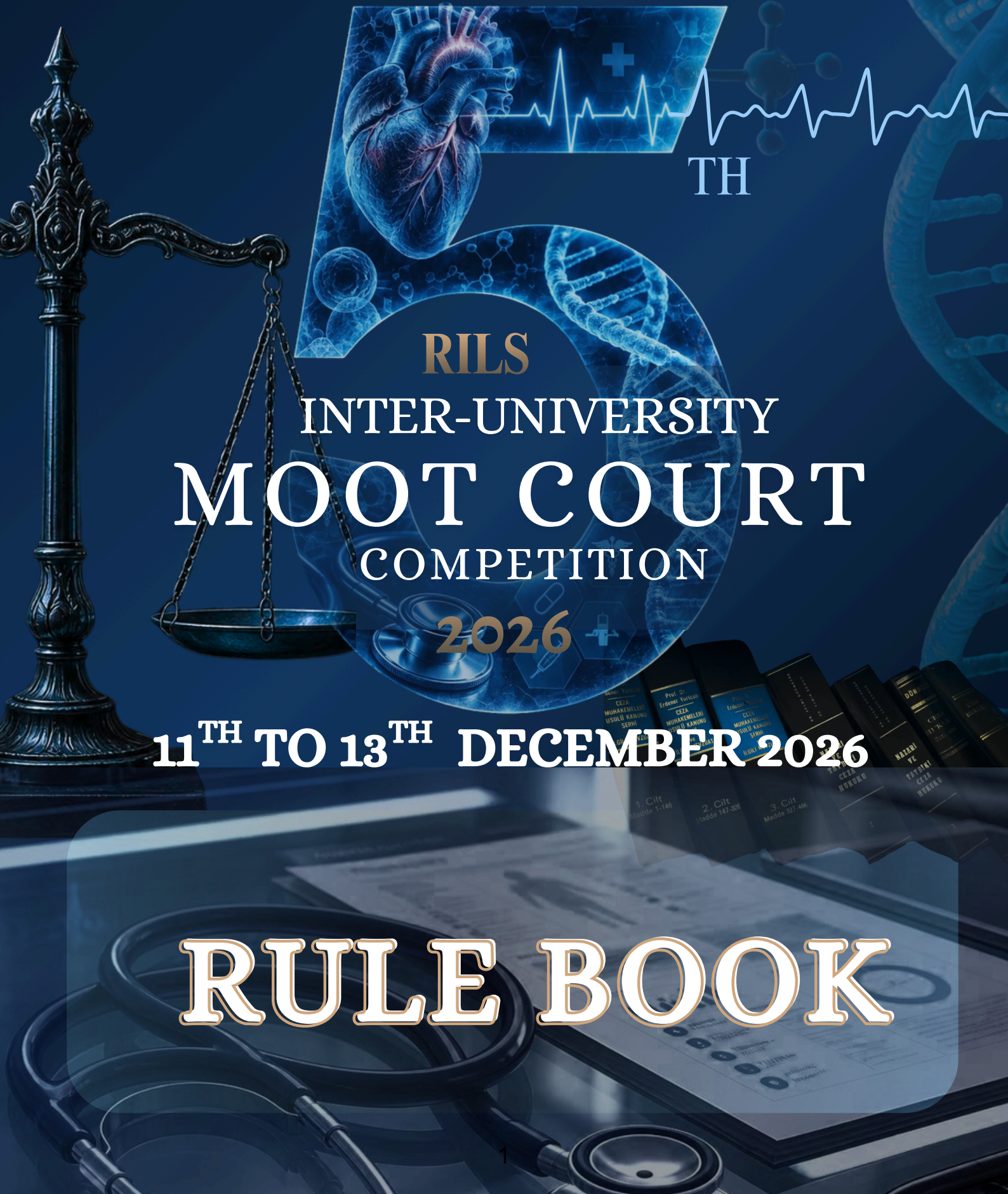


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MOOT COURT
COMPETITION

2026

11TH TO 13TH DECEMBER 2026

RULE BOOK

5TH RILS INTER- UNIVERSITY MOOT COURT COMPETITION 2026

RULES OF THE COMPETITION

The following rules shall govern the conduct of all participants of the 5th RILS Inter- University Moot Court Competition 2026 organised by the Moot Court Committee (MCC) of Ramaiah Institute of Legal Studies (RILS), Bengaluru.

