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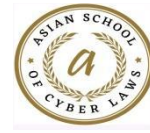
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**1ST YOUNG LAWYER'S NATIONAL
MOOT COURT COMPETITION, 2024**

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About the Event

The inaugural National Young Lawyers Moot 2024, hosted by Saveetha School of Law in collaboration with the Asian School of Cyber Laws, is poised to redefine legal competitions in India. This pioneering event is scheduled to run from the **31st of May to the 2nd of June, 2024**, and aims to establish a new benchmark in the sphere of legal contests across the nation.

The National Young Lawyers Moot is designed as an exceptional platform for young legal practitioners with less than five years of post-qualification experience (PQE) to exhibit their legal expertise and rhetorical skills. Eligibility for the competition is limited to teams of two young lawyers who are officially registered with the Bar Council and have been actively practicing law for no more than five years of PQE. This criterion ensures that the moot court is a battleground of equals, where young lawyers from across the country can measure their legal acumen against their peers.

Centered on criminal law, with a special focus on Cyber law, this event presents a unique challenge for participants to tackle the intricacies of law in the digital era. It encourages them to address and solve contemporary legal dilemmas that hold significant importance in today's global legal framework. Through this event, Saveetha School of Law and the Asian School of Cyber Laws aspire to inspire a new generation of legal professionals who are not only adept at handling the complexities of the law but are also ready to lead the charge in the dynamic field of Cyber law.

Beyond the lure of attractive prize money, the National Young Lawyers Moot stands out as an invaluable opportunity for networking, mentorship, and the exchange of knowledge. Participants will have the chance to connect with seasoned professionals and peers from leading law firms nationwide, facilitating a rich environment for professional growth and collaboration. This aspect of the event underscores its role not just as a competition, but as a catalyst for building a community of young legal

practitioners who are well-equipped to navigate the challenges of the legal profession in the 21st century.

Hence, the National Young Lawyers Moot 2024 promises to be more than just a legal competition; it is a comprehensive professional development experience. It offers young lawyers a rare platform to showcase their talents, refine their skills, and engage with the broader legal community.

About the Collaborating Institutions:

Saveetha School of Law, SIMATS:

Part of the prestigious Saveetha Institute of Medical and Technical Sciences, the Saveetha School of Law stands as a beacon of legal education in India. Founded on the principles of innovation, practical knowledge, and academic excellence, it offers a comprehensive curriculum that spans across various branches of law. With state-of-the-art facilities, distinguished faculty, and a vibrant student community, the institution is dedicated to nurturing the next generation of legal professionals equipped to address the challenges of an ever-evolving legal landscape.

Asian School of Cyber Laws, Pune:

Established in 1999, the Asian School of Cyber Laws is at the forefront of cyber law education and research in India. It has played a pivotal role in crafting cyber law experts who are now leading the fight against cybercrime both nationally and globally. With a curriculum that blends theoretical knowledge with practical insights, the institution is committed to producing professionals well-versed in the nuances of cyber law, data protection, and digital forensics, making it an ideal partner for the Young Lawyers Moot.

This inaugural edition of the Young Lawyers Moot, therefore, is not just a competition; it's a milestone in legal education and professional development, offering young lawyers a chance to shine on a prestigious platform, while benefiting from the combined expertise of Saveetha School of Law, SIMATS, and the Asian School of Cyber Laws, Pune.

IMPORTANT DATES:

Date of Problem release	15 th March, 2024
Last date for payment and final registration	12 th April, 2024
Last date for seeking clarification	13 th April 2024
Release of clarification	16 th April 2024
Submission of Written Brief/ Compendium (Soft Copy)	30 th April 2024
Submission of Written Brief/ Compendium (Hard Copy)	31 st May 2024
Inaugural session & Preliminary Rounds	1 st June 2024
Quarter-Finals	1 st June 2024
Semi-finals	2 nd June 2024
Finals and Valedictory session	2 nd June 2024

