
9TH GNLU MOOT COURT ON SECURITIES AND INVESTMENT LAW

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RULES OF THE COMPETITION

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RULES OF THE COMPETITION

GENERAL INFORMATION

1. These are the rules for the 9th GNLU Moot on Securities and Investment Law, 2026. These rules supersede any rules previously released.
2. The 9th GNLU Moot on Securities and Investment Law, 2026 (“**Competition**”) shall be held from 12th to 15th February, 2026 in offline mode at Gujarat National Law University, Gandhinagar, Gujarat.
3. The Organizing Committee (“**OC**”) shall function as the point of contact, and any changes in the Rules of the Competition shall be notified by email to all participating teams.
4. The Competition shall be conducted in accordance with the rules mentioned hereunder. Participants are required to comply with the rules and procedures prescribed herein.
5. The official email for all correspondence with respect to the Competition is gnlumsil@gnlu.ac.in.

1. DEFINITIONS

- 1.1 “**Applicant(s)/Appellant(s)/Petitioner(s)**” means the side of the Team which argues on behalf of the Applicant(s)/Appellant(s)/Petitioner(s) at any given point in the Competition.
- 1.2 “**Bench**” means the judges of an Oral Pleading Session collectively.
- 1.3 “**Bluebook**” means the Bluebook Method of Citation (21st edition).
- 1.4 “**Clarifications**” means the clarifications and corrections to the Moot Problem issued pursuant to Rule 5 of the Rules of the Competition. They shall be deemed to form part of the Moot Problem.
- 1.5 “**Compendium**” means a compilation or collection of legal or other authorities that a Team seeks to rely on during the Oral Pleading Session.
- 1.6 “**Competition**” means the 9th GNLU Moot on Securities and Investment Law, 2026.
- 1.7 “**Identity**” means any fact pertaining to the identity of the Team, or the

Institution/College/University represented by the Team or the state or region where such Institution/College/University is located, and includes any identification marks/seal of the Team or the Institution/College/University represented including marks or indications to the university.

1.8 “IST” means Indian Standard Time.

1.9 “Official Website” means the website of the Competition, i.e <https://gnlu.ac.in/gmsil/home>

1.10 “Memorial Evaluation Round” means the memorial evaluation round as explained in Rules 3.1.1 and 8.1 of the Rules of the Competition.

1.11 “Oral Pleading Session/Round” means the oral pleadings before a Bench as explained in Rule 8 of the Rules of the Competition.

1.12 “Oral Score” means the score given by a judge in accordance with Rule 9 of the Rules of the Competition.

1.13 “Orator” means one of the two designated speakers in a Team.

1.14 “Organizing Committee” or “OC” means the committee, including any other persons specifically authorized in this respect, appointed for the administration and conduct of the Competition and all events leading to the Competition.

1.15 “Rebuttals” means the set of arguments/challenges that the Applicant(s)/Appellant(s)/Petitioner(s) shall raise at the end of the main pleadings of all the Orators.

1.16 “Reply to Rebuttals” means the defense presented by the Respondent(s) in response to the Rebuttals.

1.17 “Researcher” means that member of the Team who is not an Orator.

1.18 “Researchers’ Test” means a written test conducted during the Competition in accordance with Rule 8.10 of the Rules of the Competition.

1.19 “Respondent(s)” means that side of the Team which argues on behalf of the Respondent(s) at any given point in the Competition.

1.20 “Rules of the Competition” means these rules and regulations, as set forth in this document, including any amendments, modifications, or clarifications issued by the Organizing Committee from time to time.

1.21 “Scouting” means any person observing the Oral Pleading Session of a Team other than that of the Team such person is associated with.

1.22 “Stage 1” means the Memorial Evaluation Round.

- 1.23 “Stage 2”** means the Oral Pleading Session/Rounds of the top 30 Teams from Stage 1.
- 1.24 “Team”** means the registered representatives of any Institution/College/University participating in the Competition and shall include only those members as specified in Rule 2.3 of the Rules of the Competition.
- 1.25 “Team Code”** means the code assigned to a Team through a draw of lots.
- 1.26 “Waiting Area”** means the area designated by the OC where participants shall report prior to the commencement of each Oral Pleading Session.
- 1.27 “Memorial”** means the memorandum of written submissions submitted by any Team as per Rule 6 of the Rules of the Competition.
- 1.28 “Memorial Score”** means the score determined in accordance with Rule 10 of the Rules of the Competition.

2. ELIGIBILITY AND TEAM COMPOSITION

- 2.1** The Competition is open to all students enrolled in an undergraduate LL.B. degree programme or its equivalent conducted by any recognized Institution/College/University in India. Students enrolled in postgraduate or diploma programmes are not eligible to participate.
- 2.2** A recognized Institution/College/University shall be entitled to send only one Team for the Competition.
- 2.3** Each Team shall comprise a minimum of 2 (two) and maximum 3 (three) members. In case of a three-member team, two members of the Team shall be designated as Orators and the third member shall be designated as the Researcher. In case of a two-member team, both members shall be designated as Orators.
- 2.4** Any additional member or Team Coach accompanying a Team shall not be recognized and will not be entitled to a certificate for the Competition.

