5th RLC Saquib Rizvi Memorial Moot Court Competition 2013

Rules and Regulations

1. ORGANIZATION AND ADMINISTRATION OF THE COMPETITION

The 5th RLC Saquib Rizvi Memorial Moot Court Competition (hereinafter “Competition”) is organized by Rizvi Law College. The Competition is conducted under the supervision of the Students Bar Forum and the Moot Court Committee (hereinafter “Committee”). The Committee has authority to interpret the Competition rules, to resolve any complaints or disputes in connection with the Competition, and to amend these rules. The decision of the Committee regarding any aspect of this Competition is final.

2. DATE OF THE COMPETITION

The competition shall be held from 18th – 20th October, 2013 at Rizvi Law College, Mumbai.

3. ELIGIBILITY

The competition is open only to undergraduates i.e. to students pursuing a program of study that leads to a Bachelors degree in law (LL.B / BL) (either the 3 year or the 5 year program). Only one team from an institution is allowed.

4. TEAMS

- Teams should comprise of a minimum of 2 members and a maximum of 3 members. Each team must necessarily be composed of two speakers. Interested teams are required to intimate via email to mootcourts@law.rizvi.edu.in latest by Sunday 15th September, 2013.

- Teams should, thereafter, send the enclosed registration forms duly filled along with a registration fee of Rs. 3000/- (Rupees Three Thousand Only) by DD favoring “Rizvi Law College” payable at Mumbai so as to reach the organizers latest by 05.00 pm, 20th September 2013 which will not be refunded in the event a registered team withdraws or defaults.

- All registered teams are required to be present in person on Friday 18th October, 2013 at the registration desk by 04:00 pm at the college campus.

- The organizers 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.
• 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

• The Organizers will provide accommodation and meals to members of the participating teams for the duration of the Competition.

• Accommodation will be provided only to outstation teams.

6. MEMORIALS

• Each team is to submit 5 copies of Memorials from both the sides, i.e., from the Appellant side as well as the Respondent side.

• Memorials will be scored on a scale of 100 points. Scholarly research, presentation of concise and cogent arguments, and writing style will account for 75 points of the score, and technical matters will count for 25 points.

• The written memorials submitted by participating teams shall be evaluated by an expert appointed by the organizing committee and marks will be awarded for them.

• These marks will be taken into consideration, along with marks awarded by judges for the teams during the oral presentation made by them, in the preliminary round of competition.

• The memorials have to be submitted on A4 size paper, 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/Summary of Pleadings
  h) Arguments Advanced/Pleadings
  i) Prayer/Relief Sought

• The memorials must be printed in Times New Roman, font size 12 with 1.15 spacing.

• The footnotes must be in Times New Roman font, font size 10 with single spacing.

• The memorials should have a minimum margin of 1 inch on all sides of each page. The Arguments Advanced must not exceed 25 pages.

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

• The Appellant’s memorial must have a blue cover page and the Respondent’s memorial a red cover page.
• No part of the memorial should contain the name of the Law School/University or the team members.

• The decision of the judges with respect to the scores shall be final. The decision of the organizers with respect to penalties shall also be final.

• A soft copy of the memorials in Adobe PDF format should reach the organizers latest by Monday 5th October, 2013 latest by 09.00 pm on mootcourts@law.rizvi.edu.in with the subject “Memorial submission”.

• Delay in submission of the Memorial on time would entail a deduction of 2 marks per day. No submission of memorials would be accepted after Saturday 10th October, 2013.

• The name of the institution must not appear anywhere in the Memorial. However, a covering letter having the name of the institution and other mailing details need to be enclosed along with the memorials.

• A Memorial may not be corrected, revised, or supplemented after it has been submitted to the Committee.

• By submitting 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.

• The Hard Copy of the memorial is expected to be stitched or stapled. Any other form of binding is not encouraged and will result in negative marking.

**ORAL ARGUMENTS**

• Oral arguments will be held in the premises of Rizvi Law College on October 18-20, 2013.

• Each team will be allowed the following time for argument in each round:

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• Each team may use reasonable discretion in allocating the time between two speakers, with each speaker being allocated not less than 40% of the time allocated for the team. The team representing the petitioner (or appellant) may reserve up to five minutes of its time for rebuttal by addressing such request to the Court at the commencement of argument. Up to 3 minutes can be allocated for a sur-rebuttal also. However, a sur-rebuttal will be solely at the discretion of the Court. Decision of the Bench shall be final in this regard. Before commencement of the oral argument, each team must intimate the bailiff about allocation of time between its members. The Court may interrupt the arguments for questions and in its discretion may allow additional time.

• To ensure the smooth functioning of the Moot Court and avoid any perception of bias during the competition, the organizing committee maintains anonymity of the college/university/institute names throughout the competition. To ensure this the organizing committee will allocate a code number to each participating team in the competition. This
code is to be applied by the organizing committee to the participating teams during the competition, including on their written memorials.

- 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.

- During a round, only the participating members of a team may sit at the counsel table. Other persons from the same institution may be present in the room but may not be seated with and may not confer with those seated at the counsel table.

- The team code shall be decided by the draw of lots.

8. SCORING

In each of the preliminary rounds, each speaker who argues will be scored on a scale of 100 points.

| (1) | Application of facts | 15 marks |
| (2) | Application of law | 15 marks |
| (3) | Use of Authorities | 15 marks |
| (4) | Logical Coherency in Arguments | 15 marks |
| (5) | Questions from the Bench | 15 marks |
| (6) | Advocacy Skills | 15 marks |
| (7) | Rebuttals | 10 marks |
| **Total** | **100 marks** |

9. GENERAL CONDUCT REQUIREMENTS

- All participants are required to conduct themselves in a responsible and professional manner throughout the competition.

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

- The organizing 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

- The Committee will make all necessary interpretations and clarifications of the moot problem and/or the Rules and Regulations. All questions must be submitted to the Committee via email on or before Thursday 10th October, 2013.

- The Committee will inform participating teams of the questions and answers by posting interpretations vide email. Such interpretations will be final.
• All requests for interpretation should be sent to: Moot Court Competition Coordinator at mootcourts@law.rizvi.edu.in. Subject line to read: Request for Interpretation.

• The organizing committee’s decision as regards the interpretation of these rules or any other matters related to the Moot Court competition shall be final and binding. If there is any situation, which is not covered by these rules, the decision of the organizing committee shall be final.

• The organizing 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

• The winning Team of the 5th RLC Saquib Rizvi Memorial National Moot Court Competition will be awarded a trophy and a cash prize of INR 30,000.

• The Runners up team for the 5th RLC Saquib Rizvi Memorial National Moot Court Competition will also be awarded a trophy and a cash prize OF INR 15,000.

• There will be a Best Speaker prize. This prize will be awarded to the participant who is judged by the organizing committee to have performed best during her/his oral presentations. The Best Speaker will be awarded a trophy and a cash prize of INR 7,000.

• There will be a Best Researcher prize. The researchers test will be held on day III before the finals. The cash prize awarded will be INR 7,000.

• Each participant will be given a certificate of participation.

• The coaches and advisors 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 are to 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.