

**23rd ALL INDIA MOOT
COURT COMPETITION**

**FOR
THE KERALA LAW ACADEMY TROPHY**

From 9th to 11th February 2012

**KERALA LAW ACADEMY LAW COLLEGE
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM**

THE KERALA LAW ACADEMY MOOT COURT SOCIETY
PEROORKADA, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM – 695 005.

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COMPETITION, 2012**

REGULATIONS

1. The Twenty-third All India Moot Court Competition under the auspices of the Kerala Law Academy Moot Court Society (hereinafter the 'society') will be held from 9th to 11th of February 2012 at the Kerala Law Academy (KLA) Campus, Peroorkada, Thiruvananthapuram.
2. The Competition is open to all Law Colleges and Faculties/University Departments of Law in India recognised by the Bar Council of India. The participation is limited to LL.B/B.L./B.G.L. students both in the Three year Scheme and Five Year Scheme. Students doing post graduation in law and students undergoing correspondence courses are not eligible to participate in the Competition.
3. Two team prizes (Rolling Trophies), one prize for the best memorials and two individual performance prizes and one prize for the best lady participant will be awarded according to order of merit as adjudged by the Committee of Judges. Cash prizes of Rs. 5,001/- and Rs. 2,001/- will be awarded to the best and second best teams respectively.
4. There shall be a Committee of judges selected for each court from among a panel of judges constituted for the purpose including eminent Judges, Lawyers, and Law Teachers from all over India. The finals will be presided by a full bench of sitting Judges of the High Court of Kerala.
5. All the participants will be awarded certificates of participation and the same will be given only at the valedictory function and not thereafter.
6. In case of complaints/disputes, the same shall be submitted to the Appeal committee, which shall consist of Dr. Lekshmi Nair, the Principal of KLA as its President and the General Secretary of the Society and the decision of the Appeal committee shall be final.
7. Each institution participating in the competition can send a team consisting of two students only and if needed a researcher. Their travelling expenses shall be met by the respective sponsoring institution. Food and separate accommodation for boys and girls will be provided free of cost by the organisers from 8th evening to 12th morning. This will also include a special dinner hosted by the organisers. **The girls should take compulsory accommodation in the College Ladies Hostel.**
8. The participating team will have to register themselves on their arrival by paying a fee of **Rs. 1,000/-**.
9. The teams participating in the competition will be ranked/seeded on the basis of their institutions' prior performances in this competition and the competition fixture will be scheduled by dividing the teams into groups with each group having a top seeded team and depending on the number of participating teams, the competitions will be held on league cum knock-out or knock-out or league basis in the preliminary rounds. Thereafter, top sixteen law schools / colleges will enter the pre-quarter round. From the pre-quarter round, it will be knock-out. Thus eight teams will enter the quarter-finals, four teams in the semi and two in the final.
10. Each team is expected to be ready with written briefs and oral arguments to argue for either side of the case. The Court will follow its own procedure within the accepted norms of judicial practice, and in case

of doubt or dispute in the matter of procedure or facts, the decision of the presiding member of the Committee of Judges of each Court shall be final.

11. Memorandum dealing with jurisdiction, issues involved in the problem, summary of arguments and arguments supported by authorities, conclusions and prayers shall be prepared by each team both for the appellant's side and respondent's side. Memorandums must be in English. The body of the Memorandum shall not exceed more than 25 typed pages. The cover page, table of contents, index of authorities, jurisdiction, statement of facts, questions presented, summary of pleadings, title page and back cover are not included in these 25 pages. But these 25 pages will include the pleadings, conclusions, annexures, appendices and footnotes. Any issue or pleading, not discussed within the body of the Memorandum shall not be included in any other section of the Memorandum.
12. ***Four copies of Memorials for the petitioner and four copies of the memorials for the respondent shall be submitted at the time of registration on 09-2-2012.*** The memorials will be handed over to the Committee of Judges for the award of marks.
13. ***Teams should intimate confirmation of their participation on or before 20th January 2012 by post or email (kla@asianetindia.com / keralalawacademy@gmail.com). Only 40 teams will be selected for the competition on first come first serve basis.***
14. Marks will be awarded to the memorandums by the Committee of Judges out of a maximum of 20 marks. Each Court will assign marks for oral arguments to each individual participant and the team. Each individual's marks for oral arguments will be added with memorandum marks to make the individual's marks out of 100. Out of 100 marks, the division of marks for each individual participant is as follows:
 1. Written Memorandum - 20 marks
 2. Oral Arguments - 80 marks