3. REGISTRATION

3.1 General Rules

- 3.1.1** The Competition will be conducted in two stages: (i) Stage 1 – Memorial Evaluation Round and (ii) Stage 2 – Oral Pleading Rounds. Top 30 Teams

from Stage 1 – Memorial Evaluation Rounds will qualify for Stage 2 – Oral Pleading Rounds.

3.1.2 All Teams desirous of participating in the Competition must firstly register themselves by filling Stage 1 – Memorial Evaluation Round available on the Official Website and paying the registration fee as provided in Rule 3.2 of the Rules of the Competition.

3.1.3 Each Team shall complete registration for the Memorial Evaluation Round on or before 15th December, 2025 (11:59 PM IST).

3.1.4 Each team shall upload an authorization-cum-bonafide letter/email issued by the appropriate authority of their Institution/College/University at the time of registration for the Memorial Evaluation Round.

3.1.5 Top 30 Teams from the Memorial Evaluation Round will be announced on the Official Website and those Teams will be required to complete the registration for Oral Pleading Rounds on or before 25th January, 2026 (11:59 PM IST).

3.1.6 In the event that the Team is unable to fill the Google Forms provided on the Official Website, they shall notify the details required for the same, via an email to gnlumsil@gnlu.ac.in.

3.2 Registration Fee

3.2.1 The registration fees for (i) Stage 1 – Memorial Evaluation Round is INR 2,000/- and for (ii) Stage 2 – Oral Pleading Rounds is INR 8,000/- (which is payable in addition to the fee paid for Stage 1).

3.2.2 The payment links are available on the Official Website.

3.3 Teams which have registered for the Competition in accordance with Rule 3.1 of the Rules of the Competition may withdraw from the Competition after informing the OC of such withdrawal on or before 1st January 2026. If a Team intimates a notice of withdrawal on or before 1st January 2026, then the registration fee paid, if any, will be refunded to the Team, after deducting transaction costs. In case a Team fails to intimate a notice of withdrawal within the stipulated time, such Team shall not be entitled to any refund.

3.4 Once a Team registers by completing the formalities provided in Rules 3.1 and 3.2 of the Rules of the Competition, a Team Code shall be assigned to each Team

according to the Official Schedule.

3.5 A Team which has registered pursuant to Rules 3.1 and 3.2 of the Rules of the Competition may change its composition only after informing the OC of such change by way of filling the Google Form for Team Composition available on the Official Website. The Google Form shall be filled by the member of the team who continues to be part of the team even after the change in the Team composition. Changes to the team composition shall not be made later than 1st January 2026.

3.6 Any changes in the contact details of Team members must be notified to the OC immediately unless such Team withdraws or is disqualified from the Competition.

4. ANONYMITY OF TEAMS

4.1 Teams shall not reveal their Identity in any form, except by means of the Team Code assigned to them in accordance with Rule 3.4 of the Rules of the Competition.

4.2 Teams shall not, in any way, reveal their Identity in the Memorial or in course of the Oral Pleading Session. The Written Submissions shall not bear the logo, name, etc. of the Team, its members, or the Institution/College/University represented by the Team.

4.3 Any material, including the Compendium, books, bare acts, or any other reference material, carried during the Oral Pleading Session, whether presented to the Bench, shall not reveal the Team's Identity and shall be devoid of any identification marks/seal of the Team or the Institution/College/University represented. If anything, in the material carried during the Oral Pleading Session reveals the Team's Identity, the Team shall render the same unrecognizable to the satisfaction of the OC prior to using the material in the Oral Pleading Session.

4.4 Any violation of Rules 4.2 or 4.3 of the Rules of the Competition may attract disqualification of the Team from the Competition or any other penalty as determined by the OC. The decision of the OC in this regard shall be final and binding.

5. CLARIFICATIONS TO THE MOOT PROBLEM

5.1 Teams may seek Clarifications via filling the Clarification Google Form available on the Official Website.

- 5.2** All Clarifications, if any, shall be posted on the Official Website by 15th December, 2025. This date may be subject to change.

6. MEMORIALS

- 6.1** Each Team is required to prepare Memorials for both sides, i.e., the Applicant(s)/Appellant(s)/Petitioner(s) and the Respondent(s) of the case.

- 6.2** A Memorial shall be identified solely by the Team Code assigned to the Team pursuant to Rule 3.4 of the Rules of the Competition. The Memorials shall not, in any way, disclose any fact pertaining to the Identity of the Team, its members (not limited to the name of the participants), or the Institution/College/University represented by the Team.

