

**JAIPUR NATIONAL UNIVERSITY NATIONAL TRIAL ADVOCACY AND  
JUDGMENT WRITING COMPETITION, 2023**

ORGANIZED BY

**SEEDLING SCHOOL OF LAW AND GOVERNANCE**

AND

**TRIAL & APPELLATE ADVOCACY SOCIETY (TAAS)**

**RULES AND REGULATIONS**

**ADMINISTRATION AND GENERAL RULES**

1. The name of the Competition is **“JAIPUR NATIONAL UNIVERSITY NATIONAL TRIAL ADVOCACY AND JUDGMENT WRITING COMPETITION, 2023”** (the Competition).
2. **‘TRIAL & APPELLATE ADVOCACY SOCIETY’ (TAAS)** entrusted with the responsibility of administering Trial Advocacy Tournaments, Judgment Writing Competition and Client Counselling Competitions upholding the high standards of excellence that the Seedling School of Law and Governance, Jaipur National University, Jaipur has set for itself.

**IMPLEMENTATION AND INTERPRETATION OF RULES**

1. Rules and Procedures contained in this document shall be applicable to all participating teams. In relation to the practice and procedure of the Competition, the final interpretation in case of any conflict lies with the **‘TRIAL & APPELLATE ADVOCACY SOCIETY’ (TAAS)**. The decision of the TAAS shall be final and binding.

**TEAM COMPOSITION**

1. Each Team shall consist of 3 members. This number cannot be modified under any circumstances.
2. There can be 2 Speakers and 1 Researcher designated for each team.

3. Each team will have a team code. Teams should not disclose their identity or that of their institution or city, etc., under any circumstances and such disclosure shall invite penalties including disqualification from the Competition directly. The decision for the same shall be at the discretion of the Organizers.

### **DATE AND VENUE**

1. The said competition shall be held from 26th October, 2023 to 28th October, 2023 at the Seedling School of Law and Governance, Jaipur National University, Main Campus, Jagatpura, Jaipur, Rajasthan - 302017.

### **DRESS CODE**

1. Advocate's Attire (Black and White Formal with Neck Band alongwith Advocate's Gown) is compulsory. Participants are expected to make their own arrangements regarding the same. Not abiding by the said rule can lead to direct disqualification and the organising committee will have complete discretion regarding the same.

### **ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA**

1. Students pursuing any three or five year courses of the LL.B. degree from any recognized law school/college/university in India are eligible to participate.
2. Participant shall carry their college Identity card for the purpose of identification during the said competition.

### **REGISTRATION**

1. Each institution must, first, provisionally register itself for the Competition by sending an Official Provisional Registration mail at ([trialadvocacy@jnujaipur.ac.in](mailto:trialadvocacy@jnujaipur.ac.in)) on or before 2<sup>nd</sup> October, 2023.
2. Team members' names shall be clearly written/typed on the form(s), with detailed attention given to the spelling of each team member's name. The names on the Certificates shall appear in the same manner as provided in the form(s).

3. The participating Teams are required to send a scanned copy of their duly filled Registration Form along with the Screenshot of the payment details for registration via email to ([trialadvocacy@jnujaipur.ac.in](mailto:trialadvocacy@jnujaipur.ac.in)) latest by 2nd October, 2023.
4. Each college must ensure that the subject of the mail reads as “Registration for JNU National Trial Advocacy & Judgment Writing Competition, 2023”. The scan copy of the duly-filled travel form is required to be send via email to [trialadvocacy@jnujaipur.ac.in](mailto:trialadvocacy@jnujaipur.ac.in) latest by 2nd October, 2023. Each college must ensure that the subject of the mail reads as “Travel Form for JNU National Trial Advocacy & Judgment Writing Competition, 2023”. Forms received after the deadline shall not be considered.
5. The participating teams are required to send the Hard Copy of the Affidavit and the Proof of Payment with Hard Copies of memorial i.e., latest by 20th October, 2023 at “Seedling School of Law and Governance, Jaipur National University Main Campus, Jagatpura, Jaipur, Rajasthan - 302017”.

### **REGISTRATION FEE**

1. Registration fee for the said competition is Rs. 4500/- (Rupees Four Thousand Five Hundred Only).
2. The payment shall be made to the following bank details and the screenshot of the same shall be mailed to: [trialadvocacy@jnujaipur.ac.in](mailto:trialadvocacy@jnujaipur.ac.in) along with the Registration Form.

