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About the University

Dharmashastra National Law University, Jabalpur (M.P.) was established in the year 2018, by Madhya Pradesh Dharmashastra National Law University Act 24 of 2018, with the object of advancing the cause of legal education and achieving excellence at imparting value-based legal education to undergraduate as well as postgraduate students. The University was unveiled by noted legal luminaries, leaders and educationists in 2018 with a vision to be the center of excellence in legal education and research by disseminating quality education and training; nurturing vibrant legal culture through judicious practices and ethically responsible pursuits. The University aims to emerge as a unique institution for imparting legal education which is socially relevant and professionally competent.

The University seeks to impart and disseminate the knowledge of law and to promote the culture of research for the development and advancement of legal education. It also orients towards imparting specialized and systematic instructions and training to the law students, research scholars and officers performing administrative, quasi-administrative functions. The University aims not only to be a knowledge driven institution but also a creativity and wisdom driven institution, as a result of which the University has etched its mark across the nation, and even beyond the national boundaries.

About India Juris

India Juris (IJ) is a full-service international law firm with over 25 years of experience, advising banks, financial institutions, multinational and domestic corporations, private equity and venture capital funds, HNIs, and other leading clients on complex transactions and disputes.

Led by Mr. Sameer Rastogi, Managing Partner, IJ has a team of 50+ legal professionals across offices in New Delhi, Mumbai, Gurugram, Bengaluru, and GIFT City, Gujarat. The firm offers expertise across Corporate & Commercial Laws, Investment Transactions, Litigation, Arbitration, Insolvency, Intellectual Property, and Fund Set-up & Advisory.

With 350+ investment transactions and 250+ due diligences annually, India Juris has established a strong presence in India's investment transaction ecosystem and has been consistently ranked No. 1 by Venture Intelligence for advising on the highest number of PE & VC transactions.

The firm also undertakes various pro-bono and CSR initiatives, including IJ500, Fund Connect, Pitch Day, and Embark, reflecting its commitment to advancing the legal and business ecosystem.

About the Competition

The India Juris–DNLU National Moot Court Competition, 2026 is an esteemed event that attracts law students from across the nation, providing them with an invaluable opportunity to engage in the practice of law in a competitive and intellectually stimulating environment. Designed to simulate real courtroom proceedings, the competition allows participants to develop their advocacy skills and legal acumen while fostering camaraderie among peers. Competitors will have the chance to represent both sides of the case, engaging in extensive research and preparing written submissions, including memorials that outline their legal arguments.

Throughout the competition, they will be evaluated by a distinguished panel of judges comprising seasoned legal practitioners, academics, and industry experts, providing participants with insightful feedback on their performances. Beyond honing their legal skills, participants will also gain experience in teamwork, time management, and effective communication. The competition not only nurtures the next generation of legal professionals but also serves as a platform for networking, collaboration, and the exchange of ideas among law students and practitioners, aiming to inspire participants to become skilled advocates and conscientious legal professionals.



A Glimpse into the First Edition

The 1st India Juris–DNLU National Moot Court Competition, held from 12th–14th September 2025, witnessed participation from 65+ teams representing leading National Law Universities and premier private law colleges across India. Following a rigorous memorial evaluation, 20 teams advanced to the subsequent rounds, setting the stage for an intense display of legal research, advocacy, and courtroom acumen.

The inaugural edition culminated in a closely contested final, with Manipal Law School, Bengaluru emerging as the Winner, while National Law Institute University (NLIU), Bhopal secured the position of Runner-up.

The Final Rounds and Valedictory Ceremony were graced by an eminent panel comprising Hon'ble Justice Vivek Agarwal, Judge, High Court of Madhya Pradesh; Hon'ble Justice Dev Narayan Mishra, Judge, High Court of Madhya Pradesh; and Mr. Shivram Ganesan, Associate Partner, India Juris.

The resounding success of the inaugural edition laid a strong foundation for its continuing legacy of excellence in advocacy, intellectual rigour, and legal scholarship.



Important Dates

Commencement of Provisional Registration	11/09/2026
Release of Moot Proposition	To be Notified
Last Date of Registration and Payment for Round-I	12/10/2026
Last Date of Seeking Clarifications	12/10/2026
Release of Clarifications	14/10/2026
Submission of Memorial: Soft Copy	30/10/2026
Result of Memorial Qualification Round	05/11/2026
Start of Round-II Registration and Payment	05/11/2026
Last Date of Registration for Round-II	07/11/2026
Submission of Memorial: Hard Copy	16/11/2026
Draw of Lots and Exchange of Memorials	20/11/2026
Researcher's Test	20/11/2026
Preliminary Rounds and Semi-Final Round	21/11/2026
Final Round and Valedictory Ceremony	22/11/2026

RULES OF THE COMPETITION

I. Introductory

Short Title: These Rules shall be called the India Juris–DNLU National Moot Competition Rules, 2026.

