

1ST GD GOENKA VIRTUAL NATIONAL TRIAL ADVOCACY COMPETITION



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ABOUT GD GOENKA UNIVERSITY

GD Goenka University is an internationally acclaimed and premier institution of higher education in India. Quality education aimed at directing the students towards research, innovation, and extension is the defining element of GD Goenka University. The GD Goenka University, recognized by UGC, aspires to be a global leader in the 21st-century higher education ecosystem through enshrined core values of intellectual excellence, collegiality, diversity, and integrity. GD Goenka University is also recognized as QS IQUAGE “Diamond” rated University. GD Goenka University has state-of-the-art infrastructure, salubrious, air-conditioned, well-maintained Wi-Fi-enabled campuses, well-equipped libraries, and hi-tech laboratories. GD Goenka University is a member of prestigious national and international associations like the Association of Indian Universities (AIU), the Association of Commonwealth Universities (ACU), and the International Association of Universities (IAU).

ABOUT SCHOOL OF LAW

The School of Law aims to explore and identify novel areas of law and policy through relentless engagement in developing legal theory and practice, academic potential, critical analytical ability, and advocacy skills so as to fully equip the students with learning which is intellectually stimulating, socially vital, and professionally enriching. The School of Law adopts a multidisciplinary approach towards legal education and develops a positive attitude in students to make them realize that lawyers are an integral part of the system of adjudication, determination of policies, and setting up of standards for regulation of various activities through relevant institutions. It, therefore, trains them for placements in judicial and quasi-judicial bodies, regulatory authorities, commissions, voluntary organizations and other sectors. The GD Goenka School of Law offers 3- Year LL.B. (Hons.) programme and 5-Year Integrated B.A./BBA/B. Com LL.B. (Hons.) programme. These programmes are intended to impart intensive knowledge and training in the Management/Social Science subjects as well as Law subjects and help students to acquire wider perspectives both for managerial responsibilities and professional application. The LLM One Year Program provides candidates with the opportunity to equip themselves for active and effective participation, as professionals, in legal counseling, advocacy, and decision-making. Whether the context is a courtroom or legislative hearing, an attorney's office or corporate board room, a state agency, a community centre, or an international conference table, our graduates are prepared. Techniques of instruction include lectures, problem-based learning, seminars, informal small group discussions, moot court competitions, individually supervised field and library research projects, and a variety of experiential methods. "Clinical" components, in the form of case law, and real or simulated lawyers' tasks, are an essential part of the program.

ABOUT THE EVENT

Trial advocacy is the branch of knowledge concerned with making attorneys and other advocates more effective in trial proceedings. A mock trial is a method of clinical legal education. Learning the law in practice at the college level is the essence of a mock trial. A mock trial is nothing but a model court trial offered through simulation. It teaches the students law in practice before the Criminal Court. Any criminal case before the actual court takes years together to complete the procedure, including judgment. However, in mock trials students are trained to show the complete procedure within a short span of time. It is taught as an essential trade skill for litigators in law schools and in continuing legal education programs. The skills of trial advocacy can be broken into two categories:

- Skills that accomplish individual tasks (tactical skills) such as delivering opening statements and closing arguments, examining witnesses, and
- Skills that integrate individual actions to achieve greater effects and to drive unfolding events toward the advocate's desired outcome (strategy).

DEFINITIONS FOR THE PURPOSE OF TRIAL ADVOCACY COMPETITION

The following terms have the corresponding meanings:

“**ADMINISTRATORS**” means Administrators that shall be the Organizing Committee.

“**COMPETITION**” means 1st GD Goenka University National Trial Advocacy Competition, 2023.

“**DISQUALIFICATION**” means that the team will not be allowed to participate in the competition and therefore, shall not be awarded a Certificate of Participation or any Prize.

“**JUDGE**” means any person appointed to evaluate a Participant’s Memorial or Oral Pleadings.

