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NATIONAL MOOT COURT COMPETITION, 2026

Argue for a Better Tomorrow

REGISTRATION OPENS	CLOSING OF REGISTRATION	TEAM CODE & CLARIFICATIONS	MEMORIAL SUBMISSION (Soft Copy)
27th October 2026	15th November 2026	20th November 2026	30th November 2026

PRELIMINARY ROUNDS (Online Mode)
5th & 6th December 2026

SEMI-FINAL & FINAL ROUNDS (Offline Mode)
26th & 27th December 2026

AWARDS

- **Winner Team : Rs. 12,000/-** + Trophy + Certificates
- **Runners-Up : Rs. 8,000/-** + Trophy + Certificates
- **Best Speaker : Rs. 3,000/-** + Trophy + Certificates
- **Best Memorial : Rs. 2,000/-** + Trophy + Certificate

REGISTRATION FEE

Rs. 1,000/-
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1ST MOHAMMAD OSMAN GONI - MABIJS NATIONAL MOOT COURT COMPETITION, 2026

MOOT COURT RULES

1. GENERAL INFORMATION

1.1. The competition aims to provide a national platform for aspiring law students across India to demonstrate their legal acumen, research capabilities, and oratorical skills in a simulated courtroom experience.

1.2. The **Moot Court Society** shall serve as the sole point of contact for all matters pertaining to the competition.

1.3. The Competition shall be governed strictly in accordance with the rules set herein.

2. Title & Commencement

2.1. The **Preliminary Rounds** of the **1st Mohammad Osman Goni MABIJS National Moot Court Competition 2026** will be held online on **5th and 6th December 2026**, while the **Semi-final** and **Final Rounds** will be held offline on **26th and 27th December 2026** at Mohammad Abdul Bari Institute of Juridical Science.

2.2. Unless a contrary intention appears from the context, the following words and expression are used in the following sense—

2.2.1. MCC means the '**1st MABIJS National Moot Court Competition, 2026'.**

2.2.2. MCS means the '**MABIJS Moot Court Society'**

2.2.3. Organizers / Administrators / Authority means **members of Moot Court Society of 1st Mohammad Osman Goni - MABIJS National Moot Court Competition, 2026'.**

3. Eligibility Criteria

3.1. Students pursuing the **three** or the **five** year **LL.B.** course from any law colleges/university in India recognized by the Bar Council of India (hereinafter BCI) are eligible to participate.

3.2. Law colleges/universities are entitled to nominate only one team.

3.3. Multiple affiliated colleges of the same university are permitted to participate, provided each college registers separately and independently.

3.4. Each team shall be composed either of two (2) speakers only or of two (2) speakers and one (1) researcher. No change in team composition under any circumstances whatsoever shall be permitted, once it is communicated to the organizers.

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4. REGISTRATION

4.1. All teams must register online through the official website: https://mootcourt.mabijs.in

4.2. The last date for registration is 15th November 2026, 11:59 PM.

4.3. **Registration Fee**

Registration fee 1000 Rupees

UPI ID: khalidmahmoodakif@okicici



4.4. Registration fee paid are non-refundable.

5.Language and Dress Code

5.1. The language of the Competition shall be English.

5.2. **For Boys**: White shirt with Black tie, Black pant, Black Coat and Formal black Shoe.

For Girls: (a) White shirt, Black pant with Black tie and Black Coat, or

(b) White Salwar kameez with Black Coat, or

(c) White Saree with Black Coat and Formal Shoe.

6.Format of the Competition

6.1. The event will be conducted in three rounds, the Preliminary round, the Semifinal round, and the Final (championship) round. However, the Moot court society depending upon the exigencies may reduce the number of rounds in such a case.

6.2. There shall be one moot proposition for all rounds.

6.3. Results of Preliminary round shall be held on the basis of marks. Both Memorial and Oral marks shall be added in Preliminary round.

6.4. Other rounds will be on knockout basis and only oral marks will be added.

***It is to be noted that subject to number of participants the Moot Court Society reserves the right to conduct a Quarter Final Round after Preliminary Round.**

7.Memorials

7.1. The Memorials shall not exceed 30 typed pages (including the Cover Page) and shall necessarily consist of the following sections:

a) Cover Page [coloured blue for Petitioner / Appellant, and red for Respondent]

b) Table of Contents

c) List of Abbreviations

d) Index of Authorities

e) Statement of Jurisdiction

f) Statement of Facts

g) Statement of Issues

h) Summary of Arguments

i) Arguments Advanced (Written Pleadings)

j) Prayer

7.2. The cover page of each Memorials shall confirm to the following specification:

7.2.1. The team code on the top right-hand corner of the cover page.

7.2.2. The name and place of the forum.

7.2.3. The relevant legal provision under which filed

7.2.4. Name of parties and their status (Petitioner -Appellant / Opposite Part-Respondent)

7.2.5. Memorial Filed on Behalf of ...

7.2.6. Counsel Appearing on Behalf of (Petitioner -Appellant /Opposite Party-Respondent)

7.3. The hard copies of the Memorials must bear a cover page in conformity with the following scheme:

Petitioner(s)/Appellant(s): Blue

Opposite Party(s)/Respondent(s): Red

7.4. A team code shall be assigned to each of the participating teams on or before 20th November. Identity of the participants or of the institution being represented ought not to be mentioned anywhere in the Memorial. Any other mark, character or text that tends to reveal the identity of the team members or of the institution being represented would also be considered as a violation of this rule. Any violation of this Rule shall attract severe penalty at the sole discretion of the Moot Court society and may amount to the disqualification of the Moot team from the Competition.

7.5. Memorials should be typed and spirally bound with soft cover. Memorials should not exceed 30 pages including cover page. Typing of memorial should be as per specifications given below:

a)	Paper size	A4
b)	Font size	12
c)	Font Type	Times New Roman
d)	Line spacing	1.5
e)	Margins	1 Inch on each side

7.6. Specification for footnotes are as follows

a)	Font size	10
b)	Font Type	Times New Roman
c)	Line spacing	1

7.7. The e-copy **('.pdf' format)** of each Memorial must reach the Moot Court Society vide email to **[mootsociety@mabijs.in]** latest by 11:59 P.M (IST) on **30th November, 2026.** The subject of the e-mail must in all case be: **"1st Mohammad Osman Goni - MABIJS National Moot Court Competition, 2026**: SUBMISSION OF MEMORIAL, TEAM CODE:_____". Failure to submit the memorials on the specified date shall attract a penalty.

7.8. Five (5) hard copies of the Memorial for each side [Petitioner(s) / Respondent] must be submitted on **20th December 2026.**

No team will be permitted to submit the hard copies of the Memorial after the specified date. Team failing to submit the e-copy of memorials after the specified date shall not be permitted to submit the hard copies of the memorial thereafter.

7.9. The citations must strictly confirm to the ILI style of footnoting. The same is available at: https://www.ili.ac.in/cstyle.pdf

7.10. Word limits for various parts of the Memorial shall be as follows:

7.10.1. Statement of Facts: 1,000 words

7.10.2. Summary of Arguments: 1,200 words

7.10.3. Written Submissions and Prayer: 8,000 words (inclusive of footnotes)

7.11. The Index of Authorities must contain a list of all legal authorities cited in any section of the Memorial. The Index must contain the page number(s) of the Memorial where the authorities are so cited.

7.12. No amendments can be made to the Memorials after submission. Any distinction or difference between the soft and hard copies of the Memorials would attract a penalty, as determined by the Administrator, MCS

8. Penalties

8.1. Late Submission of Soft copy of Memorials will entail a penalty of 2 points for delay of every 12 hours and Memorials submitted after 72 hours of designated time will be considered as not submitted.

9. Evaluation of Memorials

9.1. Memorials shall be evaluated on the following criteria:

a)	Language & grammatical accuracy	15 Marks
b)	Application of Fact	25 Marks
c)	Reasoning	25 Marks
d)	Understanding Law & Procedure	15 Marks
e)	Presentation [including compliance of the requisite format, arrangement and citation mode]	20 Marks
	Total	**100 Marks**

10. Oral Arguments:

10.1. In the **Preliminary Rounds** each team would be given **25 minutes** to present their oral arguments, subject to a maximum of **15 minutes** per Speaker. For the **Semi Final & Final Rounds**, each team would get **45 minutes** , subject to a maximum of **25 minutes** per speaker. The time allocated shall include the pleading and any rebuttal time, if applicable. Provided, Judges at their discretion, may extend time of oral argument for any of the round of MCC.