Sl No.	Criteria	Excellent 4 marks	Good 3 marks	Average 2 marks	Poor 1 mark
1.	Knowledge & Use of facts				
2.	Correct articulation of facts, factual analysis & use of evidence				
3.	Correct articulation of legal issues and legal analysis				
4.	Knowledge of law & its interpretation				
5.	Use of authorities and citations				
6.	Response to questions				
7.	Skills of advocacy & Persuasiveness				
8.	Language & style				
9.	Clarity, brevity & ingenuity				
10.	Court manners and general impression				

Total x 2 = out of 80 marks

Judges have to tick the appropriate column and the total score should be multiplied with two to get the score out of 80.

15. The individual prizes will be awarded on the basis of total marks secured by the individual participant. In case where the same person participates in more than one round of the competition, average mark

from quarter final round onwards shall be taken for adjudging his position. Marks are awarded on agreed criteria by the Committee of Judges and the factors constituting the criteria shall be such as “EXCELLENT”, “GOOD”, “AVERAGE”, and “POOR”, based on the performance of the participants. The decision of the Committee of Judges shall be final.

16. The problem for the competition is appended herewith.

17. Over and above general publicity, the photographs together with the details of the winning team will be published in the “KERALA LAW ACADEMY NEWS & VIEWS”.

18. The order of the competitions including the days, if any, and the side (petitioner/respondent) for which each team appears will be declared on the basis of the prior team ranks and by taking lots before the commencement of the competition. The entire scheme of the competition thus drawn out will be notified to the participating teams. The Society reserves the right to make any necessary alterations in respect of the side to be taken by the competing teams, in case, it becomes absolutely necessary due to withdrawal of any team/teams at the last minute, or if the competing teams had no opportunity to argue the other side of the problem. The host team, if gets qualified for the finals, will not be eligible to participate in the finals of the competition.

19. The language of the Court will be in English.

20. The duration of each Court will not exceed one hour and ten minutes.

21. SCHEDULE OF THE COMPETITION

Registration	-	2.00 pm, 09-2-2012 (Thursday)
Inaugural Function	-	5.00 pm, 09-2-2012 (Thursday)
Preliminary Rounds	-	8.00 am, 10-2-2012 (Friday)
Karaoke Nite	-	7.00 pm, 10-2-2012 (Friday)
Quarter / Semi Rounds	-	9.00 am, 11-2-2012 (Saturday)
Finals	-	2.30 pm, 11-2-2012 (Saturday)
Valedictory Function & Prize Distribution	-	5.00 pm, 11-2-2012 (Saturday)

APPENDIX

I. RECEPTION

The teams will be received from 8th of February 2012 onwards at the Airport/Railway/Bus station if the time of arrival is intimated in advance. Or else the team may report at the Reception Committee office at the KERALA LAW ACADEMY LAW COLLEGE CAMPUS on 9th of February 2012. Intimation may be given at 09744963155 (mob) 08089286807 (mob), 0471-2433166, 0471-2330478, or at kla@asianetindia.com, keralalawacademy@gmail.com Fax: 0471-2539356, 0471-2320345.

II. HOSPITALITY

The boarding and lodging will be provided to the teams from 8th evening to 12th morning of February 2012. The teams leave on the 12th of February 2012.

III. KARAOKE NITE

On 10-2-2012, after the rounds, at 7.00 p.m. onwards there will be a musical entertainment for the participants.