



VAIKUNTA BALIGA COLLEGE OF LAW

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Kunjibettu, Udupi-576102*

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**Advocate P. Shivaji Shetty Memorial
Ninth National Level Moot Court Competition- 2025**

April 11th, 12th and 13th, 2025



Respected Sirs and Madams,

Greetings from Vaikunta Baliga College of Law, Udupi.

It gives us immense pleasure to invite your esteemed institution to the Ninth Advocate P. Shivaji Shetty Memorial National Moot Court Competition which will be held from 11th 12th and 13th April 2025. We will be delighted to have a team from your esteemed institution to take part in this competition. The Moot Court Problem and detailed Rules governing the competition are enclosed herewith for your kind reference. You can also download the same from our College website: vbclaw.edu.in.

We have attached the rules and regulations of the competition along with a link for provisional registration and the Moot Problem.

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Director
VBCL, Udupi.

About the College

Vaikunta Baliga College of law, Udupi is the second oldest law college in the State of Karnataka. Udupi is a traditional temple city known for its flora and fauna. Udupi Law College was established in the year 1957 and is named after the Late Sri. B. Vaikunta Baliga, a legal luminary and the then Minister of law, Government of Mysore. The college is one among the 42 reputed educational institutions run by Dr. T.M.A.Pai Foundation, Manipal. It was founded by Late Dr. T.M.A.Pai who is remembered as a pioneer in the field of education, banking and industry. The college is guided by its motto “Sathyameva Jayathe Nanrutham” which means Truth and Righteousness will always triumph. The college imparts legal education with a mission to transform a student into a responsible citizen. The institution has grown in stature to become one of the premier institutions in the state of Karnataka through its various programmes like 5 Year B.A. LL.B, 3 Year LL.B course, P.G. Diploma in Cyber and Information Technology Law and Certificate Course in Law and Medicine. It is permanently affiliated to Karnataka State Law University and is recognized by the Bar Council of India, UGC and Re-accredited with ‘B+’ Grade by NAAC.

About the Competition

The College has had the privilege of hosting every year the Prestigious Advocate P Shivaji Shetty National Level Moot Court competition which provides a great opportunity for the students to prove their mettle.



Rules Governing the Moot Court Competition

Date of Competition

April 11th 12th and 13th 2025

Language

The language of the competition shall be English

Eligibility

Law Schools / Colleges / Institutes / Universities, recognized by the Bar Council of India are eligible to participate in the National Level Moot Court Competition, 2025. The participants should currently be pursuing their Bachelor's Degree in Law, i.e. Three Year or Five Year Law Courses.

Composition of Teams

Each team shall comprise of two Mooters and a Researcher.

In addition to the main event, the participants shall also participate in the judgment writing Competition.

Registration

The Participating team shall duly fill the Registration Form provided and send it along with the Registration fee of Rs. 5000/- (Rupees Five Thousand only-with Accommodation) or Rs. 3500/- (Rupees Three Thousand Five Hundred only-without Accommodation), which is not refundable. The teams shall submit the registration form along with the Payment Details.

Account Details :

Name of the Account Holder	Account No.	IFSC No.
VBCL MOOTCOURT CORPUS FUND	01862010024820	CNRB0010186 (Canara Bank, Kunjibettu Branch)

Once the final registration is done the team shall mail a soft copy of the registration form along with the details of the payment to the corresponding Mail Id vbclmootcourt25@gmail.com upon which the team participation and the registration will be confirmed and the team shall be allotted with a "Team Code" and same must be used for the memorials and for all the purposes during the Competitions.

Draw of Lots

Draw of lots will be done soon after inauguration. It will determine the sequence of arguments i.e., Petitioner/Plaintiff or Respondent/Defendant. It shall also decide the team which you will be competing against.



Structure of Rounds

The oral rounds shall comprise of:

- A) Preliminary Rounds
- B) Quarter Final Round
- C) Semi Final Round
- D) Final Round

Preliminary Rounds

There shall be two Preliminary Rounds. Each team will be given the opportunity to argue on both sides (i.e. Petitioner and Respondent) in the Preliminary Rounds which shall be determined by way of drawing of lots. Each team shall get a total of 30 minutes to present their case. This time will include five minutes of rebuttal. The division of time between the speakers is at the discretion of the team members. Subject to a maximum of 20 minutes for any speaker. Before the commencement of arguments, each team shall inform the Court Officer the time allotted for each speaker.

The top eight teams based on cumulative marks secured in two preliminary rounds shall qualify for the Quarter Final Rounds. In case of a tie, memorial score will be considered to break the tie. If the tie is not broken, then the team to advance to the Quarter Final Rounds will be decided by drawing of lots.

Quarter Final Round

In the Quarter Final Round, each team shall argue for only one side, which shall be determined by drawing of lots. On the basis of knock-out, 4 (four) teams shall advance to the Semi Final Rounds. The rules governing the Preliminary Rounds regarding time are applicable to Quarter Final Rounds.