10.2. **Rebuttal** would be allowed only to the Petitioner / Appellant. The Petitioner / Appellant will have to specify the length of time they want to reserve for rebuttal, before beginning their oral arguments.

10.3. **Top four (4)** teams on the basis of their marks in the Preliminary Round shall qualify for the **Semi- Final Round**. Furthermore, while calculating the marks of a particular team in the Preliminary Round, marks of Memorial of moot proposition shall be taken into consideration.

10.4. The remaining rounds will be conducted on a knock out basis.

10.5. The memorial scores of the teams shall be taken into consideration for all Rounds. Thereafter, the memorial scores of the moot proposition shall be used only if there is tie of scores between two teams, in which case the team having higher memorial scores shall qualify for the next round.

11. Marking Criteria for Oral Rounds

The oral rounds shall be judged on the following criteria:

a.	Preparation and familiarity with facts	10 Marks
b.	Structure of Legal Argument	10 Marks
c.	Knowledge & Application of Law	10 Marks
d.	Organisation, Presentation, Speaking Ability	05 Marks
e.	Responsiveness to Questions	05 Marks
f.	Persuasiveness and Advocacy	05 Marks
g.	Courtroom Etiquette	05 Marks
h.	**TOTAL MARKS**	**50 Marks**

12. Scouting:

12.1. No member of any team will be permitted to hear the arguments in any court rooms in which that team is one of the contesting teams whilst that team is still in the competition.

12.2. No member of any team shall interact with any person except fellow participants and the organizers during MCC.

12.3. Any team found in the violation of the above-mentioned rule shall be disqualified forthwith.

12.4. Team found attempting to approach and influence Judges, Administrators or Organizers shall be disqualified.

IMPORTANT DATES

Sr. No	Event	Date
1	Registration Opens	27th October
2	Closing of Registration	15th November
3	Team Code and Clarifications	20th November
4	Memorial Submission (Soft Copy)	30th November
5	Preliminary Round (Online Mode)	5th & 6th December
6	Semi-Final & Final Round (Offline Mode)	26th & 27th December

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13. Miscellaneous

13.1. The results for the Preliminary Round, and the Semi-Final Round shall be announced shortly after each round.

13.2. The result of the championship/final round will be announced at the valediction ceremony.

13.3. All participants are expected to maintain the decorum in the court during the competition and are expected to conduct themselves in a manner befitting the legal profession.

13.4. The organizers reserve the right to take appropriate action for any unethical, unprofessional and immoral conduct.

13.5. The researcher is not allowed to argue in the Court room. However, he/she can pass on the hand written notes to the Speakers.

13.6. The Rules specified herein above shall be strictly adhered to. The Moot court society reserve the right to disqualify teams for deviating from the Rules. The Committee will resolve any contingencies that may arise during the conduct of the MCC and will be the final arbiters regarding any doubts / grievances. The decision taken by the Committee shall be final and binding. These rules are not exhaustive.

13.7. In the event of any technical difficulties arising during the online preliminary rounds, the judges shall have the discretion to grant a reasonable extension of time, as deemed necessary, to ensure the fair and smooth conduct of the proceedings.

14. AWARDS:

THE COMPETITION EMBRACES THE FOLLOWING AWARDS:

A. WINNER TEAM: RS.12,000/- + TROPHY + CERTIFICATES.

B. RUNNERS-UP: RS.8,000/- + TROPHY + CERTIFICATES.

C. BEST SPEAKER: RS.3000/- +TROPHY + CERTIFICATES.

D. BEST MEMORIAL: RS.2,000/- + TROPHY + CERTIFICATE.

15. Interpretation of Rules

Kindly connect with us in case there are any doubts with regard to the rules at

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Proposition

1ST MOHAMMAD OSMAN GONI – MABIJS NATIONAL MOOT COURT COMPETITION, 2026

The Petitioner, **Ms. X**, a transgender woman and dedicated educator, moves the Hon'ble Supreme Court of Happyland under the Constitution of Happyland. She seeks redress for systemic discrimination and humiliation in the private education sector, which resulted in her termination from two separate institutions across two States within a single year.

ACADEMIC AND PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND OF MS. X

- **2019:** Completed undergraduate studies in Parkland with **First Division** honours.
- **2020:** Obtained an **Advanced Diploma in Nursery Teacher Training (NTT)** from Green State.
- **2022:** Completed **Post-Graduate studies in History** in Jhangar State.
- **2024:** Enrolled in a **Bachelor of Education (B.Ed.)** program in Pithland State.

THE TRANSITION AND GRIEVANCE

In **2021**, Ms. X underwent **Gender Affirmative Surgery**. Thereafter, she sought to enter the workforce as her authentic self but met with hostility. She alleges that her services were **illegally and arbitrarily terminated** by the private respondents (the two institutes), not for incompetence but out of prejudice against her gender identity, violating her fundamental rights to equality and dignity.

TERMINATION FROM THE FIRST INSTITUTE

Petitioner's case

i. After a selection process including interviews and teaching demos, Ms. X was found eligible for the post of Trained Graduate Teacher (TGT) in History and received an appointment letter on **22.11.2022**.

ii. She worked for 8 days, from **25.11.2022 to 02.12.2022**, during which she was allegedly subjected to name-calling, harassment and body shaming by colleagues and students for not conforming to the gender norms of a 'female' body. On **01.12.2022**, she informed the Principal, who took cognizance of one specific faculty member's hostile behaviour and assured her that management would speak to that teacher and give her all support.

iii. On **03.12.2022**, she was allegedly forced to resign after revealing her identity to a student; the institute threatened to withhold her compensation for the eight days worked. Her resignation letter stated that the administration was not inclined to employ or continue with an "openly transgender" person.

iv. On **05.12.2022**, she received an e-mail acknowledging her resignation, citing her poor performance in Social Science as the reason for termination, but also noting her good command of History and that the institute would welcome her back when a 'Core History Language' vacancy arose.

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v. The termination was reported in national daily newspapers. On **08.12.2022**, the First Institute issued her a defamation notice claiming Rs. 1 crore. By press note dated **10.12.2022**, its Principal stated that the institute never knew her identity and learnt of it only after her termination, through media reports.

vi. On **28.12.2022**, she replied to the legal notice. In its rejoinder, the First Institute stated that termination was necessary due to the "forthcoming Board Examinations and in larger interest of the students".

vii. Having failed to secure any job, Ms. X wrote to the First Institute, which agreed to re-hire her subject to an assessment test. In January–February 2023, they exchanged correspondence on the test syllabus, and the test date was deferred several times at her request. A test scheduled for **25.02.2023** was not attended by her, and the institute warned it could not delay further. On **29.07.2023**, she e-mailed to enquire about vacancies; on **31.07.2023**, the institute replied that there were none, but she would get first priority if one arose.

First Institute's case

i. Her candidature was initially rejected for not meeting the selection criteria, but on her repeated insistence and undertaking to prepare and perform well, she was selected on a conditional basis. The administration accommodated all her requests.

ii. On her physical joining, the institute was informed that her educational documents reflected her name as Mr. X, that she had undergone Gender Affirmation Surgery and identified as a 'transgender woman'; she also presented her gender identity certificate.

iii. The institute placed her in the women's hostel, gave her access to female washrooms and treated her as a biological woman in all respects, with respect and dignity, reasonably accommodating her.

iv. She was unable to meet the required teaching standards and was underprepared for lessons, causing dissatisfaction among students.

v. There were incidents of misbehaviour and temperamental issues involving staff and hostel students; the institute alleges she was ill-tempered, which ultimately led to her termination.

vi. The last straw: she was allegedly late one day and forgot her charger. Told that no staff member had one, she started misbehaving; even after the administration arranged a charger, she alleged it was deliberately withheld. She then took leave without completing her lessons and behaved very poorly with a student in the hostel. After the student complained, the institute decided to terminate her and asked her to resign.

vii. About a month after being relieved, she asked to be re-hired as she could not find another job. The institute agreed, subject to a subject-specific assessment test, to which she agreed with certain stipulations. After e-mail exchanges, the institute accepted certain requests on modalities and organised the test on **25.02.2023**, which she did not attend. The institute e-mailed asking about her absence and well-being. She replied only after almost 4.5 months, on **10.07.2023**, disclosing her mental health ailments and requesting that the test be held on **10.08.2023**. The institute responded that, in the absence of any communication in the interim, it was constrained to fill the vacancy as the subject was important for board examinations.

viii. Thereafter, the petitioner levelled charges of discrimination against the First Institute.