**Name of Account** : JAIPUR NATIONAL UNIVERSITY

**Name of Bank** : PUNJAB NATIONAL BANK

**Branch** : JAWAHAR NAGAR, JAIPUR

**IFSC** : PUNB0224600

**Account No.** : 2246002100023655

### **LANGUAGE**

1. The said Competition shall be in English Only. Use of vernacular language by the participants during the said competition is prohibited.

## **WITNESS**

1. The Trial & Appellate Advocacy Society (TAAS) will provide the witnesses to the participating teams. The Witnesses will be generally briefed and assigned by the TAAS. However, each team will have an opportunity to specially brief their witnesses. The witnesses to be briefed will be assigned to each team 45 minutes prior to the commencement of the respective rounds. The witnesses will remain with the teams till the completion of the Rounds. All the participating teams will ensure that the witnesses depose only in English language.
2. It is the discretion of the Prosecution and the Defence side to examine ALL the witnesses. However, the order in which witnesses are to be examined shall be determined by the concerned team taking examination-in-chief.
3. The team conducting examination-in-chief of their witnesses or the team cross-examining the witnesses will resist from arguing with the witnesses.
4. **The witnesses will remain a part of the round until the same ends.**

## **ANONYMITY AND SCOUTING**

1. Student Counsel may introduce himself/herself to the court in the usual manner and may also state their speaker code. However, the team's college name shall not be indicated to the judges at any time.
2. Further, all team members/coaches/advisors/observers shall refrain from identifying any team's law school/college/university at any time and in any manner, including but not limited to wearing any identifying items (such as college clothing, ties, patches or pins) or carrying identifying material (such as books with a college logo or seal etc.).
3. The teams shall not be allowed to observe the orals of any other teams. Scouting is strictly prohibited. Scouting by any of the teams shall result in disqualification.
4. The researchers will sit with the speakers at the time of oral rounds and shall not attend the court sessions of any other team throughout the said Competition.

## **MEMORIAL**

1. Each team must prepare Memorials for the Prosecution and the Defence side.
2. The soft copies of the memorials must be emailed to trialadvocacy@jnujaipur.ac.in and the subject of the mail should be marked as Memorial Submission by Team Code for “JAIPUR NATIONAL UNIVERSITY NATIONAL TRIAL ADVOCACY AND JUDGMENT WRITING COMPETITION, 2023” by October 15, 2023 (Sunday) before 09:00 P.M. IST (2100 hours).
3. The soft copy of the memorial for each side shall be a single file (All parts of each memorial must be in a single document i.e., Separate Ancillary Pages and Arguments in Detail are NOT allowed), and should be sent in both PDF (\*.pdf) and MS – Word (\*.doc/\*.docx) versions. The Memorials for the Prosecution and the Defence should be sent in the same email.
4. Soft copy of Memorials submitted after the stipulated time i.e. [October 15, 2023 (Sunday) till 9:00 P.M., after 09:00 P.M. IST (2100 hours) will attract a penalty of Five (5) marks for each hour of delay and Ten (10) marks for delay of each day i.e. [from October 16, 2023 (Monday) to October 18, 2023 till 09:00 P.M. IST (2100 hours).
5. The ‘Arguments in Detail’ and the ‘Prayer’ in each memorial should not exceed more than 7,500 words excluding Footnotes.
6. The memorials should not contain the Name of the participating Law College/School/University, Name of the participants or any identification in any part thereof. No logo or any mark of identification should be made in the memorials. Non-compliance with this rule will lead to immediate disqualification.
7. The memorials must contain the following:
  - A. Cover Page
  - B. Table of Content
  - C. Index of Authorities
  - D. Statement of Facts
  - E. Issues Presented
  - F. Summary of Arguments

G. Arguments in Details

H. Prayer

8. The Cover Page of the Memorial must have the following colour scheme:

**Blue:** Prosecution Cover Page

**Red:** Defence Cover Page

9. The Memorial SHALL NOT contain any Annexure/Photographs/Sketches/ Exhibits/Affidavits etc.

10. The Memorial Shall be formatted according to the following specifications:

A. Typed on standard A4 size page

B. Font type: Times New Roman

C. Font size for body text: 12

D. Font size for footnotes: 10

E. The text of the Memorial and Text of Footnotes should be 1.5 lines spaced.

F. Font size for the cover page may be 14 or 12.

G. Quotations of sources of 50 words or more in any part of the memorial should be block quoted, indented.

H. The participating teams should include Header and Footer in their memorials to the effect that the Header should mention the full Name of the Competition and the Footer should mention the page number and the side on whose behalf the memorial is submitted.

