



2nd IURIS ADVOCATUS INTRA MOOT COURT COMPETITION, 2022



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MOOT COURT PROPOSITION

1. The year is 2610. The Republic of Sinnoh is the world's most populous state with more than 3 billion citizens. The Constitution of Sinnoh ("Constitution") is the lengthiest Constitution and provides for the provisions which ensure the healthy working of the Democracy and welfare of all the people. Sinnoh is a conglomeration of earlier nations that comprised parts of the erstwhile Asian and African continents, is one of the planet's three great superpowers, along with Blitz and Carinova.

2. The official and national language of Sinnoh is English, and the literacy rate is 100%. All residents of Sinnoh have access to television and newspapers and are avid heavy metal music fans. Sinnoh has a strong fourth pillar, which plays its role as a regulator on Government, and also an independent judiciary vested with the powers of judicial review. The currency of Sinnoh is known as the Kaching (K).

3. Mr. Steve Lee, the nations' greatest guitarist is widely considered as the father of Sinnoh and this title has been unanimously accepted by all the governments. His concerts are attended by billions of people and he often selects a few people to talk to him regarding how he should play so that his music becomes immortal for the people of Sinnoh.

4. On 20th July 2610, in one such concert, he selected Ms. Kourtney Scarlett as the lucky lady who gets the chance to talk to him. The discussions between Mr. Lee and Ms. Scarlett lasted for over 2 hours. After she came out of the room, she was approached by Mr. Dan Potter, a reporter for the news channel "Headliners", asking about the discussions that took place. Ms. Scarlett revealed to him that Mr. Lee is a rapist and a pervert whose actions have remained under the radar because of the Page 2 (Celebrity Buzz) Media Gags imposed by

numerous Governments' of Sinnoh. Headliners repeatedly displayed their interview with Ms. Scarlett over their news channel.

5. On 25th July 2610, Mr. Lee died because of a car accident and hence was not able to comment on the interview. On 28th July 2610, the Ministry of Media issued a Government Order banning the broadcast or sale in any format of the interview, stating that the clip was “defamatory” and started criminal proceedings against Dan Potter, the sole reporter and editor of Headliners.

6. Reporters and Analysts caught hold of Ms. Kourtney Scarlett and asked her about her statements regarding the “talk” in context of the defamatory statements against Mr. Lee. Ms. Scarlett revealed that the conversation they had was nothing out of the normal and she did not expound any remarks with were coined as defamatory. When Mr. Potter heard about this, he publicised the video recording of the conversation between him and Ms. Scarlett. That video was played in news channel all along and some experts did describe it as proclaimed defamatory.

7. The trial court convicted Mr. Dan Potter for criminal defamation and hence Mr. Potter appealed the said decision. Later, the High court also decided against Mr. Potter and he preferred an appeal in front of Hon'ble Supreme Court.

8. The Supreme court has decided to support the matter as one of national importance and has decided to hear the matter on fast-track basis and has decided to hear on the following matters

A. Whether Mr. Dan Potter is liable for the offence of Criminal Defamation and if so, how are the charges in exceedance of his duty as a member of the 4th Pillar of democracy?

B. Whether the verdict passed by the Trial court and the High court just and valid?

C. Whether Ms. Kourtney Scarlett should be added in the particular case as a joinder of one Mr. Dan Potter in the offence of Criminal Defamation?

Note to the participants: The Constitution, laws, rules and regulations of Sinnoh are in pari-materia with India.

INTRA MOOT COURT COMPETITION

RULES

DRESS CODE

- For boys: White shirt, black trousers, black tie, black coat, black formal shoes.
- For girls: White salwar kurta, white shirt, black trousers, black coat, black shoes. (NO JEGGINGS)

(The participants shall strictly adhere to the prescribed dress code. Improper observation of the above mentioned dress code will attract penalty in scoring of the event.)

LANGUAGE

- Language of the competition is English and this is to be strictly adhered to, throughout the event.

TEAM COMPOSITION

- Each team shall consist of maximum 3 members (2 mooters and 1 researcher) or (2 mooters)
- Once the competition commences, the team composition cannot be altered. However, under certain circumstances if any alteration is necessitated, it should be brought in notice of the OC.
- Any alteration of the names of the team members is to be informed in writing, to that effect, addressed to the OC and MCS, PUSSGRC, Hoshiarpur by the participants. However any such alteration shall be permitted only once.
- **Participation once registered cannot be withdrawn under any circumstances.**
- Inability of any team member to participate in accordance with the rules of this Competition shall lead to immediate disqualification.

MEMORIALS

- Each participating team has to prepare memorial for both the sides i.e. PROSECUTION and DEFENSE.
- Teams have to submit a total of 4 hard copies of memorials of each side.
- The hard copy of memorial should be submitted in a yellow envelop, titled with the team code only.
- The cover page of the memorial sent shall clearly mention the word "P" for memorial on behalf of Prosecution, and the word "D" for memorials on behalf of Defendant side, followed by the team code for both the instances, such being clearly inscribed on top right-hand corner of the cover page of the memorial. For example, if the team has been assigned a code of 88, the memorials sent by such team shall have "**P88**" and "**D88**" clearly marked on the top right-hand corner of the cover page of the respective memorials.
- The memorials have to be submitted on A4 size paper and must contain the following sections in order stated below:
 - COVER PAGE
 - TABLE OF CONTENTS
 - INDEX OF AUTHORITIES
 - STATEMENT OF JURISDICTION
 - STATEMENT OF FACTS
 - STATEMENT OF ISSUES
 - SUMMARY OF ARGUMENTS
 - ARGUMENTS ADVANCED
 - PRAYER
- The memorials must be printed in Times New Roman font with 12 font size and with 1.5 line spacing. The footnoting must be in Times New Roman font with 10 font size and with 1.0 line spacing. The memorial should have margin measuring one inch on all sides of each page. To

conserve paper, teams may print their memorials on both sides of the A4 sheet and submit accordingly.

