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1.ABOUT UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF LAW, OSMANIA UNIVERSITY.

The Faculty of Law at Osmania University boasts a distinguished history of over a century, having established instruction in law for students pursuing the legal profession as well as classes for Judicial Officers in 1899, predating the university's inception in 1918. This esteemed institution has produced an array of accomplished figures in various fields, including Supreme Court and High Court Judges, Chief Ministers, Ministers, Bureaucrats, Governors, Speakers, Ambassadors, and pre-eminent legal professionals.

Notable alumni include Sri N. Kiran Kumar Reddy, Former CM of AP; Sri Dharam Narayan Singh, Former CM of Karnataka; Sri SB Chavan, Former CM of Maharashtra; Sri P.Shiva Shankar Former Law Minister & Hon'ble Justice of HC; Sri Shivraj Patil, Former Speaker, Lok Sabha; Former Hon'ble Justices of Supreme Court of India Sri M. Jagan Mohan Reddy, Sri Jagannadha Rao, Sri P.B. Jeevan Reddy, Sri Shah Mohammed Qadri, Sri R.Subhash Reddy; Hon'ble Js. Sri L. Narasimha Reddy Former Chief Judge of Patna High Court and Former Chairman CAT ; Sitting Judges of High Court of Telangana Hon'ble justices Sri M.S. Ramchander Rao, Sri Shamim Akhtar, Sri M.S.K. Jaiswal, Sri Abhishek Reddy, Sri T. Vinod Kumar, Sri M.Lakshman, Sri Abhinand Kumar Shavili, Dr. Sri G. Radha Rani, Sri A.Venkateshwara Reddy, Sri Pulla Karthik ; Hon'ble Js. Sri G. Chandraiah Former Judge of TS High Court and Chairperson of TSHRC; Senior advocates like A. Narasimha Reddy, Chairman Bar Council of TS; N.Ramachander Rao, Ex. MLC; L.Sharman Retired IAS; K.Sunitha IAS; P Venkatarama Reddy IAS.

This list is not exhaustive and the college has been consistently ranked among the best law schools in the nation by India Today and other publications. Additionally, the college houses an Intellectual Property Rights Depository, sponsored by the Ministry of Human Resources Development, Government of India and a substantial collection of books in its law library.

2. ABOUT JUSTITIA

JUSTITIA 2023 is being organized and conducted by University College of Law, Osmania University, inviting participation of law students from different institutions in India. It comprises of (2) Two Competitions:

- **Moot Court Competition**
- **Client Counselling Competition**

The main aim of the JUSTITIA is to provide law students with the opportunity to harbor research, legal drafting skills, oral advocacy skills, and other essential prowess to mold a student into an adept student advocate. It also encourages students to develop the skills of interviewing, planning, analysis required for an effective lawyer-client relationship. It provides a platform for bringing together students from various institutions across the country, allowing for building of networking among law students and free flow, exchange of legal knowledge. The University College of Law at Osmania University extends a warm welcome to all law students from various parts of the country, to participate, learn and have a memorable experience.

3. VENUE AND DATE

JUSTITIA 2023 shall be held at the University College of Law, Osmania University, Hyderabad, 500007 on 3rd and 4th March 2023.

4. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- The Competition is open for students pursuing three/five-year LL.B. Degree Course from recognized Law College/University in India, subject to fulfillment of the registration formalities. All the team members shall be students of the same institution.
- There shall be only **(1) one team for Moot Court Competition** and **(1) one team for Client Counselling Competition** from a Law School / Law College.
- The same student cannot participate/register in both the Client Counselling and Moot Court Competition.
- Each team shall be assigned a team code. Teams shall use only their team code for identification purposes during the competition.

LANGUAGE

- The competition shall be conducted in English language.

5. DRESS CODE

The teams should adhere to the Dress Code of the competition:

- Female Participant(s): Formals (in Black and White)- shirt, trousers, blazer or white kurti and blazer.
- Male Participant(s): Formals (in Black and White)- shirt, trousers, and blazer.

Use of ID cards and other Disciplinary Requirements: Each participant will be issued an ID card at the time of entry into the University campus. It shall be mandatory for all participants to wear the ID card at all times inside the campus. Furthermore, it shall be mandatory for each participant to adhere to all the general rules and regulations of the University College of Law, Osmania University at all times.