1. DEFINITIONS

Unless the context otherwise requires, the following terms shall have the meanings assigned to them below:

1. "**Bench**" means collectively the members duly invited by the Organisers to adjudicate any round of the Competition.
2. "**Clarifications**" means any questions, queries or doubts submitted by registered teams to the Organisers within the prescribed deadline.
3. "**Competition**" means the 5th RILS Inter-University Moot Court Competition, 2026.
4. "**Court Room**" means the platform on which the oral rounds are conducted.
5. "**Official Email**" means the official email address of the RILS Moot Court Committee.
6. "**Organisers**" or "**Organising Committee**" means the RILS Moot Court Committee.
7. "**Participating Team/Institution**" means a team that has registered for the Competition in accordance with the Rules.
8. "**Penalty**" means a deduction of marks imposed on a team for non-compliance with the Rules.
9. "**Rebuttal**" means the arguments or submissions that the Petitioner/Complainant may raise at the conclusion of the main pleadings of all Speakers.
10. "**Rules**" means the Rules of the 5th RILS Inter-University Moot Court Competition, 2026.
11. "**Scouting**" means observing the oral rounds of any team other than the team with which the observer is associated.
12. "**Speaker**" means a participant who presents oral arguments in any round.
13. "**Sur-rebuttal**" means the reply presented by the Respondent in response to the Rebuttal.
14. "**Team Code**" means the code allocated to a Participating Team/Institution by the Organisers upon completion of registration.

2. INTERPRETATION

- 2.1.The Organising Committee shall have the exclusive authority to interpret and apply these Rules, and to resolve any disputes arising in relation to the Competition. All such interpretations and decisions made by the Organising Committee shall be final and binding on all participants.
- 2.2.The Organising committee reserves the right to amend, modify or add to these Rules as it deems fit to ensure the fair and orderly conduct of the Competition. Any changes shall be communicated to Teams with due notice.
- 2.3.Headings and subheadings in these Rules are merely for convenience and shall not affect their legal interpretation.

3. GENERAL RULES

- 3.1.**Dates:** The Competition shall be held from **11th to 13th December 2026**.
- 3.2.**Dress Code:** Participating Teams shall adhere to the following dress code during the competition.
- **Male Speakers:** White shirt, black trousers, formal tie, black coat and black shoes.
 - **Female Speakers:** White salwar and kurta, or white shirt and black trousers, along with a black coat and black shoes.
 - The attire should be professional and well-pressed.
- 3.3.**Language:** The official language of the Competition shall be English only.
- 3.4.**Venue:** The Competition shall be held at Ramaiah Institute of Legal Studies, Bengaluru.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND TEAM COMPOSITION

4.1 Eligibility

- 4.1.1 The competition is open to bona fide students pursuing either the five-year or the three-year LL.B. programme at an institution recognised by the Bar Council of India.
- 4.1.2 Only one team can represent an institution.

4.2 Team Composition

- 4.2.1. A Participating Team shall consist of not more than three members. No observer or additional member shall form part of a team in any capacity.
- 4.2.2. Each Participating Team shall identify its Speakers and Researcher at the time of registration.
- 4.2.3. A Researcher shall not address the Bench, except in exceptional circumstances and with the express permission of the Bench.

- 4.2.4. No member of a team may be substituted after the registration form has been submitted, except with the prior written permission of the Organisers.

Note: No faculty member, coach, or designated observer shall be permitted to join a team through video/Audio conferencing during the Competition.

5. REGISTRATION

5.1. Registration Fee

- 5.1.1. The registration fee is Rs. 3500- per team.
- 5.1.2. The registration fee does not include accommodation. Accommodation shall be provided at an additional cost of Rs. 3500/- for the period from 11th to 13th December 2026.