“**MOOT PROPOSITION / COMPROMISE**” means the official Compromise including the annexures as well as the evidence and testimonies of the Competition supplemented or corrected by any Compromise Clarifications or Corrections as published by the Administrators.

“**MEMORIAL**” means the written submission by each participating Law College / School / University submitted pursuant to the Rules of the Court.

“**PENALTIES**” mean Point(s) deducted for violation of any Rule by the Participants.

“**PARTICIPANTS**” mean student representatives from eligible Law colleges / Schools / University, recognized by the Administrators, participating in the Competition.

“**RULES OF THE COURT / RULES**” mean the Official Rules of the Competition and any applicable Supplementary Rules.

PARTICIPATION AND ELIGIBILITY

a) ELIGIBILITY

Students pursuing a 3-Year L.L.B. Degree Course or a 5-Year Integrated and LL.B. Degree Course from the colleges recognized by the Bar Council of India are eligible to participate in the competition.

b) TEAM COMPOSITION

- The maximum number of participants per team shall be restricted to 3 members wherein 2 members will be Speakers and 1 member shall be a Researcher.
- Only the Participant who is a Speaker in all four- Preliminary, Quarter Final, Semi-Final and Final rounds shall be eligible for the award of the Best Speaker.
- The identity of the team [name of the Law College / School / University] must not be disclosed to the Judges as well as to the other Participating Teams. Any such disclosure shall lead to disqualification.
- The substitution of any member is not allowed except with the prior approval of the Administrators.

c) LANGUAGE OF THE COMPETITION

- The competition shall be organized and conducted in the English Language.

DRESS CODE

A participant appearing as Advocates before Trial Court shall wear a black coat, white shirt, black pants, white/black salwar suit and, it should be sober and dignified.

Provided that the participants are prohibited from disclosing the College Logo Or ID card in the dress.

REGISTRATION

- The Registration fee (per team) for the said competition is Rs. 2000/- (Rupees two thousand only).
- Registration fee is to be submitted through the payment gateway provided in the registration form (online payment).
- Registration Link: <https://forms.gle/crfvqr6Po48L49mEA>
- Forms received after the deadline will not be received.
- The registration fee is non-refundable.
- The registration of a team will be considered complete once the registration fees are paid and the registration form, i.e., through googleform, with all necessary details, is received.
- No change in the names of the participants shall be permitted after the receipt of the Registration Form, except at the sole discretion of the Administrators.
- The last registration date for the said competition is 5th May 2023 till 11:59 pm.

Payment Details-

Name of Beneficiary: G.D. Goenka University

Name of Bank: HDFC Bank

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RULES FOR THE COMPETITION

- The Language of the written and oral arguments shall be in English.
- The participants shall have to prepare the case for Examination in Chief and Cross Examination of witnesses from both the Prosecution & Defence side and prepare their arguments from both sides. Examination in Chief and Cross Examination shall only be conducted orally and no written submissions are required for the same.
- The competition comprises of Preliminary Rounds and Advanced rounds which would include the Quarter Final Rounds, Semi-Final Rounds, and the Final Rounds
- Each Team would not face the same team in the preliminary rounds, nor would the same bench judge the same team more than once in the preliminary rounds.

MEMORIAL

- Each team must prepare memorials for the Prosecution & the Defence.
- The Cover Page of each memorial must contain the following information:
 - Name of the Competition.
 - Name of the Case [Name of the Parties].
 - Party for which the Memorial has been prepared.
 - Name of the court where case is brought.

