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THE THIRD NLU ANTI-TRUST LAW MOOT COURT COMPETITION, 2012

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GENERAL MANUAL ON RULES OF THE COMPETITION

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1. GENERAL

- 1.1. The Third NLU Antitrust Law Moot Court Competition, 2012 shall be held from March 2nd to 4th, 2012 at the National Law University, Jodhpur.
- 1.2. Students pursuing three or five year courses of the LL.B. degree in the academic year 2011-2012 from any recognised law school/college/university in India are eligible to participate.
- 1.3. ONE team, comprising of a minimum of two (2) and not more than three (3) members, per institution shall be eligible to participate in the Competition, subject to completion of Registration formalities as detailed in the Invite to the Competition. The Invite may be freely downloaded from <http://www.nlujodhpur.ac.in/antitrust.php>.
- 1.4. Each team shall be composed either of two (2) speakers only or of two (2) speakers and one (1) researcher. No change in team composition shall be permitted once the team composition is communicated to the organisers.

2. ROUNDS

- 2.1. The Preliminary Rounds
 - 2.1.1. There will be two (2) Preliminary Rounds to ensure that each team is given the opportunity to argue once for both sides of the Proposition.
 - 2.1.2. The fixtures for the Preliminary Rounds shall be determined by way of a draw of lots. The draw of lots for the Preliminary Rounds shall take place at 1100 hours (IST) on March 2nd, 2012 at the National Law University, Jodhpur.
 - 2.1.3. For the Preliminary Rounds only, the winner of each such Round shall be determined on the basis of the cumulative marks of both the speaker marks and the memorial marks, as evaluated in accordance with these Rules.
 - 2.1.4. Teams shall be ranked by the number of wins in the Preliminary Rounds, from highest to lowest, based upon their respective cumulative marks, as stated above.
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- 2.1.5. If two or more teams have the same number of wins, the team with the higher cumulative marks from the Preliminary Rounds, as determined above, shall be ranked higher.
- 2.1.6. If two or more teams have the same number of wins and also the same cumulative marks, the team with the higher speaker marks shall be ranked higher.
- 2.1.7. If two or more teams have the same number of wins, the same cumulative marks and also the same speaker marks, then the team with the higher gross memorial marks, i.e., the marks of the memorials without deducting penalties, shall be ranked higher.

2.2. The Quarter Final Rounds

- 2.2.1. The highest ranked eight (8) teams from the Preliminary Rounds, as determined by the Rules stated above, shall qualify for the Quarter Final Rounds. In accordance with the ranks ascertained above, the fixtures for the Quarter Final Rounds shall be as follows:

Rank 1 v. Rank 8
Rank 2 v. Rank 7
Rank 3 v. Rank 6
Rank 4 v. Rank 5

However, these ranks will not be disclosed to the teams.

- 2.2.2. For the Quarter Final Rounds, each team shall argue only ONCE for the side allotted to it by way of a draw of lots.
- 2.2.3. Four (4) teams shall qualify for the Semi Final Rounds on a knock out basis, i.e., the winner of each Quarter Final Round shall qualify to the Semi Final Rounds.
- 2.2.4. The winner of each Quarter Final Round shall be determined on the basis of speaker marks only.

2.3. The Semi Final Rounds

- 2.3.1. The four (4) teams that proceed to the Semi Final Rounds, as determined by the Rules above, shall each argue only ONCE for the side allotted by way of a draw of lots. The fixtures for the Semi Final Rounds shall be as follows:

Winner of Quarter Final Round I v. Winner of Quarter Final Round IV
Winner of Quarter Final Round II v. Winner of Quarter Final Round III

- 2.3.2. Two (2) teams shall qualify for the Final Round on a knock out basis, i.e., the winner of each Semi Final Round shall qualify to the Final Round.
- 2.3.3. The winner of each Semi Final Round shall be determined on the basis of speaker marks only.

