

RULES¹

1. Jurisdiction of the Court

The participants will work within an environment where citizens of the United Nations enjoy the protections guaranteed by international human rights law. This objective will be engaged with the establishment of a fictional Universal Court of Human Rights that substitutes all jurisdictions of all other regional courts and becomes the final adjudicator when all national remedies have been exhausted.

Moreover, a Chamber of the Universal Court of Human Rights has been established to deal with issues specifically addressing cases that relate to Freedom of Expression. The Chamber is known as the “Universal Freedom of Expression Court”, and this chamber of the Court will be the arena where the participants will present and argue their case.

Participants should primarily rely on arguments developed and composed from the case law of the European Court of Human Rights and decisions of the Human Rights Committee in relation to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights.

2. Memorials format

Each Memorial should be contained in a single file.

Each Memorial should be electronically submitted in PDF format to the e-mail addresses: uzletijog@juris.u-szeged.hu and labancz@juris.u-szeged.hu **until the 30th April 2019.**

The subject of the e-mail shall be “Media Law Moot Court.”

The name of file should contain the name of the participant and the first letter of the party whose arguments are presented in that Memorial, R for Respondent and A for Applicant. (For example: Kiss Gábor_R)

Participants have to send two memorials, one for the Applicant and one for the Respondent.

The text of all parts of the Memorial must be in Times New Roman, size 12 font and double-spaced.

Headings and sub-headings throughout the Memorials may be in a different font size, underlined and/or highlighted.

Footnotes must be single-spaced, Times New Roman, size 10 font.

The Front Page of the Memorial must have the following information, which should be in the following order:

¹ Based on the Price Media Law Moot Court Competition Rules. See: <http://pricemootcourt.socleg.ox.ac.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/11/2018-2019-Price-Media-Law-Moot-Court-Competition-Rules1.pdf>

- in the top right-hand corner of the page, the name of participant followed by “A” if an Applicant Memorial or “R” if a Respondent Memorial (i.e. Kiss Gábor “A”)
- in the center of the page, the title of the document (i.e. “Memorial for Respondent” or “Memorial for Applicant”)
- the number of characters in the Arguments section (i.e. “Number of characters: 9.999”)

The Arguments section shall not exceed 10.000 characters including footnotes, all headings and sub-headings used in that section. (In case of the Applicant Memorial, the Arguments shall be a maximum of 10.000 characters; and in case of the Respondent Memorial the Arguments shall be a maximum of 10.000 characters. Total: 20.000 characters.)

3. Judging Memorials

Each judge can award a maximum of one ten (10) points and memorials will be judged based on the following criteria:

- Correct legal analysis and its application to facts
- Quality and extent of research: relevant treaties, customs, case law, regional judgments, academic writings
- Recognition of problems: complete and correct recognition and weighting of problems
- Correct primary and alternative submissions
- Clarity and logic of argument
- Evidence of original thought
- Overall Presentation: Language, structure, format, citations

4. Oral pleadings

After sending the Memorials, participants shall present their arguments to the Court oral. The oral round will be on the **14th May 2019.**

Each participant shall present the argument sent to the Court in an oral pleading on behalf of Applicant or on behalf of Respondent (decided by draw).

Each participant has 10 minutes to present the arguments, including time for answering questions from adjudicators.

The order of the pleadings in each Oral Round will be: Applicant1, Applicant2, Respondent1, Respondent2. Judges cannot change the order of presentation of an Oral Round.

Participants cannot exceed 10 minutes, including answers to the adjudicators. Judges may, at their discretion, extend the time for an Oral Pleading.

During an Oral Round, oral communication is limited to the judges and the Oralist.

It is prohibited for participants to use electronic devices during the Oral rounds. This rule does not apply to judges.

In each oral round, participants shall present their arguments to three judges.

5. Judging Oral pleadings

Each oral pleading will be marked on a maximum of one ten (10) points by each of the 3 judges based on the following criteria:

- Correct legal analysis and its application to facts
- Relevant treaties, relevant customs, case law, regional judgments, legal scholars, other
- Recognition of problems: complete and correct recognition and weighting of problems
- Clarity and logic of argument
- Correct primary and alternative submissions
- Evidence of original thought
- Overall presentation
- Ability to communicate with judges: persuasiveness and fluency

6. Procedures for determining the winner

The Memorials of each participant will be marked by 3 judges with each judge giving a score out of 10. Therefore each participant's memorial will have 3 scores. The total of the scores indicates the score of the written round.

In the Oral Pleadings each of the 3 judges' scores the participants. Therefore each participant will have 3 scores.

A total of the scores of the Memorials and the Oral Rounds determine the winner of the competition.