6.3 Mandatory Heads

The Memorial shall consist of the following mandatory heads:

- a. Cover Page
- b. Table of Contents
- c. List of Abbreviations
- d. Index of Authorities
- e. Statement of Facts (not exceeding 2 pages)
- f. Statement of Jurisdiction
- g. Issues Raised
- h. Summary of Arguments (not exceeding 2 pages)
- i. Arguments Advanced (not exceeding 20 pages)
- j. Prayer (not exceeding 1 page)

6.4 Cover Page

The Cover Page of the Memorial must contain the following information:

- a. The Team Code in the upper right-hand corner in accordance with Rule 6.11.3 of the Rules of the Competition
- b. The name and year of the Competition
- c. The name of the case

- d. The case number
- e. Name of the forum resolving the dispute
- f. The side for which the Memorial has been prepared

6.5 List of Abbreviations and Index of Authorities

- 6.5.1** The List of Abbreviations shall include all abbreviations and acronyms (such as “SEBI”, “SC”, etc.) used in the Memorial. If any abbreviation does not appear in the List of Abbreviations or vice versa, every instance wherein it is used in the Memorial shall constitute a violation of this rule.
- 6.5.2** All authorities cited in the Memorial must be included in the Index of Authorities and vice versa. If any authority cited in the Memorial is not included in the Index of Authorities or vice versa, every instance wherein it is used in the Memorial shall constitute a violation of this rule.
- 6.5.3** The List of Abbreviations shall be in alphabetical order.
- 6.5.4** Index of Authorities shall be in alphabetical order. Each head under Index of Authorities, such as Articles, Case Laws, Online sources etc., must be in alphabetical order.

6.6 Footnotes and Citations

- 6.6.1** Teams shall cite all authorities in the Memorial using footnotes as per Bluebook (21st edition). A few sample citations have been provided in Annexure I for reference.
- 6.6.2** Certain legal sources mentioned in Annexure II shall be cited in the format given in Annexure II instead of using the Bluebook format.
- 6.6.3** While citing any online legal resource which is neither specified in Rule 6.6.2 of the Rules of the Competition nor specifically provided for in Bluebook (21st edition), the format for internet resources as per Bluebook (21st edition) should be followed.
- 6.6.4** Footnotes shall be limited only to citations. In no case can the footnotes contain additional information or arguments.

Example:

Acceptable footnote: A v. B, AIR 2015 SC 50, 12-23 [hereinafter A].

Unacceptable footnote: A v. B, AIR 2015 SC 50, 12-23 [hereinafter A] (holding that the basic structure of the Constitution cannot be amended).

6.7 Graphs, Tables, Diagrams and Annexures

6.7.1 Arguments Advanced' shall not contain any graphs, tables, diagrams, photographs, or any other representation of similar nature.

6.7.2 Graphs shall only be included wherever necessary. If incorporated, they must be presented separately at the end of the Memorial as an annexure, subject to a maximum page limit of 2 pages.

6.8 Memorial

The Memorial (all pages except the cover page) shall adhere to the following mandatory specifications:

- a. Page size: A4
- b. Font Type: Times New Roman
- c. Font Size: 12
- d. Line Spacing: 1.5
- e. Body of text: Justified
- f. Margin: 1 inch on all sides
- g. No borders

The formatting specifications for footnotes are as follows:

- a. Font Type: Times New Roman
- b. Font Size: 10
- c. Line Spacing: 1
- d. Paragraph Spacing: 0
- e. No additional space between 2 footnotes
- f. Body of text: Justified

6.9 Presentation of the Memorial

6.9.1 The hard copy of the Memorial must be submitted only after spiral binding.

6.9.2 The hard copy of the Memorial shall be printed on both sides of the pages.

6.9.3 The cover page of the Memorial shall comply with the following color scheme:

Applicant(s)/Appellant(s)/Petitioner(s) – Blue (in any shade)

Respondent(s) – Red (in any shade)

6.10 Submission Guidelines

- 6.10.1** Each Team shall send a soft copy of the Memorial, via filling the Memorial Submission Google Form available on the Official Website on or before 10th January 2026 (11:59 PM. IST) shall comply with Rule 6.11 of the Rules of the Competition.
- 6.10.2** Any soft copy submission made after 10th January 2026 (11:59 PM IST) shall be considered as a late submission and shall attract a penalty with 1 mark for each day of delay till 12th January 2026 (11:59 PM IST).
- 6.10.3** Any soft copy submission after 12th January 2026 (after 11:59 PM IST) shall be accepted only at the discretion of the OC.
- 6.10.4** If a Team submits multiple soft copies of the Memorial, the latest submission will be considered for the purposes of Rule 6.10 of the Rules of the Competition.

6.11 Responsibility of Teams

It shall be the responsibility of each Team to ensure that the soft copies of the Memorials:

- 6.11.1** Can be opened and read with Adobe Acrobat Reader and Microsoft Word Document (through use of compatibility mode);
- 6.11.2** Are submitted as four (4) separate file attachments: two (2) as Memorials for the Applicant(s)/Appellant(s)/Petitioner(s) (one each in PDF and Microsoft Word (.docx/.doc) format) and two (2) as Memorials for the Respondent(s) (one each in PDF and Microsoft Word (.docx/.doc) format); and
- 6.11.3** Are named according to the Team Code and the side for which the Memorial is prepared. (For instance, Team 01 will name its Memorial for the Applicant(s)/Appellant(s)/Petitioner(s) as 01A and Memorial for the Respondent(s) as 01R.) Use of any other format (for example “Team 01A” or “Team 01R”) will be penalized.

