

**Advocates' Legion, Moot Court Committee,  
Vivekananda School of Law and Legal Studies**

*Presents*

# **9th INTERNATIONAL MOOT COURT COMPETITION 2023**

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## MESSAGES FROM OUR PATRONS



“We here at the Vivekananda Institute of Professional Studies – Technical Campus (VIPS - TC), Delhi, strive to create such pioneers of the legal profession who understand these developments as well as answer the various legal dilemmas arising out of such developments, thereby meeting the demands of our great nation. I take this opportunity to invite your esteemed University/Institute/College to be part of our 9th VIPS International Law Court Competition, 2023, and take away the same values and skills that transform lawyers into agents of social change.”

**Dr. S.C. Vats**

Chairman, VIPS – TC, Delhi



“At VIPS–TC, we believe that participating in international law moot court competitions can enhance students' analytical, research, writing, and oral advocacy skills, as well as their confidence and teamwork abilities. It is a great pleasure for me to invite participants to the 9<sup>th</sup> VIPS International Law Moot Court Competition, 2023. We hope the competition will be highly beneficial and a great learning experience and welcome you wholeheartedly.”

**Shri Suneet Vats**

Vice Chairman, VIPS - TC



“Mooting is an exercise that is unique and intrinsic to law schools. The Vivekananda School of Law and Legal Studies has always strived to be a pioneer in the field. The VIPS International Moot Court Competition is our way of giving it back to the legal profession. I know that all participants will benefit from this flagship event of our institution. We welcome you all!”

**Prof. (Dr.) T.V. Subba Rao**

Chairperson, VSLLS, VIPS - TC



“International law serves as a vital tool for promoting cooperation, maintaining peace, protecting human rights, addressing global challenges, and creating a more just and stable world in the contemporary era. Following the principles of Swami Vivekananda, the Vivekananda School of Law and Legal Studies (VSLLS), VIPS-TC, is committed to "Man making, Character building, and Nation building."

**Prof. (Dr.) Rashmi Salpekar**

Dean, VSLLS, VIPS - TC

## MESSAGE FROM THE ORGANISING COMMITTEE

Dear Participants,

We are thrilled to welcome each one of you to this year's Moot Court Competition! As the organizers of this prestigious event, we want to extend our warmest greetings and appreciation for your enthusiasm to participate.

The moot court competition is not just a mere simulation; it is a platform where you will have the opportunity to showcase your legal acumen, research skills, and advocacy prowess. It is a chance to embrace the challenges of the legal world and hone your abilities to navigate complex legal issues.

Throughout this competition, we encourage you to embrace the spirit of professionalism, respect for your fellow competitors, and sportsmanship. Remember, the real victory lies not just in winning but in the knowledge and experience gained throughout the journey.

Our esteemed panel of judges, faculty members, and committee members have made tremendous efforts to create a fair and challenging competition. Seize this moment to learn from their feedback and use it to grow and evolve as aspiring legal professionals.

In the pursuit of excellence, let us also remember the importance of camaraderie and cooperation. Forge new friendships and cherish the memories you create during this event.

Lastly, we want to emphasize that this competition is a stepping stone towards a brighter future in the legal arena. Embrace every opportunity to learn and grow, and let the experience of this moot court competition stay with you throughout your legal career.

Wishing you all the best of luck and success. May you find inspiration and empowerment through this competition. Let the arguments begin!

Advocate's Legion, Moot Court Society

VSLLS, VIPS - TC

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## **ORGANISING COMMITTEE**

### **Faculty Members**

Dr Gunjan Malhotra Ahuja, Convenor,  
Advocates' Legion

Mr. Aaditya Vikram Sharma, Event  
Convenor, VIPS IMC 2023 and Co-  
Convenor, Advocates' Legion

Dr. Sonali Sharma, Co-Convenor,  
Advocates' Legion

Dr Avinash Kumar, Member

Ms. Ayesha Gupta, Member

Ms. Samriti, Member

Ms. Soumya Khanna, Member

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Ms. Arshia Jain, Student Co-  
Convenor

