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9TH EDITION Late. Shri. Vijay A. Chavan National Moot Court Competition and Memorial Lecture



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Deccan Education Society's Brihan Maharashtra College of Commerce (Autonomous), Pune proudly announces the 9th edition of the National Moot Court Competition and Memorial Lecture in memory of Late Shri. Vijay A. Chavan, Professor of Law.

About Late Shri.Vijay A.Chavan:

Late.Shri. Vijay A.Chavan, our former colleague was a truly popular presence on our campus. He was one of the most cherished faculties amongst students and highly respected by his colleagues for his impeccable integrity. Being, a friendly and helpful academic, his sense of commitment was indeed contagious. He became a proud subset of the institution in the year 2012 as an Assistant Professor: Mercantile Law. He taught Business Regulatory Framework to the students of T.Y. B. Com.

Origination

It was the notion of our beloved Vijay Sir to commence a Moot Court Competition within our college, which stood out to be unique and novel for the Commerce colleges. This initiative was backed by an exemplary objective of enhancing the students' drafting, reasoning, and presentation skills. Started as a classroom exercise, it gradually transformed into a popular inter-college activity following Prof. Chavan's able guidance. In order to commemorate his multi-faceted contribution to our college, we, his colleagues, we, his colleagues, conduct a National Moot Court Competition and Memorial Lecture each academic year, thus, accelerating his prestigious legacy. We welcome your participation in the competition. Please encourage your students to actively participate in this event, a worthy tribute to a committed lecturer. Please find attached herewith, the rules and regulations.

Discover more about Moot Court

Moot Court is, primarily, method through which, the students get acquainted with the significant legalities, related terminologies, etc. under the realms of Indian Judicial System, and Indian Law & Advocacy. It requires students to analyze and argue both sides of a hypothetical legal issue The skill of mooting enables students to think and analyze like an advocate and to present conclusions in an effective manner. Moot Court improves written and oral communication, as well as critical and analytical reasoning skills.

Event Objectives

To enhance critical thinking and problem-solving skills that are required in law school. To expose commerce students to the nuances of court system in India. To provide a real-life experience and training and presenting ground-breaking arguments (oral and written). To encourage students to express their thoughts, thereby improving their communications skills.

Event Information:

The 09th Edition of Late. Shri. Vijay A. Chavan National Moot Court Competition and Memorial Lecture (Academic Year 2024-2025) will be held on Saturday, the 22nd of February, 2025. Two domains of this competitive event are: Law and Commerce. The competition observes an online participation of the Law institutes through MS Teams; whereas Commerce institutes participate in person, or offline, and thus, the their domain-specific competition is conducted on BMCC Campus.

Event Details

Registration for the National Moot Court Competition:

Interested participants, fulfilling the eligibility criteria are required to register for the event by filling out a Google form and providing their details. The registration fee is Rs 450/- per team. The details for the payment are as below:

Bank Name: Bank of Baroda

Account Name: PRINCIPAL BMCC DES CENTRAL ACCT Account Number: 98110100007651 IFSC: BARB0BHAPUN (Fifth character is zero)

Team composition & Eligibility requirements:

- The team should consist of 2 Mooters and 1 Researcher only.
- The competition is open to all undergraduate students of recognized Law & Commerce Colleges/Universities/ Institutes.

Mentoring and Training Sessions:

The participants will be trained by law students on how to analyze facts, how to form arguments and on how to make the memorial by performing the relevant research. The aim of the training session is to help participants have a grasp of the event and prepare for the competition.

Preliminary Round:

In the Preliminary Round, each team shall compulsorily present oral arguments from both sides- Plaintiff/Petitioner or Defendant/Respondent in accordance with the lots chosen by the organizers of the team at the orientation session. The top 2 teams from the preliminary round will qualify for the final round

Finals:

The participating teams, who shall be able to proceed to the Final Round will present either the Petitioner's side, or the Respondant's side, as per the draw of lots.

Professional Attire:

Participants are required to wear white shirt, black trouser and black blazer.

