competition.

10. REQUESTS FOR INTERPRETATION OF RULES AND PROBLEM

10.1. The Committee will make all necessary interpretations and clarifications of the moot problem and/or rules. All questions must be submitted to the Committee via email on or before Monday, December 10, 2012.

10.2. The Committee will inform participating teams of the questions and answers by posting interpretations vide email. Such interpretations will be final.

10.3. All requests for interpretation should be sent to mootcourts@rizvilawcollege.in with subject line to read: Request for Interpretation.

10.4. The organising committee's decision as regards the interpretation of these rules or any other matters related to the Competition shall be final and binding. If there is any situation, which is not covered by these rules, the decision of the organising committee shall be final.

10.5. The organising committee reserves the right to amend, modify or repeal any of the rules if so required and as they deem appropriate. Participating teams shall receive adequate notice of any/all such amendments or modifications to the rules.
11. RECEIPT OF MOOT COURT COMPETITION MAILINGS
PRESUMED:

Each team is presumed to have received the Competition mailing or email addressed to the contact person indicated on the team’s registration form. Teams are responsible for providing and updating their contact person’s current email address.

12. AWARDS:

12.1. The Winning team of the competition will be awarded a trophy and a cash prize along with an internship in a reputed law firm.

12.2. The Runners up team will also be awarded a trophy and a cash prize.

12.3. There will be a Best Speaker prize. This prize will be awarded to the participant who is judged by the organising committee to have performed best during her/his oral presentations during the preliminary rounds.

12.4. There will be a Best Memorial prize. All the memorials, which are submitted to the organising committee of the competition, will be evaluated and the best memorial will be chosen among them to win this prize.

12.5. Each participant will be given a certificate of participation.

12.6. The coaches and advisers of the participating teams will not be entitled to receive any kind of certificate or award.
13. **GENERAL RELEASE:**

Participation in this competition as a team member or in any other capacity constitutes consent to be recorded, including without limitation by audio, video, and still images. Participants understand that such recordings may be distributed by means of a variety of media, formats, and contexts, and that this may occur during the Competition and thereafter. Participants waive all claims for any compensation and for any damages or other remedies in connection with such recordings and the use thereof.