MOOT PROPOSITION

1. In the Union of Elbonia, a democratic nation with a federal structure, digitalization stands at the forefront of societal transformation. Genovia, the nation's capital and a Union Territory with its own legislative assembly, epitomizes this digital revolution. It is projected that by June 2024, Elbonia will host approximately 700 million internet users. Advocating for widespread digital access, the Elbonian government envisions a future where every citizen is equipped with a smartphone, and technological advancements, like drones, are commonplace in every field. The Elbonian constitution is the supreme law of the country and it has a well-placed Cyber law called the Information Technology Act, 2000.
2. Ayaan, a 30-year-old male from Elbonia, works as an executive in a reputed multinational corporation. Despite having no formal training in computer applications, he is a computer enthusiast with a deep understanding of internet technology. He has been an active user of Flashgram, a platform particularly popular in Elbonia. He has approximately 20,000 followers and follows around 100,000 accounts from diverse genders and ethnic backgrounds. He is known for sharing informational posts related to technology.
3. Tara, teacher at a reputed school, sent a follow request to Ayaan on June 10, 2020, during a time when the entire world was grappling with the pandemic and subjected to lockdown restrictions. Ayaan quickly accepted the request, and they began to engage in private chats. Their conversations were consistently friendly and respectful. Tara's marital status was not mentioned in her profile and was not a topic of discussion in their chats. However, in one of their phone conversations, she revealed that she was married to Kiran, who has a job requiring frequent travel and is often away from home. She shared with Ayaan her feelings of loneliness and the challenges she faced in trying to conceive a child with Kiran.
4. Over time, their relationship deepened, leading to the exchange of intimate photos, sexting, and cybersex. During these interactions, Ayaan consistently screen-recorded these private acts and saved the videos on his laptop or mobile phone. This online relationship continued for about three years. During their relationship, there were instances where Tara encouraged Ayaan's affection and willingly reciprocated too. She knew that Ayaan was recording their sexual interactions but never objected to it.
5. Meanwhile, the relationship between Tara and her husband, Kiran, began to improve, and they started undergoing treatment to have a child. Given these developments, Tara decided to end her relationship with Ayaan. On 23rd October 2023, Tara called Ayaan over the phone and expressed her desire to end their relationship. To her utter dismay, Ayaan not only refused to

acknowledge the end of their relationship but also began threatening her, demanding that she reciprocate his feelings and divorce her husband. Tara steadfastly refused, leading to a heated argument during which Ayaan resorted to using abusive language towards her and blackmailed her with the videos he had taken of them in compromising positions. He even sent her one of the videos as proof of his threats.

6. Frightened by the change in his behaviour, she immediately ended the call and blocked him on all social media platforms as well as on her phone. A week later, she began receiving calls and messages from two to three unknown numbers, with the callers sounding like Ayaan, threatening her with severe consequences if she ended her relationship with him. Moreover, she encountered Ayaan several times when she left her house, successfully avoiding confrontation on each occasion. On top of all this, a video featuring Tara completely naked and engaging in cybersex with Ayaan surfaced online and was widely shared among students, parents, and colleagues of Tara. This resulted in Tara being suspended from work, pending an inquiry, and sparked much speculation about her character within the school community.
7. Unable to endure the constant stalking, abusive and threatening calls, and the public circulation of private videos, Tara disclosed everything to Kiran on the evening of 5th November 2023. This disclosure led to a heated argument between them, during which Kiran demanded a divorce. Following the quarrel, Kiran slept in another room. When he woke up in the morning and went to look for Tara, he found her hanging in the bedroom, with a handwritten note beside her, blaming Ayaan for her death. The sex scandal and Tara's suicide attracted significant media attention. Fearing severe consequences, Ayaan absconded from his place of work and residence.
8. A special police team was formed to arrest Ayaan and the team deployed undercover informants and worked on technical surveillance to track him down. Leveraging IP addresses among other details, they pinpointed Ayaan's hideout, orchestrated a trap, and successfully captured him on 10th December, 2023.
9. Upon his arrest, the police confiscated two mobile phones, three SIM cards, and a laptop. One of the SIM cards was identified as the source of the threatening calls received by Tara. Ayaan denied making any abusive or threatening calls to Tara. He acknowledged his dissatisfaction with the abrupt end to their relationship, which he claimed was unilateral, but insisted he never intended to harm or injure her, professing his love for her. Additionally, a video of their intimate act was discovered in the trash folder of his laptop, but it was not the one that had been leaked to the public domain. Ayaan claimed that the videos and the sexual acts were consensual, and that Tara had never objected to them until after they had broken up.
10. In the months leading up to Tara's tragic decision, Ayaan had been attending therapy for his compulsive behavior towards relationships, showing a genuine

effort to change his actions that were not intended to harm Tara. Correspondences between Ayaan and his therapist, which Ayaan willingly shared with the police, indicated his remorse and his understanding of the gravity of his actions, although he maintained that the sharing of intimate content was perceived as mutual digital intimacy.