Memorial Submission:

All participants will be required to submit a memorial as per the details provided in this document.

<u>Memorial/Written Submissions:</u>

- 1. Participants must prepare separate memorials for both sides: 1 for Petitioner and 1 for Respondent.
- 2. Once the memorials are submitted; no revisions supplements, or additions will be allowed.
- 3. Page limit: 20 pages.
- 4. Memorials must contain:
 - Title page
 - Statement of facts (not exceeding one A4 size page)
 - Statement of issues
 - Summary of arguments
 - Arguments advanced Prayer clause
 - Bibliography

5. Memorial Format:

Margin: one-inch on all sides of each page Font size: 12 Font type: Times New Roman Line spacing: 1.5 Footnotes (if any): must be in font size 10 Page numbering: In the middle section of footer on each page.

6. Covers must be placed on briefs as follows:

Plaintiff/ Petitioner: Blue colour Defendant/ Respondent: Red colour

- 7. The cover page of memorials must state the following:
 - The Case Title
 - Identify the brief as Petitioner or Respondent
 - Name and year of the Competition
 - Participant Code on the top-right corner of the page.
 - Memorials not adhering to the format will be rejected.
 - Name of the participant and the college should be only on title page.
 - Identity of the participants should not be disclosed elsewhere.

NOTE: Arguments advanced from any source on the internet or from other memorials, may lead to disqualification of the participant.

Scoring Criteria

- 1. Oral submissions will carry 80% of evaluation. Total points will be a sum of the oral scores for that round and the memorial scores.
- 2. Memorial Evaluation-

Memorials should be the original work of participants and shall be marked with respect to contents and compliance with the laid out rules.

- 3. Each memorial shall be marked for a maximum of 20 points as follows:-
 - Research and analysis
 - Clear and persuasive writing
 - Use of authorities and precedents
 - Adherence to the prescribed format

PRELIMINARY ROUND Marksheet

PARTICULARS	SPEAKER 1	SPEAKER 2	
SUBSTANCE IN ARGUMENT (OUT OF 30 MARKS)			
ADVOCACY SKILLS (OUT OF 30 MARKS)			
QUESTIONS FROM THE BENCH (OUT OF 10 MARKS)			
RESEARCH AND INNOVATION (OUT OF 10 MARKS)			
TOTAL(OUT OF 80 MARKS)			

GRAND TOTAL (OUT OF 80 MARKS)

MEMORIAL SCORESHEET

CRITERIA	MARKS (OUT OF 20 MARKS)
RESEARCH AND ANALYSIS (OUT OF 5 MARKS)	
CLEAR AND PERSUASIVE WRITING (OUT OF 5 MARKS)	
USE OF AUTHORITIES AND PRECEDENTS (OUT OF 5 MARKS)	
ADHERENCE TO PRESCRIBED FORMAT (OUT OF 5 MARKS)	
TOTAL	/20

Conduct of Moot Court :

Submission of the memorial till: 18 February 2025

The participants should submit the typed soft copy of both the memorials in '.pdf' format, no later than 23:59:59 on the 18th of February on <u>bmccmootcourt2024@gmail.com</u> with the subject line <u>"Submission of</u> <u>Memorials".</u>

Oral Arguments

- 1. After the submission of memorials, the participants will proceed to the preliminary oral argument round scheduled on 22nd February 2025.
- 2. Microsoft Teams Application will be used as a platform for the competition.
- 3. The participant will receive a link for the courtroom through email. Each participant must join the room a minimum of 10 minutes before the specified start time of each round.
- 4. 3 minutes will be allotted for rebuttals. The rebuttal has to be done by one. mooter only and it cannot be claimed as a matter of right. Participants must remain within the prescribed time limit of that respective round.
- 5. In the preliminary oral round every team will be allotted 25 minutes each. Each speaker will be given 12 minutes each to present arguments (10 min for arguments and 2 min for questions and answers by judges to Counsel.)
- 6. The final round will comprise of the top two teams of preliminary rounds. Every team will be given 30 minutes each. Each participant will be given 15 minutes each to present arguments (12 minutes for argument and 3 minutes for questions and answers by judges to Counsel.)
 - 1) Same time shall be given to opposing Counsel
- 2) 5 minutes will be allotted for rebuttals.
 Same problem shall be used for preliminary as well as final round.
- 7. The order of speaking must be strictly adhered to as follows:
 - Plaintiff/ Appellant
 - Defendant/ Respondent
 - Rebuttal
- 8. Incase of internet connectivity issues, the time limit can be extended. If the problem still persists, the scoring will be done by considering the completed arguments of the participant facing connectivity issues.