2.4. The Final Round

- 2.4.1. The two (2) teams that proceed to the Final Round, as determined by the Rules above, shall each argue only ONCE for the side allotted by way of a draw of lots.
- 2.4.2. The team which wins in the Final Round shall be declared as the 'Winning Team'. The other team shall be declared as the 'Runners Up Team'.
- 2.4.3. The winner of the Final Round shall be determined on the basis of speaker marks only.

3. MEMORIALS

3.1. Each team should prepare ONE memorial for each side, that is, 'For' and 'Against'. Teams arguing 'For' and 'Against' would be representing the following parties:

Matter	'For'	'Against'
Appeal No. 1/2012	Rocky Widget Makers Limited	National Widget Company Limited
Appeal No. 2/2012	Rocky Widget Makers Limited	National Widget Company Limited
Appeal No. 3/2012	Rocky Widget Makers Limited	National Widget Company Limited
Compensation App. No. 1/2012	Rocky Widget Makers Limited	National Widget Company Limited

3.2. The memorials shall necessarily consist of the following and only the following sections:

- a) Cover Page
- b) Table of Contents
- c) Index of Authorities
- d) Statement of Jurisdiction
- e) Statement of Facts
- f) Issues for Consideration
- g) Summary of Arguments
- h) Written Submissions
- i) Prayer for Relief

3.3. Each memorial shall have the following and only the following on its cover page:

- a) The team code on the top right hand corner of the cover page
- b) The name and place of the forum
- c) The relevant legal provision under which filed
- d) Name of parties and their status
- e) Memorial Submitted to ...
- f) Memorial Filed on Behalf of ...
- g) Counsel Appearing on Behalf of ...

3.4. A team code shall be assigned to each of the participating teams at the conclusion of Registration formalities. Names of the team members or of the institution being represented must not be mentioned anywhere in the memorials. Any other mark, character or text that reveals the identity of the team members or of the institution being represented would also be considered a violation of this Rule.

3.5. The physical copies of the memorials must bear a cover page in conformity with the following scheme:

For: Blue
Against: Red

3.6. The electronic copy of each memorial must reach the following e-mail address: antitrustnlumoot@gmail.com latest by 1800 hours (IST) on February 28th, 2012. Both memorials must be attached in a single e-mail ONLY, with the subject of the e-mail being '*Memorials for Team Code _*'.

- 3.7. The memorials must ONLY be in ‘.doc’ format and not any other format. 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: 023-A or 155-R, where ‘A’ represents the ‘For’ side and ‘R’ represents the ‘Against’ side.
- 3.8. Five (5) physical copies of the memorial for each side of the Proposition must be submitted to the organisers upon arrival for Registration for the Competition.
- 3.9. All memorials submitted must strictly conform to the following general requirements. Non-conformity may attract negative marking in a manner as indicated in the present Rules:

- a) Memorials must ONLY be printed on plain white A4 paper with black ink.
- b) The font used must ONLY be Times New Roman, Size 12, with double line spacing.
- c) The font used in the footnotes must ONLY be Times New Roman, Size 12, with double line spacing. However, the space between consecutive lines of a single footnote may be single spaced, subject to uniformity throughout the memorial.
- d) Footnotes must not be explanatory in nature.

Illustrative example of an acceptable footnote: X v. Y, AIR 1973 SC 22, 23-24 [hereinafter X].

Illustrative example of an unacceptable footnote: X v. Y, AIR 1973 SC 22, 23-24 [hereinafter X] (holding that the Right to Information Act was in fact against the express provisions of Art. 14 of the Constitution of India).

- e) The Harvard Blue Book Style of footnoting must be followed as far as practicable. In any case, footnoting must be uniform throughout the memorial.
- f) Each page of the memorial must have a margin of one inch on all sides. No text must be placed within this margin of the page, other than the page number.

- 3.10. Word limits for various parts of the memorial shall be as follows:

Statement of Facts:	800 words
Summary of Arguments:	1200 words
Written Submissions and Prayer for Relief:	10000 words (inclusive of footnotes)

- 3.11. Any form of legal argument or legal interpretation of the facts of the Proposition must be confined to the Written Submissions of the memorial. The exceptions are:

To the extent that the Prayer for Relief sets out the relief;
Insofar as such argument may be summarised in the Summary of Arguments; and
Insofar as the argument may be anticipated in the Issues for Consideration.