Semi Final Round

The rules governing the Quarter Final Rounds shall apply to the Semi Final Rounds. On the basis of knock – out, two teams shall advance to the final round.

Final Round

In the Final Round also, each team shall argue for only one side which shall be determined by way of drawing of lots. Each team shall get a total of 45 minutes to present the case. This time will include rebuttal. The division of time is at the discretion of the team members, subject to a maximum of 25 minutes for any one speaker (including rebuttal time).



Written Submissions

Each team shall submit 4 sets of written memorials (4 petitioner's and 4 Respondent's) and carry 4 sets of memorials with them. The cover page of the memorials for the Petitioners shall be in Purple and for the Respondent's blue.

Soft copy of the memorials shall be mailed to ybclmootcourt25@gmail.com

The Hard copy of the Memorials shall be submitted at the time of registration i.e., on 11th April. For the evaluation of the memorial, either hard copy or soft copy may be used at the convenience of the organisers.

Standards for written memorials

1. Written memorials shall be printed on one side of white standard A4 size paper with margins of 1 inch (2.5 cms) on all the sides except the left side where margin shall be 1.5 inch (3.75 cms).
2. The font and size of the text used in all parts of the written submissions (except the covers) shall be in 12-point Times New Roman and footnotes shall be in 10 point Times New Roman.
3. The text in all parts of each written submission shall have 1.5 lines spacing except the text of footnotes and headings which shall be single spaced.
4. The comprehensive arguments with appropriate citations shall be contained in the Pleadings. The teams shall follow the OSCOLA, Times New Roman with Font size of 12.
5. Memorials submitted will not be returned.
6. The Memorials shall be 'bounded properly' (Avoid Plastic). The Memorials must bear a Cover Page i.e., **Petitioner's shall be in Purple colour and for the Respondent's blue colour.**



Contents of Written Submissions

The Pleadings shall not exceed more than 20 pages.

The written submission shall include the following

- i Cover Page
- ii Table of Contents
- iii Index of Authorities
- iv Statement of Jurisdiction
- v Questions Presented
- vi Statement of Facts
- vii Summary of Pleadings
- viii Pleadings
- ix Prayer
- x Appendix (Optional)
- xi Exhibits (Optional)

Rules regarding Judgement Writing

1. A case for Judgement Writing will be given one day prior to the Competition.
2. One student from each participating team will take part in the Competition

Disputes

Any dispute about the Moot Court Competition shall be referred to the Organizing Committee before commencement of next round of the competition. In all matters of complaints or disputes, the decision of the Organizing Committee shall be final. The decision of the judges with regard to the outcome of the rounds shall be final in their respective courts.

Dress Code

The official Dress Code for the Competition is as below:

Gentleman: Black Trousers, White Shirt, Black Blazer, Black Neck Tie and Black Formal Shoes.

Ladies: Black Trousers, White Shirt, Black Blazer and Black Formal Shoes.

Note: The participating teams shall also adhere to the above- mentioned dress code while attending the inaugural and valedictory ceremonies of the Competition.



Prizes :

Moot Court

<i>Winners</i>	: <i>Rs. 20,000 with Trophy</i>
<i>Runners -up</i>	: <i>Rs. 10,000 with Trophy</i>
<i>Best Memorials</i>	: <i>Rs. 5,000 with Trophy</i>
<i>Best Advocate</i>	: <i>Rs. 3,000 with Trophy</i>
<i>Best Lady Advocate</i>	: <i>Rs. 3,000 with Trophy</i>

Judgement Writing

<i>First Prize</i>	: <i>Rs. 2,500 with Trophy</i>
<i>Second Prize</i>	: <i>Rs. 1,500 with Trophy</i>

IMPORTANT DATES

Last date for Provisional Registration- 15th March, 2025

Last date for Registration- 23rd March, 2025

Last date for submission of Soft Copy of Memorials – 29th March, 2025

Last date for submission of Soft Copy of Travel Plan – 5th April, 2025

Submission of Hard Copy of Memorials and Copy of Registration– 11th April, 2025

Registration and Inauguration- 11th April, 2025

Drawing of the Lots after the inaugural ceremony– 11th April, 2025

Dates of Moot Court Competition – 12th and 13th April, 2025



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Link for Provisional Registration

<https://forms.gle/3PQHaggpboQ6ipZb6>



Email Correspondence :
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REGISTRATION FORM



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1. Name of the Mooter: _____

Class : _____

Address : _____

Phone No. : _____

E-mail Id : _____

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2. Name of the Mooter: _____

Class : _____

Address : _____

Phone No. : _____

E-mail Id : _____

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3. Name of the Researcher: _____

Class : _____

Address : _____

Phone No. : _____

E-mail Id : _____

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4. Name of the Moot Co-Ordinator :

