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**RULES AND REGULATIONS**

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## **INTRODUCTION**

- LE DILEMMA is a Merger Based Competition organized by the Centre for Corporate and Competition Law of Symbiosis Law School, Hyderabad, exclusively for law students.
- The 1st edition of LE DILEMMA will be held on the 6th and 7<sup>th</sup> of May 2023, in **online** mode on Zoom/Microsoft Teams/G-meet Platform.
- Aimed at giving an opportunity to the law students to showcase their understanding of Corporate Law, Mergers and Amalgamation where the students will be divided into teams to solve a problem and come up with an answer to the question as to whether the allotted company should opt for a merger or not. This will help the participants get a better understanding of the scope of mergers in the corporate world. Hence, these rules:

## **GENERAL RULES**

### **PART - A**

#### **1. ELIGIBILITY**

It is open for all the 3/5 years law and Management students to participate in the 1<sup>st</sup> ed. of Le-Dilemma, 2023.

#### **2. TEAM COMPOSITION**

- 2.1** Each team shall comprise 2 members, both of them equally contributing to the written strategy and oral presentation.
- 2.2** After the team registration, no request with regard to team composition shall be entertained unless unforeseen circumstances mandate otherwise.

#### **3. REGISTRATION**

A student has to register for the competition according to the following procedure—

- 3.1** Open the Google form titled 'LE DILEMMA Registration Form' by clicking [here](#). (Hereinafter referred to as 'LE DILEMMARF')
- 3.2** Fill in the form as instructed.
- 3.3** Submit **one** (LE DILEMMARF) per team.
- 3.4** After the last date of registration, each team shall be allotted a **Team Code**.
- 3.5** A student may register for LE DILEMMA within the stipulated date and time, as mentioned in the schedule announced.
- 3.6** Any delay in the registration procedure, partial compliance with the procedure,

undertaking the registration procedure post the expiration of the scheduled dates of registration, and non-compliance with the registration process will be deemed as **no registration.**

**3.7** The power to waive the condition mentioned in Rule 3.6 lies with the Centre for Corporate and Competition law.

**3.8** For the **schedule** of LE DILEMMA, please refer to **Annexure 3**.

#### **4. WITHDRAWAL**

**4.1.** Failure on the part of a participant and/or team to submit strategy (Hereinafter referred to as ‘strategy’) or submitting the strategy after six hours of the deadline has lapsed for any reason whatsoever will be regarded as a **withdrawal of participation** from LE DILEMMA. Thereafter, no claim shall subsist for them.

**4.2.** Failure on the part of a participant and/or team to be present on the day of oral round for any reason whatsoever will be regarded as a **withdrawal of participation** from LE DILEMMA. Thereafter, no claim shall subsist for them. No pleading will be organized for the team and/or participant at a later date.

#### **5. DRAW OF LOTS**

**5.1** A chart is prepared by the Centre for Corporate and Competition Law that includes the time slots and courtroom number, hereinafter referred to as the ‘Draw of Lots Chart’.

**5.2** The Draw of Lots Chart is divided into slots that fix the side of the team that presents their strategy and solution and the time of the session, which is determined by ‘Draw of Lots’.

**5.3** Draw of Lots is conducted to decide which side a team would argue from.

**5.4** The Centre for Corporate and Competition shall conduct the “Draw of Lots” as per the schedule for the LE DILEMMA (Refer to Annexure 3).

**5.5** The links for the respective rooms shall be duly shared with the participants, post the Draw of Lots.

**5.6** No request to change the session's side or time allotted by due process shall be entertained.

## PART – B

### 6. **STRATEGY SUBMISSION**

#### 6.1 **SUBMISSION**

- 6.1.1. Every team is required to prepare a submission of their strategy.
- 6.1.2. The page limit for the strategy shall be **4 pages**.
- 6.1.3. In light of the prevailing circumstances, the teams will have to submit copies of their strategy electronically.
- 6.1.4. Teams should submit their strategy **both in Word and PDF format**.
- 6.1.5. The size of each file shall not exceed 10 MB.
- 6.1.6. Teams should submit their strategy at [cccl@slsh.edu.in](mailto:cccl@slsh.edu.in) with the subject – TC \_\_Strategy
- 6.1.7. The team shall submit the strategy on the date as specified by the Centre for Corporate and Competition Law. No excuses for extension of time or delayed submission shall be entertained under any circumstance.
- 6.1.8. Any possible extension or change in date or time shall be solely at the discretion of the Centre for Corporate and Competition Law.

#### 6.2 **PLAGIARISM**

- 6.2.1 It is the duty of the participants to ensure that the strategy is not copied, in whole or in parts.
- 6.2.2 For a detailed understanding of the concept of plagiarism, please visit <https://www.ox.ac.uk/students/academic/guidance/skills/plagiarism#>.
- 6.2.3 If found plagiarized, the strategy shall not be evaluated, and the team may even be disqualified based on the circumstances.
- 6.2.4 A participant found using any material without proof, without any authenticity, without mentioning/citing the source of information, or presenting someone else's work as their own shall attract serious consequences, extending up to disqualification.
- 6.2.5 The Centre for Corporate and Competition Law reserves the right of hearing in the cases mentioned in Rules 6.2.3 and 6.2.4.
- 6.2.6 The decision of the Centre for Corporate and Competition Law shall be final and binding on all the participants.