- 3.12. The Index of Authorities must contain a list of all legal authorities cited in any section of the memorial and must contain the page number(s) of the memorial where the authorities are so cited.
- 3.13. If two or more memorials are found to be substantially similar and the Competition Administrator, upon consultation with the memorial judge(s), is of the opinion that there has been plagiarism between the two memorials, the Competition Administrator may impose such penalty on the total marks awarded towards memorial evaluation as deemed appropriate.
- 3.14. No amendments can be made to the memorials after submission. Any distinction or difference between the electronic and physical copies of the memorials would attract a penalty, as determined by the Competition Administrator. The organisers reserve the right to determine which of such differing memorials would be considered for evaluation purposes.

4. EVALUATION OF MEMORIALS

4.1. Memorial marks will carry one-third (1/3) weightage of the cumulative marks in the Preliminary Rounds.

4.2. Memorials shall be evaluated on the following criteria:

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| a) Application and appreciation of facts: | 20 marks |
| b) Identification, structuring and presentation of issues: | 20 marks |
| c) Application of legal principles, authorities and precedent: | 20 marks |
| d) Ingenuity and logical reasoning: | 20 marks |
| e) Lucidity and writing skills: | 10 marks |
| f) Proper footnoting and formatting: | 10 marks |

4.3. Penalties shall be deducted from each of the memorials after each such memorial has been evaluated. In no event can the penalties reduce the marks of each such memorial below two-fifth (2/5) of the maximum marks.

4.4. Penalties shall be imposed in accordance with the following scheme:

Rule Number	Description	Penalty
3.2.	Failure to include all sections of the memorial, or the inclusion of an unenumerated section.	Two (2) marks for each such section.
3.3. and 3.5.	Failure to include necessary information on the cover page of the memorial, or the use of a colour on the cover page contrary to the scheme provided.	Two (2) marks, being a one time penalty only.
3.4.	Disclosure of identity of team or of institution being represented.	Five (5) marks, being a one time penalty only.
3.6.	Delay in submission of electronic copies of memorials.	Two (2) marks on the first day of delay, with one (1) mark per day for every day thereafter, subject to a maximum cumulative penalty of five (5) marks.
3.9. b) and c)	Use of incorrect font, font size or line spacing.	One (1) mark per violation, subject to a maximum cumulative penalty of ten (10) marks.
3.9. d)	Use of explanatory footnotes.	One (1) mark, subject to a maximum cumulative penalty of six (6) marks.
3.9. f)	Incorrect margins.	Two (2) marks, being a one time penalty only.
3.10.	Excessive length of any section of the memorial.	Three (3) marks for every 1000 words exceeded, subject to a maximum cumulative penalty of nine (9) marks.
3.11.	Substantive legal arguments outside of the approved sections of the memorial.	Two (2) marks, being a one time penalty only.
3.12.	Improperly prepared Index of Authorities.	Two (2) marks, being a one time penalty only.

3.13.	Plagiarism in memorials.	Upto three-fourth (3/4) of marks awarded for the memorials, based on the extent of plagiarism.
3.14.	Difference in electronic and physical copies of the memorials.	Upto one-fourth (1/4) of marks awarded for the memorials, based on the extent of difference.