Mr. Hardik Giri, Student Co-  
Convenor

Ms. Kashish Gulati, Student Co-  
Convenor

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## **OFFICIAL SCHEDULE**

<b><u>DATES</u></b>	<b><u>EVENTS</u></b>
17 August, 2023	Release of Moot Problem and Commencement of Online Registration
20 August, 2023	Release of Moot Problem
10 September, 2023	Last date of Registration of Teams and Team Details (Soft copy submission of Registration Form along with Demand Draft/Cheque, if any)
12 September, 2023	Last Date for seeking Clarifications
14 September, 2023	Release of Clarifications
15 September, 2023	Last date for Allotment of codes for participating teams
25 September, 2023	Last date of Submission of Soft Copy of Written Submissions
27 <sup>th</sup> September, 2023	Inaugural, Draw of Lots and Exchange of Written Submissions [HYBRID]
29 <sup>th</sup> -30 <sup>th</sup> , September	Preliminary Rounds and Announcement of Results [ONLINE]
20 <sup>th</sup> October, 2023	Last Date for Mailing Travel Forms and Printed copies of Memorials
3 <sup>rd</sup> November, 2023	Draw of Lots and Exchange of Written Submissions [ONLINE]
4 <sup>th</sup> November, 2023	Quarter Final Rounds
5 <sup>th</sup> November, 2023	Semi-Finals and Final Round, Valedictory and Prize Distribution [ON SITE]

## VIVEKANANDA INSTITUTE OF PROFESSIONAL STUDIES

### INVITATION LETTER

To,

The Vice-Chancellor/ Dean/Registrar/ Head of the Department

**Subject- Invitation for the VIPS 9<sup>th</sup> International Moot Court Competition, 2023**

The Vivekananda Institute of Professional Studies – Technical Campus, Vivekananda School of Law and Legal Studies (VSLLS), proudly announces its paramount annual event, the 9<sup>th</sup> VIPS International Law Moot Court Competition (hereinafter referred to as 9<sup>th</sup> VIPS IMC 2023), will take place in a hybrid manner in September and October 2023. The preliminary rounds shall be held online on 29<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> September 2023, whereas the Quarters, Semi-finals, and Finals shall be held in our campus in New Delhi on 4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> November 2023. The moot court problem is based on contemporary issues touching Public International Law and its various branches.

Advocates' Legion, the Moot Court Society of Vivekananda School of Law and Legal Studies, has been organizing various events of national and international significance to provide a platform for the students to imbibe the pragmatic aspects of law, and this moot court is one such attempt to create a simulated atmosphere for the law students to familiarize them with the intricacies and expediencies of law.

The previous editions of the VIPS IMC were a great success and experienced massive participation from many national and international teams. The competitions were sanctified by the presence of distinguished personalities from the bench, bar, and academics.

Following the same league, for the 9<sup>th</sup> VIPS IMC 2023, we take pride in inviting your esteemed University/Institute/College to participate in the competition. We would be glad to receive a positive response about your participation through [Google form link](#) so that together we can give our students a platform to hone their moot skills. A copy of detailed rules and regulations is attached herewith. **The last date of registration is 10<sup>th</sup> September 2023.**

Please find enclosed a copy of the rules and official schedule. We look forward to your participation.

Thanking You

With Warm regards,

Prof. (Dr.) Rashmi Salpekar,

Dean, VSLLS,

Vivekananda Institute of Professional Studies

# VIPS 9<sup>th</sup> INTERNATIONAL MOOT COURT COMPETITION, 2023

## GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

### 1. DEFINITIONS

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- 1.1 “Administrators” means the Advocates’ Legion or any other person(s) appointed to administer the competition by the Advocates’ Legion.
- 1.2 “*Advocates’ Legion*” means Moot Court Committee, Vivekananda School of Law and Legal Studies, of Vivekananda Institute of Professional Studies (VIPS, Delhi).
- 1.3 “Competition Rules” means all the rules contained herein and any other supplementary rules officially notified by the administrators.
- 1.4 “Competition” means the “**VIPS’9<sup>th</sup> International Moot Court Competition, 2023**”.
- 1.5 “Judge” means any person appointed to evaluate a participant’s oral pleadings.
- 1.6 “Moot Proposition of the Competition” means the official proposition of the competition which includes all clarifications or corrections notified by Advocates’ Legion.
- 1.7 “Organizers” or “Organizing Team” means any personnel (singularly or as a group) of Advocates’ Legion who is involved with the event in any capacity.
- 1.8 “Participants” means student representatives from eligible colleges recognized by the Administrators who compete in the competition.
- 1.9 “Problem Clarifications” means clarifications of the Moot Proposition of the Competition as published by the Administrators on the official website.
- 1.10 “Written submission” means the written pleadings of each participating team, written and submitted in accordance with the rules of **VIPS 9<sup>th</sup> International Moot Court Competition, 2023**.

