

“The Legal Arena Moot Court 2026”

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ABOUT DPIIT IPR CHAIR, SAURASHTRA UNIVERSITY

Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) has formulated a Scheme for Pedagogy & Research in IPRs for Holistic Education & Academia (SPRIHA) (hereinafter, "scheme") to encourage the study of, education in, research on Intellectual Property Rights (IPR), as well as to promote outreach on Intellectual Property matters. It supports development of academic courses at undergraduate to doctoral levels, organization of seminars and workshops, and promotion of IP filings and internships. **DPIIT IPR Chair, Saurashtra University** seeks to create a robust ecosystem that fosters innovation, encourages respect for intellectual property, and builds national capacity in IP through structured academic and outreach activities.


ABOUT THE COMPETITION

The **DPIIT IPR Chair** at **Saurashtra University** is organizing a **Moot Court Competition on Intellectual Property Rights (IPR)** with the objective of enhancing students' practical understanding of IPR laws and legal procedures. The competition aims to provide a simulated courtroom experience where participants will research, draft memorials, and present arguments on contemporary IPR issues such as patents, trademarks, copyrights, and related disputes. This initiative seeks to develop advocacy skills, legal reasoning, and awareness about the significance of intellectual property in innovation and business, while encouraging students to engage actively with real-world legal challenges in the field of IPR.

This area of law addresses complex questions around ownership, originality, and brand distinction, making it a vital tool for maintaining both economic value and market integrity in a rapidly evolving digital and global landscape.

The event will be held on **5th August, 2026 Wednesday** and will bring together students from law colleges across the country. It will create a great opportunity for learning, mooting, and discussion. Participants will present their arguments and take part in healthy debates, which will be judged by experienced legal professionals.

We look forward to your enthusiastic participation in this significant event, which aims to contribute meaningfully to the evolving landscape of intellectual property law.






MOOT COURT RULES

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1. Moot Court Competition is being organized by the DPIIT IPR Chair at Saurashtra University.**
- 1.2. The Competition is crafted as a comprehensive educational cocurricular activity with a multifaceted approach, rather than merely a competitive event with incidental educational benefits. The rules and procedures of the moot should be interpreted and applied with this educational objective as the primary guiding principle.**

2. ORGANIZATION OF THE MOOT AND ORGANIZING BODY

- 2.1. The official language of the competition is 'English' and all oral arguments and memorials must be made in 'English'.**
- 2.2. The IPR Chair, instituted by Department for Promotion of Trade and Industry (DPIIT) at DPIIT IPR Chair, Saurashtra University will serve as the Organizing Body (hereinafter referred to as the 'OB') for the event, operating under the auspices of the DPIIT. The OB retains the right and the exclusive authority to:**
 - 2.2.1. Enforce all competition rules.**
 - 2.2.2. Interpret the rules as necessary.**
 - 2.2.3. Settle any disputes that arise during the competition.**
 - 2.2.4. Address inquiries and provide clarifications regarding the moot problem.**
 - 2.2.5. Modify the rules or supplement them, if necessary.**
 - 2.2.6. Modify the moot problem at any stage, provided that prior notice is given to all participating teams.**
 - 2.2.7. Disqualify any team if their behavior is deemed to constitute a serious breach of the rules or the overall spirit of the competition.**
- 2.3. The OB will not engage in the evaluation of memorial or oral pleadings submitted by the participating teams.**
- 2.4. The Student Conveners and Organizing Committee (OC) form part of the Organizing Body (OB). They will handle memorials, scoresheets, and related tasks with confidentiality under the guidance of the Competition Coordinator. Decisions of the**




OC will be treated as decisions of the OB, while the entire OB will assist in conducting the oral rounds.