6.12 Submission of Memorials

- 6.12.1** Teams selected for the Stage II - Oral Pleading Rounds are required to bring five (05) hard copies of the Memorials for each side (05 for the Complainant and 05 for the Respondent) to the offline Competition.
- 6.12.2** Teams are required to send the soft copies of the Written Submissions well in time, taking all contingencies into account. Equipment failure, computer disk failure, internet connectivity issues, etc. shall not be considered as grounds for condoning late submission of Written Submissions in determining any penalty imposed.
- 6.12.3** The hard copies of the Memorials must be exactly the same as the soft copies sent by the team for the Memorial Evaluation Rounds. Any violation of this rule shall attract a penalty as determined by the OC. The decision of the OC in this regard shall be final.
- 6.13** Teams may carry hard copies of the Memorials for their personal use. No hard copies of the Memorials submitted by the Team to the OC in accordance with Rule 6.12 of the Rules of the Competition shall be provided to such Team for their personal use.
- 6.14** Any Memorial violating any of the specifications enumerated in Rule 6.2 to Rule 6.9 of the Rules of the Competition shall attract a penalty according to the scheme provided below:

S. NO.	SCHEME OF DEDUCTION	MARKS DEDUCTED
1.	Failure to comply with Rule 6.2	0.5 marks for every disclosure
2.	Failure to comply with Rule 6.3	1 mark for every head omitted; 1 mark for every page in excess of the page limit as applicable
3.	Failure to comply with Rule 6.4	0.5 marks for every violation
4.	Failure to comply with Rule 6.5	1 mark for every 10 violations up to a maximum deduction of 2 marks

5.	Failure to comply with Rules 6.6	1 mark for every 10 violations up to a maximum deduction of 2 marks
6.	Failure to comply with Rule 6.7.1	0.5 marks per violation
7.	Failure to comply with Rule 6.7.2	0.5 marks for every page in excess of the page limit
8.	Failure to comply with Rule 6.8	0.5 marks per violation
9.	Failure to comply with Rule 6.9.3	0.5 marks for incorrect colour of cover page
	Maximum Deduction	5 Marks

SCHEME OF DEDUCTION	MARKS DEDUCTED
Failure to comply with Rules 6.10.1 and 6.10.2	1 mark per side per day [Applicant(s)/Appellant(s)/Petitioner(s) and Respondent]
In case a relaxation is granted under Rule 6.10.3	1 mark per side per day [Applicant(s)/Appellant(s)/Petitioner(s) and Respondent] (In addition to the penalty levied under Rules 6.10.1 and 6.10.2)

6.15 Any decision of the OC regarding the deductions shall be final and binding.

7. MEMORIAL EVALUATION

7.1 The Competition will have a Memorial Evaluation Round before the Oral Pleading Rounds. Each Memorial shall be assessed individually and independently by two judges.

- 7.2** Each Memorial will be marked out of a maximum of one hundred marks by two judges and deductions will be calculated as per Rule 10 of the Rules of the Competition, wherever applicable.
- 7.3** A Team's total Memorial score shall be a sum of marks awarded to the Petitioner Memorial and the Respondent Memorial.
- 7.4** Top 30 teams from the Memorial Evaluation Round will proceed to the Oral Rounds.

8. STRUCTURE OF THE COMPETITION

- 8.1** As laid down under Rule 3.1.1. of the Rules of the Competition, the Competition will be conducted in two stages: (i) Stage 1 – Memorial Evaluation Round and (ii) Stage 2 – Oral Pleading Rounds.
- 8.2** The Oral Pleading Rounds shall be conducted over a period of four days from 12th February, 2026 to 15th February, 2026.
- 8.3** The Researchers' Test shall be conducted in accordance with Rule 8.9 of the Rules of the Competition.
- 8.4** The Inaugural Function, Registration, Orientation of Participants and Researcher's Test will be held on 12th February, 2026. Preliminary Rounds will be conducted on 13th February, 2026. Quarter Final Rounds and Semi Final Rounds will be conducted on 14th February, 2026 and the Final Rounds on 15th February, 2026.
- 8.5** The Competition shall consist of the following Oral Pleading Rounds:
- The Preliminary Rounds
 - The Quarter Final Rounds
 - The Semi-Final Rounds
 - The Finals Round
- 8.6** The Teams participating in a Round will be provided with a hard copy of the opposite Team's Memorial prior to the Oral Pleading Session.

8.7 Preliminary Rounds

- 8.7.1** The Preliminary Rounds will be held on 13th February, 2026. There will be two Preliminary Rounds and each Team shall argue once as the Applicant(s)/Appellant(s)/Petitioner(s) and once as the Respondent(s).