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## 11. INTERPRETATION

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The decision of the Administrators regarding the application and interpretation of Competition rules shall be conclusive and final for the purposes of solving any discrepancies or disputes before, during, or after the Competition.

## 12. PARTICIPATION AND ELIGIBILITY

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12.1 The Competition is open to all bona fide regular students enrolled in any Law Course (LL.B/LL.M) or its (equivalent international) program in any University or Institute within or outside India recognized by the Bar Council or State Government or Central Government as the case may be. Each team shall comprise a minimum of two members i.e., two speakers, and a maximum of three members i.e., two speakers and one researcher. Thus, each team shall be composed of two speakers (Compulsory) and a researcher (if any). **A maximum of one team is allowed to participate in the competition from one institute.**

12.2 The team's composition shall not be changed once registered under any circumstances whatsoever.

12.3 Changes in the aforementioned designations shall not be made without a request by the responsible Faculty-in-Charge or Head of the Institution or Department of the Team seeking such change, as the case may be.

12.4 The discretion to allow or disallow such change shall solely rest with the Administrators depending upon the reasonability of the cause shown, the stage of the Competition, and compliance with the aforementioned rules.

## 13. REGISTRATION

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13.1 Interested teams are required to register by filling out the registration form through this link

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfH1NUwjUdIb9c5iJKXhCij4t7aplrKIoIvhsOhxliZP3lrw/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfH1NUwjUdIb9c5iJKXhCij4t7aplrKIoIvhsOhxliZP3lrw/viewform?usp=sf_link) latest by **10 September 2023 by 11:59 p.m.**

(IST)

13.2 The participation fees shall be **Rs. 4500/-** per team.

13.3 The payment shall be through the event portal of VIPS – TC at <https://forms.edugfix.com/eventfee/add>.

13.4 **In the payment link, the following instructions shall be used-**

13.4.1 In ‘Batch’, type full name of your institute/university.

13.4.2 In ‘Course Name’, type “VIPS IMC 2023”

13.4.3 In ‘Activity’, type “Team Registration.”

13.5 The registered teams are required to attach the screenshot of the online transaction in the Google form itself. **The fee, once paid, is non-refundable.**

13.6 **The receipt of Screenshot of the payment to the aforementioned bank details shall only confirm the participation of a team in the competition.**

13.7 No Objection Certificate from the college/institution/university is a mandatory requirement for all teams to be fulfilled to complete the registration. It has to be submitted by the last date of registration.

13.8 Communication with any one of the Team Members shall be deemed to be communication to the entire team for the purposes of this Competition.

## **14. CLARIFICATIONS TO THE MOOT PROBLEM**

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Teams may request clarifications (if any) in the Moot Proposition of the Competition via email with the subject “**Clarifications- VIPS 9<sup>th</sup> International Moot Court Competition, 2023**” to [vipsimc2023@gmail.com](mailto:vipsimc2023@gmail.com) by **12 September, 2023, 11:59 p.m. (IST)**. After this, no more clarifications shall be entertained and the clarifications shall be published on the official website soon thereafter.

## **15. WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS**

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Each team is required to prepare a Written Submission for both the Petitioner/Appellant (as the

case may be) and Respondent. The Written submission shall consist of the following mandatory contents:

1. Cover Page (**Blue** for Petitioner/Appellant, **Red** for Respondent)
  - i. Name of the Court
  - ii. Petition/Appeal Number (if any)
  - iii. Name of both the Parties
  - iv. Cause Title
  - v. Written Submission for Petitioner/Appellant or Respondent
  - vi. Team Code in **bold** on **top right corner**
2. Table of Contents
3. Index of Authorities
4. Statement of Jurisdiction
5. Statement of Facts
6. Statement of Issues
7. Legal Pleadings
8. Prayer

The Written Submission should not exceed the maximum limit of **25 Pages** (excluding the CoverPage and Table of Contents) and should conform to the following specifications-

- Font type: Times New Roman Font size:12
- Line spacing: 1.5
- Body of text: Justified
- Margin: at least 1 inch from all sides

Teams shall follow a uniform style of citation (preferably the Bluebook Method of Citation- 20<sup>th</sup>/ 21<sup>st</sup> edition) throughout their Written Submissions. Footnotes must conform to the following specifications-