FORMAT OF THE MEMORIAL

- Typing of the memorial should be as per the specifications given below:
 - Paper size - A4
 - Font size – 12
 - Font type - Times New Roman
 - Line spacing - 1.5
 - Margins - 1 inch on each side

SPECIFICATIONS FOR FOOTNOTES

- Font size – 10
- Font type - Times New Roman
- Line spacing – 1

GUIDELINES

Once submitted, memorials shall not be returned to the participants in any case nor any amendment shall be allowed after submission of the memorials. Memorials shall be submitted in the following format and in the given sequence-

- Title page
- Table of contents
- Index of Authorities along with Bibliography
- Statement of Jurisdiction
- Statements of Facts
- Statement of Issues
- Summary of Arguments
- The Arguments Advanced
- Prayer Clause
- List of Witness
- Memorials should be typed & attached with soft cover, in Blue Colour - Prosecution and Red colour - Defence.
- The soft copies of the memorials must be sent to <https://forms.gle/tqKeN2gh29o8hHt3A> by 7th May 2023.
- The memorials should not contain the name of the participating Law College / School / University, the name of the participants, the name of the country of the participating Law College / School / University, or any identification in any part thereof. Also, no logo or any mark of identification should be made on the memorials. Non-compliance with this rule will lead to immediate disqualification.
- No researcher's test shall be conducted.

ROUNDS

- a) Competition shall run in four rounds, i.e.,
 - i. Preliminary Rounds
 - ii. Quarter Finals
 - iii. Semi-Finals and
 - iv. Final.
- b) All the rounds except the Preliminary round shall be the Knock-Out rounds.
- c) Top 4 teams shall qualify for the Semi- Final Rounds.
- d) If in any case, ties exist, then the marks of the memorial for the Competition shall be compared to determine the ranking inter se.

WITNESSES

1. Witnesses will be provided by the host institution i.e. GD Goenka University.
2. It is mandatory for the Prosecution and the Defence to examine all the witnesses and dropping a witness will result in a loss of marks. However, the order in which witnesses are to be examined shall be determined by the concerned team taking the examination in chief.
3. The team conducting the examination in chief of their witnesses or the team cross-examining the witnesses will desist from arguing with the witnesses.

4. The teams will be provided with witnesses half an hour prior to the commencement of the trial proceedings.

TIME SCHEDULE

a) PRELIMINARY ROUNDS & QUARTERFINAL ROUND

- The total time of the **Preliminary Rounds shall be 1 hour.**
- Each Team will have **30 minutes** to present their case.
- This time shall include the time for the Re-examination of witnesses by Prosecution and Defence, which will be allowed only on prior permission from the judges in that particular courtroom.

b) SEMI-FINAL & FINAL ROUNDS

- The maximum time for the advanced rounds is **2 hours.**
- Each team will have **1 hour** to present their case.
- This time shall include the time for the Re-examination of witnesses by Prosecution and Defence, which will be allowed only on prior permission from the judges in that particular courtroom.

PENALTIES

- a. Where on receipt of a complaint or otherwise Administrator has reason to believe that any participant in the Competition has been guilty of any offence or other misconduct, it shall refer the case for disposal to the organizing committee.

- b. Any Participant who withdraws from the competition at any stage, for any reason, shall be strictly punished in accordance with the declaration form signed by him/her. The registration fee shall not be refundable.

ANONYMITY

- a) Student Counsel may introduce himself/herself to the court in the usual manner and may also state their speaker code. However, the team's college name shall not be indicated to the judges at any time.

- b) All team members must refrain from disclosing the identity of their institution at any time and in any manner, during the course of their participation in the competition.

- c) However, during the course of their Oral Rounds, the speakers may state their name along with their team code; however, any reference to Caste, Creed, Religion, or Place must be restricted.

- d) Non-Compliance with this rule may result in immediate disqualification of the team.

PRIZES

- Winner- 25,000/- + Trophy + Certificate
- Runners up- 15,000/- + Trophy + Certificate
- Best Speaker- 8,000/- + Trophy+ Certificate

IMPORTANT DATES

- a. Registration Closing date: 5th May, 2023
- b. Submission of Memorial: 7th May, 2023
- c. Date of Event: 12th May, 2023 -13th May, 2023

ORGANIZING COMMITTEE



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