



Gujarat National Law University



UPDATE PERTAINING TO THE GNLU INTERNATIONAL MOOT COURT COMPETITION

1. The COVID-19 Pandemic has transformed into an event of global grief, as number of cases around the world still remain on a rise. While attempts of vaccination are underway, it is estimated that vaccinating entire populations will be a cumbersome and time-consuming task. Until the process of vaccination is complete, several advisories have asked citizens to be cognizant that the dangers of COVID-19 will continue to exist until complete vaccinations can be executed.
2. At such a time, it is extremely irresponsible to conduct an event which requires participation from all around the world. The safety of our participants is of utmost importance to us, and it is crucial that we do not conduct our competition in a manner which does not ensure the safety of the competition or upholds its quality standards.
3. Accordingly, with immense sadness, we have taken the decision to not hold the GNLU International Moot Court Competition in 2021. Since we had not opened up registrations at all for this year, we hope that no participants will go through grave inconvenience owing to this decision.
4. We had also considered the feasibility of holding the 2021 edition virtually, however, owing to the extreme diversity in candidates that the competition attracts from all around the world, holding a virtual global edition would lead to immense inaccessibility within the moot structure itself. Further, holding a virtual edition at a short notice could also degrade the consistently high standards the moot has established for itself.
5. Owing to these reasons, it was determined that the next edition of the GNLU International Moot Court Competition will take place in **February 2022**. We hope that vaccination drives in different countries would have reached at a more mature stage then, making physical travel possible. However, if the same is not the case, we will also have sufficient time to plan out a virtual edition which both accommodates the needs of our diverse participants and ensures that the quality of the moot is not compromised.
6. We are extremely thankful to our prospective participants for their patience through this turbulent time, and we are hopeful that this update brings some clarity to our plans with GIMC ahead.

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