- Font type: Times New Roman
- Font size: 10
- Line spacing: 1

- Body of text: Justified

### **Submission Guidelines:**

- All teams shall send the soft copy of the Written Submission for each side in PDF format via electronic mail with the file name “TC No. Petitioner/Respondent” **on or before 25<sup>th</sup> September 2023 by 11:59 p.m. (IST)** to [vipsimc2023@gmail.com](mailto:vipsimc2023@gmail.com). Any submission after the said date shall be treated as a late submission.
- In case of a late submission, the erring team shall pay a penalty of Rs. 500/-.
- Acceptance of any late submission shall be at the sole discretion of *Advocates’ Legion* and in furtherance of the penalty
- In any case, no submission shall be accepted after 27<sup>th</sup> September 2023.

### **Evaluation Criteria:**

<b><u>Sr. No.</u></b>	<b><u>Criteria</u></b>	<b><u>Marks Allotted (50)</u></b>
1.	Legal Reasoning and Argumentation	10
2.	Articulation of Facts	10
3.	Use of Authorities and Compliance with Rules and Specifications	15
4.	Presentation	15

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## **16. ORAL ROUNDS**

17.1 The Competition shall consist of the following rounds:

- I. The Preliminary Rounds;

- II. The Quarter Finals;
- III. The Semi Finals; and
- IV. The Final

\*Please Note: Each team shall argue once from each side in the Preliminary Round.

**17.2 General:**

17.2.1 Before the beginning of the oral rounds of any team, the Speakers of the team shall inform the moderator regarding the allocation of time between themselves and the time reserved for rebuttal. Once informed, the timings shall not be changed.

17.2.2 If any speaker speaks for more than the time reserved for him/her, the extra time used by such speaker shall be deducted from the time allotted to the second speaker of that team.

17.2.3 In case any team fails to appear in an oral round, the round shall be conducted *ex-parte*.

**17.3 Preliminary Rounds (Online):**

17.3.1 The preliminary round shall be conducted through video-conferencing, via the platform Zoom as the case may be. The meeting Id and password will be informed and shared with the teams through email.

17.3.2 Each team shall argue once from each side on the same day according to the Draw of Lots which shall be notified to the teams shortly after the Opening Ceremony along with Exchange of Memorials.

17.3.3 There shall be two slots for the Preliminary Rounds. Each team shall argue once in each slot from different sides as per the draw of lots.

17.3.4 Each team shall strictly get a total time of **30 minutes** to argue subject to a minimum of 10 minutes for each speaker and maximum 3 minutes for the Rebuttals and 1 minute of sur-rebuttal is permitted.

17.3.5 At the beginning of the preliminary rounds, the teams shall specify the time distribution for their rebuttals of each speaker to the moderator. The rebuttal round proceeding shall be initiated once the moderator informs the team about the commencement of the time limit.

17.3.6 The commencement of the sur-rebuttal round shall be informed to the teams by the moderator and the procedure will be the same as that of the rebuttal round.

17.3.7 Only after being allowed by the moderator a speaker shall unmute his/her mic.

#### **17.4 Quarter Finals (On Site):**

17.4.1 The Quarterfinal round shall be conducted in physical mode (offline) in college premises itself. The details of the same will be shared after the preliminary rounds the teams through email.

17.4.1 Eight teams with two wins shall proceed to the Quarter-Finals.

17.4.2 In case less than 8 teams qualify by way of two wins, the remaining teams shall be chosen on the basis of their cumulative scores in both slots of the Preliminary Round combined.

17.4.3 In case of a tie in scores calculated as per Rules, the team with the higher score in the Written Submission (Memorials) shall proceed to this round.

17.4.4 Each team shall strictly get a total time of **30 minutes** to argue subject to a minimum of 10 minutes per speaker and 3 minutes for the Rebuttals and 1 minute of sur-rebuttal is permitted.

17.4.5 A time extension for a maximum of 2 minutes may be granted to each team at the discretion of the Judge which shall include sur-rebuttal in the case of Respondent if sought for.

17.4.6 At the beginning of the quarter-final round the teams shall specify the time distribution for each speaker and for rebuttal to the moderator. The rebuttal round proceeding shall be initiated once the moderator informs the team about the commencement of the time limit.

17.4.7 The commencement of the sur-rebuttal round shall be informed to the teams by the moderator and the procedure will be the same as that of the rebuttal round.