- 2.5. All materials relevant to the administration of the competition will be made available on the official website <https://saurashtrauniversity.ac.in>, <https://susec.ac.in> as well as the Instagram profile of *@susecrajkot*. There are no profiles on any other social media platform. Further, the participating teams shall also receive email updates whenever deemed necessary by the OB.
- 2.6. All questions or inquiries regarding the competition must be submitted in writing (email is acceptable) to *spriha@sauuni.ac.in*. If a question or inquiry has implications for all participating teams, the query and its response will be shared with all participating teams via email. Clarifications regarding the Moot Proposition are excluded from this process.

3. STRUCTURE OF THE COMPETITION

- 3.1. The Competition operates on an invitational model. However, if the number of registered teams exceeds 8, selection for participation will be based on the evaluation of their memorials. Thus, the Competition shall comprise of two stages.
- 3.2. Stage I shall be the Memorial Qualifier Round. This shall be open to all teams which register for the competition after receiving the invitation. The results of this round shall be based on evaluation of memorials and shall determine the 8 teams which will proceed to Stage II.
- 3.3. Stage II shall be the Oral Round. The teams that qualify Stage I shall be eligible to participate.

4. PARTICIPATION AND ELIGIBILITY

- 4.1. **Team Eligibility:** The competition is open to all law students, irrespective of university affiliation, currently enrolled in recognized 3-year L.L.B, B.A. L.L.B., 5-year integrated L.L.B. or L.L.M. programs.
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4.2. Registration Procedure & Fees:

- 4.2.1. Interested teams are required to register for the Competition by filling the registration form. The link to the form is <https://bit.ly/MOOTCOURT2026>.
 - 4.2.2. Each Team is required to upload a copy of a bona-fide letter, authorizing them to represent their institution at the Competition, issued by the appropriate authority of their Institution/College/University as a part of the Registration Form.
 - 4.2.3. While filling the Registration Form, the teams have to choose a primary contact person, alternatively called a 'Point of Contact' ("POC"). All communications concerning the Competition will be sent by an e-mail to the POC. The POC shall be responsible to convey all the information to the team. The POC shall be required to have WhatsApp on their phone number.
 - 4.2.4. After submission of the Registration Form, a mail confirming the provisional registration will be sent to the respective committee or Head/Dean of the Institution/the POC of the team.
 - 4.2.5. The last date for completion of all the registration formalities is before 06.07.2026 (11:59 PM IST) (subject to any extension notified by the OB later).
 - 4.2.6. Each team will receive a unique Team Code, which must be used for identification throughout the competition. It is imperative that all team members refrain from revealing their institution's identity at any time or in any form during the competition. Any violation of this rule may result in disqualification at the discretion of the OB. The OB's decisions regarding compliance are final and binding.
 - 4.2.7. The confirmation of Registration will be notified to the teams by the OB, after the completion and verification of all the registration formalities.
- 4.3. There is no registration fee for the competition.

5. MOOT PROBLEM AND CLARIFICATIONS

- 5.1.** Theme: The theme of this year's moot problem would be Trademark and Copyright.
- 5.2.** The Moot Problem shall be released on the social media handles and the website of the Competition. It is the responsibility of the participants to download and peruse the moot problem.
- 5.3.** For the purpose of seeking clarifications, participants can fill the Google Form using <https://bit.ly/SU-MootCourtClarification>. The deadline for seeking clarifications is 11:59 PM on 30.06.2026. Answers to clarifications sought shall be released on 10.07.2026.


6. TEAM COMPOSITION AND SUBSTITUTION

- 6.1.** Each team shall comprise of three members, wherein two members shall perform the role of a speaker, and one member shall perform the role of a researcher. Only the speakers are allowed to make submissions during the oral rounds.
- 6.2.** Substitution of any team member after the registration deadline is generally prohibited. Exceptions will only be considered in extenuating circumstances and must receive prior approval from the OB.