5. ORAL SUBMISSIONS

- 5.1. The Court language shall be English only.
- 5.2. The time limit for the oral submissions shall be thirty (35) minutes for each team. This shall include the submissions of both the speakers from the team and the time reserved for rebuttal/sur-rebuttal.
- 5.3. No speaker may reserve more than twenty (20) minutes for his/her individual oral submissions.
- 5.4. Only ONE speaker from each team shall be permitted to rebut/sur-rebut, as the case may be, subject to a time limit of five (5) minutes.
- 5.5. The time split between the speakers must be communicated to the bailiff prior to the commencement of each Round.
- 5.6. There will be no extension of time. In an event where the judges are of the opinion that a certain exigency does require an extension of time, they may extend the cumulative speaking time for a team by a maximum of five (5) minutes.
- 5.7. There shall be no communication, oral, written or in any other manner whatsoever, between team members seated on the table and the speaker making oral submissions.
- 5.8. Team members seated at the table may use laptops in the Court but must ensure that this does not interfere with the Court proceedings.
- 5.9. The teams shall not disclose, in any manner whatsoever, for the entire duration of the Rounds, either their own individual identities or the identity of the institution they represent.
- 5.10. Teams can pass on compendium of the sources they cite in their memorials if so requested by the judges. However, it may be noted that passage of such material shall not be in breach of Rule 5.9.
- 5.11. In every round of the Competition, since Rocky Widget Markets Limited is Appellant/Applicant in three out of the four matters, teams arguing 'For' will argue their case first.

6. EVALUATION OF THE ORAL SUBMISSIONS

- 6.1. Speaker marks will carry two-third (2/3) weightage of the cumulative marks in the Preliminary Rounds.
- 6.2. Speaker marks, for the purposes of the other Rounds of the Competition, shall be utilised as determined elsewhere in these Rules.
- 6.3. The evaluation would be done on the following criteria:
 - a) Logical structuring and reasoning: 10 marks
 - b) Ingenuity and originality: 10 marks
 - c) Marshalling of facts: 10 marks
 - d) Articulation of issues: 10 marks
 - e) Presentation skills and communication ability: 10 marks
 - f) Response to questions posed: 10 marks
 - g) Application of legal principles: 10 marks
 - h) Use of authorities and precedents: 10 marks

- i) Court etiquettes: 10 marks
- j) Effective rebuttals: 20 marks
(differently considered in *ex parte* rounds, as stated herein below.)

7. DELAY IN APPEARANCE/PRESENTATION

- 7.1. If a team scheduled to participate in a Round does not appear for ten (10) minutes after the scheduled commencement of such Round, the other team shall have to make oral submissions *ex parte*.
- 7.2. The criteria of rebuttals shall not be considered for evaluation in such cases, in place of which, an average for the same would be given on the basis of the marks scored by such team on the other criteria.

8. SCOUTING

- 8.1. Scouting by the speakers, researcher or any other person affiliated with a team will lead to the immediate disqualification of such team.
- 8.2. Scouting shall be deemed to have happened if any person affiliated with a team is found:
 - a) 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 in; or
 - b) Reading a memorial of a team except where:
 - It is of the team to which he/she is affiliated; or
 - The memorials have been obtained on account of an exchange of memorials prior to a Round of the team to which he/she is affiliated.

9. EXCHANGE OF MEMORIALS

- 9.1. There shall be an exchange of memorials between the respective opposing teams, in accordance with the fixtures as determined by a draw of lots, prior to all the Rounds of the Competition.
- 9.2. The teams are prohibited from making any marks on the exchanged memorials.
- 9.3. The teams are prohibited from making any copies of the exchanged memorials.
- 9.4. At the conclusion of their respective Rounds, the teams are required to return the exchanged memorials to the Bailiffs of the Court where the Round is so conducted.

10. AWARDS

- 10.1. Winning Team:
In accordance with Rule 2.4.2.
- 10.2. Runners Up Team:
In accordance with Rule 2.4.2.
- 10.3. Best Memorial:
The memorials which secure the highest cumulative memorial marks shall be adjudged as the 'Best Memorial'.
- 10.4. Best Researcher:
The researcher securing highest marks in the researchers' test will be adjudged as the 'Best Researcher'.
The researchers' test would be a written test conducted on March 2nd, 2012, and would be of sixty (60) minutes duration. Questions for the researchers' test will be framed based upon the factual circumstances of the Proposition and the principles applicable thereto.

The researchers' test is open only for the designated researchers of the participating teams. In the event where there are only two (2) members in a team, either one of them may sit for the researchers' test.