I. The Page Number should be mentioned at the bottom left corner of the page. The Ancillary Pages should be numbered in Roman Numeric and the Arguments in Detail should be numbered in Alphanumeric.

J. Margin: 1 inch or 2.54 cm margin on each side of the A4 size page.

11. The footnotes must follow the Harvard Bluebook Method of Citation, 20th Edition.

12. The memorials will carry a maximum of 100 marks each. The marks scored by the teams in the memorials will be added only to their preliminary rounds. The weightage of Memorial Marks shall be 30% of the Total Scores in each Preliminary Round.

### **CRITERIA FOR ASSESSMENT OF ORAL SUBMISSION**

1. The Oral Rounds shall be judged by industry professionals having experience in the field of Criminal Law and the Judges shall be made well aware of the procedure and Rules of the Competition.
2. The Criteria for assessment shall include but are not limited to the following and shall be out of a maximum of 100 marks:
  - A. Knowledge of facts.
  - B. Logic & clarity in reasoning.
  - C. Persuasiveness and deference to court.
  - D. Proper, articulate and systematic analysis of the issues arising out of facts.
  - E. Understanding of the relevant Laws.
  - F. Ability to successfully conduct chief/cross examination within the allotted time.
  - G. Ability to elicit favourable facts from witnesses or deal with unreceptive, argumentative witnesses.

### **ORAL PLEADING AND PROCEDURE**

1. The Trial Proposition for all the rounds shall be the same.
2. Each speaker shall have to conduct Examination-in-Chief and Cross Examination of at least one witness in each round. This rule shall apply to all the Rounds. Each Speaker shall deliver either the opening statement or the final argument in each round.

### **PRELIMINARY ROUNDS**

1. In the Preliminary rounds, each of the teams shall be arguing from both the sides, once as the Prosecution and once as the Defence.

2. The teams that shall be arguing against each other and the side to be argued by the teams shall be determined through the process of Draw of Lots that will take place on 27th October, 2023.
3. The Prosecution will get a total of 30 minutes and the Defence shall get a total of 30 minutes. The bifurcation of the 30 minutes shall be informed by the team to the concerned court officer before the commencement of Round.

### **QUARTER FINAL ROUNDS**

1. The Top 8 teams from the Preliminary rounds shall qualify for the Quarter Final rounds. Selection shall be based on the marks received by the teams during the Preliminary Rounds.
2. The Draw of Lots for the Round will take place 27th October, 2023 after the Preliminary Rounds.
3. Each of the top 8 teams shall be arguing from the side of either the Prosecution or the Defence, depending on the Draw of Lots.
4. The Prosecution will get a total of 30 minutes and the Defence shall get a total of 30 minutes. The bifurcation of the 30 minutes shall be informed by the team to the concerned court officer before the commencement of Round.

### **SEMI FINAL ROUNDS**

1. The top 4 teams from the Quarter Final rounds shall qualify for the Semi Final Round.
2. The Draw of Lots for the Semi Final Round will take place 27th October after the Quarter Final Rounds.
3. The Prosecution will get a total of 45 minutes and the Defence shall get a total of 45 minutes. The bifurcation of the 45 minutes shall be informed by the team to the concerned court officer before the commencement of Round.



## **FINAL ROUNDS**

1. The Top 2 teams from the Semi Final Rounds shall qualify for the Final Rounds. Selection shall be based on the marks received by the teams during the Semi Final Round.
2. The Draw of Lots for the Final Round will take place after the Semi Final Round on 28th October, 2023.
3. Each of the top 2 teams shall be arguing from the side of either the Prosecution or the Defence, depending on the Draw of Lots.
4. The Prosecution and the Defence shall have a total of 90 minutes each with 45 minutes. The bifurcation of the 45 minutes shall be informed by the team to the concerned court officer before the commencement of Round.

## **CERTIFICATES**

1. Certificates will be awarded only to the participants present in the Valedictory Ceremony and under no circumstances will they be provided to any of the participants who are absent for the ceremony. In the event, if the participants fail to collect their certificates, no mail and post will be sent by the TAAS acknowledging their participation.
2. No team shall be receiving the certificate if they fail to participate in the Judgment Writing Competition.