- 8.7.2** The pairing of Teams for the Preliminary Rounds shall be done by a draw of lots by the OC. No two Teams shall argue against each other more than once in the Preliminary Rounds.
- 8.7.3** Each Team will be provided with a hard copy of the opposite Team's Memorial prior to the Oral Pleading Session.
- 8.7.4** Each round shall be decided through the allocation of a total of 9 round points, with 6 points being awarded on the basis of the Oral scores of the Teams and 3 points being awarded on the basis of the Memorial scores of the Teams.
- 8.7.5** If the difference between the Memorial scores of the two Teams (determined in accordance with Rule 10 of the Rules of the Competition) is more than 7% of the higher score, then the team with the higher Memorial scores will be awarded 3 points. If the difference is less than 7% of such higher score, then 2 points will be awarded to the Team with the higher score and 1 point will be awarded to the other Team. In case of a tie, the Teams will be awarded 1.5 points each.
- 8.7.6** A Bench of 2 judges will judge each round in the Preliminary Rounds. For each judge, if the cumulative Oral score (determined in accordance with Rule 10 of the Rules of the Competition) of one Team exceeds the cumulative Oral score of the other Team by 7% of the higher cumulative Oral score, then the Team with the higher cumulative Oral score will be awarded 3 points. If such difference is less than 7%, then the Team with the higher score will be awarded 2 points and the other Team will be awarded 1 point. In case of a tie, the Teams will be awarded 1.5 points each for that judge. Hence, a total of 3 points per judge will be allocated for the Oral Pleading Sessions.

Example:

In a round between Team A and Team B, Judge 1 gives a cumulative Oral score of 170 marks to Team A and 165 marks to Team B. The difference is 5 marks. Since this difference is less than 7% of 170 (which is 11.9) for Judge 1, Team A will be awarded 2 points and Team B will be awarded 1 point. In the same round, Judge 2 gives a cumulative Oral Score of 160 marks to Team A and 175 marks to Team B. Here, the difference of 15 marks is more than 7% of 175 (which is 12.25) and hence, Team A will be awarded 0 point and

Team B will be awarded 3 points. If the Memorial Score of Team A is 75 and the Memorial Score of Team B is 75, there exists a tie and hence, the 3 points will be split equally, with Team B being awarded 1.5 points and Team A being awarded 1.5 points. The total round points for that round are therefore:

Team A: 2 (Judge 1) + 0 (Judge 2) + 1.5 (Memorial) = 3.5 points

Team B: 1 (Judge 1) + 3 (Judge 2) + 1.5 (Memorial) = 5.5 points

8.7.7 The Team with the higher cumulative round points will be adjudged as the winner of that particular round. Hence, in the example above, Team B will be adjudged the winner.

8.7.8 The top 8 Teams will qualify to the Quarter Finals. The Teams will be ranked as per the following scheme:

- a. Firstly, on the basis of the total round points earned after the two Preliminary Rounds.
- b. If there is a tie in the total round points, the rank will be determined on the basis of the number of wins in the Preliminary Rounds.
- c. If a tie persists, the rank will be determined on the basis of the total round points earned in the Oral Pleading Sessions in the Preliminary Rounds.
- d. If a tie persists after the above, it will be resolved on the basis of the Memorial scores of the Teams.

8.8 Quarter Finals/ Semi- Finals

8.8.1 The Quarter Final Rounds will be held on 14th February, 2026 and are knockout rounds. Amongst the top 8 qualifying teams, the pairing of Teams for the Quarter Finals shall be decided by a draw of lots.

8.8.2 A Team will be credited with a win if the cumulative Oral score of the Team in that match, is higher than the cumulative Oral score of the opposite Team in the Quarter Final round.

8.8.3 A tie will be resolved on the basis of the Memorial scores of the Teams. In case the tie persists, it will be resolved by the toss of a coin.

- 8.8.4** The Semi-Final Rounds will be conducted on 14th February, 2026 and are knockout rounds. Amongst the teams that qualify the Quarter Final rounds, the pairing of Teams for the Semi-Finals shall be decided by a draw of lots.
- 8.8.5** Rules 8.8.2 and 8.8.3 of the Rules of the Competition will apply mutatis mutandis to determine the winner of the Semi-Final Rounds.
- 8.8.6** The Teams in Quarter Final Rounds and Semi-Final Rounds will be provided with a hard copy of the opposite Team's Memorial prior to the Oral Pleading Session.

8.9 Final Round

- 8.9.1** The Final Round of the Competition will be held on 15th February, 2026. The Final Round will be conducted between the Teams that win the Semi-Final Rounds. The sides for which the Teams will argue will be determined through a draw of lots.
- 8.9.2** For each judge on the Bench, 1 point will be awarded to the Team which is given the higher cumulative Oral score by that particular judge. On this basis, the total points awarded to each Team by the Bench shall be calculated.
- 8.9.3** The winner of the Competition shall be determined on the basis of the highest total points determined in accordance with the Rule 8.9.2 of the Rules of the Competition.
- 8.9.4** A tie will be resolved by considering the cumulative Oral Score awarded by the Bench to each Team.
- 8.9.5** In case the tie still persists, it will be resolved by considering the Memorial scores of the Teams.
- 8.9.6** The Teams will be provided with a hard copy of the opposite Team's Memorial prior to the Oral Pleading Session.

8.10 Researchers' Test

- 8.10.1** The Researchers' Test shall be conducted on 12th February, 2026.
- 8.10.2** In case of Teams with three members, only the Researcher, as designated under Rule 2.3 of the Rules of the Competition, shall appear for the Researchers' test.