TERMINATION FROM THE SECOND INSTITUTE

Petitioner's case

i. On **19.06.2023**, the Second Institute published an online advertisement for a History teacher; she applied on **25.06.2023**.

ii. After video-conference interviews on **15.07.2023** and **24.07.2023**, she was offered the position by letter dated **24.07.2023**.

iii. While she was travelling to Jigsu, Heartland, where the Second Institute is located, the authorities phoned her to share her identity proofs for formalities. She contends that once it was revealed she was a transgender woman, the institute denied her the employment, refused her entry and issued no formal termination letter.

iv. On **29.07.2023**, she served a legal notice on the Second Institute, which went unanswered.

Second Institute's case

i. The offer letter of **24.07.2023** required her to submit all relevant documents on joining for verification and stated that she would be on probation for one month, with a permanent appointment made only thereafter.

ii. The change of decision was an administrative action considering various factors; no document on record shows that her gender identity was a relevant factor.

iii. Offer letters were issued to other candidates as well, so as to consider comparative merits, qualifications and document verification before any appointment letter; hence she cannot claim entitlement to employment solely on the strength of the offer letter.

iv. Not all candidates issued offer letters were finally granted permanent employment, and no vacancy remained for the petitioner.

REMEDIES PURSUED BEFORE APPROACHING THIS COURT

Ms. X approached different fora to redress her grievances, but none came to her aid:

i. The **National Commission for Women (NCW)**, by press note dated **08.12.2022**, took suo moto cognizance of her allegations.

ii. On **09.12.2022**, she is said to have filed a criminal complaint against the First Institute's functionaries before the police.

iii. By letter dated **29.12.2022**, she approached the **National Council for Transgender Persons (NCTP)**, a body authorized under Sections 16 and 17 of the 2019 Act, but received no reply.

iv. Her complaint to the **National Human Rights Commission (NHRC)** was ordered closed on **12.10.2023** on the ground that the NCW was considering the issue.

v. The NCW constituted a four-member Inquiry Committee on **14.12.2022**. On **16.12.2022**, she submitted her written complaint, stating that on the day of joining, when the administration

learnt of her gender identity, she was asked not to disclose it to students or staff, and that her termination was purely because a student learnt of it.

vi. On **17.12.2022**, the Committee conducted an on-site investigation; Ms. X could not be present as she had no means to travel.

vii. The Committee's report recorded that the institute had no service rules for teaching and non-teaching staff and failed to adduce evidence that due procedure was followed before terminating her.

viii. The Committee noted the institution's stance that it knew her gender identity when appointing her and, given that she was provided female hostel accommodation and cab service, concluded that no case of discrimination was made out and closed the inquiry, holding her allegations not well-founded.

ix. Ms. X objected by letter to the NCW, stating that the Committee had deviated from the crucial investigation by focusing on her performance as a teacher rather than on whether gender discrimination had occurred.

RELIEF SOUGHT

Finding no other option left, Ms. X seeks, through the present petition, enforcement of Fundamental Rights and the statutory recognitions of those rights and the corresponding duties of the Respondents.

ISSUES

a. Whether the writ petition under the Constitution is maintainable against the private institutes, and whether it can be decided on the disputed facts?

b. Whether a positive obligation is cast upon the Union of Happyland and the States to prevent discrimination against transgender persons?

c. Whether the actions and inactions on the part of Respondents have led to discrimination against the petitioner on the ground of her gender identity?

NOTE

1. The Constitution of India may be referred to as the Constitution of Happyland for the purpose of the competition.
2. Other laws of India may be referred to as the laws of Happyland for the purpose of the competition.

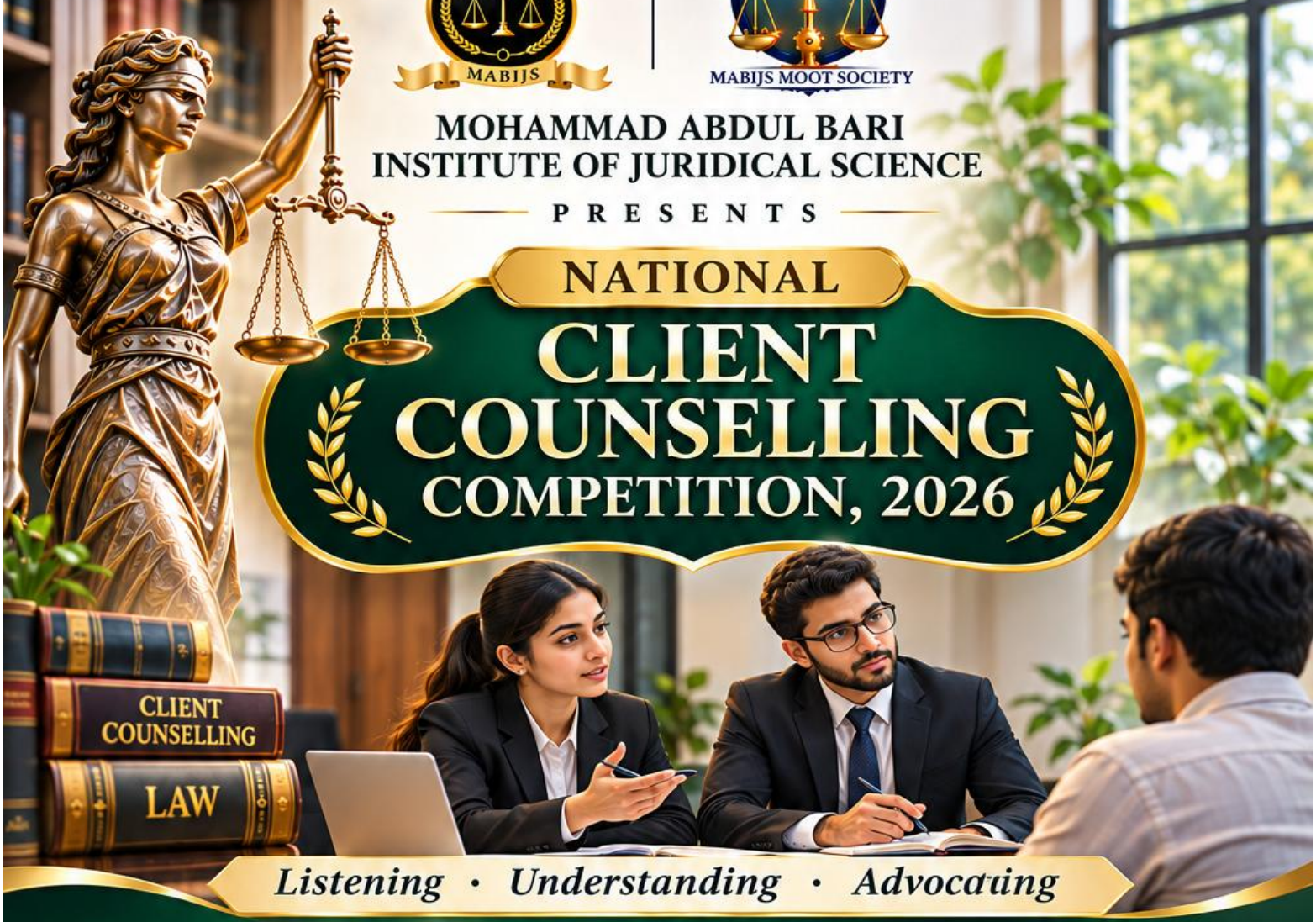
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LAST DATE FOR REGISTRATION
05th December 2026

TEAM CODES & PROBLEM OUTLINE SHARED
10th December 2026

COMPETITION
(Online Mode)
28th & 29th December 2026

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- **Champions** : Rs. 10,000/- + Certificates
- **Runners-up** : Rs. 5,000/- + Certificates
- **Third Position** : Rs. 3,000/- + Certificates
- **Best Counsel** : Rs. 2,000/- + Certificate
- **Best Client** : Rs. 1,000/- + Certificate

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RULES AND REGULATIONS | THEME: MAINTENANCE

28 AND 29 DECEMBER 2026 • ENTIRELY ONLINE

I GENERAL PROVISIONS

1. Organiser. The Competition is organised by the Mohammad Abdul Bari Institute of Juridical Science (MABIJS), through its Moot Court Society and the Organising Committee.