6. ACCOMMODATION AND FOOD

- Participants will be provided accommodation in the vicinity of the University at the Guest House of Osmania University. The Guest house is at a walkable distance from the College.
- Accommodation will be provided in sharing rooms.
- Food coupons will be issued at the registration desk only to the registered participants.
- Registered Participants will be provided Lunch and Tea on the two-days of the competition.

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MOOT COURT COMPETITION

I. PROGRAMME SCHEDULE

- Release of brochure and preposition – **19th January 2023**
- Opening of registration – **19th January 2023**
- Close of registration – **19th February 2023, 11:30 PM**
- Last date for clarifications – **22th February 2023**
- Submission of Memorials (soft copy to email)
- **25th February 2023, 11:30 PM**
- Inauguration, Preliminary Rounds
and Semi-Finals – **3rd March 2023**
- Finals and Valedictory ceremony – **4th March 2023**

II. TEAM COMPOSITION

- Each team should consist of (3) three members.
- There shall be (2) two speakers and (1) one researcher designated per team.
- No additional team member other than the enrolled candidates shall be entertained. Each team shall be assigned a team code. Teams shall use only their team code for identification purposes. Names of participants and their institution shall not appear in the written submissions.

III. REGISTRATION

- The Registration fee per Team is as below:
 - I. INR 2,000/-** Without Accommodation
 - II. INR 5,000/-** With Accommodation
- Each team must register by filling up the registration form through the online link:
<https://forms.gle/5ECouDofUpixfVz8>
- The payment Transaction ID along with the screenshot of payment receipt shall be uploaded in registration form.

Payment Account Details

Account Holder: Principal OUCL

Account Number: 52198263081

IFSC No: SBIN0020071

Bank Name : SBI Arts College Premises, OU.

- Registered Participants will be provided – Registration Kit, Lunch and Snacks.
- On successful registration, a Team Code will be assigned to each Team. The Team Code shall be mentioned in the Memorials and in Oral Rounds.
- Registration fee will be **non-refundable** under any circumstances.

The participants are also required to upload the scanned copy of the duly filled **Authorization Form** in the Registration Form as given in the Annexure.

IV. MEMORIAL SUBMISSION

- Each Team is required to prepare Written Submissions for both sides i.e., as Petitioner and Respondent in 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 members.
- Soft copy of the memorial (only in MS Word doc/.docx format) must be emailed to justitiaucl@gmail.com, latest by **25th February 2023 by 11:30 PM** with the subject "Memorials for JM____".
- 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) JM13P or JM13R, "P" being for "Petitioner" Memorial and "R" for "Respondent" Memorial, and so forth.

- Each team will be required to submit (3) three hard copies of memorials prepared for both sides, on 3rd March 2023 at the registration desk. The hard copies must be spiral bound and must adhere to all guidelines mentioned below.

Memorial Submission shall consist of the following mandatory heads:

- Cover Page.
- Table of Contents.
- Abbreviations.
- Index of Authorities (with the page number of authorities cited).
- Statement of Jurisdiction.
- Statement of Facts (not exceeding two pages).
- Statement of Issues.
- Summary of Arguments (not exceeding two pages).
- Arguments Advanced (not exceeding 15 pages).
- Prayer (not exceeding one page).

The cover page of a written submission must contain the following:

- The Team Code in the upper right-hand corner.
- The name and place of the jurisdiction.
- The Relevant Provision under which case is filed.
- Name of Parties and Status.
- The side for which the Written Submission has been prepared i.e., Memorial Filed on Behalf of Petitioner/Respondent.

Furthermore, participants must follow a uniform formatting style in their memorials:

- Font Type: Times New Roman.
- Font Size: 12.
- 1.5-line spacing.
- Margin: One inch on each side.
- Footnotes:
 1. Font Type: Times New Roman.
 2. Font Size: 10.
 3. Single Line Spacing

It is further clarified that the Convener of Justitia 2023 reserves the right to refuse acceptance of any Memorial which is in violation of any of the above-mentioned norms.

The Team shall cite authorities in the Memorial using footnotes as per standard citation format.