11. Following a thorough investigation, police filed a charge sheet against Ayaan for committing offenses under sections 306 r/w 34, 354C, 354D, 506, and 509 of the Elbonian Penal Code, as well as sections 67, 67A, and 66E of the Information Technology Act, 2000. The prosecution presented evidence of Tara's death note and the incriminating electronic evidence recovered from Ayaan. They argued that Ayaan had the ill intention of harming Tara after their breakup. Furthermore, it was highlighted that he was in possession of SIM cards allegedly used to call Tara and harass her.
12. On May 7, 2024, the Sessions Court of Metropolis City convicted Ayaan, sentencing him to 8 years of imprisonment and imposing a fine of INR 10,000 for abetment of suicide alone, while maintaining that the prosecution failed to prove the other charges beyond reasonable doubt. Ayaan then appealed to the High Court of Genovia, challenging his conviction. Similarly, Kiran appealed to the High Court of Genovia, challenging the lesser sentencing given to Ayaan and alleging that the lower court has erred in dismissing the charges related to online harassment, Voyeurism and stalking against Ayaan.
13. The High Court of Genovia admitted both petitions, clubbed them together, and scheduled the matter for hearing on 1st June, 2024

Note:

1. **Laws of Elbonia are Pari Materia to the laws of India.**
2. **Courts of Elbonia have same powers as courts of India.**
3. **Participating teams are free to formulate issues based on the facts given in the moot preposition**

1st YOUNG LAWYERS MOOT COURT COMPETITION RULEBOOK

1. Objective:

The Young Lawyers Moot Court Competition, organized by Saveetha School of Law, aims to provide young enrolled lawyers with less than five years of experience a platform to develop and showcase their advocacy and legal research skills in a simulated courtroom environment. Drawing inspiration from national moot court competitions, this event seeks to foster excellence in oral and written advocacy, promoting professionalism and ethical conduct among participants.

2. Eligibility:

2.1. Participation is open to young enrolled lawyers with less than five years of professional experience.

2.2. Each team shall consist of TWO members.

3. Registration:

3.1. Teams must register for the competition by completing the registration form available on the official website.

3.2. The last date for registration and payment of the registration fee is 12th April 2024.

4. Problem Release:

4.1. The moot court problem will be released on 15th March 2024.

4.2. Registered teams will receive the problem via email upon successful registration.

5. Clarifications:

5.1. Teams may seek clarifications regarding the moot court problem until 13th April 2024.

5.2. Clarifications will be issued by the organizing committee by 16th April 2024.

6. Submission of Written Brief/Compendium:

6.1. Teams must submit the soft copy of their written brief or compendium by 30th April 2024.

6.2. The hard copy of the written brief or compendium must be submitted by 31st April 2024.

7. Rounds:

The Young Lawyers Moot Court Competition comprises several rounds designed to test participants' advocacy skills, legal reasoning, and ability to apply legal principles to practical scenarios. The rounds progress from preliminary rounds to the final championship round, allowing teams to advance based on their performance in each stage.

7.1. Preliminary Rounds:

In the Preliminary Rounds, participating teams engage in simulated courtroom proceedings before a panel of judges. Each team presents oral arguments and responds to questions posed by the judges. The focus is on articulating legal arguments persuasively, addressing counterarguments effectively, and demonstrating a comprehensive understanding of the moot court problem. Teams compete head-to-head, with judges evaluating their performance based on predetermined criteria.

7.2. Quarter-Finals:

Teams that advance to the Quarter-Finals compete in an intensified round of oral advocacy. The Quarter-Finals may feature more complex legal issues and require teams to demonstrate their ability to adapt their arguments to evolving circumstances. The format may include additional time for rebuttals and surrebuttals, allowing teams to engage in more in-depth exchanges with the opposing counsel and the bench. Judges evaluate the teams' performance and select the top contenders to proceed to the next stage.

7.3. Semi-Finals:

The Semi-Finals represent a pivotal stage in the competition, where the remaining teams vie for a coveted spot in the championship round. The intensity of the competition increases as teams face off in rigorous debates over nuanced legal issues. The Semi-Finals may involve more sophisticated arguments and require teams to demonstrate mastery of legal precedent, statutes, and case law. Judges scrutinize the

teams' presentations and deliberations to determine the finalists who will compete for the championship title.

7.4. Finals:

The Finals showcase the culmination of the competition, featuring the top two teams competing in a high-stakes courtroom battle. The finalists engage in a spirited exchange of legal arguments, drawing upon their advocacy skills and substantive legal knowledge to persuade the judges. The Finals may include a blend of prepared arguments and impromptu responses to judicial inquiries, challenging teams to think on their feet and maintain composure under pressure. After deliberation, the judges crown the winning team based on the strength of their advocacy, legal analysis, and overall performance.