2. Mode and dates. All rounds will be conducted online on 28 and 29 December 2026. The Organising Committee will notify the platform, links, access instructions and detailed timetable to registered teams.

3. Theme. The central theme is "Maintenance". The case problem may raise related legal or practical issues as specified in the problem materials.

II ELIGIBILITY AND TEAMS

4. Eligible institutions. The Competition is open to students enrolled in a three-year LL.B. or five-year integrated LL.B. programme at a law college, school or university recognised by the Bar Council of India.

5. Team composition. Each competing team shall consist of two eligible law students from the same institution. Both team members shall act as counsel in the client interview and post-interview conference.

6. Multiple teams. An institution may register more than one team, subject to the capacity of the Competition and confirmation by the Organising Committee. Each team must register separately.

7. Team changes. Team members may not be substituted after registration except with prior written approval of the Organising Committee for exceptional reasons.

III REGISTRATION AND FEE

8. Registration deadline. The completed registration form must be submitted by 5th December 2026 through the official registration form: https://forms.gle/KKohJPm3NUA4eT517

9. Registration fee. The registration fee is **Rs.1,000 per team**. The payment QR code is shared at the end of this regulations. Teams should retain proof of payment and provide it if requested.

10. Confirmation. Registration is complete only after the form and fee have been received and acknowledged by the Organising Committee. The Committee may contact teams to correct incomplete or inconsistent details.

11. Team codes and problem outline. Team codes and an outline of the problem will be sent to registered teams on 10th December 2026. Teams must use their assigned code in communications and must not disclose it to judges during a round.

IV COMPETITION FORMAT

12. Simulation. The Competition simulates a professional lawyer-client consultation. Each team will receive a short outline describing the general nature of the matter. Detailed client facts and confidential role instructions will be provided to the Organising Committee's client-role player.

13. Interview and conference. Each round will ordinarily consist of a client interview of up to 25 minutes followed by a 10-minute post-interview conference without the client. The team should use the conference to identify issues, further work and a practical strategy for the client.

14. Client role. The Organising Committee will appoint and brief the person playing the client. Teams must obtain facts through appropriate questions, explore the client's priorities and explain suitable options. Judges may seek clarification from the client after a performance.

15. Rounds. The Competition will include preliminary, quarter-final, semi-final and final rounds. The Organising Committee will announce the draw, the number of teams advancing and the order of appearance before the relevant rounds. The format may be adjusted to suit the number of registered teams.

16. Same-round materials. Teams in the same round will receive equivalent case materials. Teams must not communicate round-specific facts or confidential client information to teams that have yet to compete.

V ASSESSMENT AND ADVANCEMENT

Each judge will assess the consultation independently using the proposed 100-point rubric below. The Organising Committee may issue a final score sheet with performance indicators before the Competition.

#	ASSESSMENT CRITERION	POINTS
1	Rapport and professional approach	10
2	Active listening, questioning and fact gathering	15
3	Understanding the client's goals, needs and expectations	10
4	Issue identification and legal analysis	15
5	Practical options and clear, appropriate advice	15
6	Supporting the client's informed choice	10
7	Empathy, ethics and professional responsibility	10

8	Teamwork and coordination	**5**
9	Clear conclusion and next steps	**5**
10	Post-interview analysis and planning	**5**
	TOTAL	**100**

17. Ranking. Scores from all judges for a team will be aggregated. Teams will be ranked in descending order. The Organising Committee will announce the advancement cut-off before the rounds begin, based on the draw and number of teams.

18. Tie-break. If teams are tied for an advancement place, the higher combined score in legal analysis and advice will rank first; if still tied, the higher score for client-centred options and informed choice will prevail. If the tie remains, the judges will decide by majority vote.

VI ONLINE PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENTS

19. Joining the session. Participants must join using the official link and team code at the reporting time stated by the Organising Committee. They should test their camera, microphone and internet connection beforehand and keep their display name consistent with the instructions received.

20. Presence on camera. Both team members must be visible and audible throughout their interview and post-interview conference, unless the Organising Committee or judges direct otherwise for a technical or accessibility reason.

21. Technical interruption. A team must notify the host immediately if it loses connection or experiences a serious audio/video failure. The Organising Committee may pause, resume or reschedule an affected session to protect fairness. A technical interruption does not automatically determine a team's score.

22. Formal dress. Participants must wear neat formal attire suitable for a professional legal consultation. Gowns and bands are not required.

VII CONDUCT, FAIRNESS AND CONFIDENTIALITY

23. Professional conduct. Participants must treat the client, judges, opposing teams, organisers and technical staff respectfully. They must not intimidate, insult, mislead or harass any person involved in the Competition.

24. No outside assistance. During a live round, team members must not receive coaching, prompts or messages from any person outside the team. Coaches, spectators and other teams must not communicate with a team until its round has concluded.

25. No unauthorised observation. Teams may not observe another team's preliminary performance unless the Organising Committee expressly permits it. The Committee will advise whether later rounds are open to observation.

26. Confidential materials. Case materials, confidential client instructions, team codes, meeting links and recordings (if any) must not be shared publicly or with teams awaiting their

round. Participants must not record, photograph, stream or distribute a session without the Organising Committee's written permission.

27. Anonymity. Judges will identify teams by code wherever practicable. Participants must not reveal their institution or personal names to judges during a scored session unless directed to do so for verification.

28. Permitted resources. Teams may use only the materials and resources allowed in the round instructions. The Organising Committee may restrict external communication, internet searches or other resources during a round and will communicate those restrictions in advance.

VIII JUDGES AND FEEDBACK

29. Judging panel. The Organising Committee will appoint the judges for each round. A judge may not assess a team with which the judge has a conflict of interest. Participants should disclose a potential conflict to the Committee promptly.

30. Independent assessment. Judges will assess performance against the rubric. They may take notes, confer as appropriate and provide brief feedback after a round, subject to the timetable.

31. Score sheets. The Organising Committee may share a team's score summary or feedback after the relevant round. Individual judges' deliberations and confidential client materials will remain confidential.

IX AWARDS AND CERTIFICATES

AWARD	PRIZE
Champions	**Rs. 10,000 cash prize and certificates**
Runners-up	**Rs. 5,000 and certificates**
Third Position	**Rs. 3,000 and certificates**
Best Counsel	Rs. 2,000 and certificate
Best Client	Rs. 1,000 and certificate
All participants	E-certificates

32. Best Counsel. This individual award will be selected by the judges from among the counsel participants, based on performance in the client interview and counselling process.

33. Best Client. Client-role players will be appointed and briefed by the Organising Committee. The judges will select the Best Client independently of the team score, based on consistency with the assigned role and realistic, responsive interaction.

X COMPLAINTS AND BREACHES

34. Procedural complaint. A team that has a concern about the conduct of a round must raise it with the Organising Committee as soon as possible and before the next round begins, where practicable. The Committee may hear the affected parties and take proportionate steps to preserve fairness.

35. Scoring decisions. Judges' assessment of a team's performance is final. A procedural complaint may not be used to relitigate a judge's good-faith evaluation of counselling performance.

36. Sanctions. The Organising Committee may issue a warning, deduct points or disqualify a team for serious or repeated misconduct, unauthorised assistance, breach of confidentiality, false registration information or material non-compliance with these rules. The team will be given an opportunity to respond where practicable.

XI ORGANISING COMMITTEE AND NOTICES

37. Operational directions. The Organising Committee may issue clarifications and round-specific instructions consistent with these rules. If an unforeseen circumstance makes a change necessary, the Committee may adjust the schedule, format or platform and will notify registered teams promptly.

38. Final authority. The Organising Committee is responsible for interpreting these rules and resolving matters not expressly covered. Its decision will be final, subject to the requirement to apply the rules consistently and fairly.

