**PROJECT DOCUMENTATION**

**XXX Moot Court Competition 20XX/XX**

*This document should be used during your fundraising. It is much easier to get sponsors or supporters for your MCC if you create a document where you describe the whole competition and the budget of the competition. This document should contain all the necessary information for your possible sponsors or partners, so it is easier for them to decide if they want to support you or not.*

**About the Project**

A Moot Court is a simulated court proceeding focused on a specific area of law. It bridges the gap between theory and practice by giving law students the opportunity to act as legal representatives, analyse cases, and simulate the work of an attorney. Moot Court Competitions (MCC) help students develop key skills such as legal research, persuasive argumentation, effective use of rhetoric, confident public speaking, and intellectual adaptability. These skills, often overlooked in traditional university programs, are essential for a successful legal career and are highly valued by employers.

Moot Courts also build self-confidence, teamwork, and the ability to perform under pressure, providing participants with invaluable preparation for real-world legal practice. These competitions serve as intensive training for real-life legal practice by emphasising the **art of persuasion** through effective rhetoric and argumentation, the ability to **speak confidently and convincingly without notes, non-verbal communication** such as gestures and courtroom etiquette, developing **critical thinking**, **intellectual flexibility**, and the ability to adapt to counterarguments.

Additionally, MCCs foster teamwork, time management, and the ability to work under pressure – essential attributes for a successful legal career. Moreover, Moot Court Competitions provide a **networking opportunity** with legal professionals, practitioners, and peers from diverse backgrounds, which contributes to students’ professional growth and career prospects. They also promote an understanding of international legal standards and practices, especially in competitions that are organised at the regional or international levels.

**Concept of the Competition**

*(Explain rules – 2 rounds, 2-4 members team)*

The competition comprises two phases: a written and an oral phase. The Case is published on the website and/or on Social Media when the Competition is launched, and teams must submit two sets of Written Submissions by 23.59 local time on the given deadline. The XXX teams with the best marks in the Written Round will qualify for the Oral Round. The oral phase will consist of X rounds of qualifying. During these rounds, every team will have the chance to face the other two teams representing the prosecution in one of the matches in the other defenders. The first two teams that obtained the highest cumulative number of points obtained in the oral stage will participate in the grand finale. Teams shall consist of 2-4 students.

*(Explain rules – 3 rounds, 2 written, 1 oral, 1-3 members team)*

In the competition, each team consists of XX members or individuals who meet the conditions outlined in the Rules. The Competition comprises of a two written rounds and a single oral round and is based on a fictitious case. The Case is published on the website and/or on Social Media when the Competition is launched. In the first round of the written round, all Teams shall act on the part of the complainant. The XX teams with the best marks in the First Written Round will qualify for the Second Written Round and for the Oral Round. Teams that have advanced to the second written round shall submit the Respondent’s submission on the action of the second participating team of the pair. The oral round will consist of X rounds. The task of each Team is to defend the party to the dispute before the court and the Judges. The winner is the Team which, in total, i.e. the sum of points from both written rounds and from the oral round, achieved the highest number of points.

**Topic**

*(To find the most attractive topic can be a good idea to ask students which area of law they want to practice and improve themselves.)*

Popular topics for Moot Court Competitions often revolve around civil law or business law, as these areas cover fundamental legal principles that are broadly applicable and essential for every legal professional to understand. Organising a Moot Court on one of these topics is likely to attract significant participation due to their relevance and accessibility.

Additionally, competitions can explore specialised and contemporary legal fields to engage students with pressing issues. Topics such as criminal law, international human rights law, commercial law, or arbitration and dispute resolution can provide participants with valuable insights into critical areas of practice. These fields are not only academically enriching but also align with the skills and knowledge sought by modern legal professionals. Tailoring the topic to current global challenges or emerging legal trends can further increase interest and participation.

**Participants**

*(Say something about last year's edition.)*

I.e.: Last year, ELSA XXX had 18 teams, so we expect this year it will be similar. The students are from every law faculty across the country. The final round is open for all law students so everybody can attend the competition as a spectator, which would give your law firm a lot of visibility..

**Organising Committee**

The Organising Committee (ELSA members, OC) is responsible for organising the competition and creating rules. The OC prepares promotion materials, tailored marketing kits of the MCC., articles and some promotional videos. Also, the OC promotes partners on the ELSA XXX website and also on Social Media. ELSA XXX is also responsible for communication with partners and participants, coffee breaks, attractive awards for winners and feedback.

**Academic Board or Academic Partner**

The Academic Board or Academic Partner is responsible for the preparation of the case of the competition, assesses the teams and announces the winner of the competition. The partner is also in charge of the court management, and evaluation of the national oral round, together with the announcement of results and financial support for the competition, including a financial reward for the best teams.

**Why is it attractive to become our project partner?**

The competition is an amazing way how to increase the visibility of your law firm. Thanks to the competition, you have the opportunity to get acquainted with skilled students, who might even be potential interns in your firm. Your law firm will receive recognition amongst students, giving you the chance to directly promote your opportunities to them. Also, if you have a difficult case and need some new arguments before the trial, it could be an interesting inspiration and opportunity for your law firm.

**Timeline**

**XXX** Preparation of the promotion materials

**XXX** Launch of the competition and promotion

**XXX** Deadline for clarification questions about the case

**XXX** Deadline for sending answers to questions

**XXX** Deadline for sending team’s applications and action

**XXX** Evaluation and selection of the X best teams

**XXX** Deadline for sending *Written Submissions*

**XXX** Oral Final round for X best teams, winners, awards

**XXX** Publishing photos from the event, videos, articles about winners

**Budget** *(Annex 4A)*

| Name | Assumed prize |
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| Printing, promotion | **100 EUR** |
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| Coffee break | **100 EUR** |
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| Awards for winners |  |
| 1. place | 400 EUR |
| 2. place | 200 EUR |
| 3. place | 120 EUR |
| Sum | **720 EUR** |
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| Administration and representation | **80 EUR** |
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| SUM MCC | **1 000 EUR** |

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