7.5. Valedictory Session:

Following the Finals, the competition concludes with a Valedictory Session to celebrate the achievements of all participants. Awards are presented to the winning team, runners-up, and individuals recognized for outstanding advocacy, legal research, and professionalism. The Valedictory Session provides an opportunity for participants, judges, and organizers to reflect on the competition and its significance in nurturing the next generation of legal talent.

8. Accommodation:

Participants requiring accommodation during the Young Lawyers Moot Court Competition can request it through the organizers. Accommodation will be provided on a first-come, first-served basis, subject to availability. However, it is important to note that availing accommodation will incur additional charges separate from the registration fees.

8.1. Accommodation Request:

Participants must indicate their need for accommodation during the registration process. Upon receiving the request, the organizers will provide information regarding available options, including room types, amenities, and associated costs.

8.2. Accommodation Allocation:

Once the accommodation request is confirmed, participants will receive details regarding their allocated accommodation, including the duration of stay and check-in/check-out procedures. Accommodation assignments will be made based on availability and the preferences indicated by participants, whenever possible.

8.3. Additional Charges:

Participants opting for accommodation will be required to pay additional charges beyond the standard registration fees. The exact amount will vary depending on factors such as the type of accommodation chosen, duration of stay, and any additional services requested.

8.4. Payment Process:

Participants will be informed about the payment process for accommodation charges, including deadlines and accepted modes of payment. It is essential to adhere to the payment schedule to secure the reserved accommodation.

8.5. Terms and Conditions:

Participants availing accommodation must adhere to the terms and conditions set forth by the accommodation provider and the event organizers. Any damages or violations of policies may result in additional charges or other consequences.

8.6. Alternative Accommodation:

Participants have the option to arrange their own accommodation independently if they prefer not to avail the accommodation provided by the organizers. In such cases, the organizers can offer assistance and guidance regarding alternative accommodation options in the vicinity of the event venue.

The accommodation arrangement aims to facilitate a comfortable and convenient experience for participants during the Young Lawyers Moot Court Competition. By providing accommodation options and support services, the organizers seek to enhance the overall experience and ensure that participants can focus on their participation and engagement in the competition.

9. Judging Criteria:

9.1. Teams will be evaluated based on their advocacy skills, legal reasoning, clarity of arguments, and adherence to procedural rules.

9.2. The decisions of the judges will be final and binding.

10. Awards:

10.1. Awards will be presented to the winning team, runners-up, and individuals for outstanding advocacy and legal analysis.

10.2. The Best Speaker and Best Written Brief/ Compendium awards will also be conferred.

11. Code of Conduct:

11.1. Participants must adhere to the highest standards of ethical conduct and professionalism throughout the competition.

11.2. Any form of misconduct may result in disqualification of the team.

12. Rebuttals and Surrebuttals:

12.1. Each team will have the opportunity to present rebuttals following the opposing team's arguments.

12.2. Rebuttals should directly address the arguments presented by the opposing team and challenge their legal reasoning or factual assertions.

12.3. The time allocated for rebuttals will be specified by the presiding judge or timekeeper.

12.4. Following the rebuttals, each team may present surrebuttals to respond to the points raised in the rebuttals.

12.5. Surrebuttals should be concise and focused on clarifying any misconceptions or addressing new arguments introduced during the rebuttal phase.

12.6. The time allocated for surrebuttals will also be specified by the presiding judge or timekeeper.

13. Amendments:

13.1. The organizing committee reserves the right to amend any rules or provisions of this rulebook if deemed necessary.

13.2. All registered teams will be duly notified of any changes or updates.

14. Contact Information:

For inquiries or assistance, please contact:

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Mrs. Jayapreethi, 79046-87507.

Mr. Alwin Fredrick Y, 99431-21111.

15. Declaration:

By registering for the competition, teams affirm their understanding and acceptance of the rules and guidelines outlined in this rulebook.

Register Here:

<https://forms.gle/k6ED3Dg8hx2GYLM58>

To Join our Participant's WhatsApp Group:

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/li0bPVkCq58ApO5efblUuv>

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Best Lawyer's Team	50,000/-
Best Lawyer Speaker	10,000/-
Best Lawyer in Persuading	10,000/-
Best Lawyer's in Rebuttal	10,000/-
Most Passionate Lawyer's Firm	10,000/-
Best Lawyer for the Petitioner Side	5000/-
Best Lawyer for the Respondent Side	5000/-