## **7. CLARIFICATIONS ON THE PROBLEM**

**7.1** 'Clarifications' means an explanation published by the institute on the strategy at any point of time of the competition or a query posed by any competing team within the given deadline.

**7.2** Clarifications can be sought on any part of the moot proposition by sending a mail to [cccl@slsh.edu.in](mailto:cccl@slsh.edu.in).

**7.3** The Clarifications form should be filled out before the deadline. Thereafter, no Clarifications can be sought.

**7.4** The Centre for Corporate and Competition Law, after due consultation, reserves the right to decide whether a question deserves to be clarified or not.

## **8. FORMAT OF STRATEGY**

### **8.1 Formatting of Cover Page:**

- a. The Team Code shall be mentioned on top of the page at the extreme right-hand side
- b. Font Style- Times New Roman;
- c. Font Size- 12 points.

### **8.2 Formatting of Body Content:**

- a. Margin- 2.54 cm on all sides (Normal Margins)
- b. Font Style- Times New Roman
- c. Font Size- 12 point
- d. Line Spacing- 1.5 point
- e. Alignment- Justified

### **8.3 Formatting of Footnotes:**

- a. Font Style- Times New Roman
- b. Font Size- 10 point
- c. Line Spacing- 1 point
- d. Alignment- Justified

**8.4** Citation style of the strategy shall be [Bluebook System of Legal Citation 20<sup>th</sup> Edition](#).

**8.5** No team shall reveal their names or any other means of identification on the written submission.

**8.6** The sole means of identification of the strategy shall be the Team Code. The team code should be placed on the **cover page only**.

## **9. EVALUATION OF WRITTEN STRATEGY**

- 9.1** Every strategy will be marked on a scale of hundred (100). Detailed criteria for strategy evaluation are provided in Part- A of Annexure 1.
- 9.2** Non-compliance with the required standards and rules shall attract deductions. Please refer to Part C of Annexure 1 for detailed criteria.

## **PART – C**

## **10. ORAL ROUND**

- 10.1** Oral Pleadings for LE DILEMMA will be conducted online on Zoom/Microsoft Teams/ G-Meet Platform.
- 10.2** The participants are to appear for their oral rounds in a designated virtual room. Each team shall argue for the side allotted during the draw of lots in the oral pleading round in Prelims.
- 10.3** Each team shall argue **once** in the oral rounds of Quarterfinals, Semi-finals and Finals, as decided by the draw of lots.
- 10.4** Participants are expected to be ready to join their sessions fifteen (6) minutes prior to the allotted time.
- 10.5** The team is required to follow etiquette and room mannerisms and conduct themselves professionally during the session to maintain the decorum of the room.
- 10.6** The judge has complete liberty to ask as many questions, and no objection to the same shall be entertained.
- 10.7** Failure to abide by the conditions mentioned in Rule 10.3 and Rule 10.4 shall attract a penalty and/or disqualification.

## **11. TIME DURATION**

- 11.1** The team shall speak for a period of not more than 20 minutes, and 5 minutes shall be saved for the questions raised by the judges in the preliminary round. The time allotted must be taken care of by the speaker(s). The extra time taken may attract a penalty unless granted by the judges.

## **12. STANDARDS**

- 12.1** All the standard room mannerisms must be followed as applicable to National level competitions, keeping in view these rules. They cannot be exempted as it is a matter of evaluation.

### **13. DRESS CODE**

The dress code shall be Western formal for all participants, i.e., a white formal shirt, black formal pants and a tie. Violation of the mandated dress code will bar a participant from appearing in the 'Oral Round'.

### **14. SCOUTING**

No participant shall be allowed to enter any other online room apart from the one allotted to their team. Any participant found witnessing the proceedings of other teams shall be found guilty of scouting, and such an act shall result in the termination of the participation of the suspect individual or participant.

### **15. EVALUATION OF ORAL PLEADINGS**

**15.1** The oral pleadings would be marked on a scale of hundred (100) for each speaker by both the judges in a room.

**15.2** The judges will consensually mark the participants on the same scale.

**15.3** For the detailed guidelines for the Marking Criteria, kindly refer to Part B of Annexure 1.

## **PART – D**

### **16. TABULATION AND RANKING**

**16.1** "Qualifier List" shall be the result of the consolidated 'Total marks' of each team, arranged in the order of 'highest to lowest based on the following guidelines:

**16.1.1** The total marks scored by every team for LE DILEMMA shall be based on a ratio of 50:50, i.e., 50% of the average of the Oral Pleadings and 50% of the average of the Strategy Marks.

