

# **GUIDELINES**

## **National Moot Court Act Competition (14<sup>th</sup> of March, 2024)**

### **1. Team composition**

- A team should typically consist of 7-12 members (Judge, Reader (narrator), Defence lawyer, Prosecution lawyer, Forensic expert(s)/witness(es)/both, victim(s), accused).

### **2. Case selection**

- **Theme: Road accident, murder, sexual assault, kidnapping.**
- Ensure that the case is complex enough to allow for thorough legal analysis and argumentation.

### **3. Research and preparation**

- Each team should thoroughly research the case details, associated evidences, details related to victim, accused & witnesses, case law, statutes, regulations, and other relevant legal material.
- In the first round, each team will be asked to draft and submit a brief write-up related to their case. Please note that the write-up has to be prepared on the spot and use of mobile phones and/or reference material will be strictly prohibited for this round.

### **4. Oral arguments**

- Each team will present oral arguments before a panel of judges, simulating a court proceeding with defined role categories along with a narrator.
- Arguments should be clear, concise, and well-supported by legal authority and factual analysis.
- The time limit for case presentation is 15 minutes (exceeding this limit will result in negative marking). Narration and introduction of team members will not be included in the designated time limit.

### **5. Professionalism**

- Participants should dress in appropriate attire corresponding to their role.

### **6. Scoring**

- Judges will evaluate on criteria such as legal analysis, clarity of presentation, persuasiveness, professionalism, etc.
- Scores may be based on both individual and team performance.

### **7. Ethical considerations**

- Importance of ethical conduct, including honesty, integrity, and respect for opposing counsel and the judiciary.