Colour of the cover page must be:

- * **Blue** in case of Petitioner
- * **Red** in case of Respondent.

DELAY in case of memorial submission WILL NOT be condoned on any grounds.

PLAGIARISM

Participants must refrain from plagiarism of any kind. Any use of publicly available information must be accompanied by proper citations. Failure to comply with this rule may result in being debarred from the JUSTITIA 2023.

V. COMPETITION STRUCTURE

The competition will be held over a period of two days i.e., 3rd and 4th March 2023. The competition shall consist of three (3) rounds; Preliminary, Semi-Final, and Final.

DRAW OF LOTS:

- Draw of Lots will determine the side from which a registered team will first present their argument i.e., as Petitioner or Respondent.
- Draw of Lots will also decide which teams would be competing against each other. There will be no pre-decided fixtures.
- Draw of Lots shall be conducted on 3rd March 2023 in the presence of all registered teams.

VI. GENERAL PROCEDURE

- The Competition shall consist of the following Rounds:
 - A. Preliminary Rounds
 - B. Semi-Final
 - C. Final
- During each of the above-mentioned rounds, the order in which the teams shall present their arguments is as follows:
 - A. Petitioner Speaker 1
 - B. Petitioner Speaker 2
 - C. Respondent Speaker 1
 - D. Respondent Speaker 2
 - E. Rebuttals

The Best Speaker Award shall be determined on the basis of the individual aggregate score of the Speaker taken only from the Preliminary Rounds.

- The Researcher shall not be permitted to address the Court during the Oral Rounds. The Researcher may, however, be permitted to pass notes to the Speakers.
- Teams are not permitted to raise issues in the Oral Rounds that have not been submitted in the Memorial.
- The use of mobile phones or any other electronic gadgets during the oral rounds would be strictly prohibited.
- The decision of the Judges as to the marks allotted to each team shall be final.

EXCHANGE OF MEMORIAL

- i. Memorials shall be exchanged on basis of the Draw of Lots that will take place, 30 minutes, before the commencement of each round.
- ii. The side to be represented and the opponent, as determined by the draw of lots, shall be final; and no request for changing the same shall be entertained.

Preliminary Round

- Each team shall get a maximum of 25 minutes, for both the speakers to present their arguments.
- The time limit is inclusive of the time for the Rebuttal.
- Time allocation for Rebuttals depends upon the discretion of the team.

SEMI-FINAL ROUND (KNOCK OUT)

- Each side shall get a maximum time of 30 minutes which will be divided by both the speakers of the team to present their arguments. The time limit is inclusive of the time for Rebuttal.
- Time allocation for Rebuttal depends upon the discretion of the team.
- The Top two teams from the Semi-final Round shall advance to the Final Round.

FINAL ROUND

- Each side shall get a maximum time of 45 minutes which will be divided by both the speakers of the team to present their arguments.
- The time limit is inclusive of the time for Rebuttal. The maximum time for Rebuttal is 10 minutes.

The Rules governing the conduct of the Competition should be strictly adhered to. Any deviation thereof can attract penalties including disqualifications at the discretion of the Convener of the Event.

The Organizers reserve the right to amend, alter, vary or change, in any manner whatsoever, the Rules governing the Competition, which would be communicated to the teams within a reasonable period of time

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.

VII. SCORING

- Total Marks (100 Marks)
 - a) Written Submission/ Memorial - 20 Marks
 - b) Oral presentation - 80 Marks
- Substance in Argument - 40 marks
- Skills of Advocacy - 20 marks
- Response to questions and Articulation - 15 marks
- General impression, court manners - 5 marks

VIII. AWARDS & CERTIFICATES

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".

The speaker with the maximum score in the Preliminary Rounds will be declared as the "Best Speaker". The team with the maximum Memorial scores will be awarded as "The Best Memorial".

- Best Team/Winner awards
- Runner up/Second Best Team
- Best Speaker
- Best Memorial

Participation certificates will be given to all the participants.