**16.1.2** 'Average of Oral Pleadings' shall mean the average of marks scored by both the speakers from one team, as marked by all the judges of the room.

**16.1.3** 'Average of Strategy Marks' shall mean the average of the marks awarded by all the judges of the room to both the strategy submitted to the judges by each team.

**16.2** In the event of a tie between teams, the team securing higher marks in the Strategy Average shall sustain the higher rank. In case of a tie in the Strategy Average, the Oral Presentation Criterion shall be considered, wherein the team securing higher marks shall sustain the higher rank.



## **17. CODE OF CONDUCT**

**17.1** Any attempt to contact or/and influence the framer of the Problem shall attract punishment, including but not limited to disqualification from participation in future competitions organized by the Centre for Corporate and Competition Law.

**17.2** Any attempt made by any participant or/and team to contact or/and influence the Judge of the Competition shall attract punishment including but not limited to disqualification from participation in future competitions organized by the Centre for Corporate and Competition Law.

**17.3** Any misconduct with the Judge shall attract punishment, including but not limited to disqualification from participation in future competitions organized by the Centre for Corporate and Competition Law and/or any other proceedings, if required.

## **18. FINAL DECISION**

**18.1** The Centre for Corporate and Competition Law reserves the right to interpret the rules and/or decide any disputes that arise in relation to the competition, and all such decisions taken by the management shall be final and acceptable to all participants.

## **PART- E**

### **ANNEXURE 1**

#### **EVALUATION CRITERION**

##### **1. EVALUATION OF WRITTEN STRATEGY (PART A)**

**1.1** Each strategy will be marked on a scale of 100. The strategy would be evaluated according to the criteria mentioned in **1.2**.

**1.2** Marking Criteria (Maximum Marks allotted)

<b>S. NO.</b>	<b>PARTICULARS</b>	<b>MARKS</b>
<b>1</b>	Analysis of facts	<b>10</b>
<b>3</b>	Grammar & Style of Presentation	<b>10</b>
<b>4</b>	Application of law to facts	<b>25</b>
<b>5</b>	Originality in presentation	<b>6</b>
<b>6</b>	General Impression & clarity of thought	<b>10</b>
<b>7</b>	Reasoning behind the decision to merge or not to merge	<b>30</b>
	<b>Total marks</b>	<b>100</b>

## 2. EVALUATION OF ORAL ROUNDS (PART B)

2.1 The oral pleadings would be marked on a scale of 100 per team. The oral rounds would be evaluated based on the criteria mentioned in 2.2.

2.2 Marking Criteria (Maximum Marks Allotted)

<b>S. NO.</b>	<b>PARTICULARS</b>	<b>MARKS</b>
<b>1</b>	Knowledge of facts	<b>6</b>
<b>2</b>	Knowledge of laws	<b>20</b>
<b>4</b>	Communication and Explanation {Presentation/Expressions/ Articulations}	<b>20</b>
<b>5</b>	Meeting Mannerisms	<b>10</b>
<b>6</b>	Use of confidential information	<b>25</b>
<b>7</b>	Answer to Court Questions	<b>10</b>
	<b>Total marks</b>	<b>100</b>

### 3. LIST OF DEDUCTIONS (PART C)

3.1 In case of any non-conformity with the Rules of the LE DILEMMA, the following deductions in the marks awarded shall be considered accordingly.

<b>S.NO</b>	<b>PARTICULARS</b>	<b>DEDUCTION</b>
1.	Failure to adhere to the format of the strategy	1 mark for each strategy
2.	Failure to place team code as specified	0.5 mark for each strategy
3.	Failure to adhere to the page limit	0.50 for every page exceeded for each strategy
4.	Failure to submit the strategy within the stipulated time	5 marks for every hour that passes following the lapse of the deadline (subject to conditions of Rule 4.1, Part A, General Rules)

## **ANNEXURE 2**

### **STRATEGY FORMAT**

The format of the strategy shall be as per the order mentioned below and shall contain the following:

- i. Cover Page**
- ii. Strategy Content**

### **ANNEXURE 3**

#### **IMPORTANT DATES**

Following are the **Important Dates** for the 1st EDITION OF LE DILEMMA. The participants are expected to strictly adhere to the same.

<b>PARTICULARS</b>	<b>DATES</b>
Last Date for Registration	30 <sup>th</sup> of April, 2023
Release of Problem	3 <sup>rd</sup> of April, 2023
Release of Demo Session on sample problem	31 <sup>st</sup> of March, 2023
Last date for Seeking Clarification	24 <sup>th</sup> of April, 2023
Publication of Clarifications (If any)	25 <sup>th</sup> of April, 2023
Submission of Strategy	1 <sup>st</sup> of May, 2023
Participants Briefing and the Draw of Lots	5 <sup>th</sup> of May, 2023
Dates of the Competition	6 <sup>th</sup> and 7 <sup>th</sup> of May 2023