- 8.10.3** In case of Teams with two members, either of the members may appear for the test. However, in such a situation the name of the member appearing for the test must be notified to the OC at the time of registration.
- 8.10.4** The duration of the Researchers' Test shall be 1 hour and it shall be in Multiple-Choice Question Format.
- 8.10.5** No notes, legal texts, books or any other reference material or electronic aid shall be permitted during the Researchers' Test.
- 8.10.6** The Researchers' Test shall test the knowledge of the laws involved as well as the factual details of the Moot Problem and the application of the relevant laws to the circumstances in the Moot Problem.

9. ORAL PLEADINGS

- 9.1** The order in which Teams shall submit their oral pleadings throughout the Competition shall be:
- Orator 1 for Applicant(s)/Appellant(s)/Petitioner(s)
 - Orator 2 for Applicant(s)/Appellant(s)/Petitioner(s)
 - Orator 1 for Respondent(s)
 - Orator 2 for Respondent(s)
- 9.2** No Researcher of any Team will be allowed to address the Bench during the Oral Pleading Session.
- 9.3** All Oral Pleading Sessions for the Competition will be conducted offline at Gujarat National Law University, Gandhinagar, Gujarat.
- 9.4** The Rebuttals or Reply to Rebuttals, as the case may be, shall be presented by only one Orator of the Team. The Rebuttals of the Applicant(s)/Appellant(s)/Petitioner(s) shall be limited to responding to the oral pleadings of the Respondent(s). The Reply to Rebuttals of the Respondent(s) shall be limited to responding to the Rebuttals of the Applicant(s)/Appellant(s)/Petitioner(s). There will be no sur-rebuttals allowed.
- 9.5** Before the commencement of the Oral Pleading Session of a Team, the Orators of the Team shall be asked to inform an OC member about:
- 9.5.1** Order of speaking of the Orators
 - 9.5.2** The Orator delivering the Rebuttals or Reply to Rebuttals, as the case may be

- 9.5.3** Time reserved by each speaker for Oral Pleadings, as well as for Rebuttals or Reply to Rebuttals, as the case may be.

Once the Team has communicated these details to the OC, these details cannot be changed for the Session in question. Extensions of time may be granted only in extraordinary circumstances at the discretion of the Bench.

- 9.6** Teams shall not reveal their Identity throughout the Oral Pleading Session.
- 9.7** The dress code for the Competition shall be as per the applicable Bar Council of India Rules for advocates. Robes and collars are prohibited.
- 9.8** Teams shall be allowed to submit Compendiums during the Oral Pleading Session to the Judges. All Compendiums must be approved by the OC prior to 12th February, 2025. No Compendiums can be presented before the Bench without adequate scrutiny of the OC.
- 9.9** Any Team which violates any of the Rules with respect to the Oral Pleading Sessions may attract penalty. The decision of the Bench shall be final and binding.
- 9.10** Teams shall not be permitted to use any electronic devices, like laptops, projectors, video cameras, mobile phones, etc. during the Oral Pleading Session.
- 9.11** An additional member or Team Coach accompanying a Team shall be permitted to observe the rounds for the Team such person is associated with. Such additional member or Team Coach must abide by all Rules of the Competition.
- 9.12** Any form of Scouting during the Competition is strictly prohibited and shall entail disqualification of the Team. The decision of the OC in this regard shall be final and binding.
- 9.13** Teams shall reserve at least 1 minute for Rebuttals or Reply to Rebuttals for all Oral Pleading Sessions throughout the Competition. No Team shall, however, reserve more than 5 minutes for Rebuttals or Reply to Rebuttals.
- 9.14** The allocation of time between the Orators of a Team, as well as time reserved for Rebuttals or Reply to Rebuttals shall be in whole minutes only.

9.15 Preliminary Rounds

- 9.15.1** Each Oral Pleading Session will be for a period of 60 minutes wherein each Team will be allotted 30 minutes (including Rebuttals or Reply to Rebuttals,

as the case may be). Any extension of time beyond this specified period is subject to the discretion of the Bench.

9.15.2 No Orator of a Team shall speak for more than 15 minutes, excluding the time reserved for Rebuttals or Reply to Rebuttals, as the case may be.

9.16 Quarter Finals/ Semi Finals

9.16.1 Each Oral Pleading Session will be for a period of 60 minutes wherein each Team will be allotted 30 minutes (including Rebuttals or Reply to Rebuttals, as the case may be). Any extension of time beyond this specified period is subject to the discretion of the Bench.

9.16.2 No Orator of a Team shall speak for more than 15 minutes, excluding the time reserved for Rebuttals or Reply to Rebuttals, as the case may be.

9.17 Final Round

9.17.1 Each Oral Pleading Session will be for a period of 80 minutes wherein each Team will be allotted 40 minutes (including Rebuttals or Reply to Rebuttals, as the case may be). Any extension of time beyond this specified period is subject to the discretion of the Bench.

9.17.2 No Orator of a Team shall speak for more than 20 minutes, excluding the time reserved for Rebuttals or Reply to rebuttals, as the case may be.