## **AWARDS**

<b>ACHIEVEMENT</b>	<b>CASH PRIZE</b>
WINNER	25,000 + Trophy
RUNNERS UP	15,000 + Trophy
BEST JUDGMENT AWARD	5,000 + Trophy
BEST MEMORIAL AWARD	6,000 + Trophy
BEST STUDENT COUNSEL AWARD	7,000 + Trophy
2nd BEST STUDENT COUNSEL AWARD	5,000 + Trophy

## **ACCOMMODATION**

1. The Registration amount of Rs 4500/- is inclusive of Registration Amount and Accommodation. The Accommodation shall be provided to the participants from 26th October to 28th October, 2023.
2. Respective teams who wishes to arrive a day before the event begins or leave a day after the event ends, need to submit a regular accommodation amount for adjustment.

**NOTE:** Pickup and drop services will be provided by the host college from the place of accommodation to the college premises and/or from Airport/Station on the request of respective participating team only. The Team can contact the TAAS for the same on the details provided herewith.

**NOTE:** Drinking and Smoking is strictly prohibited at the place of accommodation as well as on the College campus. Non-compliance of this rule will lead to disqualification and the TAAS shall institute a strict action against the team found violating this rule.

## **MISCELLANEOUS**

1. Case laws that the teams wish to rely on at the time of final arguments shall be submitted to the TAAS in five copies (Two for the judges, One for the other side) on 26th October, 2023 in Hard Copy.
2. Opening statement of the Prosecution will require the prosecutor to address the judges on the charge it wishes the court to frame. It shall be necessary to point out the supporting material from the charge sheet herewith provided to sustain the charge. As far as the Defence is concerned, the opening address shall require them to point out if there is any charge which the court ought not to frame as there is no material in the charge sheet provided herewith to support the same.
3. Judges are at liberty to ask questions to the Participants on relevant points of law which may arise from the problem or relevant provisions of Code of Criminal Procedure or Indian Evidence Act, arising during conducting the trial, in order to test the Participant's knowledge of the relevant provisions relating to penal laws.
4. In the event there is any contradiction between the evidence recorded in court and the Statements recorded under section 161 of the Code of

Criminal Procedure, 1973, the participants must be aware as to the procedure to deal with such contradiction.

5. After completion of evidence, the participants will be given notes of evidence (hereinafter referred to as “the said notes”) of prosecution and defence recorded by the court. A five (5) minutes break will be given to the participants for the perusal of the said notes. The participants will have to advance Final Arguments only on the basis of notes of evidence and the exhibited documents so provided to them.
6. All participating teams must be conversant with the Indian Penal Code, 1860; Criminal Procedure Code, 1973; and Indian Evidence Act, 1872 whilst taking evidence and advancing final arguments for the Prosecution and the Defence.
7. Last date for seeking clarification with respect to the said competition is 30<sup>th</sup> September, 2023. Clarifications can only be sought via email on [trialadvocacy@jnujaipur.ac.in](mailto:trialadvocacy@jnujaipur.ac.in). Answer to clarifications will be sought by 01<sup>st</sup> October, 2023.

### **RULES FOR THE JUDGMENT WRITING COMPETITION, 2023**

The Judgment Writing Competition shall be held on 26th October, 2023 after the Inaugural Ceremony and is mandatory for all the teams to participate in the same. The participants will be divided into two Court Rooms. Pursuant to the Inaugural Ceremony, each researcher will be provided with Sheets for the Judgment Writing Competition. The Time limit for the judgment writing will be 60 Minutes. The top scorer will get the award for “**Best Judgment**”.

#### **NOTE:-**

1. The travel form shall be sent along with the Registration Form. The Affidavit, Travel Form and Clarifications will only be sought via e-mail on ([trialadvocacy@jnujaipur.ac.in](mailto:trialadvocacy@jnujaipur.ac.in)).
2. The railway stations nearest to the college premises are Gandhinagar Railway Station (Jaipur), Durgapura Railway Station and Jaipur Junction.
3. Nearest Airport is the Sawai Mansingh, Jaipur International Airport, Jaipur. Kindly mention the airport (International or Domestic) while travelling to Jaipur.

4. Nearest Bus Stands are Sindhi Camp Bus Stand and Narayan Singh Circle Bus Stand.

**The decision of the TAAS for the application of the Rules and Regulations mentioned herein above shall be final and binding.**