1. Definitions: Unless otherwise stated following shall be construed herein as:

- a. "Administrator"** shall mean the India Juris–DNLU Moot Court Committee.
- b. "Competition"** means India Juris–DNLU Moot Court Competition, 2026.
- c. "Participating Team"** means the team which has registered itself for the competition as per the rules of registration.
- d. "Round-I"** means the Memorial Qualification Round.
- f. "Round-II"** means the physical rounds to be held in the premises of the University.
- e. "Rules"** means India Juris–DNLU National Moot Court Competition Rules, 2026.
- f. "Organizers"** means the Dharmashastra National Law University.

II. General Rules

2. Date: The Competition shall be organized from 20th– 22nd November, 2026.

3. Dress Code: Participants shall adhere to the following dress code when present in any courtroom during the Competition:

- Ladies: White Salwar and Kurta, or White Shirt and Black Pant/Skirt, along with Black Coat and Black Shoes.
- Gentlemen: White Shirt, Black Trousers, Black Tie, Black Coat and Black Shoes.

4. Language: The language of the Competition shall be English.

III. Eligibility and Team Composition

5. Eligibility:

- The Competition shall be open to students who are pursuing an integrated 5-year LL.B. programme in India, or a 3-year LL.B. programme in India.
- An institution shall be entitled to send not more than two teams to the Competition.

6. Team Composition: Each team shall constitute a minimum of two members and a maximum of three members. Under no condition shall a team consisting of more than 3 members be allowed to participate.

7. Three-Member Team: In the event a team consists of 3 members, then:

- a. Such team shall designate two of its members as speakers; and
- b. Such a team shall designate one member, who has not been designated as a speaker, as a researcher. The team must, amongst its members, identify the speakers and the researcher at the time of registration itself.

8. Two-Member Team: In the event a team consists of two members, both members shall be designated as speakers and no member in the team shall be allowed to be represented as a researcher or take the researcher's test.

9. Change in Team Composition: Any change in team composition must be intimated to the Administrator at the earliest. Any change must be accompanied by a registration form and an authority letter duly signed by the head of the institution. No change in team composition is allowed after the formal registration.

IV. Registration

10. Each institution must first provisionally register itself through its designated moot court society for the Competition by filling out the Google Form:

<https://forms.gle/35yUAMd2JEFszGyR8>

11. Only upon the confirmation of the provisional registration by the Administrators shall each team register for the Competition by filling out the registration form before 12 October, 2026. The registration form will be sent to the institution's moot court society once the said institution's provisional registration has been confirmed. Teams are strongly encouraged to complete the registration form at the earliest possible. Prior payment of the registration fee is required in order to submit the online registration form. In case a team fails to complete the final registration, the next team which completed the provisional registration shall be considered for the final registration.

12. While filling out the registration form, the teams have to choose a primary contact person. All communications concerning the Competition will be sent by e-mail to the nominated contact person. It is that person's responsibility to convey all relevant information and distribute all relevant material to the team.

13. All teams registering for the competition shall be charged an initial fee of INR. 1,500/- Teams shortlisted after the memorial selection round are further required to pay INR 6,000/- (inclusive of accommodation and food) to complete the final registration. *As part of our support, we will offer one  Academy course free of cost for the winners.

14. Mode of Payment: All the required transactions i.e., the registration fees and the fees required after qualifying the memorial selection round (Round-I) shall be paid online in the account mentioned below:

Account Name

**Dharmashastra National Law University A/c,
Moot Court Committee**

Account Number

519302010221761

IFSC Code

UBIN0551937

Branch

**Union Bank of India, State Bar Council,
High Court, Jabalpur**

PAYMENT LINK

<https://erp.mpdnlmu.ac.in/events/eventdetails.php?slug=a4c30e65b9dea3c>

Note: For Round-II, teams who qualified in Round-I must positively make the final payment on or before 07 November, 2026, failing which their slot for Round-II shall be forfeited. In such a case, the next team in line as per the rankings of Round-I shall be provided the failing team's spot in the physical round.

15. Allotment of Team Code: Every team which has successfully completed the registration requisites under the Rules shall be allotted a unique code after the closure of the registration for the Competition. Once allotted, every team must use the team code for any communication with the Organizers during the course of the Competition.

V. Format of the Competition

16. Format: There shall be a qualification round (Round-I) which shall be on the basis of the memorials for both the sides. Twenty teams will then qualify for Round-II.

17. Physical Rounds: Round-II of the Competition will be held offline and is divided into:

- Preliminary Rounds
- Semi-Final Rounds
- Final Rounds

18. Draw of Lots: The match-up of teams in the Preliminary Rounds shall be determined on the basis of the draw of lots, to take place on 20th November, 2026.