10. EVALUATION CRITERIA

10.1 Memorials

10.1.1 Memorials will be marked on a scale of 100 marks as per the following criteria:

S. NO.	MARKING CRITERIA	MAXIMUM MARKS
1.	Knowledge of Law and Facts	10
2.	Interpretation of law and Application to facts	10

3.	Identification and Articulation of Issues and Jurisdiction	10
4.	Use of Authorities	10
5.	Authoritativeness and Persuasiveness	10
6.	Organization of Arguments	10
7.	Clarity of Thought	10
8.	Originality and Innovation	10
9.	Presentation Style	10
10.	General Impression	10
TOTAL		100

10.1.2 The total marks for the Memorials shall be calculated by deducting marks for violations in accordance with Rule 6 of the Rules of the Competition, from the total marks obtained by the team under the Rule 10.1.1 of the Rules of the Competition.

10.2 Oral Pleading Session

10.2.1 The Oral Pleading Sessions will be marked on a scale of 100 marks per judge as per the following criteria:

S. NO.	MARKING CRITERIA	MAXIMUM MARKS
1.	Knowledge of Law and Facts	10
2.	Appreciation and Application of Facts	10
3.	Interpretation and Application of Law	10
4.	Use of Authorities	10
5.	Response to Questions	10
6.	Organization of Arguments	10

7.	Clarity of Thought and Expression	10
8.	Argumentative Skills and Creativity	10
9.	Reference to Written Submissions in the course of Oral Pleadings	10
10.	Court Mannerisms	10
TOTAL		100

10.3 The decision of the Bench regarding the allocation of marks shall be final and binding.

10.4 To ensure uniformity, each Judge will be briefed in advance regarding the marking criteria.

11. PRIZES AND AWARDS

11.1 Prizes and awards shall adhere to the following scheme:

S. NO.	CITATION	PRIZES AND AWARDS
1.	Winning Team	Merit Certificate + INR 50,000(cash prize)
2.	Runners-Up Team	Merit Certificate + INR 25,000(cash prize)
3.	Best Written Submissions	Merit Certificate + INR 10,000(cash prize)
4.	Second Best Written Submission	Merit Certificate
5.	Best Orator in the Preliminary Rounds	Merit Certificate + INR 5,000 (cash prize)
6.	Second Best Orator (Preliminary Rounds)	Merit Certificate

7.	Best Orator in the Final Round	Merit Certificate + INR 5,000 (cash prize)
8.	Best Researcher Award	Merit Certificate + INR 10,000 (cash prize)

11.2 The Best Orator and the Second-Best Orator in the Preliminary Rounds shall be determined as per the Oral score awarded to each Orator in the Preliminary Rounds.

11.3 All members of each Team shall be awarded Certificates of Participation. Quarter-Finalists and Semi-Finalists and Finals Teams shall be awarded Merit Certificates.

11.4 The OC reserves the right to make any changes to the above-mentioned rules.

12. ACCOMMODATION AND TRANSPORTATION

12.1 Accommodation shall be provided to the participants only on the days of the Competition. Teams which intend to arrive prior to or leave after the specified dates are required to make their own arrangements.

12.2 Any additional member or Team Coach accompanying a Team may be provided accommodation facilities, subject to availability and additional charges.

12.3 Teams shall be responsible for their transportation to and from the airport / railway station / bus station to the accommodation. OC members may assist in coordination, wherever required.

12.4 The OC will provide transportation facilities from the accommodation provided by the OC to the Competition venue.

13. MISCELLANEOUS

13.1 The OC reserves the right to modify any of the Rules of the Competition. The OC shall communicate any changes made in the Rules of the Competition to the Teams.

13.2 The OC reserves the right to take decisions on any matter not mentioned in the Rules of the Competition. Any such decision taken by the OC shall be final and binding.

- 13.3** The OC reserves the right to interpret any of the Rules of the Competition. Such interpretation shall be final and binding.
- 13.4** The OC reserves the right to process, transmit, and disclose the information and personal data furnished by participants at the time of registration to third parties, including sponsors and partners, solely for purposes connected with sponsorship, event management, and related administrative functions.
- 13.5** The copyright of the Memorial submitted by the Teams shall vest with Gujarat National Law University (GNLU). GNLU shall not be responsible for any liability accrued to any person or for any loss caused to any person because of the content of the Memorials.
- 13.6** If any one member of a team is notified or informed of any detail or information concerning the Competition, it shall be deemed that the said Team as a whole has been duly notified or informed.
- 13.7** No audio recording or videotaping of Oral Pleadings is permitted without the permission of the OC, the Bench before which the team is scheduled to present, and the opposite Team. The OC reserves all rights to audio recording, videotaping, or any other form of audio or visual reproduction of any Oral Round or part thereof.
- 13.8** If a Team is of the view that the Rules of the Competition have been violated at any stage of the Competition, the Team shall, within half an hour after the completion of the round in which the alleged violation has occurred, register a complaint with the Student Convenors of the Competition.
- 13.9** Under no circumstances can Team(s) approach the Bench with any complaints.

14. ACCESSIBILITY

- 14.1** The GNLUMSIL OC is committed to ensuring the highest degree of accessibility for all Teams participating in the Competition.
- 14.2** All our documents are capable of being read by screen-readers. However, if any of our documents are inaccessible to any Team Member, Teams are requested to contact us on gnlumsil@gnlu.ac.in to receive more accessible materials in a screen-reader compatible format.
- 14.3** In case any Team Member of a Team is hearing or speech impaired, the said Team Member will be permitted to have their own interpreter present at the time of Oral

Pleadings in the Competition. Such an interpreter need not be a Team Member. However, the same must be notified to the OC before the dates of the Competition.