17.4.8 Only after being allowed by the moderator a speaker shall unmute his/her mic.

#### **17.5 Semi-Finals (On Site):-**

17.5.1 The Semi-Finals shall be conducted in physical mode (offline) in college premises itself. The details of the same will be shared after the quarter-final

rounds the teams through email.

17.5.2 The winning team of each round shall proceed to the Semi-Finals. In case of a tie, the team with a higher score in Written Submission shall qualify.

17.5.3 Each team shall get a total time of **40 minutes** to argue subject to a minimum of 15 minutes per speaker including a maximum of 5 minutes for the Rebuttals, if permitted.

17.5.4 Rebuttals shall only be permitted to the Petitioner/Appellant and in no circumstance whatsoever, shall the Respondent be allowed to spare any separate time for Rebuttal.

17.5.5 A time extension for a maximum of 2 minutes may be granted to each team at the discretion of the Judge which shall include sur-rebuttal in the case of Respondent if sought for.

## **17.6 Finals (On site):**

17.6.1 The Final round shall be conducted in physical mode (offline) in college premises itself. The details of the same will be shared after the quarter final rounds the teams through email.

17.6.2 The winning team of each round shall proceed to the Finals. In case of a tie, the team with a higher score in Written Submission shall qualify.

17.6.3 Each team shall get a total time of **50 minutes** to argue subject to a minimum of 20 minutes per speaker including maximum of 5 minutes for the Rebuttals, if permitted.

17.6.4 Rebuttals shall only be permitted to the Petitioner/Appellant and in no circumstance whatsoever, shall the Respondent be allowed to spare any separate time for Rebuttal.

17.6.5 A time extension for a maximum of 5 minutes may be granted to each team at the discretion of the Judge which shall include sur-rebuttal in the case of Respondent if sought for.

## **18 GENERAL RULES**

18.1 The dress code for the competition as well as during other related ceremonies shall be professional business attire and strictly black and white.

- 18.2 Any compiled Research Material (Compendium) or other supplementary documents may be sent by mail in one pdf. Along with the memorial submission which will be submitted to the judges at their discretion.
- 18.3 Teams must not reveal their university or country of origin or names of the Participants anywhere in the Written Submission or in the course of the Oral arguments. Each team must be identified only by the unique Team Code once it has been allotted and all communications with the administrators or Judges thereafter shall be done through the Team Code only. Violation of anonymity or scouting at any point shall lead to immediate disqualification.
- 18.4 The Administrators reserve the right to amend, modify, change or repeal any of the Competition Rules at any point of time. The Administrators reserve all rights to audio and videotaping, or any other form of audio or visual reproduction, of any oral round or part thereof. The Administrators shall communicate any changes made in the Competition Rules to the teams.
- 18.5 The Administrator(s) reserve the right to take decisions on any matter not mentioned in the Competition Rules. Any such decision taken by the Administrators shall be final and binding.
- 18.6 No audio or videotaping of oral pleadings is permitted without the permission of the Administrators.
- 18.7 The Administration shall not be responsible for any loss due to slow or non-functional Internet Connection during the Competition. We request all the participants to arrange a sound Internet Connection.
- 18.8 No additional documentation or screen-sharing will be allowed and any information that must be provided to the court should be submitted beforehand along with the Compendium and the Memorial.
- 18.9 If a team believes that a violation of any of the Competition Rules has taken place at any stage of the competition, the teams, within half an hour after the completion of the round wherein a violation has allegedly occurred, shall register a complaint with the Faculty/Student Convener of the *Advocates' Legion* and under no circumstances the teams are allowed to approach the Judges for any complaints.
- 18.10 The host institution shall provide no accommodation for participants.

18.11 Teams shall be responsible for all damages (if any) caused by the team during their stay.



### **EVALUATION CRITERIA:**

<b>Sr. No</b>	<b>Criteria</b>	<b>Marks Allotted (50)</b>
1.	Legal Reasoning and Argumentation	10
2.	Advocacy Skills and Responsiveness	10
3.	Interpretation and Articulation of Facts	20
4.	Use of Authorities	5
5.	Time Management and Demeanour	5

### **20 PRIZES**

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Best Team – Rs. 25,000 award money and Winner's Trophy

Runners up- Rs. 15,000 award money and Runner's up Trophy

Best Memorial- Rs. 7,500 award money and Trophy.

Best Speaker- Rs. 7,500 award money and Trophy.

### **21 MISCELLANEOUS**

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The teams may contact the following regarding any query related to the event-

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