7. MEMORIAL

7.1. Memorial Submission:

- 7.1.1.** Every team which has successfully registered for the competition is required to prepare two memorials: Memorial on behalf of the Plaintiff and memorial on behalf of the Defendant.
- 7.1.2.** All teams are required to submit soft copies of their memorials before 12.07.2026 (11:59 P.M. IST) on the attached Google form link: <https://bit.ly/SUMootcourtMemorial>
- 7.1.3.** Penalty of 3 marks per 12 hours on each memorial shall be imposed for any submission made post the deadline specified. Memorials submitted 48 hours beyond the deadline specified shall not be evaluated.
- 7.1.4.** The memorials which are submitted for the memorial qualifier round shall be considered final. No changes can be made to the submitted memorials



whatsoever. Failure to comply with the same may result in disqualification, at the discretion of the OB. After the completion of the Competition, the OB reserves the right to use the memorials as they deem appropriate.

7.2. Memorial Format:

7.2.1. All submissions of the memorial must be provided in both Microsoft Word Document format (.doc/.docx) and PDF format. Teams are required to submit both versions of the memorial: one in Microsoft Word and one in PDF.

7.2.2. The files should be named according to the Team Code and the side for which the Memorial is prepared. As an illustration, Team 01 will name its Memorial for the Plaintiff as '01_P' and the Memorial for the Defendant as '01_D'.

7.3 Memorial Cover Page:

7.3.1 The cover page of the memorial must contain only the following information in the same format and in the same order:

7.3.2 Team Code in the upper right-hand corner, as per the format specified in sub-rule 7.2.2 (i.e. Team 01 shall write '01_P' and '01_D').

7.3.3 The name of the Competition and Year;

7.3.4 Cause Title

7.3.5 The title of the document (i.e. "Memorial for Defendant" or "Memorial for Plaintiff")

Note: The background color of the "Memorial for Plaintiffs" shall be Blue and that of the "Memorial for Defendants" shall be Red.

7.3.6 Page Size: A4

7.3.7 Font Type: Times New Roman


7.3.8 Font Size: 12

7.3.9 Body of Text: Justified

7.3.10 Margin: 1.5 inch on the left and 1 inch on the remaining sides

7.3.11 Border: No borders





7.4 Teams are required to send the soft copies of the Memorial within the specified time frame, taking all contingencies into account. Any technical issues such as equipment failure, computer disk failure, internet connectivity issues, etc. shall not be considered as grounds for condoning any penalty imposed due to late submission.

7.5 Each team is responsible for ensuring that the soft copy of the Memorial is accessible and can be opened using Adobe Acrobat Reader Version 8/Microsoft Word 2010 or later. Additionally, the document must be free of viruses and should not be password protected.

7.6 Memorial content:

7.6.1 The Memorial shall mandatorily contain the following sections in the following order:

7.6.2 Cover Page

7.6.3 Table of Contents

7.6.4 Table of Abbreviations

7.6.5 Statement of Jurisdiction

7.6.6 Statement of Facts

7.6.7 Issues Raised


7.6.8 Summary of Arguments

7.6.9 Arguments Advanced

7.6.10 Prayer

7.7 The section on Arguments Advanced must not exceed 20 pages. The sections on Statement of Facts and Summary of Arguments are limited to 2 pages each. The sections on Issues Raised, Prayer and Statement of Jurisdiction are restricted to 1 page each.

7.8 The Memorial shall include the headers, footers, footnotes, page numbers, cover page, as well as the empty spaces left in the document.



7.9 Penalties

Relevant Rule	Reason for Penalty	Penalty levied
7.1.2	Late submission of Memorials	3 marks per 12 hours after the deadline, per memorial
7.2.1	Failure to submit memorials in both Word and PDF formats OR/AND Submission of a soft copy of a memorial which cannot be opened using Adobe Acrobat Reader Version 8/Microsoft Word 2010 or later.	Memorials shall not be evaluated.
7.2.2	Failure to name the file according to the given format (01_P or 08_D).	5 marks per document
7.3	Any omission in Cover Page or any other violation of the format mentioned	3 marks one-time
7.3	Failure to adhere to the mandatory formatting specifications 3 marks one-time for each formatting specification	3 marks one-time for each formatting specification
7.6	Any omission in Memorial or any other violation of the order of content	5 marks one-time
7.7	Failure to adhere to Page Limits prescribed	2 marks for each additional page
NA	The presence of more than 15% plagiarism in the overall content of the memorial OR Any usage of AI-generated content (must strictly be 0%)	Disqualification or other penalties at the discretion of the OB.