Phone No:

E-Mail Id:

*Signature and Seal of the
Principal/ Head of the Institution*

** The Photo should be signed and attested by the Principal/Head of the concerned Institution.*



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Travel Details	
<i>TEAM CODE</i>	

Details of Arrival	
<i>Date of Arrival</i>	
<i>Time of Arrival</i>	
<i>Mode of Transport</i>	
<i>Place of Arrival</i> <i>(Name of Station, Bus Stop etc.)</i>	
<i>Train/Bus Name & No.</i>	

Details of Departure	
<i>Date of Departure</i>	
<i>Time of Departure</i>	
<i>Mode of Transport</i>	
<i>Place of Departure</i> <i>(Name of Station, Bus Stop etc.)</i>	
<i>Train/Bus Name & No.</i>	

** The accommodation shall be provided only during the dates of the event.*



Advocate P. Shivaji Shetty Ninth Moot Court Competition- 2025
March 21st to 23rd, 2025

MOOT PROPOSITION*

Supreme Sacrifice Squad v. Union of India

'Soulful' is a newly founded religion consisting of people who are the followers of God of Happiness. The tenets of the religion of sharing and caring each other, tolerance, non-violence, peace, meditation, etc attracted people of different faiths to adopt Soulful as their religion. The religion grew fast because of the philanthropic and charitable activities adopted under the guidance of its Chief Master Sujana Soul. The religion flourished under the Constitution of India, effectively exercising the provisions of freedom of religion. It has opened a chain of eating places, schools, colleges and hospitals for the poor in all major cities of India. Backed by devotees donating generously, soulful became a saviour for many. The devotees became very passionate about their religion. All the services are highly qualitative, professional and free. Soulful has established a 'Formation Centre' in tribal area of the backward district of Marudhar in State Dravid Pradesh. Marudhar has not progressed compared to other districts in the state in providing facilities and amenities to people. It is ridden with poor tribal people. Formation Centre was a saviour for those poor tribal people providing free health and education facilities. Food also was served on all days to those who visited the Prayer Hall. The lives of lakhs of tribal families were ameliorated of the problems they had suffered over generations.

Over a period of time, the Formation Centre, located in the midst of lush green vegetation became a tourist attraction. Shops, hotels and other business establishments popped up around the Centre. 'One with the Nature,' an NGO working for protection of environment conducted a study of the changes that were taking place in that area and published a report which revealed that because of increased activity in the area, there is reduction of species and number of migratory birds visiting the place, certain of the species of animals like striped langur, wild donkeys and boars have disappeared from the area and there is a fall in naturally growing medicinal plants. The report acquired much importance within few days as all the organisations for protection of forests, environment and ecology appealed to the State Government to declare the area covering 50 square kilometres around Formation Centre as National Park. The Cabinet of Dravid Pradesh took a decision to

* Moot Court Problem prepared by Dr.C.S. Patil, Director, Karnataka Institute for Law and Parliamentary Reform, Bengaluru; Former Professor and Dean, KSLU Hubballi exclusively for the Moot Court Competition organized by the Vaikunta Baliga College of Law, Udupi.



declare the area as National Park.

This development shocked the Chief Master who had devoted his life to the betterment of the tribal people of that area. If the area is declared as National Park, all the activities in the area have to come to a halt and the Formation Centre will be required to move out of that area. His appeal to the Government of Dravid Pradesh not to proceed with the notification was rejected. As a mark of protest he has started fast unto death. As a matter of solidarity with their Chief Master several prominent local leaders of that area also went on hunger strike . At the end of 18 days of hunger strike the health of Chief Master deteriorated. He rejected all the advise and suggestion to be hospitalised. Unable to see the plight of Chief Master, a follower took the extreme step of selfimmolating as a mark of protest against the decision of the Government by setting himself on fire. This created an emotionally charged environment. Devotees from different parts started moving towards the place of protest. They formed an informal organisation and asked people to join the 'Supreme Sacrifice Squad' (SSS) which will take the ultimate step of self immolation on a definite day. The number of persons on the SSS reached 25. Their photos with names and identities were put on banners and hoardings. Through intelligence reports the State Government learnt that self immolation will go on as announced and that will snowball into a huge backlash against the state.

The best of the efforts on the part of the emissaries of State to negotiate a halt to the protest failed. To save the situation, the police arrested the Chief Master and 25 members of the SSS and charged them under Sec.226 of Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 for attempting to commit suicide to compel or restrain exercise of lawful power.

Perceiving that the right to protest which is most fundamental in democracy, the SSS approached the Supreme Court challenging the constitutional validity of Sec.226 of Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023. It is contended that the provisions is in violation of Arts.14, 19(1)(a) and 21 of the Constitution. The Union of India on its part contends that the petitioners have no locus standi and the provision is constitutionally valid.