10.5. Best Student Advocate:

The speaker securing the highest speaker marks in the Preliminary Rounds of the Competition will be adjudged as the 'Best Student Advocate'. However, rebuttal marks awarded will not be considered to decide the 'Best Student Advocate'.

10.6. Second Best Student Advocate:

The speaker securing the second highest speaker marks in the Preliminary Rounds of the Competition will be adjudged as the 'Second Best Student Advocate'. However, rebuttal marks awarded will not be considered to decide the 'Second Best Student Advocate'.

10.7. Best Student Advocate of the Finals:

The speaker securing the highest speaker marks in the Final Round of the Competition will be adjudged as the 'Best Student Advocate of the Finals'. However, rebuttal marks awarded will not be considered to decide the 'Best Student Advocate of the Finals'.

10.8. The prize money to be awarded would be in accordance with the following:

Winning Team:	Rupees 20,000
Runners Up Team:	Rupees 12,000
Best Memorial:	Rupees 6,000
Best Researcher:	Rupees 2,000
Best Student Advocate:	Rupees 5,000
Second Best Student Advocate:	Rupees 3,000
Best Student Advocate of the Finals:	Rupees 2,000

11. MISCELLANEOUS

11.1. If any one of the members of a team is notified or informed of any detail or information concerning the Competition, it shall be deemed as if the said team as a whole has been duly notified or informed.

11.2. Any reference to time will be construed as a reference to Indian Standard Time.

11.3. The dress code to be adhered to for the duration of the Competition is:

Ladies: Black Western or Indian formals.

Gentlemen: Black Western formals.

11.4. The Proposition is neither intended to nor does it attempt to resemble any incident or any person, living or dead. Any such resemblance is purely coincidental. The Proposition is a fictitious factual account prepared for the purposes of the present Competition only and it does not attempt to influence or predict the outcome of any matter whatsoever.

11.5. The copyright in the memorials submitted by the teams shall vest with the National Law University, Jodhpur. The acceptance of such vesting is a precondition to participation in the Competition.

11.6. In case of any doubt in the understanding or interpretation of any matter concerning the Competition, the decision of the Competition Administrator shall be final and binding.

11.7. The organisers shall resolve unanticipated or unexpected contingencies, if any, and the decision of the Competition Administrator in this regard shall be final. The acceptance of any such decisions of the Competition Administrator is a precondition to participation in the Competition.

11.8. The Rules governing the conduct of the Competition should be strictly adhered to. Any deviation thereof can attract penalties or disqualification at the sole discretion of the Competition Administrator.

11.9. In addition to the penalties mandated by the Rules hereinabove, the Competition Administrator may assess up to fifteen (15) marks in penalties for such violations which are considered by the Competition

Administrator to be against the letter or spirit of these Rules and the Competition. The quantum of the penalty shall correspond to the degree of the violation, as adjudged by the Competition Administrator. Discretionary penalties shall be imposed by the Competition Administrator after consultation with the judges of the Competition.

- 11.10. The organisers 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.
- 11.11. The Competition Administrator, who is the Chairperson of the Moot Court Committee of the National Law University, Jodhpur, shall be the final arbiter for these Rules and any such decision made by the Competition Administrator on any issue/dispute arising in relation to the Competition shall be final and binding on all concerned.
- 11.12. The organisers, as mentioned in these Rules, refer to the Moot Court Committee of the National Law University, Jodhpur.

12. BOARDING, LODGING AND TRANSPORTATION

- 12.1. Boarding and lodging will be provided for the participating teams only for the nights of March 2nd to 4th, 2012.
- 12.2. The organisers may, at their discretion, provide boarding and lodging facilities to anyone accompanying the team if the same is intimated to the organisers latest by January 29th, 2012, provided that such extra member agrees to bear an additional fee levied by the organisers. Such extra members will not be considered as a part of the team for the purposes of the Competition.
- 12.3. The participating teams will be received by the organisers at their respective places of arrival, subject to the completion of the Registration formalities. Any subsequent changes made to travel arrangements must be intimated to the organisers forthwith.

13. COMPETITION VENUE

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