IX. ANNEXURE

1. Moot Proposition Link:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1P7RQ-XhgHDJ1Z87b4AWa_gWJo-AlrNRH/view?usp=share_link

2. Registration form link:

<https://forms.gle/5ECouDoJfUpixfVz8>

3. Authorization Form:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1aKrYfva7sbK2k3U5E13-658PTHVorzPc/view?usp=share_link



**CLIENT
COUNSELLING
COMPETITION**

I. NATURE & PURPOSE OF COMPETITION

Purpose:

The Client Counselling Competition promotes greater knowledge and interest among law students in the practical functions of law practice. It encourages students to develop interviewing, planning, and analytical skills requisite for the lawyer-client relationship. Interviewing and advising clients effectively is the most significant part of the lawyer's work. Law students gain the listening and questioning skills needed to conduct an effective interview and Counselling of their clients by study of decided cases, internship at law office, court visit apart from practical training. The Competition provides an opportunity for a valuable educational and cultural interchange between students, law teachers, and legal practitioners.

Nature of the Competition:

The Competition simulates a law office consultation in which two law students/participants acting as lawyers, are presented with a client who has a problem. The participants are given a brief written memorandum that identifies the general nature of the subject-matter of the client's problem before interview with the client is held. The participants conduct an interview with a person playing the role of the client. Participants are expected to elicit the relevant information from the client, relating but not limited to his or her preferred outcome, outline, nature of the problem, and present the client with a means for resolving the problem. The interview with client is then followed by post-consultation period during which the participants, in the absence of the client, analyze the interview and discuss the legal and other work to be undertaken in the matter. The participants are evaluated against specific criteria that emphasize the use of listening, questioning, planning, and analytical skills in a lawyer/client interview. Once the judges have completed evaluation of interview and post consultation, the participants are provided brief critique of their performance.

II. PROGRAMME SCHEDULE

- Release of brochure – **19th Jan 2023**
- Opening of registrations – **19th Jan 2023**
- Close of registration – **19th Feb 2023 up to 11:30 PM**
- Preliminary and Semi Final - **3th March 2023**
- Finals and Valedictory Ceremony- **4th March 2023**

III. TEAM COMPOSITION

Each team shall consist of **(2) Two Members:**
Counsel 1 and Counsel 2.

IV. REGISTRATION

- The Registration fee is as below –
 - 1. **INR 1,500/-** Without Accommodation
 - 2. **INR 4,500/-** With Accommodation
- Each team must register by filling up the registration and payment form through the link: <https://forms.gle/FFfbD5txku9drdv78>
- The registration form should be filled after making the payment. The participants have to upload the screenshot of the payment made (clearly depicting the Transaction ID) in the Registration Form, only then the registration shall be accepted.

Payment Account Details

Account Holder: Principal OUCL

Account Number: 52198263081

IFSC No: SBIN0020071

Bank Name : SBI Arts College Premises, OU.

- The participants are also required to upload the scanned copy of the duly filled **Authorization Form** as given in the Annexure, in the Registration Form.
- Each team shall complete such registration on or before – **19th February, 2023 (11:30 PM)**
- On successful registration, a Team Code will be generated and shall be emailed to the respective team email ID.
- Registration fee will be **non-refundable** under any circumstances.

V. ROUNDS

PRELIMINARY ROUNDS

There will be one Preliminary Round and each team will get one opportunity to represent themselves in the Preliminary Round. Each team will get a total of **25 minutes** which are divided in two parts, as follows:

- The first **15 minutes** is termed as “*Client Consultation period*”.
- Next **10 minutes** is termed as “*Post Consultation Interview period*”.

SEMI FINAL ROUND (KNOCK -OUTS)

Top **4 teams** from the combined marks of Preliminary Round will enter the Semifinal round; teams will have a total time of **30 minutes**, which will be divided as follows:

- The first **20 minutes** is termed as “*Client Consultation period*”.
- Next **10 minutes** is termed as “*Post Consultation Interview period*”.

FINAL ROUND

The top **2 teams** from the Semi Final Round will enter the Final Round. Teams entering the Final round of the competition will have a total time of **40 minutes**, which will be divided as follows:

- The first **25 minutes** is termed as “*Client Consultation period*”.
- Next **15 minutes** is termed as “*Post Consultation Interview period*”.