7.10 Memorial Evaluation: Each Memorial shall be evaluated out of 100 marks by an evaluator. The criteria for evaluation are as follows:


Parameter	Total Marks Allocated
Understanding of Law and extend of research	25 marks
Originality, Articulation and Clarity of Analysis	25 marks
Knowledge and integration of Facts	20 marks
Clarity, Organization and Logical Progression	20 marks
Grammar, Style and Citation	10 marks
Total	100 marks

7.11 Qualification of Memorials:

- 7.11.1** The final penalties applicable to a memorial shall be deducted from the marks awarded to the memorial to calculate the final memorial scores.
- 7.11.2** The top 08 teams on the basis of their total scores (cumulative scores for both memorials) in Stage I: Memorial Qualifier Round shall qualify to Stage II: Oral Rounds.
- 7.11.3** The results of Stage I: Memorial Qualifier Round shall be declared on 15.07.2026
- 7.11.4** The teams that qualify Stage I will be required to confirm their participation in Stage II by filling the confirmation form sent to them by an e-mail before 23.07.2026 (11:59 P.M. IST)
- 7.11.5** The teams that confirm their participation as per sub-rule 7.11.4 shall submit 5 hard copies of both “Memorial for Plaintiff” and the “Memorial for Defendant” on the day of inaugural ceremony, i.e. 5th August, 2026. Spiral binding of all hard copies of memorials shall be mandatory.

8. RESEARCHER’S TEST

- 8.1** The researcher’s test will be conducted on 4th August,2026, Tuesday from 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM.
- 8.2** The total time limit of the test is one-hour.

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- 8.3 Only the researcher designated by the teams in their registration form shall be eligible to write the test.
 - 8.4 The test comprises both objective and subjective questions, with a total of 50 marks.
 - 8.5 The objective questions carry 30 marks and the subjective question carries 20 marks.
 - 8.6 The participants should use any blue or black ball point pen.
 - 8.7 For the subjective questions, the word limit should be strictly adhered to the indicative word limit is between 300-500 words.
 - 8.8 In the descriptive portion, the participants can anticipate problem-based questions/conceptual questions revolving around the theme of the competition.
 - 8.9 Usage of electronic devices is strictly prohibited and shall lead to disqualification from the test.

9. ORAL HEARINGS

9.1. General Procedure

- 9.1.1. The oral rounds shall be conducted physically at the campus premises of Saurashtra University, Rajkot.
- 9.1.2. The team representing the Plaintiff(s) shall submit their arguments first, followed by the team representing the Defendant(s).
- 9.1.3. Rebuttals or Replies to Rebuttals shall be delivered by only one speaker from each team. The Plaintiff's Rebuttals are limited to addressing the Oral Pleadings of the Defendant, while the Defendant's Reply to Rebuttals is restricted to responding to the Plaintiff's Rebuttals.
- 9.1.4. Teams shall reserve a minimum of 1 minute for Rebuttals or Replies to Rebuttals during all Oral Pleading Sessions throughout the Competition. However, no team may reserve more than 5 minutes for this purpose.
- 9.1.5. Student counsels may introduce themselves by name during the oral rounds; however, they are strictly prohibited from disclosing their institution's name. In all other instances, they must use the Team Code without exception.

9.2. Procedures for Oral Submissions

9.2.1. Each team shall be allotted a maximum time to present their case. This shall include time allotted for arguments advanced, rebuttals, and reply to rebuttals. The maximum time is 30 minutes.