5.2. Registration Procedure

- 5.2.1. Interested teams shall complete registration by filling out the Registration Form [\(Click here\)](#) in full. Only one form shall be submitted per team.
- 5.2.2. Participants have to upload the registration form/approval letter/ Bonafide letter attached in the Rule book as annexure III while filling the registration form.
- 5.2.3. Teams shall register on or before **23rd October 2026 on or before 11:59 PM (IST)**. Forms received after the deadline shall not be considered.
- 5.2.4. The Competition is open to a maximum of 24 Teams, which will be accepted on a **first-come, first-served basis** based on the completion of their registration and fee payment.
- 5.2.5. The Organisers shall acknowledge receipt of each form by email within 48 hours of submission. In case a Team does not receive the confirmation email, they must contact the organising Committee at rilsmootcourtcommittee@gmail.com to ensure that their registration is complete.
- 5.2.6. Once the maximum limit of 24 Teams is reached, the registration portal shall be closed, regardless of the registration deadline. Teams are encouraged to complete their registration at the earliest to secure their participation
- 5.2.7. Once the composition of a Team has been communicated to the organising committee no change shall be permitted except with the express permission of the organising committee in case of any extenuating circumstances. Such extenuating circumstances shall be communicated by the respective institution

or by the institutional administration.

- 5.2.8. Each Team shall provide the names and other details of its members at the time of registration. Certificates and other documentation will be prepared based on the information submitted at the time of team registration. Teams shall be responsible for ensuring the accuracy of all information submitted.

5.3.Payment

- 5.3.1. Teams may pay the registration fee using the following account details:

Account Holder Name: RILS

Account No.: 33420200000380

Bank: Bank of Baroda

IFSC Code: BARB0VJJAHA (the fifth character is zero)

- 5.3.2. After making the payment, the team shall take a screenshot of the payment confirmation page and upload it in the Registration Form.
- 5.3.3. Registration shall be complete only when the Registration Form has been duly filled out and submitted along with the payment screenshot.
- 5.3.4. Any false or misleading information provided in the Registration Form shall invite penalties, including disqualification, at the discretion of the Organisers

5.4.Team Withdrawals/ Cancellations

Any withdrawal must be communicated via email to rismootcourtcommittee@gmail.com.

However, once the registration fees are paid, it is **non-refundable** in any case.

6. MEMORIAL SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

6.1.Submission Requirements

- 6.1.1. Registered team must prepare a memorandum on behalf of the Prosecutor/Applicant/Petitioner and on behalf of the Defendant/Respondent.
- 6.1.2. All registered team must submit memorial by **11:59 PM (IST) on 21st November 2026** through memorial submission form which shall be shared with registered teams via email. The files names shall be named as follows **(TEAM CODE_PETITIONER/APPELLANT) (TEAM CODE RESPONDENT/DEFENDANT)** both Memorials in **PDF and Word formats**.
- 6.1.3. Each team must submit **four (4) hard copies of each side's Memorial** on first day of the competition i.e., **11th December 2026**.

- 6.1.4. The subject line of the email must read "**Memorial Submission – Team Code**". For example, Team Code 01 must use the subject line "**Memorial Submission – IUMC01**". If the subject line does not follow this format, the Memorials shall be deemed not received and the Organisers shall not be responsible for any resulting delay or default.
- 6.1.5. Hard copies shall be **spiral-bound**.

6.2.Contents of the Memorial

- 6.2.1. Each Memorial shall contain the following *contents*, in this order:

1. Cover Page
2. Table of Contents
3. Index of Authorities
4. Statement of Jurisdiction
5. Statement of Facts
6. Statement of Issues
7. Summary of Arguments
8. Arguments Advanced
9. Prayer

The memorial shall not contain any information that identifies the team, its members, or its institution, except the team identifier allotted by the organising committee.

6.2.2. *Formatting Specifications*

- **Paper and margins:** A4 paper with one-inch margins on all sides.
- **Body text:** Times New Roman, font size 12, line spacing 1.5.
- **Footnotes:** Times New Roman, font size 10, line spacing 1.0.
- **Page numbering:** Top right of each page.
- **Citation style:** Bluebook (21st edition).
- **Arguments advanced** shall not exceed 25 pages.

6.2.3. *Cover Page*

- a) The Cover Page must include the Name of the Competition, the Name of the Court, and the Cause Title.
- b) It must state "**Memorial for Prosecutor/Applicant/Petitioner**" or "**Memorial for Defendant/Respondent**", as applicable.

- c. Copyright in the prize-winning Memorials shall vest in the Organisers.