19. Preliminary Rounds:

- a. Each team shall argue from both sides in the Preliminary Rounds.
- b. No team shall argue the same side twice in the Preliminary Rounds.

20. Scoring in the Preliminary Round:

- Qualification of teams to the Advanced Rounds shall be determined on the basis of the win or loss of the team in each preliminary round.
- Win or loss of a team shall be determined on the basis of the aggregate score; the team with the higher aggregate score shall win the round.
- The aggregate score of a team = Score of Speaker 1 + Score of Speaker 2 + Half the score of the memorial.

21. Arrangement of Ranking: Teams in the Preliminary Rounds shall be ranked as follows:

- a. First differentiated on their win-loss record after the Preliminary Rounds.
- b. If tied, the team with the higher aggregate score will be allotted the higher rank.
- c. If the tie subsists, the team with the higher speaker score will be allotted the higher rank.
- d. If the tie still subsists, the team with the highest individual speaker score out of speakers of tied teams will be allotted the higher rank.
- e. If the tie still subsists, the team with the higher memorial score will be allotted a higher rank.
- f. If the tie still subsists, the rank shall be determined by the toss of a coin.

22. Results: The results of the Preliminary Rounds shall be declared soon after the conclusion of both Preliminary Rounds. The top four teams as per the criteria under Rules 20 and 21 will qualify for the Advanced Rounds.

23. Advanced Rounds: The semi-finals and finals shall constitute the Advanced Rounds of the Competition.

24. Semi-finals:

- a. Top four teams from the Preliminary Rounds shall qualify for the Semi-Finals.
- b. The team shall argue only one side in the semi-finals, decided by draw of lots.
- c. The semi-final shall be a knock-out round.
- d. The win-loss shall be decided on the basis of the aggregate speaker score; no memorial score will be added. The team with the higher aggregate score shall proceed to the final round.

25. Finals: In the final rounds, the win-loss shall be decided on the basis of the aggregate speaker score. No memorial score will be added in the finals. The win- loss shall be determined on the basis of the score so computed.

VI. Memorials

26. Strict Adherence to Rules Regarding Memorials: All requirements have to be strictly followed. Non-adherence will attract a penalty subject to the discretion of the organizers.

27. Memorials to be Prepared from Both Sides: Each team must prepare memorials for both sides of the dispute (Appellant/Petitioner and Respondent).

28. Submission of Soft Copy and Hard Copy of Memorials:

a. Submission of soft copy:

- I. Soft copies of the memorial from each side should reach the Organizers at mcc@mpdnlu.ac.in in both PDF and Word format latest by 30th October, 2026, before 11:00 PM.
- II. Memorials shall be sent as an attachment in the form of a single file for each side, in PDF as well as Word format.
- III. A penalty of 1 mark shall be levied if the memorial is submitted in any other format or as multiple files.
- VI. A team submitting the soft copy 5 days after the last date will be disqualified from the competition.
- V. A penalty of 1 mark per hour per side shall be deducted for delay in submission of the soft copy.

b. Submission of Hard Copy:

- I. Five copies of the memorial each for the applicant and the respondent (hard copy) are due latest by 16th November, 2026.
- II. A penalty of 1 mark per day per side shall be deducted for delay in submission of the hard copy.

29. General Conditions for Memorials:

- a. The memorials shall not contain any form of identification apart from the team code on the upper right corner of the cover page. Any identifying mark found on the memorial shall result in instant disqualification.
- b. Appellant memorials are required to have a Blue cover and Respondent memorials a Red cover.
- c. A penalty of 1 mark per side shall be levied for using the wrong cover page.

30. Guidelines for Formatting:

a. Memorial Structure: The memorial must have the following pages only:

- I. Cover Page – The cover page shall contain the case title, side of the memorial, year of competition, name of the forum and team Code in the top right corner.
- ii. Table of Contents
- iii. List of Abbreviations
- iv. Index of Authorities
- v. Statement of Jurisdiction
- vi. Statement of Facts
- vii. Issues Raised
- viii. Summary of Arguments
- ix. Pleadings/Arguments Advanced
- x. Prayer

b. Team Code: The team code must be ascribed to the up-right corner of the cover page. The code must be preceded by the side for which the memorial is prepared. The teams must use “A” for Appellant, P for “Petitioner” and R for “Respondent.” For example: in case the Team Code is 100 the team must write “A- 100” in case of memorial for Appellant and “R-100” in case of memorial for Respondent.

c. Main body:**i. Type:** Times New Roman**ii. Font Size:** 12 points**iii. Line Spacing:** 1.5**d. Footnotes:****i. Type:** Times New Roman**ii. Line Spacing:** 1**e. Pagination:** The pagination must be done at the bottom of the page.**f. Margin:** Margin of 1 inch on all sides of the memorial should be left.**g. Citation Format:** The 20th Edition of Bluebook system of citation should be followed throughout the memorial.**31. Penalty:** A penalty of 1 mark per violation per side shall be levied for non adherence with the formatting guidelines.**32. Marking Criteria for Memorial:**

MARKING CRITERIA	MARKS ALLOTTED
Evidence of Original Thought	20
Knowledge of Law and Facts	20
Proper and Articulate Analysis	20
Correct Format and Citation	20
Extent and Use of Research	20
TOTAL	100

33. Plagiarism: In case the memorial of a Participant is found guilty of plagiarism, the Administrator may impose any sanction deemed fit, including disqualification from the Moot. The allowed percentage for plagiarism and AI is 10.