CLIENT CONSULTATION PERIOD (Interview Period)

In the client consultation period, the participants as lawyers are expected to elicit the relevant information, outline the problem, and propose a solution or other means of resolving the problem. During the consultation and post-consultation, the teams may use books, notes, and other materials.

POST CONSULTATION PERIOD (Post Interview Period)

The remaining time from the total time as specified above will be for post-Consultation period and would be devoted for post-consultation among the participants/ lawyers, and includes Judges question – answer period.

VI. EVALUATION CRITERIA

S.NO	CRITERIA	MARKS
1	Establishing an effective relationship	10
2	Obtaining information	10
3	Learning client goals, expectations and needs	10
4	Problem Analysis	10
5	Legal analysis and giving advice	10
6	Developing reasoned courses of action	10
7	Assisting the client to make an informed choice	10
8	Effectively concluding interview	10
9	Team work	10
10	Post interview reflection	10

Note: Evaluation done by the Judges of each round shall be final and binding on all the teams.

VII. RULES OF THE COMPETITION

1. To preserve anonymity, each team will be identified by a **Team Code**, which will be assigned to each team during the registration process. **Disclosing the name of the participating college to the judges will result in a 5-mark penalty.** Observers may watch any interview session but shall not be permitted to communicate with any other participating team. **Scouting is prohibited and will result in a 5-mark penalty.**
2. Each group will be judged by a panel of **Two Judges**.
3. The Teams are intimated beforehand about commencing time of the client-interview, and the time shall be kept by the organizers, whose decision with respect to time shall be final.
4. Each judge will evaluate a maximum of **100 marks** independently. The scores of the judges for each team will be added and then listed according to the team scores.
6. The Organizers reserve the right to amend the rules. However, due notice shall be provided to all teams.
7. **The Organizers reserve right to take appropriate punitive action against unethical, wrongful, or unprofessional conduct, including disqualification. The decision of Convener , Justitia 2023.**

8. If there is any situation, not covered by the rules, the decision of the Convener , **Justitia 2023**.

9. If a Tie persists, the team scoring the higher marks as according to Point 5 of *Evaluation Criteria*, will be entitled to move forward to the next round. If a tie still persists, the marks of the tied teams will be compared with respect to the following Points in the *Evaluation Criteria*, until either of the team come out as a clear winner:

- **Criteria 2, if still a tie, then**
- **Criteria 3, if still a tie, then**
- **Criteria 5, if still a tie, then**
- **Criteria 8, if still a tie, then**
- **Post Consultation Session with the Judges (of 10 minutes each)**

VIII. AWARDS AND CERTIFICATES

- First Prize – Winner
- Second Prize – Runner Up
- Best Counsel
- All registered participants will receive Certificate of Participation

IX. ANNEXURE

1. Registration form:

<https://forms.gle/MrFFsPS2K2inXgYUA>

2. Authorization Form:

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1COQd98DitUu9z1rSe0Hfd8WUcKtndmia/view?usp=share link](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1COQd98DitUu9z1rSe0Hfd8WUcKtndmia/view?usp=share_link)

9. ORGANIZERS

Convener

- Dr. D. Radhika Yadav, Principal, University College of Law

Advisory Committee

- Prof. (Dr.) G. Vinod Kumar, Dean, Faculty of law
- Prof. (Dr.) N. Venkateshwarlu, Head Dept. of Law
- Prof. (Dr.) G.B. Reddy, Senior Professor
- Prof. (Dr.) B. Vijaya Lakshmi, Convenor TS Lawcet2023
- Dr. T. Aparna, Chairman BOS
- Dr. N. Ramprasad, Associate Professor

Student Coordinators

- Dr. R. Ratnakar Rao, Asst Professor (AC)
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https://maps.app.goo.gl/Uh86bMLzQQDZsWBP8?g_st=ic

11. WELCOME NOTE

We, the students of the University College of law, Osmania university are absolutely delighted to welcome you to JUSTITIA, 2023 being held by the University College of Law in Hyderabad, the City of pearls and flavors. We are certain that this experience will go down in your learning journey with us, as a memorable event. While you are here, be sure not to miss the iconic Hyderabadi biryani which is not only rich but full of flavor. The regal remains of Chowmahalla palace and Golconda fort, the infamous Charminar and the mighty Statue of Equality are worth the visit.