7. STRUCTURE OF THE COMPETITION

7.1. Rounds

- 7.1.1. The Competition shall comprise the following rounds:
 - a. Preliminary Rounds
 - b. Quarterfinal Rounds
 - c. Semi-final Rounds
 - d. Final Round
- 7.1.2. Following the team orientation, a draw of lots shall be held for the Preliminary Rounds.

7.2. Preliminary Round

- 7.2.1. In the Preliminary Rounds, each team shall be assigned to argue on behalf of either the Prosecutor/Applicant/Petitioner or the Defendant/Respondent in the Preliminary Rounds. Each team shall have only one opportunity to represent its assigned side during the Preliminary Rounds.
- 7.2.2. Each team shall be allotted 30 minutes for oral submissions, inclusive of rebuttal/sur-rebuttal.
- 7.2.3. No speaker may reserve more than 15 minutes for their individual oral submissions.
- 7.2.4. The top eight (8) teams, ranked on the cumulative scores of their oral submissions and memorials shall qualify for the Quarterfinal Rounds.
- 7.2.5. In the event of a tie, the team with the higher Memorial score shall be declared the winner.

7.3. Quarterfinal, Semi-final and Final Rounds

7.3.1 *Quarterfinal Rounds*

- a. Each team shall be allotted thirty (30) minutes for oral submissions, inclusive of rebuttal/sur-rebuttal.
- b. No speaker may reserve more than fifteen (15) minutes for their individual oral submissions.
- c. The top four (4) teams ranked on the basis of their oral submissions from the

Quarterfinal Rounds shall qualify for the Semi-final Rounds

- d. In the event of a tie, the team with the higher Memorial score shall be declared the winner.

7.3.1. *Semi-final and Final Rounds*

- a. Each team shall be allotted forty-five (45) minutes for oral submissions, inclusive of rebuttal/sur-rebuttal.
- b. No speaker may reserve more than twenty-five (25) minutes for their individual oral submissions.
- c. The top two (2) teams ranked on the basis of their oral submissions from the Semi-final Rounds shall qualify for the Final Round.
- d. The passing of chits or notes between speakers is not permitted during the Semi-final and Final Rounds.

7.4. Oral Round Guidelines

- 7.4.1. Each team shall have two (2) speakers, who shall divide the oral submissions between themselves.
- 7.4.2. At no point during the Competition shall any speaker disclose their identity or that of their institution. Any such disclosure shall attract negative marking or disqualification of the team, at the discretion of the Organisers.
- 7.4.3. Compilations and detailed written pleadings shall not be entertained. Participants are directed to bring the authorities and case laws on which they intend to rely during their oral arguments.
- 7.4.4. At the commencement of each oral round, each team shall inform the Court Officer of the division of time between its two (2) speakers; and the time it wishes to reserve for rebuttal/sur-rebuttal, which shall not exceed five (5) minutes.
- 7.4.5. Only one speaker from each team may present the rebuttal/sur-rebuttal. The sur-rebuttal shall be confined to the points raised in the opposing team's rebuttal.
- 7.4.6. Any time consumed by a speaker beyond the allotted time may attract negative marking, at the discretion of the judges. The judges may, in their discretion, grant a rebuttal or sur-rebuttal and allow additional time.
- 7.4.7. During oral submissions, participants shall not submit to the Court any material containing pictorial representations. Participants shall not make any

audio-visual presentation or use any online search engine.

- 7.4.8. Any team that submits or presents material in violation of these Rules, including pictures, sketches, photographs, cartoons, caricatures, audio or video recordings, projector slides, or computer-generated images, shall be liable to disqualification. The decision of the judges on the assessment of oral submissions shall be final.

8. RESULTS

The final results and the winners of the Competition shall be announced at the Valedictory Ceremony. The decision of the judges on the performance of the participants shall be final and binding on all participants. Certificates shall be distributed only at the Valedictory Ceremony.