XII IMPORTANT DATES AND CONTACT

05th December 2026	Last date for registration
10th December 2026	Team codes and problem outline shared
28–29 December 2026	Competition

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OFFICIAL NOTIFICATION	REGISTRATION OPENS	LAST DATE FOR REGISTRATION	RELEASE OF PROBLEM PROPOSITIONS
01st November 2026	01st November 2026	30th November 2026	05th December 2026

FINAL SUBMISSION DEADLINE	ANNOUNCEMENT OF SHORTLISTED PARTICIPANTS	FINAL DRAFTING DEFENCE ROUND	DECLARATION OF RESULTS
15th December 2026	24th December 2026	30th December 2026	31st December 2026

AWARDS

Winner – Each Category	:	₹ 2,500/-
First Runner-up – Each Category	:	₹ 1,500/-
Second Runner-up – Each Category	:	₹ 1,000/-

REGISTRATION FEE ₹ 250/- *per participant*

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OFFICIAL RULEBOOK

Organised by: MABIJS Moot Court Society
Mohammad Abdul Bari Institute of Juridical Science

Mode: [Hybrid]
Registration Opens: [01.11.2026]
Registration Closes: [30.11.2026]
Last Date of Submission: [15.12.2026]
Official Website: https://events.mabijs.in
Contact: mootsociety@mabijs.in

PART I – GENERAL PROVISIONS

RULE 1. INTRODUCTION

The MABIJS National Legal Drafting Competition, 2026, is organised by the MABIJS Moot Court Society, under the aegis of Mohammad Abdul Bari Institute of Juridical Science.

The competition aims to provide law students with an opportunity to demonstrate and develop their practical legal drafting abilities through simulated legal problems based on contemporary legal issues and professional legal practice.

Unlike conventional moot court competitions, which primarily assess oral advocacy and memorial preparation, this competition focuses on the construction of legally sound, procedurally appropriate and professionally structured legal documents.

The competition shall provide participants with an opportunity to demonstrate their understanding of substantive law, procedural law, legal research, analytical reasoning and professional drafting conventions.

RULE 2. OBJECTIVES

1. To promote practical legal education through professional legal drafting exercises.
2. To develop participants' ability to translate factual circumstances into legally sustainable documents.
3. To encourage independent legal research and critical analysis.
4. To enhance knowledge of substantive and procedural laws applicable in India.
5. To familiarise participants with professional standards of legal documentation.
6. To encourage precision, clarity and logical organisation in legal writing.
7. To create a platform for interaction between law students, academicians and legal professionals.

RULE 3. DEFINITIONS

- Organisers: MABIJS Moot Court Society and the organising institution.
- Competition: MABIJS National Legal Drafting Competition, 2026.
- Participant: An eligible individual or team registered for the competition.
- Draft: The legal document prepared and submitted by a participant in accordance with the applicable problem proposition.
- Problem Proposition: The factual and legal scenario released by the organisers for the purpose of the competition.
- Submission: The final legal draft uploaded by a registered participant.
- Evaluation Committee: The panel appointed by the organisers to assess the submissions.
- Final Round: The presentation and defence stage, if conducted, for shortlisted participants.

PART II – ELIGIBILITY AND REGISTRATION

RULE 4. ELIGIBILITY

8. The competition shall be open to students pursuing either a three-year LL.B. or a five-year integrated LL.B. programme from a recognised university or institution in India.
9. Students enrolled in recognised law institutions shall be eligible to participate, irrespective of their semester or year of study.
10. Participation shall be permitted individually only.

11. A participant must satisfy the eligibility requirements.
12. A participant may register for only one drafting category.
13. A participant shall not be permitted to change their category after the registration deadline without prior written approval from the organisers.
14. The organisers reserve the right to verify the academic credentials and institutional affiliation of any participant.

RULE 5. REGISTRATION

15. Registration shall be completed through the official registration link : **https://forms.gle/ginF5E2hE6J7QoYu7**
16. Participants shall furnish accurate personal, academic and institutional information.
17. Registration shall be considered complete only upon successful submission of the registration form and payment of the prescribed registration fee, wherever applicable.
18. The registration fee shall be: Individual participation: ₹250 for each specific category;
19. The registration fee, once paid, shall not ordinarily be refundable, except when the organisers cancel the competition or otherwise decide in exceptional circumstances.
20. No registration shall be accepted after the notified deadline unless expressly permitted by the organisers.
21. Registered participants shall receive a confirmation email containing their registration details and participant identification code.

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UPI ID: purkait.rahulp@oksbi

PART III – COMPETITION CATEGORIES

RULE 6. DRAFTING CATEGORIES

Participants shall select one of the following four categories when registering.

CATEGORY I – CIVIL LITIGATION DRAFTING

This category shall assess participants' ability to prepare civil litigation documents in accordance with applicable substantive and procedural laws.

- Plaint
- Written Statement
- Application for Temporary Injunction
- Application under Order VII Rule 11 of the Code of Civil Procedure, 1908
- Civil Revision Petition
- Other civil procedural document specified in the proposition.

CATEGORY II – CRIMINAL LITIGATION DRAFTING

This category shall assess participants' understanding of criminal law, criminal procedure and the drafting of appropriate judicial applications.

- Regular Bail Application
- Anticipatory Bail Application
- Criminal Revision Petition
- Discharge Application
- Criminal Appeal
- Other criminal procedural document specified in the proposition.

CATEGORY III – CONSTITUTIONAL AND WRIT DRAFTING

This category shall assess participants' ability to prepare constitutional remedies and related legal documents.

- Writ Petition under Article 226 of the Constitution of India
- Public Interest Litigation
- Counter-Affidavit
- Rejoinder Affidavit
- Constitutional Challenge Petition
- Other constitutional document specified in the proposition.

CATEGORY IV – CORPORATE AND COMMERCIAL DRAFTING

This category shall evaluate participants' understanding of commercial transactions, contractual obligations and corporate legal documentation.

- Memorandum of Understanding
- Non-Disclosure Agreement
- Shareholders' Agreement
- Commercial Agreement
- Joint Venture Agreement
- Service Agreement
- Other commercial document specified in the proposition.

Note: The organisers shall specify the exact document to be drafted in the respective problem proposition. The above list is indicative and does not authorise participants to select a different document independently.

PART IV – PROBLEM PROPOSITION AND DRAFTING REQUIREMENTS

RULE 7. RELEASE OF PROBLEM PROPOSITION

22. The organisers shall release the problem propositions through the official communication channels.
23. Each category shall have a separate problem proposition.
24. The proposition shall contain the relevant facts, background, legal issues and drafting instructions.
25. Participants shall prepare their documents strictly on the basis of the proposition and the applicable law.
26. Participants may identify and address additional legal issues reasonably arising from the given facts.
27. Participants shall not introduce material facts that are inconsistent with the proposition.
28. Where assumptions are necessary to complete a draft, such assumptions must be reasonable, clearly identified and consistent with the given facts.

29. Any clarification regarding the proposition must be sought exclusively through the official communication channel within the prescribed clarification period.
30. Clarifications issued by the organisers shall be binding on all participants in the relevant category.

RULE 8. NATURE OF SUBMISSION

31. Each participant or team shall submit one principal legal document corresponding to the category selected.
32. The submission must reflect the form, structure and professional conventions applicable to that particular legal document.
33. The document must be legally coherent, factually consistent and procedurally appropriate.
34. The submission must not be an essay, research paper, case comment or general discussion of the legal issue.
35. The document must demonstrate practical application of legal principles to the facts provided.
36. Supporting schedules, annexures or relevant documents may be included only where appropriate to the principal draft and permitted by the proposition.

PART V – FORMATTING AND TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS

RULE 9. FORMATTING

Particular	Requirement
Paper size	A4
Orientation	Portrait
Font	Times New Roman
Main text size	12 pt
Footnote size	10 pt
Line spacing	1.5
Alignment	Justified
Margins	1 inch on all sides
Citation style	OSCOLA 4th Edition or the specific style prescribed by the organisers
File format	PDF and DOCX
Language	English

37. The document must be properly paginated.
38. Headings and subheadings must be appropriately numbered and arranged.
39. All statutory provisions, judicial authorities and other legal sources relied upon must be accurately cited.
40. Participants must maintain consistency in formatting and citation throughout the document.
41. Decorative elements, institutional logos and personal identification details must not be included in the submitted draft.

