



**THE INSTITUTE OF
Company Secretaries of India**

भारतीय कम्पनी सचिव संस्थान
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SOUTHERN
INDIA
REGIONAL
COUNCIL

24th ALL INDIA MOOT COURT COMPETITION- 2026

RULES

INTRODUCTION

Moot Courts or Mock Trials are usually based on hypothetical cases involving emerging or unsettled areas of law.

AIM AND PURPOSE

- a. To expose students pursuing the Company Secretaryship Course to the nuances of court system in India and to hone advocacy skills.
- b. To provide a real-life experience cum training in doing cutting-edge research, presenting ground breaking arguments (oral and written) and contributing to the development of jurisprudence in the concerned area of laws.

SUBJECT, VENUE AND DATE

24th All India Moot Court Competition- 2026 will be held in three stages i.e., Chapter Level, Regional Level and National Level as per the schedule below:

Particulars	Date for submission of application for participation	Date to organize the Competition	Venue of the Competition
Chapter Level Competition	On or before Saturday 11 th July, 2026	On or before Saturday 18 th July, 2026	To be decided by the Chapter
Regional Level Competition	On or before Thursday 23 rd July, 2026	On or before Saturday 8 th August, 2026	To be decided by the Regional Office
National Level Competition	Submission of memorials: On or before Saturday 22 nd August, 2026	Saturday 26th September, 2026	Chennai. The exact venue of the competition will be intimated later

CASE LAWS:

Case Laws for Chapter Level and Regional Level is attached. We will send Case Laws for National Level after the Regional Level Competition is completed.

DRESS CODE:

The dress code shall be formal.

- a. Gentlemen: White shirt, Black Trousers and Tie.
- b. Ladies: White Sari or Salwar-kurta, or White Shirt, Black Trousers
- c. The dress code is applicable to all the pleading teams.

LANGUAGE

The language of the competition will be English

ELIGIBILITY

Participation is restricted to the bona fide registered students of the ICSI. For the current academic year, students who have successfully cleared the Professional Programme but yet to enroll for the CLDP may participate in the 24th All India Moot Court Competition, subject to other applicable eligibility criteria. Students will be required to carry their Identity Card of ICSI with them at the competition.

Advocates, Chartered Accountants, Cost Accountants are not eligible to participate.

TEAM COMPOSITION

Each team shall consist of 2 Students (1 as Petitioner & 1 as Respondent).

COMPETITION:

Moot Court Competition will be conducted between the teams only (inter-teams) and NOT within the teams (intra-teams). It is applicable at all levels i.e., Chapter Level, Regional Level and National Level.

REGISTRATION

Teams must register with the respective Chapter / the Region with enclosed Registration Form.

ROUNDS

There will be 3 (three) levels of the Competition i.e., Chapter Level, Regional Level Round and National Level Round.

NATIONAL ROUND

The Winner and First Runner-up of each Regional Level competition shall compete in the National Round, which makes the total number of teams to compete at national round to eight.

MEMORIALS

The following requirements must be strictly met for each level. Non-conformities will be penalized:

- a. Each team must prepare memorials (Petition, Reply, Rejoinder & Written Notes) for both sides, i.e., (Petitioner and Respondent).
- b. The briefs shall be consistent with the Company Law Rules as amended from time to time.
- c. Once the memorials are submitted, no revisions, supplements, or additions will be allowed.
- d. 3 (three) copies each of the memorials for Petitioner & Respondent + a soft copy to be submitted to the respective Chapter / Region in Charge before the two days of commencement of event. Memorials must be submitted type written as per Company Law Rules / Companies Act as amended from time to time.

Procedure for Appearance at the Competition

Petitioner's Submission	15 minutes
Respondent's Submission (Counter)	15 minutes
Petitioner's submission (Rebuttal)	15 minutes

SCOUTING:

Teams will not be allowed to observe the orals of any other team(s). Scouting is strictly prohibited. Scouting by any of the teams will result in disqualification. Team's disqualification is final and irrevocable.

SCORING AND MARKING PARAMETERS:

- a. Memorials will carry 30% and oral submissions will carry 70% of evaluation.
- b. If the memorials are found to be verbatim reproduction of each other, no points will be awarded for such memorials.
- c. Indicative parameters for scores on the basis of Oral Submission:
 - i. Knowledge of fact
 - ii. Logic, reasoning and clarity
 - iii. Persuasiveness
 - iv. Deference to the court
 - v. Proper and articulate analysis of the issues arising out of facts
 - vi. Understanding of the laws directly applicable to the issues
 - vii. Ingenuity (ability to argue by analogy from related aspects of law)
- d. Indicative parameters for scores on the basis of Written Submissions (Memorials) in conformity with Company Law Rules as amended from time to time.
 - i. Logical progression of ideas
 - ii. Originality in analysis and arguments
 - iii. Effective use of headings to outline arguments
 - iv. Understanding essential legal issues presented
 - v. Focus on essential (not collateral) issue
 - vi. Clear, concise and unambiguous writing style
 - vii. Forceful and persuasive presentation
 - viii. Integration of facts into legal argument
 - ix. Understanding of strengths and weaknesses of case
 - x. Discussion of viable alternative argument
 - xi. Understanding and analysis of authority
 - xii. Proper use of citations and citation form
 - xiii. Effective use of authority to support arguments
 - xiv. Ability to distinguish adverse cases
 - xv. Neatness, legibility, typos or format errors

ANNOUNCEMENT OF RESULTS

Regional Level Round results will be announced soon after the Competition. National Level Round results will be announced on the same Day.

ANONYMITY

- a. Student counsel may introduce him / her to the Judges in the usual manner and may also state their names. However, the team's region or office or other affiliations shall not be revealed at any time to any of the Judges before the competition is over.
- b. Further, all team members and observers shall refrain from identifying a team at any time and in any manner, including, but not limited to, wearing any identifying items, such as badges, blazers or identifying material, which may indicate their region or office or other affiliation.

ACCOMMODATION AND TRANSPORT

Travel expenses for the Regional Level will be borne by the respective Chapters and the Southern India Regional Council will arrange accommodation only.

Travel expenses for the National Level will be borne by the Southern India Regional Council as per ICSI Moot Court Competition Guidelines.

MISCELLANEOUS

- The decision of the judges as regards the result of the competition will be the final and binding;
- All participants are required to maintain proper decorum in the court where the event will be held;
- National Winner of this competition shall be given “Memento / Commendation Certificate” at the National Student Conference or at any other function of the Institute;
- The organizers reserve the right to take appropriate action for any unethical, unprofessional and immoral conduct;
- The organizer’s decision regarding interpretation of rules or any other matter related to competition will be final;
- If there is any situation not contemplated in the rules, the decision of the Institute shall be final;
- The administrator reserves the right to vary, alter, modify or repeal any of the above rules if so required and as they deem appropriate;
- If there is any change in the Rules, it will be notified through email submitted at the time of Registration;
- The use of Laptops, Mobile or any other electronic device is strictly prohibited during the hearing also when these items are solely used for measuring time. Speakers are allowed to use watch only. An exception can be made by the administrative officer for exceptional circumstances.

REMOVAL OF DIFFICULTY:

If any difficulty arises in giving effect to any of the provisions of these guidelines, Secretary of the Institute may make such provisions or give such directions as appear to be necessary for removal of the difficulty.

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