- 14.4** In case of any other concerns pertaining to accessibility, Team Members may contact the Student Convenors Ms. Aditi Vijay (+91 733807514), Mr. Rajan Thakkar (+91 8200250188) or Ms. Diya Parvati (+91 86060 08822).



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ANNEXURE I

i. Indian Cases

If the reporter adopts a fixed format of citation, use the same format and indicate the country abbreviation, if not evident from the context. For example:

- ☐ Union Carbide Corporation v. Union of India and Ors., (1989) 1 SCC 674.
- ☐ D.A. Gadgil v. SEBI, 2000 SCC OnLine SAT 4.

The name of the jurisdiction must be clearly provided only when the case law belongs to a foreign jurisdiction.

Where a reporter does not adopt a fixed citation format, use the following citation format:

<Case name>, (<year of reporter>) <volume number><reporter abbreviation><first page>
(<year of decision if different from the year of reporter>) (<country abbreviation>).

ii. The Constitution of India

INDIA CONST. art. <specific Article being referred to>, § <specific clause of the Article being referred to, if any>, cl. <specific sub-clause of the clause being referred to, if any>, amended by<Short Title of the relevant Constitutional Amendment, if any>.

Example:

- ☐ INDIA CONST. art. 1, § 3, cl. (c).
- ☐ INDIA CONST. art. 269, amended by The Constitution (Eightieth Amendment) Act, 2000.

iii. Notifications and Regulations published in the Gazette of India

<Title/ Subject of the Notification/ Regulations>, Gazette of India, pt. <specific Part of the Gazette of India in which the notification/ regulation is published> sec. <specific Section of

the Part in which the notification/ regulation is published>(<date of decision in ‘Abbreviated Month DD, YYYY’ format>).

Example:

Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, Gazette of India, pt. III sec. 4 (Sept. 2, 2015).



ANNEXURE II

i. **RBI / SEBI / IRDA or similar regulatory body Circulars/ Notifications not published in the Gazette of India**

<Subject/ Title of the Circular/ Notification>, RBI Notification No. <Notification/ Circular number> (<date of the notification in ‘Abbreviated Month DD, YYYY’ format>), <web address/ URL>.

Example:

Standardisation of Interest Rate Swap Contracts, RBI Notification No. RBI/2012-13/396 (Jan. 28, 2013), <http://www.rbi.org.in/scripts/NotificationUser.aspx?Id=7828&Mode=0>.

ii. **Unpublished SAT decisions**

<Case name>, SAT Appeal No. <SAT appeal number along with year> (<date of decision in ‘Abbreviated Month DD, YYYY’ format>), <web address/ URL>, ¶ <specific paragraph being referred to>.

Note:

- a. Opposing parties in the case name must be separated by “v.”.
- b. The SAT decisions which are published in law reports or journals can be cited in the same manner as the other cases published in such law reports or journals.

Example:

Chandrakant Bhogilal Shah v. SEBI, SAT Appeal No. 24 of 2015 (Apr. 7, 2015) http://www.sebi.gov.in/cms/sebi_data/attachdocs/1428392854223.pdf, ¶ 2.

iii. **SEBI Orders**

SEBI Order <title of the order>, <order number>, <web address/ URL>, ¶ <specific paragraph being referred to>.

Example:

SEBI Order In the Matter of Onelife Capital Advisors Ltd., WTM/RKA/EFD/42/2015, http://www.sebi.gov.in/cms/sebi_data/attachdocs/1431517750581.pdf, ¶ 15.

iv. **SEBI Adjudicating Officers' Orders**

Adjudication Order <title of the order>, <order number>, <web address/ URL>, ¶ <specific paragraph being referred to>.

Example:

Adjudication Order In the Matter of M/s. JK Jute Mills Company Limited, AO/VKV/34/2015, http://www.sebi.gov.in/cms/sebi_data/attachdocs/1430902990619.pdf, ¶ 11.

v. **Indian Statutes**

<Short Title of the Act>, § <specific section being referred to>, No. <Act number>, Acts of Parliament, <year of the Act> (<country abbreviation>).

Example:

Banking Regulation Act, 1949, § 3, No. 10, Acts of Parliament, 1949 (India).

Note: While citing a State legislation, in place of 'Acts of Parliament', use 'Acts of <relevant State> State Legislature'. E.g.: Maharashtra Labour Welfare Fund Act, 1953, § 5, No. 40, Acts of Maharashtra State Legislature, 1953 (India).

vi. **Law Commission of India Reports**

<Report number> LAW COMMISSION OF INDIA REPORT, <Title/ Subject of the Report>, <specific page number being referred to> (<year of publication of Report>), <web address/ URL>.

Example:

181st LAW COMMISSION OF INDIA REPORT, Amendment to Section 106 of the Transfer of Property Act, 1882, 8 (2002), <http://lawcommissionofindia.nic.in/reports/181rpt.pdf>.