RULE 10. WORD LIMIT

42. The maximum permissible word limit shall be 3,500 words.
43. The word count shall exclude the cover page, index or table of contents, list of abbreviations, list of authorities, footnotes and endnotes, and annexures and schedules where permitted.
44. The word count shall include the substantive body of the legal document, including pleadings, grounds, arguments, clauses and prayers, as applicable.
45. Participants must not exceed the prescribed word limit.

46. Any material exceeding the prescribed limit may attract deductions or other penalties at the discretion of the Evaluation Committee.
47. Participants shall not sacrifice essential legal requirements merely to reduce the word count.

PART VI – ORIGINALITY, PLAGIARISM AND ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

RULE 11. ORIGINALITY

48. All submissions must be original work prepared specifically for this competition.
49. Participants shall not copy, reproduce or substantially imitate another person's work without proper acknowledgement.
50. The use of previously submitted competition drafts, published pleadings or sample legal documents as a substitute for independent drafting is prohibited.
51. All external sources, including statutes, judicial decisions, commentaries and academic publications, must be appropriately acknowledged.
52. Fabricated judicial authorities, incorrect citations knowingly presented as genuine and invented statutory provisions shall constitute serious misconduct.

RULE 12. SIMILARITY POLICY

53. The permissible similarity threshold shall be 10%.
54. All submissions may be subjected to plagiarism or similarity-detection software.
55. Properly cited quotations, statutory provisions, standard legal terminology, case names and conventional legal expressions may be excluded from the final similarity assessment where appropriate.
56. Similarity shall be assessed in context and not merely on the basis of the numerical percentage generated by software.
57. The Evaluation Committee shall have the authority to examine suspected instances of plagiarism independently.
58. A submission found to contain substantial unattributed copying may be rejected or disqualified.

RULE 13. ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE POLICY

59. Participants must independently undertake the substantive legal research, legal analysis and preparation of the draft.
60. Generative AI tools, including ChatGPT and other AI-assisted drafting platforms, shall not be used to generate or substantially rewrite the substantive portions of the submitted legal document.
61. Limited use of digital tools for spelling correction, grammar checking, formatting and non-substantive proofreading may be permitted.
62. Participants shall remain fully responsible for the accuracy of all legal provisions, judicial authorities, citations and factual statements.
63. The use of AI tools to fabricate case laws, statutory provisions or legal authorities is strictly prohibited.
64. The permitted AI-use threshold shall be 10%, subject to the nature of the tool, the type of assistance and the applicable assessment methodology.
65. Participants shall disclose any permitted AI assistance in the prescribed declaration.
66. AI-detection reports shall not, by themselves, constitute conclusive proof of misconduct. Any suspected violation shall be reviewed by the Evaluation Committee.
67. Concealment of prohibited AI-generated substantive drafting may result in disqualification.

PART VII – SUBMISSION PROCEDURE

RULE 14. SUBMISSION

68. All submissions must be uploaded through the official submission link: **https://forms.gle/gAQjVF5T2XckvwWQ7**

69. Participants must upload both PDF and editable DOCX versions of their final drafts, unless otherwise notified.
70. The file names must follow the prescribed format: Category_ParticipantCode.
71. Participants must not mention their names, institution names, personal email addresses or other identifying information anywhere in the draft.
72. Each submission must be accompanied by a duly completed declaration of originality and compliance.
73. The final submission must be received before the notified deadline.
74. Incomplete, corrupted or inaccessible files may be rejected.
75. Participants shall be responsible for ensuring successful submission.
76. A submission shall not be treated as complete merely because a participant has filled in the registration form.
77. Any request for correction or replacement of a submitted draft shall be subject to the prior approval of the organisers.

RULE 15. LATE SUBMISSION

78. Submissions received after the prescribed deadline shall ordinarily not be accepted.
79. The organisers may consider exceptional circumstances where a participant establishes genuine technical or other unavoidable difficulties.
80. Any extension shall be granted solely at the discretion of the organisers and must be communicated officially.

PART VIII – EVALUATION AND JUDGING

RULE 16. EVALUATION PROCESS

81. Each submission shall be evaluated by a panel appointed by the organisers.
82. The Evaluation Committee may consist of academicians, practising advocates, legal researchers and other persons with relevant professional expertise.
83. The evaluation shall be conducted on an anonymous basis wherever practicable.
84. Each submission shall be assessed according to the prescribed evaluation rubric.
85. The judges shall independently evaluate the legal correctness, practical applicability, structure and drafting quality of the document.
86. The organisers may appoint more than one evaluator for a submission.
87. The decision of the Evaluation Committee shall be final, subject to the provisions of this Rulebook.

RULE 17. EVALUATION CRITERIA

Each submission shall be evaluated out of 100 marks.

Evaluation parameter	Marks
Understanding of facts and identification of legal issues	15
Applicable law and legal research	20

Structure and drafting technique	20
Legal reasoning and grounds	15
Reliefs sought and procedural correctness	15
Language, clarity and precision	10
Formatting and citation compliance	5
TOTAL	100

A. Understanding of Facts and Identification of Legal Issues – 15 Marks

Assessment of the participant's ability to understand the factual background, identify relevant legal issues and distinguish material facts from immaterial facts.

B. Applicable Law and Legal Research – 20 Marks

Assessment of the correct identification and application of relevant statutory provisions, judicial precedents and other legal authorities.

C. Structure and Drafting Technique – 20 Marks

Assessment of the document's professional structure, logical arrangement, appropriate headings, drafting conventions and completeness.

D. Legal Reasoning and Grounds – 15 Marks

Assessment of the strength, coherence and legal sustainability of the grounds and reasoning incorporated in the document.

E. Reliefs Sought and Procedural Correctness – 15 Marks

Assessment of the appropriateness of the reliefs, prayers, jurisdiction, maintainability and compliance with relevant procedural requirements.

F. Language, Clarity and Precision – 10 Marks

Assessment of legal language, grammatical correctness, clarity, conciseness and professional expression.

G. Formatting and Citation Compliance – 5 Marks

Assessment of compliance with the prescribed formatting, pagination, citation and technical requirements.

RULE 18. SHORTLISTING AND FINAL ROUND

88. The organisers may shortlist the highest-scoring participants or teams in each category.
89. **The shortlisted participants will be invited to participate in a final presentation and drafting defence round to be held on 31.12.2026.**
90. The number of shortlisted participants shall be determined by the organisers and communicated officially.
91. During the final round, participants may be required to explain the structure and legal basis of their draft; identify applicable statutory provisions; defend their choice of legal grounds and reliefs; explain the procedural correctness of the document; and respond to questions from the judging panel.
92. The final round will be conducted online.
93. Failure to attend the final round without prior approval may result in disqualification from consideration for final awards.

94. The final ranking shall be determined on the basis of the written evaluation and the final-round performance.
95. The organisers shall announce the final-round marking distribution before the commencement of that round.

PART IX – AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

RULE 19. AWARDS

Award	Prize
Winner – Each Category	₹2500/-
First Runner-up – Each Category	₹1500/-
Second Runner-up – Each Category	₹1000/-

96. Awards shall be announced separately for the four drafting categories.
97. The organisers may modify the award structure before the commencement of the competition.
98. Certificates shall be awarded to the winners, runners-up and other eligible participants as determined by the organisers.
99. Participation certificates may be issued to participants who submit a valid draft in accordance with the competition rules.
100. The organisers reserve the right not to award a particular prize where the submissions do not meet the required standards.
101. The decision regarding awards and rankings shall be final.

PART X – CODE OF CONDUCT AND DISCIPLINARY PROVISIONS

RULE 20. PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT

Participants are expected to maintain professional standards throughout the competition. The following acts shall constitute misconduct:

- Plagiarism or substantial unauthorised copying.
- Fabrication or misrepresentation of legal authorities.
- Submission of false academic or registration information.
- Disclosure of participant identity in an anonymous submission.
- Unauthorised collaboration with persons outside the registered team.
- Obtaining or attempting to obtain confidential evaluation information.
- Attempting to influence judges or members of the organising committee.
- Using prohibited AI tools to prepare substantive portions of the draft.
- Misrepresentation of another person's work as one's own.
- Any conduct that undermines the fairness, integrity or reputation of the competition.

