**GUIDELINES FOR PARTICIPANTS**

**I. PREPARING FOR THE MOOT**

1. Get familiar with the rules of the competition:

* Website of the competition;
* Organisers of the competition;
* Ask former participants of the Moot Court Competition;

1. Read the case and ascent the useful facts;
2. Define the main issues;
3. Formulate the arguments:

1) Arguments based on common-sense notions of justice and equity;

2) Arguments based on statutes and jurisprudence:

* Arguments by analogy or comparison to other familiar cases/ situations;
* Arguments typically associated with the subject matter of the case;
* Arguments based on the potential consequences of the court’s finding or not finding your way (for example arguments affecting public policy);

1. Connect the facts to the legal issues developing a core theory;
2. Consider opposing arguments and core theories.

**II. RESEARCHING**

1. Use different sources to prepare and source your arguments;
2. Local library;
3. Different law websites;
4. Law magazines and newspapers for the latest outcome of the field of law;
5. Ask your Professor/ teacher for help;
6. And do the research together as a team.

**III. WRITING THE MEMORIAL**

* Structure your memorial in a logically and organised way;
* Order your arguments in a useful way for yourself and follow your strategy of argumentation;
* Try to write it as accurate and reader-friendly as possible and avoid mistakes and cancellations;
* Choose authorities which are well-known and important;
* Do not write long texts, just the main part of the argument;
* Make it as brief as possible.

**IV. PREPARING FOR ORAL PLEADING**

1. Give yourself an overview of all oral arguments;
2. Assign the parts in your team (speaker, arguments, etc.);
3. Get well prepared for the Oral Pleading by organising your presentation;
4. Prepare for possible questions of the panel, think through any possible question that may be asked;
5. Get familiar with the score sheets and know what the panel will look for.

**V. ARGUMENTATION IN THE ORAL PLEADING**

1. Check the dress code and wear appropriate clothes (if there is no dress code mentioned wear business clothes);
2. Inform yourselves about the demanded demeanour and attitude towards the court (if there is nothing mentioned adopt the behaviour towards public courts);
3. Present your case and arguments as asked towards the court;
4. Do not be afraid of questions and use it as a possibility to present your arguments and your knowledge;
5. Conclude your arguments at the end;
6. Use the rebuttal and sur-rebuttal to respond to the arguments of your competitor.