VII. Oral Pleadings

34. Timings for the Oral Pleadings:**I. Preliminary Rounds:**

- Each team is allotted 30 minutes to present oral arguments.
- Timing may be divided between both speakers, subject to a maximum of 17 minutes and a minimum of 13 minutes per speaker.

- The time division must be informed to the Courtroom Master before the oral arguments begin.
- A maximum of 2 minutes may be reserved for rebuttal/sur-rebuttal, at the judges' discretion. This time is inclusive in the 30 minutes oral pleadings time.
- Allotment of extra time shall be at the judges' discretion.

II. Semi-Final and Final Rounds:

- Each team is allotted 60 minutes to present oral arguments.
- Timing may be divided between both speakers, subject to a maximum of 35 minutes and a minimum of 25 minutes per speaker.
- The time division must be informed to the Courtroom Master before the oral arguments begin.
- A maximum of 5 minutes may be reserved for rebuttal/sur-rebuttal, at the judges' discretion. This time is inclusive in the 60 minutes oral pleadings time.
- Allotment of extra time shall be at the judges' discretion.

35. Marking Criteria for the Oral Rounds:

MARKING CRITERIA	MARKS ALLOTTED
Knowledge and Application of Law and Facts	20
Ingenuity and Ability to Answer Question	20
Style, Poise, Courtesy, & Demeanor	20
Organisation and Flow of Arguments	20
Creativeness and Conception of Arguments	20
TOTAL	100

VIII. Researcher's Test

36. Researcher's Test:

- a. The identified researcher during formal registration shall take the researcher's test.
- b. In the case of a two-member team, no member of the team will be allowed to take the Researcher's test.
- c. The test shall contain questions related to the moot problem and the relevant law.
- d. It shall be an offline pen-and-paper-based test.
- e. In tabulation of results, the total marks obtained by the researcher plus fifty percent of the memorial score will be considered. In case of a tie, the researcher with the higher memorial score will be allotted a higher rank; if the tie subsists, the researcher belonging to the team with the higher aggregate score will be allotted a higher rank; if the tie still subsists, the rank shall be determined by a toss of a coin.

IX. Awards and Prizes

37. Awards: The following awards shall be awarded in the Competition:

AWARD CATEGORY	Prize Money
Winners	35,000/-
Runners up	25,000/-
Best speaker	10,000/-
Best researcher	10,000/-
Best memo petitioner	15,000/-
Best memo respondent	15,000/-

X. Penalties

38. Non-Disclosure of Identity: Teams shall not disclose their identity, i.e., the name of their institution, city, etc., or any other information which has the effect of disclosing their identity and affiliation with a particular university or institution. Such disclosure shall result in disqualification, subject to the discretion of the Organizers.

XI. Dispute Resolution

39. The Organizing Committee shall form a Dispute Resolution Committee for the resolution of any dispute pertaining to the manner of conduction of the moot or any other matter incidental thereto. The Dispute Resolution Committee shall become operational on receipt of an application of grievance, where post the dispute resolution process, the decision of such Committee shall be final and binding.

XII. Miscellaneous

40. Copyright: The copyright with regard to the memorials submitted for participation in the Competition is assigned by participants and shall also vest completely and fully with the Organizers. The participants shall certify the originality of the memorials and the materials used and shall be responsible for any claim or dispute arising out of further use and exhibition of these materials. The Organizers shall have the right to publicly display and distribute (electronically or otherwise) and shall not be responsible for any liability to any person for any loss caused by errors or omissions in this collection of information, or for accuracy, completeness or adequacy of the information contained in these materials.

41. Power to Amend or Alter Rules: The rules mentioned herein are not exhaustive. The Organizers reserve the right to alter, amend or add to the rules mentioned herein at any point in time. All decisions made by Organizers in case of any disputes, doubts or related issues shall be final and binding. Imposition of all penalties including disqualification rests solely with the organizers in case of failure to comply with the rules mentioned herein.

42. Disclaimer: The problem is fictitious and any resemblance to any person, living or dead, or incident, past or present, is coincidental and not intended by the authors of the problem.

43. Contact Details: In case of any queries or clarifications regarding the competition, feel free to mail your queries at mcc@mpdnlu.ac.in.



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