RULE 21. PENALTIES

Depending upon the nature and seriousness of the violation, the organisers may impose one or more of the following penalties:

- Warning.
- Deduction of marks.
- Rejection of submission.
- Disqualification from the competition.

- Withdrawal of awards or certificates, where misconduct is discovered after declaration of results.
- Restriction from participation in future events organised by the institution, where justified.

The decision shall be taken after providing the concerned participant a reasonable opportunity to explain the circumstances, wherever appropriate.

PART XI – DISPUTE RESOLUTION AND ADMINISTRATIVE AUTHORITY

RULE 22. QUERIES AND CLARIFICATIONS

102. All official queries shall be addressed to the designated email address or communication channel notified by the organisers.
103. Participants shall not contact individual judges regarding their submissions or evaluation.
104. Clarifications issued by the organisers shall be binding upon all participants.

RULE 23. DISPUTES

105. Any complaint concerning registration, submission or procedural irregularity must be submitted in writing within the time prescribed by the organisers.
106. Complaints must contain sufficient particulars and supporting material.
107. The organisers shall examine complaints and take appropriate decisions.
108. No participant shall be entitled to demand a change in the marks awarded by an evaluator merely on the basis of disagreement with the evaluator's academic or professional assessment.
109. The decision of the organising institution on administrative and procedural matters shall be final.

RULE 24. RIGHTS OF THE ORGANISERS

- Amend the schedule, rules or competition arrangements where necessary.
- Modify the mode of conducting the competition.
- Extend registration or submission deadlines.
- Cancel or postpone the competition due to unavoidable circumstances.
- Reject incomplete or non-compliant submissions.
- Take appropriate action against participants violating the rules.
- Issue supplementary instructions wherever necessary.

Any substantial amendment shall be communicated through the official communication channels.

PART XII – INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY AND PUBLICATION

RULE 25. INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

110. The copyright and intellectual property rights in the drafts shall remain with their respective authors, subject to applicable law.
111. Participants grant the organisers a non-exclusive, royalty-free permission to reproduce, display or publish winning and shortlisted submissions for academic and promotional purposes, with appropriate attribution and subject to the participant's consent.
112. The organisers shall not commercially exploit a participant's submission without obtaining appropriate permission.
113. Participants shall ensure that their submissions do not violate any third-party intellectual property rights.

114. The organisers may publish selected submissions in an academic compilation, institutional publication or other educational platform, subject to appropriate consent.

PART XIII – DECLARATION OF ORIGINALITY

Every participant must submit the following declaration along with the final draft.

DECLARATION

We hereby declare that the legal draft submitted by us for the MABIJS National Legal Drafting Competition, 2026, is our original work prepared specifically for this competition.

We further declare that:

- The submission has not been plagiarised or substantially copied from any existing work.
- All legal authorities, statutory provisions and external sources relied upon have been appropriately acknowledged.
- No fabricated or knowingly misleading legal authority has been incorporated.
- We have complied with the prescribed Artificial Intelligence Policy and have disclosed any permitted AI assistance.
- We have not received unauthorised assistance in preparing the substantive portions of the draft.
- We have read and agreed to abide by all provisions of the official Rulebook.

PARTICIPANT 1

Name: _____

Institution: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

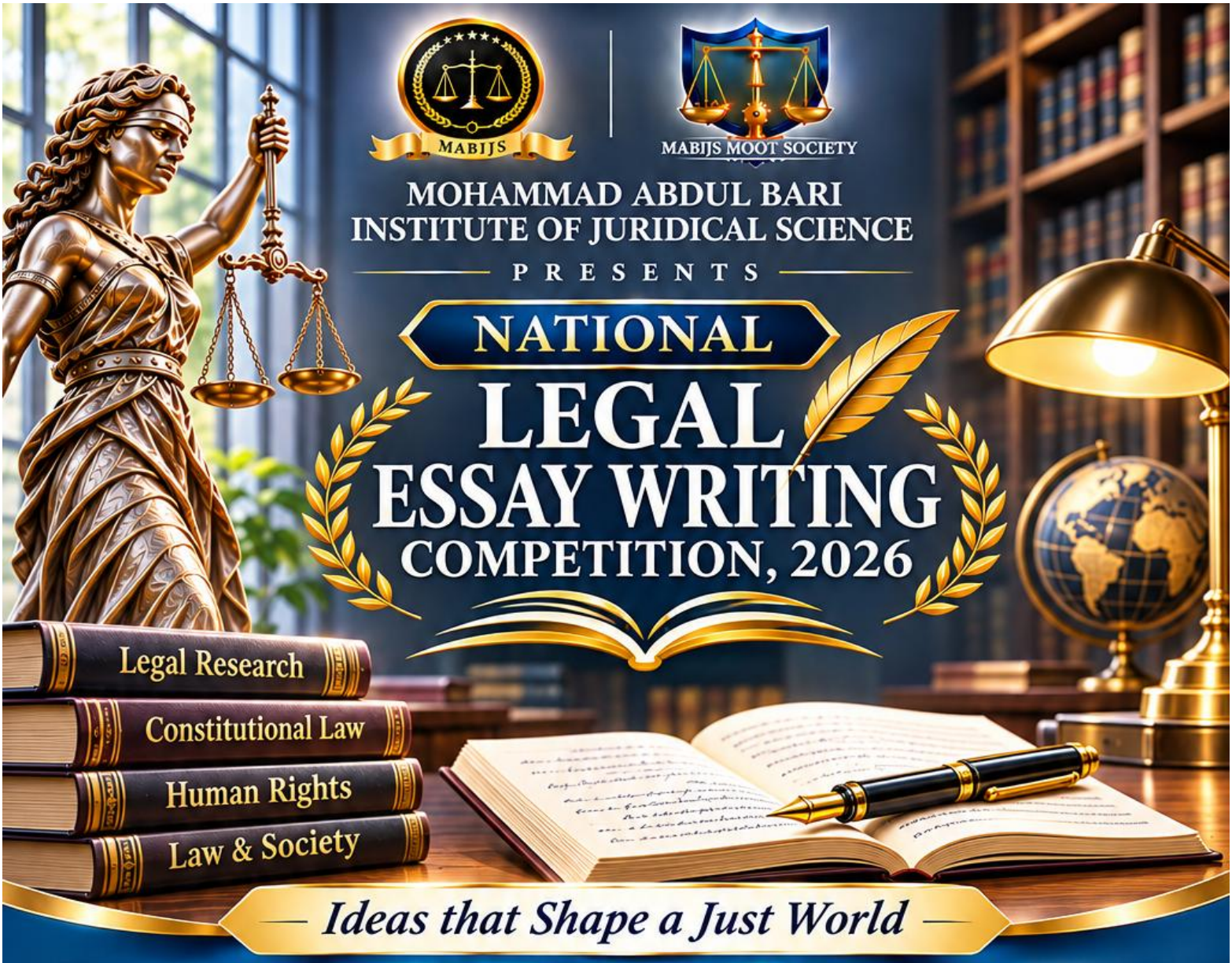
PART XIV – PROPOSED COMPETITION TIMELINE

Activity	Date
Release of official notification	01.11.2026
Commencement of registration	01.11.2026
Last date of registration	30.11.2026
Release of problem propositions	05.12.2026
Final submission deadline	15.12.2026
Announcement of shortlisted participants	24.12.2026
Final drafting defence round	30.12.2026
Declaration of results	31.12.2026
Distribution of certificates and awards	To be announced

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATION

For all official updates, participants are advised to follow the official communication channels of MABIJS Moot Court Society.

END OF RULEBOOK



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OFFICIAL NOTIFICATION	REGISTRATION OPENS	LAST DATE FOR REGISTRATION	LAST DATE FOR MANUSCRIPT SUBMISSION
01st November 2026	01st November 2026	30th November 2026	15th December 2026

AWARDS

Winner	:	₹ 5,000/-
First Runner-up	:	₹ 3,000/-
Second Runner-up	:	₹ 2,000/-

E-Certificates of participation for all eligible participants

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NATIONAL LEGAL ESSAY WRITING COMPETITION, 2026

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Theme: Contemporary Issues in Indian Law

Submission Deadline: 15 December 2026
Declaration of Results: 30 December 2026

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1. ABOUT THE COMPETITION

The MABIJS National Legal Essay Writing Competition, 2026 is organised by the MABIJS Moot Court Society of Mohammad Abdul Bari Institute of Juridical Science. The competition aims to encourage rigorous legal research, critical thinking, reasoned argumentation and constructive engagement with contemporary issues in Indian law. It provides law students with a platform to examine legal developments, identify practical challenges and propose informed, legally sustainable solutions.