- The arguments advanced section should not exceed 20 pages.
- Memorials as a whole should not exceed 35 pages excluding the cover page.
- The numbering should be on the bottom-right corner of each page.
- Cover page of the Prosecution memorial shall be printed on A4 size paper of Blue Colour
- Cover page of Defendant`s memorial shall be printed on A4 size paper of Red Colour.
- The teams are to strictly adhere to the citation method of the 20th edition of Harvard Bluebook for Citation throughout the memorial.
- The maximum scores for the memorials shall be 100 marks. The memorials shall be evaluated on the following criteria:

Knowledge of law and facts
30 Marks
Proper and Articulate analysis
30 Marks
Extent and Use of Research
20 Marks
Grammar style
10 Marks
Clarity and Organization
10 Marks

- The last date of submission of memorial is **18th November,2022 till 12 Noon.**
- For every 2 hours of delay in hard copies of memorial 1 marks will be deducted.

COMPETITION FORMAT



TIME SLOTS

Researcher Test	30 Minutes
Preliminary Round I	30 minutes per team
Preliminary Round II	30 minutes per team
Semi Final	45 minutes per team
Final	60 minutes per team

(The above-mentioned time includes time for Rebuttal and Sur-Rebuttal)

- Any team exceeding time limit shall be penalized with deduction of 1 mark for every 2 minutes.
- The oral arguments shall be confined to the issues raised and presented in the memorial.
- The researcher shall be present with the speakers during the oral rounds.
- Passing of notes to the speaker by teammates is allowed.

RESEARCHER TEST

- The “Researcher Test” shall take place on 21st November, 2022. Only the Researcher, as indicated in the
- team registration form, shall take the researcher test. The speaker can only take the researcher test if
- the team comprises of two speakers only, which shall be communicated well in advance. The test shall be limited to general understanding of law and to the moot proposition.
- The test will consist of both subjective and objective questions.
- Only basic stationery is allowed inside the examination area.

PRELIMINARY ROUNDS I & II

- To determine the order of participation in the preliminary round, all the registered and present teams shall participate in a draw of lots, which shall take place on the 21st Nov 22, immediately after the Inauguration, followed by exchange of memorials and orientation of the teams.
- No two teams shall face each other more than once in the Preliminary Rounds. In determining the final score at the end of the preliminary rounds, the score of the memorials will be added.

SEMI-FINALS & FINAL ROUND

- The top four scoring teams from the Prelims will be selected for Semi-Finals. The semi-finals will begin on 22nd November, 2022. The scores of memorials will be considered in every round of the event and will be added in the final cumulative score which will decide the winners of each round.
- The two top scoring teams in semi-finals will be selected for the final round which will be conducted on the same day. Winners will be awarded during the Valediction to be held on 22nd November, 2022.

TIE BREAKING RULES

In case of tie between two teams in any rounds, memorial scores will be taken into consideration to break the tie. In case the tie still subsists, the oral score of the best speaker of each team will be considered to break the tie. If the tie continues, the oral score of the second speaker of each team will be considered to break the tie.

SCORING

The maximum score per speaker per round is 100 marks which are categorized as follows:

Knowledge of Law	20 Marks
Application of Law Facts	20 marks
Ingenuity & Ability to Answer	20 marks
Poise, Courtesy & Demeanour	20 marks
Time Management	10 marks
Organization	10 marks

SCOUTING

During the prelims, no audience will be allowed to watch the rounds. Only the respective team members and the students appointed by the organizers are to be present in the court room along with the respective judges. Scouting is strictly prohibited which will result in immediate disqualification from the event.

ANONYMITY

All the team members must refrain from disclosing their identity in any manner other than allotted team codes during the entire competition. Non-compliance with this rule shall result in immediate disqualification.

FINAL DECISIONS

The decisions of the judges with respect to the rounds of competition shall be final and binding. For other issues, the decision of the OC shall be final.

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Schedule of 21.11.2022

Particulars	Time
Reporting Time	9:00
Draw of Lots & Exchange of Memorial	9:15 – 9:30
Reseacher Test	9:30 – 10:00
Inaugration	10:00 – 11:00
High tea with briefing of Judge	11:00 – 11:30
Round 1	11:30 – 12:30
Lunch	1:00 – 2:00
Draw of Lots and Exchange of Memorial	2:15 – 2:30

Round 2	3:00 – 4:00
Day 1 closing	4:30

Schedule of 22.11.2022

Particulars	Time
Reporting Time	9:30
Draw of Lots and Exchange of Memorial	10:00
Round 1 (Semi Finals)	11:00 – 12:30
Lunch	1:00 – 2:00
Draw of Lots and Exchange of Memorial	2:15
Finals	2:30 – 4:30
Valedictory	4:30