9.2.2. Each speaker may be granted an extension of maximum 2 minutes in addition to the total team time, as per judges' discretion. No speaker may, in any scenario, exceed the maximum extension time. Any speaker found exceeding the maximum extension time shall be penalized as per OB's discretion.

9.2.3. Teams may allocate speaking time between their two speakers at their discretion; however, the following time limits apply:

Round	Minimum Speaker Time	Maximum Speaker Time
Finals	12 minutes	17 minutes

9.2.4. Before the Oral Round begins, the team must inform the manner in which the team wishes to divide its total time between its (i) first speaker, (ii) second speaker, and (iii) the rebuttal (for Plaintiff) or reply to Rebuttal (for Defendant) to both, the judges and the Court Bailiff

9.2.5. The parties may make submissions during their oral arguments extending beyond the arguments advanced in the memorials.

9.2.6. All participants shall be dressed in formal courtroom attire.

9.2.7. Use of any electronic gadgets is not permitted during the course of oral pleadings. Any team caught using such gadgets during oral pleadings shall be disqualified.

9.2.8. The oral pleadings will be marked on a maximum of one hundred (100) points by each of the judges. Each speaker shall be judged on the basis of the following criteria:

Parameter	Marks Allotted
Knowledge of Law, Identification of Legal Principles and Facts	25 marks
Application of Law to Facts	20 marks
Persuasiveness and Ability to Answer	20 marks

Organization, Presentations, Clarity and Logical Reasoning of Arguments	15 marks
Time management	10 marks
Style, Poise, Courtesy and Demeanor	10 marks
Total	100rks

10. AWARDS

10.1 Award Categories

- 10.1.1 **Winning Team:** Awarded to the team that is judged to have the highest score in the Final Round.
- 10.1.2 **1st Runner-Up:** Awarded to the team that is judged to have the second-highest score in the Final Round.

10.2 Award Determination

- 10.2.1 Award decisions are final and made based on the collective judgment of the competition's panel of judges.
- 10.2.2 The decisions regarding award recipients are not subject to appeal.
- 10.2.3 **Certificate-** All the teams successfully participating in the Oral Rounds shall be awarded a Certificate of Participation.

11. MISCELLANEOUS

- 11.1.** **Changes to Rules:** The OB reserves the right to modify any rule as it deems fit at any stage of the competition.
- 11.2.** **Official Communication:** Any communication issued through official channels and attributed to the OB shall be considered formal notification.
- 11.3.** **Team Responsibility:** Participating teams are advised to remain attentive to and promptly acknowledge any announcements or updates issued by the OB. The OB shall not be held responsible due to any mishaps arising out of any team's inattentiveness.
- 11.4.** **Interpretation:** In the event of any ambiguity or uncertainty, all interpretations, as well as any waivers, consents, or other decisions related to the administration of the competition, shall be made at the sole discretion of the OB. Such decisions will be final and binding on all participants and are not subject to appeal whatsoever.

- 11.5. Unfair Means:** If any team is found using any unfair means, the discretion of disqualifying the team will lie with the OB of the competition
- 11.6. Decisions:** The decision of the judges with regard to the outcome of the rounds shall be final and is not subject to appeal.
- 11.7. Conflict of Interest:** Teams must disclose any potential conflict of interest and inform the OB if they have any association with a judge, such as being an intern or otherwise, at any point during the competition. If any such conflict is discovered later, it shall lead to instant disqualification of the team from the Competition.
- 11.8. Acceptance:** Participation in this Competition by the teams shall be construed to mean an acceptance of the rules laid herein.

12. CODE OF CONDUCT AND EQUITY POLICY

- 12.1.** All participants are expected to maintain the decorum in the Court and in the university premises during the competition and are expected to conduct themselves in a manner befitting the legal profession.
- 12.2.** The use of any electronic device, including but not limited to smartwatches, mobile phones, laptops, or any other electronic gadgets, is strictly prohibited during the oral rounds. Noncompliance with this rule may result in penalties, including disqualification, as per the discretion of the OB.

13. CONTACT DETAILS

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