2. THEME AND SUGGESTED AREAS

The broad theme of the competition is "Contemporary Issues in Indian Law". Participants may select a focused and researchable topic falling within any recognised area of law. The following are indicative areas and are not exhaustive:

- Constitutional law, federalism, fundamental rights and constitutional governance;
- Criminal law, criminal procedure, evidence and the implementation of the new criminal law framework;
- Corporate, commercial, banking, insolvency and competition law;
- Technology, artificial intelligence, data protection, cyber law and digital evidence;
- Environmental law, climate justice and sustainable development;
- Human rights, gender justice, child rights and access to justice;
- Alternative dispute resolution, arbitration and mediation;
- Intellectual property, consumer protection and emerging regulatory challenges;
- Labour, social security, taxation and economic regulation; and
- Any other contemporary legal issue of national or public importance.

A submission must have a clear legal question, a defined scope and an analytical argument. Descriptive or purely general essays without legal analysis may receive lower marks.

3. ELIGIBILITY

- The competition is open to students currently pursuing a three-year LL.B. or five-year integrated LL.B. programme at an institution recognised by the competent regulatory authority in India.
- Participants may submit an essay individually or jointly. Joint authorship is permitted for a maximum of two authors.
- In a co-authored submission, both authors must independently satisfy the eligibility requirements.
- Each participant or team may submit only one essay. Multiple submissions by the same participant, whether individually or as a co-author, may be rejected.
- A valid institutional identity card or bonafide/enrolment certificate may be required for verification.

4. REGISTRATION AND FEE

Registration Fee: ₹250 per essay per author.

For a jointly authored essay, the fee is payable by each author; therefore, a two-author entry attracts a total fee of ₹500.

Payment QR Code:



Registration Form: **https://forms.gle/KjLVsQqrBk3W7cHP7**

Participants must complete the registration process and retain proof of payment. Registration details must correspond with the details provided at the time of manuscript submission. The registration fee is not transferable. Refunds, if any, shall be governed by a decision of the Organising Committee.

5. MANUSCRIPT REQUIREMENTS

- Language: English.
- Word limit: 2,500–3,000 words, excluding footnotes. The abstract and keywords are also excluded from the word count.
- Abstract: 150–200 words, stating the research question, approach and principal argument.
- Keywords: 4–6 relevant keywords.
- The manuscript must be original, unpublished and written specifically for this competition.
- The manuscript must not be under consideration for publication, or have been published, in another journal, competition or platform at the time of submission.
- The essay must have a clear title, introduction, coherent analytical sections, conclusion and properly cited authorities.
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6. FORMATTING AND CITATION STYLE

Element	Required format
Paper size	A4
Font	Times New Roman
Main text	12 pt; 1.5 line spacing; justified
Footnotes	10 pt; single line spacing
Margins	1 inch on all sides
Citation style	The Bluebook: A Uniform System of Citation, 21st Edition
File format	Microsoft Word (.docx) and PDF
Headings	Consistently numbered and formatted

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- The manuscript shall be evaluated anonymously.
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Submission Form: **https://forms.gle/fQwFvGQ6otJ3doeR8**

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Criteria	What will be assessed	Marks
Understanding of the legal issue	Accuracy, clarity and depth of understanding	**20**

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TOTAL		**100**

The panel may consider the legal accuracy, quality of research, practical relevance and originality of the submission. The decision of the judges on academic evaluation and ranking shall be final, subject to the Organising Committee's authority to address procedural irregularities.

11. PRIZES AND CERTIFICATES

Position	Cash prize
Winner	**₹5,000**
First Runner-up	**₹3,000**
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Certificates of merit shall be awarded to the winners. E-Certificates of participation will be issued to all eligible participants. The mode and date of distribution of prizes and certificates shall be communicated through official channels.

12. IMPORTANT DATES

Particulars	Date
Last date for manuscript submission	15 December 2026
Declaration of results	**30 December 2026**

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- Submission after the prescribed deadline, except where an official extension has been announced.
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- No correspondence shall ordinarily be entertained regarding the academic marks awarded by the judges. A procedural grievance must be submitted in writing within the period notified by the Organising Committee.
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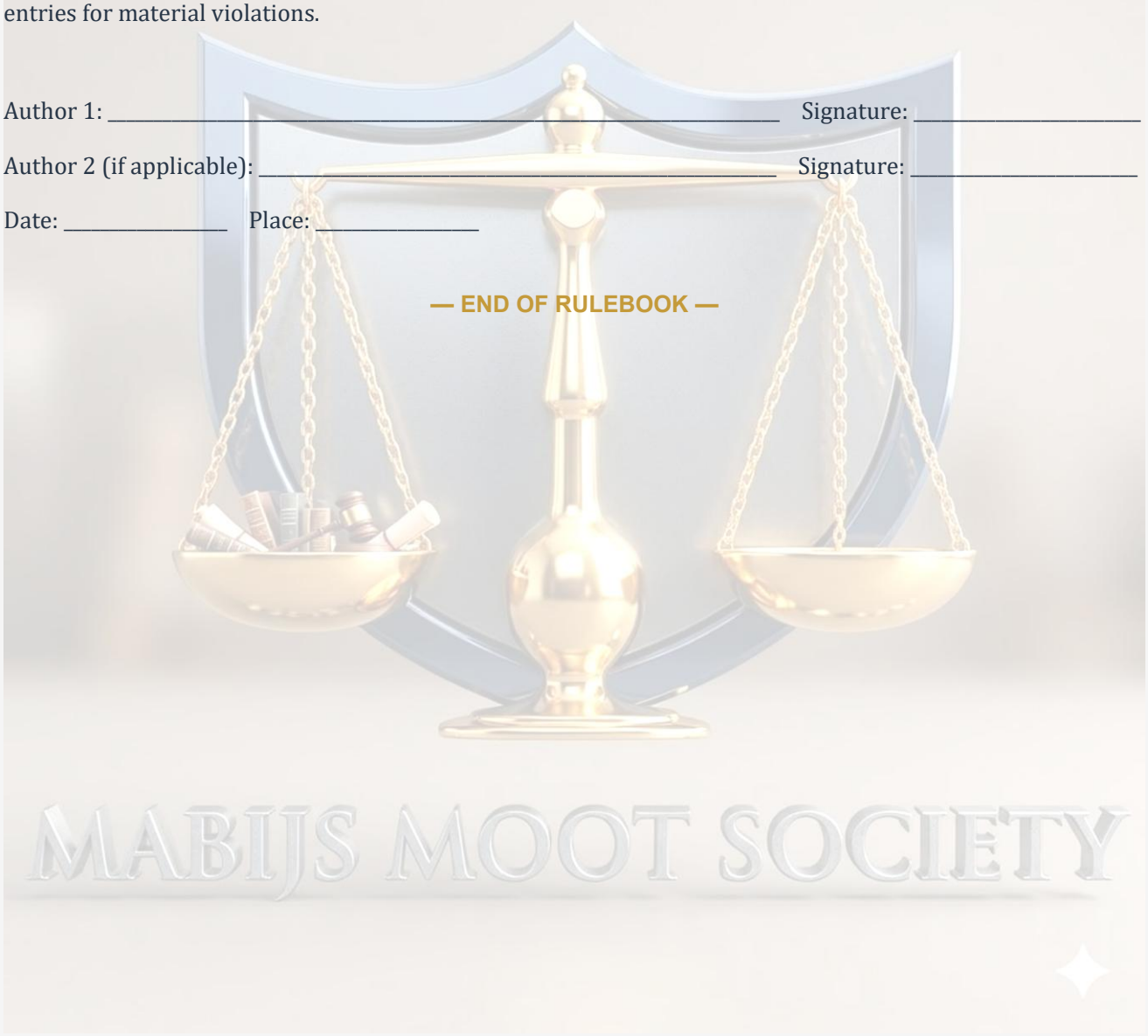
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