- 9. The oral arguments must be confined to the issues presented in the memorials.
- 10. There will be a minimum of two judges in each room for the preliminary rounds as well as final round.
- 11. The score sheets for all the rounds will be sent to the coordinating committee by the judges of the respective rounds through e-mail after the completion of each round.
- 12. Computers and other electronic devices cannot be used during the competition. Notes/points noted on paper can be used.
- 13. All participants should be visible on camera throughout the debate. Current speaker should be visible and clearly identifiable on camera while speaking.
- 14. Microphones should be muted while the opposition is speaking to minimize noise interruption.

<u>Rules</u>

Request for changes in slots and timings will not be entertained

- 1. All participants are expected to compete with courtesy and have ethical conduct. Foul/vulgar language or abusive/rhetoric and violation of these rules will lead to disqualification.
- 2. No ad hominem-attacking your opponent'scharacter or personal traits and derogatory references to religion will not be tolerated. The judges will be the arbiter of disputes except when it is necessary for he coordinator to intervene and make an official determination.
- 3. Completely new arguments and new points should not be brought up in the rebuttals. The participants need to quote the opponent's point and then refute with the existing facts.
- 4. The bailiff/time-keeper will alert the participant if time limit has been crossed but the participants also need to time themselves.
- 5. The decision of the Judges shall be final and no disputes shall be entertained in this regard.
- 6. In case of a tie, Memorial marks will beconsidered to determine the winner.
- 7. The organizers reserve the right to take an appropriate action for any unethical, unprofessional and immoral conduct.
- 8. The organizers decision as regard to the interpretation of rules, situation which is not contemplated in the rules or any other matter related to the competition will be final.

Event Awards:

Certificate of Participation Certificate of Participation will be awarded to all students who will register, successfully submit the memorials on the due date and appear for the oral rounds on the event date.

Certificate of Merit :

Prizes on Merit include a Certificate under each of the following categories:

- Winner
- Runners-up
- Best Written Argument and Memorial
- Best Speaker

Prizes on Merit include a Certificate under each of the following categories:

Winner Rs 7000/- cash + certificate

Runners-up Rs 5000/- cash + certificate

Best Written Argument and Memorial Rs 2000/-cash + certificate

Best Speaker Rs 2000/- cash + certificate

Consolation Prize Rs 1000/-cash+ certificate

Disclaimer

- 1. The recordings of the debate will not be shared with the participants under any circumstances.
- 2. The best memorial, or memorials of any other teams; except for the respective team's opposition will not be shared under any circumstances.
- 3. Marks awarded to the team based on memorial or oral arguments will not be shared with the participants under any circumstances.
- 4. All teams shall be referred to by a team code and no names of the participants or the college shall be revealed at any point during the competition.

Important Dates to Remember

Queries regarding Moot Proposition; 5 January 2025- 15 January 2025

Last date of registration for the Moot Court Event; 16 February 2025

Submission of memorials for both Law and Commerce colleges; 19 February 2025

Allotment of Side 21 February 2025

Preliminary Round and Final Round 22 February 2025

Convenor:

- Chairman, D.E.S -Shri. Pramod Rawat
- Vice Chairman Adv. Ashok Palande

Organizing Team:

- Dr. R.P. Kuchekar, Officiating Principal, BMCC
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