9. CONDUCT OF THE COMPETITION

- 9.1 The Competition shall be conducted within the premises of the Ramaiah Institute of Legal Studies (RILS).
- 9.2 The draw of lots for the Preliminary Rounds shall be held after the Opening Ceremony on 11th December 2026.
- 9.3 The Organisers shall retain all rights over the Memorials submitted by the teams and may use or dispose of them in such manner as they deem fit.
- 9.4 A team representative/volunteer shall be assigned to each team to provide assistance during the Competition.
- 9.5 All teams shall adhere to the dress code prescribed. Non-compliance with the prescribed dress code shall attract negative marking, at the discretion of the judge

10. MISCELLANEOUS

- 10.1 Strict action shall be taken against any team or team member found scouting, or attempting to obtain information through any unfair means.
- 10.2 All participants shall maintain proper decorum in the Court throughout the Competition and shall conduct themselves in a manner befitting the legal profession.
- 10.3 The Organisers reserve the right to take appropriate action against any conduct that is unethical, unprofessional or otherwise improper.
- 10.4 The decision of the Organisers on the interpretation of these Rules, or on any other matter relating to the Competition, shall be final and binding.

10.5 In any situation not contemplated by these Rules, the decision of the Organisers shall be final and binding.

10.6 The Organisers reserve the right to vary, alter, modify or repeal any of these Rules as they deem necessary and appropriate.

11. ACCOMMODATION AND TRANSPORT

11.1. Accommodation shall be provided to the participating teams from **11th to 13th December 2026.**

11.2. Each team shall be provided with a form in which to furnish its travel details. The form must be submitted promptly to enable the Organisers to make the necessary arrangements.

11.3. Teams shall arrange their own travel from their point of arrival (railway station or airport) to the campus. The Organisers shall not provide pick-up or drop-off services.

11.4. Accommodation shall be provided only for the official team members, in accordance with the team composition prescribed in these Rules. No additional members shall be accommodated under any circumstances.

11.5. Any misconduct by a participant, whether during the stay on campus or at the Competition venues, shall be treated seriously and may result in immediate disqualification of the team from the Competition.

12. CLARIFICATION

Participants may submit their queries and requests for clarification regarding the Moot Proposition and Competition through the official Email ID.

Campus Address:

Ramaiah Institute of Legal Studies
No. 23, Gokula Extension, M.S. Ramaiah Road,
Behind M.S. Ramaiah Memorial Hall,
Bangalore – 560054

NOTE:

The Director, the Principal and the Faculty Coordinators of RILS shall have the power to amend, modify or repeal any of these Rules at any time.

ANNEXURE I
MEMORIAL EVALUATION CRITERIA

The memorials shall be evaluated out of 100 marks per side, and the basis for evaluation shall be as follows:

Sl. No	PARAMETERS	MARKS
1.	Knowledge of Law and Procedure	25 Marks
2.	Knowledge and Application of Facts	20 Marks
3.	Use of Authorities and Precedents	20 Marks
4.	Clarity, Logic and Organisation	20 Marks
5.	Language, Presentation and Formatting	15 Marks

ANNEXURE II
ORAL ROUNDS EVALUATION CRITERIA

The oral rounds shall be evaluated out of 100 marks per speaker, and the basis for evaluation shall be as follows:

Sl.No	PARAMETERS	MARKS
1.	Knowledge of Law and Facts	25 Mark
2.	Application of Law to Facts	25 Marks
3.	Accurate Articulation of Legal Issues and Use of Authorities	20 Marks
4.	Response to Questions & Ability to Answer	15 Marks
5.	Overall Presentation (Style, Articulation, Time Management and Court room etiquette)	15 Marks

Annexure III
RAMAIAH INSTITUTE OF LEGAL STUDIES
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Registration Form/ Approval Letter/Bonafide Letter
(Please fill in Capital Letters)

UNDERTAKING

1. We hereby state that these students are Bonafide students of our college.
2. We hereby state that our participation complies with the rules and regulations of the Competition
3. We certify that the materials submitted/to be submitted are prepared by us and agreed to indemnify the organisers for any claim/ dispute arising out of the further use and exhibition of these materials.

(All particulars must be given)

Name and address of the participating institutions:

Registered Email Id:

Registered Mobile Number:

Participants name	Semester	Gender	Year of study	Signature



Signature of Principal.....

Annexure IV

RAMAIAH INSTITUTE OF LEGAL STUDIES

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11TH –13TH DECEMBER 2026

TRAVEL PLAN

Name of Institution	
Arrival Details -	
Mode of Arrival: Bus/Train/Air	
Train No./Bus No./Flight No.	
Estimated Time of Arrival	
Departure Details - a. Mode of departure b. Train No./Bus No./Air No. c. Estimated Time of Departure	
Any other Details:	

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